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MA1000 Calculus Problem Set 5

1. Prove that a function $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ is continuous at a point $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ if and only if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there corresponds a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|x - x_0| < \delta \implies |f(x) - f(x_0)| < \epsilon.$$

- 2. Provide a function f(x) that is continuous only at the origin.
- 3. Prove: (a) $\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u\frac{dv}{dx} + v\frac{du}{dx}$; (b) $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{v\frac{du}{dx} u\frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$.
- 4. Show that $\frac{\tan x}{x} > \frac{x}{\sin x}$ for $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$.
- 5. Show that the point (2,4) lies on the curve $x^3 + y^3 9xy = 0$. Find the tangent and normal to the curve at (2,4).
- 6. Examine the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^m \sin \frac{1}{x} & \text{when } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{when } x = 0 \end{cases}$ for derivability at the origin. Also find the values of m for which f' is continuous at the origin.
- 7. Find the linearization of $f(x) = \sqrt{9 + x^2}$ at a = -4.
- 8. (a) Let $f(x) = x^{1/3}(x-4)$. Find the intervals on which the function is either increasing or decreasing. Also find the local extreme values.
 - (b) Suppose the derivative of the function y = f(x) is $y' = (x-1)^2(x-2)(x-4)$. At what points, if any, does the graph of f have a local minimum, local maximum, or point of inflection?
- 9. Establish the following inequalities.
 - (a) $1 + x < e^x < 1 + xe^x$, $\forall x$
 - (b) $\frac{v-u}{1+v^2} < \tan^{-1}v \tan^{-1}u < \frac{v-u}{1+u^2}$, if 0 < u < v. Also deduce that

$$\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{3}{25} < \tan^{-1}\frac{4}{3} < \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{6}$$

- 10. (a) Let f(x) be a differentiable function. Show that between two zeros of f(x) there exists at least one zero of f'(x).
 - (b) Prove that c is the geometric mean of a and b in the Rolle's theorem for the function $f(x) = \ln\left(\frac{x^2 + ab}{x(a+b)}\right)$ in [a,b] where a > 0.
 - (c) Show that for any real number k the polynomial $f(x) = x^3 + x + k$ has exactly one real root.
 - (d) If c is a point at which Rolle's theorem holds for the function $f(x) = \ln\left(\frac{x^2 + \alpha}{7x}\right)$ on the interval [3,4], where $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, then find the value of c.
- 11. Show that the value of c in the conclusion of the mean value theorem for $f(x) = x^2$ on any interval [a, b] is the arithmetic mean of a and b.
- 12. A twice differentiable function f(x) is such that f(a) = f(b) = 0 and f(x) > 0 for a < x < b. Prove that there is at least one value x_0 between a and b for which $f''(x_0) < 0$.
- 13. Prove that if f'(x) = 0 on an interval (a, b), then f(x) is a constant function.