

Math 2033 Past Exam Problems

Cauchy Sequences

Useful Facts: Definition of a Cauchy Sequence is x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots (or $\{x_n\}$) is a Cauchy sequence if and only if for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $K \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $m, n > K$ implies $|x_m - x_n| < \varepsilon$. The $\varepsilon/2 + \varepsilon/2 = \varepsilon$ and $\max\{K_1, K_2\}$ trick are useful when we have two sequences. Also, the fact Cauchy sequences are bounded is used sometimes. Inequalities like $|\sin a - \sin b| \leq |a - b|$ and $|\sqrt[n]{a} - \sqrt[n]{b}| \leq \sqrt[n]{|a - b|}$ are useful.

501. (2009SM) Let a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots be a Cauchy sequence of positive real numbers. For $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, let

$$b_n = \sin(a_n^2) + \sqrt[3]{7a_n}.$$

Prove that b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots is a Cauchy sequence by checking the definition of Cauchy sequence.

You may use the fact Cauchy sequences are bounded. However, do not use Cauchy theorem that said a sequence converges if and only if it is a Cauchy sequence, otherwise you will get 0 mark on this problem!

502. (2009SF) Let x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots be a Cauchy sequence in \mathbb{R} and let

$$y_n = x_{n+1} + x_n^2 + \cos(x_n) \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Prove that y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots is also a Cauchy sequence by checking the definition of Cauchy sequence.

Do not use the theorem that asserts a sequence is a Cauchy sequence if and only if it converges. Otherwise you will get 0 mark for this problem!

503. (2010SF) Let a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots and b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots be Cauchy sequences in $[0, +\infty)$ and let

$$c_n = a_n^2 + \sqrt{b_n} + \sin(a_n + b_n) \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Prove that c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots is also a Cauchy sequence by checking the definition of Cauchy sequence.

Do not use the theorem that asserts a sequence is a Cauchy sequence if and only if it converges. Otherwise you will get 0 mark for this problem!

504. (2011SM) Let A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots be a Cauchy sequence of decreasing positive real numbers. For $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, let B_n be a real number such that

$$\sqrt{A_{n+2011}} \leq B_n \leq \sqrt{A_n}.$$

Prove that B_1, B_2, B_3, \dots is a Cauchy sequence by checking the definition of Cauchy sequence.

Do not use Cauchy theorem that said a sequence converges if and only if it is a Cauchy sequence, otherwise you will get 0 mark for this problem!

505. (2012SM) Let a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots be a Cauchy sequence of real numbers. For $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, let $b_n = a_n \sin a_n$. Prove that b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots is a Cauchy sequence by checking the definition of Cauchy sequence.

Do not use Cauchy theorem that said a sequence converges if and only if it is a Cauchy sequence, otherwise you will get 0 mark on this problem!

506. (2013SM) Let a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots be a Cauchy sequence of positive real numbers. For $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, let $b_n = \sqrt{\frac{a_n}{a_n + 3}} + 5$. Prove that b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots is a Cauchy sequence by checking the definition of Cauchy sequence.

Do not use Cauchy's theorem that said a sequence converges if and only if it is a Cauchy sequence, otherwise you will get 0 mark on this problem!

Limit of Functions

601. (2007SM) Let $f : (0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+1}}$. Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = \frac{1}{2}$ by checking the definition.

Do not use computation formulas, sandwich theorem or L'Hopital's rule, otherwise you will get zero mark on this problem!

602. (2008FF) Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x+8}{x^2+3} = \frac{9}{4}$ by checking the definition of limit of a function or the limit of a sequence via the sequential limit theorem.

Do not use computation formulas, sandwich theorem or L'Hopital's rule, otherwise you will get zero mark on this problem!

603. (2010SM) Let $f : [1, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{x^2+6x}}$. Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \frac{1}{2}$ by checking the ε - δ definition of limit of function.

Do not use any computation formula, sandwich theorem or l'Hopital's rule, otherwise, you will get 0 mark on this problem.

604. (2011SM) Let $f : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x) = \sin^2\left(\frac{1}{1+\sqrt[4]{x}}\right)$. Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = \sin^2 \frac{1}{2}$ by checking the ε - δ definition of limit of function.

Do not use any computation formula, sandwich theorem or l'Hopital's rule, otherwise, you will get zero mark.

605. (2012SM) Let $f : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2+\sqrt{x}}}$. Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) = \frac{1}{2}$ by checking the ε - δ definition of limit of function.

Do not use any computation formula, sandwich theorem or l'Hopital's rule, otherwise, you will get 0 mark.

606. (2013SM) Let $f : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x) = \frac{x}{1+2x} + \frac{2}{2+\sqrt{x}}$. Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 1$ by checking the ε - δ definition of limit of function.

Do not use any computation formula, sandwich theorem or l'Hopital's rule, otherwise, you will get 0 mark.

Continuity

Useful Facts: Intermediate Value Theorem for showing solution of equations exist, Extreme Value Theorem, Continuous Injection Theorem for problem involving composition of functions.

