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2023/24 Sem 1 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.

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