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MH5100 Advanced Investigations into Calculus I

Week 2

**Problem 1.** Let  $f(x) = \frac{ax+b}{cx+d}$ . Under what conditions  $f(x) = f^{-1}(x)$ ?

**Problem 2.** Prove that

$$\max\{a, b\} = \frac{1}{2}(a + b + |a - b|), \quad \min\{a, b\} = \frac{1}{2}(a + b - |a - b|)$$

**Problem 3.** Let  $f(x)$  be defined on the closed interval  $[-a, a]$ , prove that  $f$  can be expressed as the sum of an odd function and an even function. And show that there is only one way to write  $f$  as the sum of an even and an odd function.

**Problem 4.** Given the equation  $a_0x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_n = 0$ , where  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$  are integers and  $a_0$  and  $a_n \neq 0$ . Show that if the equation is to have a rational root  $p/q$ , then  $p$  must divide  $a_n$  and  $q$  must divide  $a_0$  exactly.

**Problem 5.** Prove that  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$  cannot be a rational number.

**Problem 6.** If  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  and  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$  are any real numbers, prove **Schwarz's inequality**.

$$(a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + \cdots + a_nb_n)^2 \leq (a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \cdots + a_n^2)(b_1^2 + b_2^2 + \cdots + b_n^2).$$