- 1. Using the fact that log is differentiable at 1, prove that  $\left(1 + \frac{a}{n}\right)^n \to \exp(a)$  as  $n \to \infty$  for every  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Deduce that  $\exp(z) = e^z$  for every  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ .
- 2. (i) Let  $g: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function such that g(0) = g'(0) = 0 and g''(0) exists and is positive. Prove that there exists x > 0 such that g(x) > 0.
- (ii) Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function such that f(0) = 0 and f''(0) exists and is positive. Prove that there exists x > 0 such that f(2x) > 2f(x).
- 3. Prove Cauchy's mean value theorem: let  $f,g:[a,b]\to\mathbb{R}$  be continuous functions which are differentiable on the open interval (a,b); show that for some  $c\in(a,b)$  the vectors (f(b)-f(a),g(b)-g(a)) and (f'(c),g'(c)) in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  are parallel. Does this generalize to three or more functions?
- 4. Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable everywhere. Prove that if  $f'(x) \to \ell$  as  $x \to \infty$  then  $f(x)/x \to \ell$  as  $x \to \infty$ . If  $f(x)/x \to \ell$  as  $x \to \infty$ , does it follow that  $f'(x) \to \ell$ ?
- 5. Define  $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  by letting  $f(x) = e^{-1/x^2}$  for  $x \neq 0$  and f(0) = 0. Show that f is infinitely differentiable and find its Taylor series at 0.
- 6. Show that  $\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$  defines a bijection from  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  onto  $\mathbb{R}$ . Prove that the inverse function arctan is differentiable and find its derivative. Why is it reasonable to guess that  $\arctan x = x x^3/3 + x^5/5 \ldots$  when |x| < 1? Verify this guess by considering derivatives.
- 7. Find the radius of convergence of each of the following power series.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \dots (2n+2)}{1 \cdot 4 \cdot 7 \dots (3n+1)} z^n \qquad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^{3n}}{n2^n} \qquad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^n z^n}{n!} \qquad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{\sqrt{n}} z^n$$

- 8. We say that a function  $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  has a local maximum at a if for some r > 0, we have  $f(x) \leq f(a)$  for all  $x \in (a-r,a+r)$ . A local minimum is defined similarly. Assuming that f is differentiable at a, prove that if f has a local maximum or minimum at a then f'(a) = 0, but that the converse fails in general. However, show that if f is twice differentiable at a, f'(a) = 0 and f''(a) < 0 (or f''(a) > 0), then f has a local maximum (respectively, minimum) at a.
- 9. Assume that f is twice differentiable at x. Prove that

$$f''(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) + f(x-h) - 2f(x)}{h^2} .$$

10. Let f be continuous on [-1,1] and twice differentiable on (-1,1). Let  $\varphi(x) = (f(x) - f(0))/x$  for  $x \neq 0$  and  $\varphi(0) = f'(0)$ . Show that  $\varphi$  is continuous on [-1,1] and differentiable on (-1,1). By using a second-order mean value theorem for f, show that  $\varphi'(x) = f''(\theta x)/2$  for some  $\theta \in (0,1)$ . Hence prove that there exists  $c \in (-1,1)$  such that f''(c) = f(-1) + f(1) - 2f(0).

11. Let  $f: I \to \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function on the open interval I. Show that if f'(a) < y < f'(b) for some a < b in I and  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , then there exists  $x \in I$  with a < x < b and f'(x) = y. [Note that f' is not assumed to be continuous.] Deduce that if  $f'(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x \in I$ , then f is strictly monotonic.

12. (i) Let  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . We say that  $\varphi \in \mathbb{R}$  is a *choice of argument of z* if  $e^{i\varphi} = z/|z|$ , and we denote by arg z the set of all such  $\varphi \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that arg z contains a unique element  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$ , and then  $\arg(z) = \{\theta + 2\pi n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .

(ii) Show that there is no continuous choice of argument on  $\mathbb{C}\setminus\{0\}$ , *i.e.*, there is no continuous function  $\theta\colon\mathbb{C}\setminus\{0\}\to\mathbb{R}$  such that  $\theta(z)\in\arg z$  for all  $z\in\mathbb{C}\setminus\{0\}$ . [Hint: assume such  $\theta$  exists, and consider the function  $f(x)=\frac{1}{\pi}(\theta(e^{ix})-\theta(e^{ix+i\pi}))$ .]

13. (i) Let  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . Show that there exists  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $e^{\lambda} = z$ . Such a  $\lambda$  is called a *choice of logarithm of z*.

(ii) Show that the power series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{-1}{n} (1-z)^n$  has radius of convergence 1. Let  $D = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z-1| < 1\}$ , and define  $L : D \to \mathbb{C}$  by  $L(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{-1}{n} (1-z)^n$ . Show that L is complex differentiable and find its derivative. By considering the function  $f(z) = z e^{-L(z)}$ , show that L(z) is a choice of logarithm of z for every  $z \in D$ .

14. (i) The extended real line is the set  $\mathbb{R}^* = \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty, \infty\}$ . The linear order of  $\mathbb{R}$  is extended to  $\mathbb{R}^*$  by declaring  $-\infty < x < \infty$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that in  $\mathbb{R}^*$  every non-empty set has a supremum and an infimum, and that every monotonic sequence converges.

Let  $(x_n)$  be a sequence in  $\mathbb{R}^*$ . We define

 $\liminf x_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} \inf \{ x_m : m \ge n \} \quad \text{and} \quad \limsup x_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sup \{ x_m : m \ge n \} .$ 

Show that  $\liminf x_n \leq \limsup x_n$  with equality if and only if  $(x_n)$  converges in  $\mathbb{R}^*$ , and then  $\lim x_n$  is their common value.

(ii) Show that the power series  $\sum a_n z^n$  has radius of convergence R given by

$$R = \frac{1}{\limsup |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}}}$$

where we define  $\frac{1}{0} = \infty$  and  $\frac{1}{\infty} = 0$ .