701. (2007SM) Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be continuous such that $f(0) = 0$, $f(1) = 1$ and $f(f(x)) = x$ for all $x \in [0, 1]$. Prove that $f(x) = x$ for all $x \in [0, 1]$.
702. (2008SM) Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous such that $f(x + 2\pi) = f(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Prove that there exists at least one $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x_0) = x_0$.
703. (2009SM) Prove that there exists a unique continuous function $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that $f(f(f(x))) + f(x) = 2x$ for all $x \in [0, 1]$.
704. (2010SM) Prove that there does not exist any continuous function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x)$ is rational if and only if $f(x + 1)$ is irrational.
705. (2010SM) Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous and decreasing. Prove that there exists a unique element $(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3 = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ such that $a = f(b)$, $b = f(c)$ and $c = f(a)$.
706. (2012SM) Let $f : [0, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous and $f(2) = 0$. If $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x) - 2}{\sqrt{x} - 1} = 1$, then prove that there exists $x \in [0, 2]$ such that $f(x) = x^2$.
707. (2013SM) Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be differentiable such that for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$f(1 - f(x)) = 1 - x^9.$$

If $f(1) = 0$ and $f'(1) < 0$, then prove that there exists $r \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(r) = r^{2013}$.

Differentiability

Useful Facts: Mean Value Theorem, Taylor's Theorem.

801. (2009SM) Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be twice differentiable and $f''(x)$ be continuous. If

$$f(-1) = 0, \quad f(0) = 2, \quad f(1) = 5 \quad \text{and} \quad f'(0) = 0,$$

then prove that there exists $c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f''(c) = \sqrt{2}$.

802. (2010SM) Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be twice differentiable and for all $x \in [0, 1]$, $|f''(x)| \leq 2010$. If there exists $c \in (0, 1)$ such that $f(c) > f(0)$ and $f(c) > f(1)$, then prove that

$$|f'(0)| + |f'(1)| \leq 2010.$$

803. (2010SF) Let $f : (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be four times differentiable such that for all $c \in (-1, 1)$, $|f^{(4)}(c)| \leq 1$. Prove that for all $x \in (0, 1)$, we have

$$\left| f''(0) - \frac{f(x) - 2f(0) + f(-x)}{x^2} \right| \leq \frac{x^2}{12}.$$

804. (2011SM) Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be twice differentiable on \mathbb{R} . If $f(0) = f(1) = 0$ and $\max\{f(x) : x \in [0, 1]\} = 2$, then prove that there exists $\theta \in (0, 1)$ such that $f''(\theta) \leq -16$.

805. (2012SM) Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be three-times differentiable on \mathbb{R} . If $\frac{f(0) + f(2)}{2} = f(1)$, then prove that there exist $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$f'''(a) - f'''(b) = 6f''(c).$$

806. (2012SF) Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be three-time differentiable. If

$$f(0) = 5, \quad f(2) = 7 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{for all } x \in [0, 2], \quad |f'''(x)| \leq 6,$$

then prove that $|f'(1)| \leq 2$.

807. (2013SM) Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be twice differentiable. If $f'(0) = 2 = f'(1)$ and for all $x \in [0, 1]$, $|f''(x)| \leq 4$, then prove that $|f(1) - f(0)| \leq 3$.

Riemann Integrability

Useful Facts: Monotone Function Theorem, Integral Criterion, Lebesgue's Theorem. Definition and Examples of Sets of Measure 0.

901. (2009SF) (a) State Lebesgue's theorem.

(b) Let S be a set of measure 0. Prove that $T = \{2x : x \in S\}$ is also a set of measure 0. Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be a Riemann integrable function. Prove that $g : [0, 2] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ defined by $g(x) = f(x/2)$ is Riemann integrable on $[0, 1]$.

902. (2010SF) (a) State Lebesgue's theorem.

(b) Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be a Riemann integrable function. Let r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots be a strictly increasing sequence in $(0, 1]$. Prove that $g : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ defined by

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - f(x) & \text{if } x \notin \{r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots\} \\ \cos x & \text{if } x \in \{r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots\} \end{cases}$$

is Riemann integrable on $[0, 1]$.

903. (2011SF) Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be a Riemann integrable function. Prove that $F : [0, 2] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ defined by

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} |f(x) - 1| & \text{if } x \in [0, 1) \\ f(x - 1) & \text{if } x \in [1, 2] \end{cases}$$

is Riemann integrable on $[0, 2]$.

904. (2011SF) Let $g : [1, 2] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be a Riemann integrable function. Prove that $G : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ defined by

$$G(x) = \begin{cases} g(x + 1) & \text{if } x \in [0, 1] \setminus \{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots\} \\ 1 & \text{if } x \in \{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots\} \end{cases}$$

is Riemann integrable on $[0, 1]$ by checking the integral criterion. Do not use Lebesgue's theorem in any part of your solution. Otherwise you will get 0 mark for this problem!

905. (2012SF) Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be a Riemann integrable function. Let $g : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be an increasing function. Define $h : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ by

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } x \notin \{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots\} \cup [\frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}], \\ g(x) & \text{if } x \in \{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots\} \cup [\frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}]. \end{cases}$$

(a) Use Lebesgue's theorem to prove $h(x)$ is Riemann integrable on $[0, 1]$.

(b) Use the integral criterion to prove $h(x)$ is Riemann integrable on $[0, 1]$.

906. (2013SF) Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be a function that is continuous at all $x \in [0, 1] \setminus \mathbb{Q}$. Let $g : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be defined by $g(x) = f(x)f\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ for all $x \in [0, 1]$. Prove that $g(x)$ is Riemann integrable on $[0, 1]$ by Lebesgue's theorem.