

Calculus (I) First Midterm Examination October 20, 2015

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1. (10 points) Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+\tan x} - \sqrt{1+\sin x}}{x^3}$.
2. (10 points) Differentiate $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 2\sqrt{2 + \sin x}}$.
3. (10 points) Define the sequence $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ as follows: $a_1 = 1$ and $a_n = \sqrt{6 + a_{n-1}}$ for $n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$. Does the sequence $\{a_n\}$ converge? Prove or disprove it.
4. (10 points) Let $g(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + 6x + \cos x$. Show that, for any two $x, y \in [0, 1]$, we have $|g(x) - g(y)| \leq 7|x - y|$.
5. (10 points) Find equation of the tangent line to the curve $x^2 + 4xy + y^2 = 13$ at the point $(2, 1)$.
6. (10 points) Let $g(x)$ be a bounded function on $[-1, 1]$. Define $f(x) = xg(x)$ on $[-1, 1]$.
 - (i) Is $f(x)$ continuous at 0? Prove or disprove it.
 - (ii) Is $f(x)$ differentiable at 0? Prove or disprove it.
7. (10 points) Let $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two continuous functions. Define $h(x) = \max\{f(x), g(x)\}$. Show that h is also a continuous function on $[a, b]$.
8. (10 points) Let $g : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be a continuous function. Prove that g has at least one fixed point.
9. (10 points) Find the local and global extreme values of the function $f(x)$ on $[-4, 10]$, where $f(x) = |x^3 - 6x^2 - 15x + 2|$.
10. (10 points) If $a_0 + a_1 + \dots + a_k = 0$, show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_0 \sqrt{n} + a_1 \sqrt{n+1} + a_2 \sqrt{n+2} + \dots + a_k \sqrt{n+k}) = 0.$$

Solutions:

1.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+\tan x} - \sqrt{1+\sin x}}{x^3} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x - \sin x}{x^3(\sqrt{1+\tan x} + \sqrt{1+\sin x})} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x^3} \cdot \frac{1 - \cos x}{\cos x} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\tan x} + \sqrt{1+\sin x}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x^3} \cdot \frac{1 - \cos^2 x}{\cos x} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \cos x} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\tan x} + \sqrt{1+\sin x}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^3 x}{x^3} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos x} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \cos x} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\tan x} + \sqrt{1+\sin x}} = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

3.

(1) Claim $a_n < 3 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

When $n = 1$, $a_1 = 1 < 3$ is true

Assume $n = k$, $a_k < 3$ is true

When $n = k + 1$, $a_{k+1} = \sqrt{6 + a_k} < \sqrt{6 + 3} = 3$ is true

By M.I., $a_n < 3$ is true ($\Rightarrow a_n$ is bounded)

(2) Claim $a_n < a_{n+1} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

When $n = 1$, $a_1 = 1 < a_2 = \sqrt{6 + 1} = \sqrt{7}$ is true

Assume $n = k$, $a_k < a_{k+1}$ is true

When $n = k + 1$, $a_{k+1} = \sqrt{6 + a_k} < \sqrt{6 + a_{k+1}} = a_{k+2}$ is true

By M.I., $a_n < a_{n+1}$ is true ($\Rightarrow a_n$ is increasing)

By (1), (2), $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ exists $\Rightarrow \{a_n\}$ converges

4.

Since g is continuous on $[x, y]$ and differentiable on (x, y) ,

By M.V.T., $\exists c \in (x, y) \subseteq [0, 1]$ s.t.

$$g'(c) = \frac{g(x) - g(y)}{x - y}$$

$$g'(x) = 4x^3 - 6x^2 + 6 - \sin x$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = 4x^3 - 6x^2 + 6$$

$$f'(x) = 12x^2 - 12x = 12x(x - 1)$$

$f(x)$ is decreasing on $[0, 1] \Rightarrow$ maximum of f is $f(0) = 6$

$$g'(x) = f(x) - \sin x \leq f(0) - \sin x \leq 6 - (-1) = 7$$

$\Rightarrow |g'(c)| \leq 7$ for $c \in [0, 1]$, that is

$$|g'(c)| = \frac{|g(x) - g(y)|}{|x - y|} \leq 7 \Leftrightarrow |g(x) - g(y)| \leq 7|x - y|$$

6.

(i)

Suppose $|g(x)| \leq M \forall x \in [-1, 1]$ for some $M \in \mathbb{R}$

$$0 \leq |f(x)| = |x||g(x)| \leq M|x|$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} M|x| = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{pinching}} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0 \text{ and also } f(0) = 0, g(0) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow f$ is a continuous function

(ii)

Suppose $g(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \in [0,1] \\ -1, & x \in [-1,0) \end{cases}$ is bounded

$$f'(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{xg(x)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x)$$

However, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} g(x) = 1$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} g(x) = -1 \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x)$ does not exist

$\Rightarrow f'(0)$ does not exist

$\Rightarrow f$ is not differentiable at 0

7.

Sol1:

Consider $h = \frac{f+g}{2} + \frac{|f-g|}{2}$

Sol2:

$f, g: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are continuous

$$h(p) = \max\{f(p), g(p)\}, p \in [a, b]$$

$$(1) f(p) > g(p)$$

$$(2) f(p) < g(p)$$

$$(3) f(p) = g(p)$$

Given $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\exists \delta_1 > 0 \text{ s.t. } |f(x) - f(p)| < \varepsilon \text{ for } |x - p| < \delta_1$$

$$\exists \delta_2 > 0 \text{ s.t. } |g(x) - g(p)| < \varepsilon \text{ for } |x - p| < \delta_2$$

$$\text{Let } \delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$$

$$\text{If } |x - p| < \delta, \text{ then } |h(x) - h(p)| < \varepsilon$$

8.

If $g(0) = 0$ or $g(1) = 1$, then we get a fixed point. Otherwise,

$$\text{Let } f(x) = g(x) - x \text{ for } x \in [0,1]$$

Since f is continuous on $[0,1]$ and

$$f(0)f(1) = (g(0) - 0)(g(1) - 1) < 0$$

By I.V.T., $\exists c \in (0,1)$ s.t.

$$f(c) = 0 \Rightarrow g(c) = c$$

i.e. c is a fixed point

10.

$$a_0 = -(a_1 + \cdots + a_k)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_1(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}) + \cdots + a_k(\sqrt{n+k} - \sqrt{n})) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{a_1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} + \cdots + \frac{a_k}{\sqrt{n+k} + \sqrt{n}} \right) = 0$$