

VG500

Technical Communication

Assignment 2

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- A \LaTeX file compiling with errors will not be graded
- Submit the pdf and \LaTeX versions inside an archive of type tar, zip, or rar
- Add any referenced article to the archive
- Follow the group submission guidelines
- Any work that fails to comply with the previous requirements will be ignored

Ex. 1 — Writing mathematics

Typeset the following paragraph from Spivak [2]. Detail the intermediate missing steps.

As a final example, consider the triple compositions

$$f(x) = \int_a^{\left(\int_a^x \frac{1}{1+\sin^2 t} dt\right)} \frac{1}{1+\sin^2 t} dt, \quad g(x) = \int_a^{\left[\left(\int_a^x \frac{1}{1+\sin^2 t} dt\right)\right]} \frac{1}{1+\sin^2 t} dt,$$

which can be written

$$f = F \circ F \circ C \quad \text{and} \quad g = F \circ F \circ F.$$

Omitting the intermediate steps (which you may supply, if you still feel insecure), we obtain

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+\sin^2\left(\int_a^x \frac{1}{1+\sin^2 t} dt\right)} \cdot \frac{1}{1+\sin^2 x^3} \cdot 3x^2,$$
$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{1+\sin^2\left[\int_a^{\left(\int_a^x \frac{1}{1+\sin^2 t} dt\right)} \frac{1}{1+\sin^2 t} dt\right]} \cdot \frac{1}{1+\sin^2\left(\int_a^x \frac{1}{1+\sin^2 t} dt\right)} \cdot \frac{1}{1+\sin^2 x}.$$

Ex. 2 — \LaTeX

Do all the exercises from section 1 in Chapter 9.

Ex. 3 — Group exercise

Read the article “How to write Mathematics” [1], summarize, and discuss the key ideas from assigned sections. Group numbers are to be counted from top to bottom, left to right.

Group 1: 0 – 3;

Group 4: 7, 8 ;

Group 7: 15, 20;

Group 2: 4, 14, 19;

Group 5: 9, 10;

Group 8: 16 – 18;

Group 3: 5, 6;

Group 6: 11 – 13;

Ex. 4 — Grammar

1. What are the plurals of the following words:

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| (a) means | (e) offspring | (i) stimulus | (m) diagnosis |
| (b) paralysis | (f) criterion | (j) fungus | (n) vita |
| (c) curriculum | (g) Chinese | (k) alumnus | (o) American |
| (d) oasis | (h) antenna | (l) series | (p) synopsis |

2. Fill in the blanks with *a/an, the* or nothing:

- (a) ____ Decline and Fall of ____ Roman Empire
- (b) ____ complexity of ____ problem of ____ decline and fall of the Roman Empire is made evident by ____ wide variety of causes that are emphasized in varying degrees by ____ different authors.
- (c) Fortunately, ____ concise formulation of Edward Gibbon serves as ____ widely accepted basis for ____ modern discussion of ____ problem.
- (d) According to Gibbon, ____ empire reached its peak during ____ administration of ____ two Antonines.
- (e) After that, however, ____ extent of ____ Roman conquest became too great to be managed by ____ Roman government, and ____ decline began.
- (f) ____ military government was weakened and finally dissolved as ____ barbarians were allowed to constitute ____ ever-growing percentage of ____ Roman legions.
- (g) ____ victorious legions began to dominate and corrupt ____ government, weakening it at ____ time when it most needed ____ strength to overcome ____ other problems.

References

- [1] P. R. Halmos. How to write mathematics. *Enseignement mathématique*, 16:123–152, 1970.
- [2] M. Spivak. *Calculus*. Publish or Perish, 2008.

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