

Final Examination (Part B) – (Duration: 40 minutes)

Directions: For every problem of this exam, detailed written works supported by correct reasons must be shown legibly to receive credits.

Notations: \mathbb{R} is the set of all real numbers.

Problems

4. (15 marks) Let $f, g : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous and let $h(x) = f(x)e^{g(x)}$ for $x \in [0, 1]$. Let f and g be differentiable on the interval $(0, 1)$. If $f(0) = f(1) = 0$, then prove that there exists $t \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$f'(t) + f(t)g'(t) = 0.$$

5. (15 marks) Let $F : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be an increasing function. Prove that F is integrable on $[a, b]$ by checking the integral criterion.

6. (20 marks) Let $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be twice differentiable such that for all $x \in (a, b)$,

$$|f''(x)| \leq |f(x)| + |f'(x)|$$

and there exists $c \in (a, b)$ satisfying $f(c) = f'(c) = 0$. Using Taylor's theorem, prove that $f(x) = 0$ for all $x \in (a, b)$.

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Solution: We will prove if f is monotonically decreasing function. Since f is monotonically decreasing function, then $f'(x) \leq 0$ for all $x \in [a, b]$. So f is bounded on $[a, b]$.
 Therefore, $M = \max\{f(a), f(b)\} < \infty$.
 Divided by n , we partition $[a, b]$ into n equal subintervals, $I_k = \left[a + \frac{k-1}{n}(b-a), a + \frac{k}{n}(b-a)\right], k = 1, \dots, n$.
 Now we compute $m_k = \inf\{f(x) : x \in I_k\} \leq f(a + \frac{k-1}{n}(b-a))$
 $= f(a) - \frac{k-1}{n}f'(a) \leq f(a) - \frac{n-k}{n}f'(a)$
 Since f' is monotonic,
 $m_k = \inf\{f(x) : x \in I_k\} \geq f(a + \frac{k}{n}(b-a)) \geq f(a)$
 $M_k = \sup\{f(x) : x \in I_k\} \leq f(a + \frac{k}{n}(b-a)) \leq f(b)$
 Therefore, $L(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^n m_k \frac{b-a}{n}$
 $U(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^n M_k \frac{b-a}{n}$
 Now: $U(f, P) - L(f, P) =$
 $= \sum_{k=1}^n M_k \frac{b-a}{n} - \sum_{k=1}^n m_k \frac{b-a}{n}$
 $= \frac{b-a}{n} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n (M_k - m_k) \right)$
 $\leq \frac{b-a}{n} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n (f(b) - f(a)) \right) = \frac{b-a}{n} (f(b) - f(a))$
 $\leq \frac{b-a}{n} (M - m) = \frac{b-a}{n} (f(b) - f(a)) = \epsilon$
 By the sequential characterization of integrability, f is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$.