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MATH1510 Calculus for Engineers (2020-2021)
Supplementary Exercise 4

Sandwich Theorem

1. Fill in the blanks and construct an upper bound and a lower bound of $\frac{3}{6+4\cos\theta}$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} -1 & \leq & \cos \theta & \leq & 1 \\ \hline & \leq & 4 \cos \theta & \leq & 4 \\ \hline & \leq & 6 + 4 \cos \theta & \leq & 10 \\ \hline \frac{1}{10} & \leq & \frac{1}{6 + 4 \cos \theta} & \leq & \hline \\ \frac{3}{10} & \leq & \frac{3}{6 + 4 \cos \theta} & \leq & \hline \end{array}$$

2. (a) Prove that $\frac{1}{3} \leq \frac{2 + \sin 3x}{3} \leq 1$.

(b) By using (a) and the sandwich theorem, prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{2 + \sin 3x}{3e^x} = 0$.

3. Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin \left(\frac{1}{e^x - e^{-x}} \right) = 0$.

4. Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{e^{\cos x}}{x} = 0$.

Continuity of Functions

5. Let $f(x)$ be a function defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin x}{2x} & \text{if } x \neq 0, \\ a & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

If $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 0$, then what is the value of a ?

6. Let $f(x)$ be a function defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \log_{10} x & \text{if } x > 10, \\ a & \text{if } x = 10 \\ mx - 1 & \text{if } x \leq 10, \end{cases}$$

where m, a are real numbers.

- (a) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 10^+} f(x)$.
- (b) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 10^-} f(x)$ in terms of m .
- (c) If $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 10$, what are the values of a and m .
7. Let a be a real number and let $f(x)$ be a function defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^x & \text{if } x > 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 0, \\ \cos x & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$.
- (b) Is $f(x)$ continuous at $x = 0$?
8. Let a and b be real numbers and let $f(x)$ be a function defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x > 3, \\ b & \text{if } x = 3, \\ 2x + a & \text{if } x < 3. \end{cases}$$

Given that $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 3$. What are the values of a and b ?

9. Let $f(x)$ be a function defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x > 1, \\ ax + b & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 1, \\ \sin \pi x & \text{if } x < -1. \end{cases}$$

If $f(x)$ is a continuous function, find the value of a and b .

(Hint: In particular, $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = -1$ and $x = 1$.)

10. Let $f(x)$ be a function defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x \neq 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Prove that $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 0$.

11. Let $f(x) = |x|$. Prove that $f(x)$ is a continuous function, i.e. $f(x)$ is continuous at every point a .

(Hint: Consider three cases, $a > 0$, $a = 0$ and $a < 0$.)

Intermediate Value Theorem

12. By using the intermediate-value theorem, show that the equation $2^x = 10 - x$ has at least one solution on $[2, 3]$, i.e. there exists $c \in [2, 3]$ such that $2^c = 10 - c$.
(Hint: Consider the function $f(x) = 2^x + x - 10$.)
13. Show that the equation $4^x = 3^x + 2^x$ has at least one solution.