

# Homework 1 of Computational Mathematics

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1.  $f(x) = x^3 + 2x + k$ , then  $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 2 > 0$  for all  $x$ . Thus, we assume there are two points  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $f(a) = f(b) = 0$ . By Rolle's Theorem, there exists a point  $c$  in  $[a, b]$  (or  $[b, a]$ ) s.t.  $f'(c) = 0$  (Contradiction).

And since  $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  and  $f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ , by IVT, there exists at least one  $x$  s.t.  $f(x) = 0$ . Thus, the graph of  $f(x)$  crosses the  $x$ -axis exactly once whatever  $k$  is.

2. By EVT, we know that the maximum occurs either  $f'(x) = 0$  or  $a, b$ .

(a)  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{3}(2 - e^x) = 0$  when  $x = \ln(2)$ . And since  $f'(x) > 0$  when  $x \in (0, \ln(2))$  and  $f'(x) < 0$  when  $x \in (\ln(2), 1)$ ,  $f(\ln(2)) = \frac{1}{3}(2 - 2 + 2\ln 2) = \frac{2\ln(2)}{3}$  is the maximum.

(b)  $f'(x) = \frac{4x^2 - 8x - (4x - 3)(2x - 2)}{x^4 - 4x^3 + 4x^2} = \frac{-4x^2 + 6x - 8}{x^4 - 4x^3 + 4x^2} < 0$  for  $x \in [0.5, 1]$ . Thus,  
 $f(0.5) = \frac{2 - 3}{0.25 - 2} = \frac{4}{7}$ .

(c)  $f'(x) = 2\cos(2x) - 4x\sin(2x) - 2x + 4 = 0$

(d)  $f'(x) = \sin(x-1)e^{-\cos(x-1)}$  since  $\sin(x) > 0$  for  $0 < x < 1$  and  $e^x$  is always positive, the maximum is  $f(2) = 1 + e^{-\cos(1)}$ .

3.  $f'(x) = e^x(\cos(x) - \sin(x))$ ,  $f''(x) = -2e^x \sin(x)$ , and  $f^{(3)}(x) = -2e^x(\sin(x) + \cos(x))$ . Then,  $P_2(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{1}{2}f''(0)x^2 = 1 + x$  and  $R_2 = \frac{f^{(3)}(\xi(x))}{6}x^3 = \frac{-1}{3}x^3 e^{\xi(x)}(\sin(\xi(x)) + \cos(\xi(x)))$ .

(a) Thus, we have  $e^x \cos(x) = 1 + x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 e^{\xi(x)}(\sin(\xi(x)) + \cos(\xi(x)))$