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MTMACOR05T-MATHEMATICS (CC5)

THEORY OF REAL FUNCTIONS

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.
All symbols are of usual significance.*

Answer Question No. 1 and any five from the rest

1. Answer any five questions from the following:

2×5 = 10

(a) Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^{3/2} = 0$.

(b) Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos \frac{1}{x}$ does not exist.

(c) Determine the value of a so that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1 & ; x \leq 1 \\ 3-ax^2 & ; x > 1 \end{cases}$$

is continuous at $x=1$.

(d) Give an example of two functions $f, g: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where I is an interval in \mathbb{R} , which are not continuous at a point $c \in I$, but $f+g: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous at c .

(e) Show that the function $f: [1, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & ; x \in [1, 2] \cap \mathbb{Q} \\ -x & ; x \in [1, 2] - \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

is discontinuous at every point of $[1, 2]$.

(f) Examine the differentiability of $f(x)$ at $x=0$ and $x=1$ where

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1-x^2, & -1 \leq x < 0 \\ x^2+x+1, & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ x^3+2, & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

(g) Examine validity of Rolle's theorem for the function

$$f(x) = \sin x \cos x, \quad x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

Also, verify the conclusion of Rolle's theorem for this function, if possible.

- (h) Examine the validity of the hypothesis and conclusion of Lagrange's mean value theorem for the following function:

$$f(x) = x(x-1)(x-2) \quad x \in \left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right]$$

- (i) Find the maximum value of the function

$$y = 1 + 2 \sin x + 3 \cos^2 x, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

2. (a) Let $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and let $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = l$. Show that there is a neighborhood N of a so that f is bounded on $(N - \{a\}) \cap D$. 4

- (b) Show that 4

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x + [x]}{x^2} = 0$$

where $[x]$ denotes the integral part of x for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

3. (a) Let $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g: J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be such that $\text{Image } f \subseteq J$, f is continuous at $a \in I$ and g is continuous at $f(a) \in J$. Show that the composition $g \circ f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous at a . 4

- (b) Let $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function continuous at $c \in I$, where I is an interval in \mathbb{R} . Let f take both positive and negative values in each neighborhood of c . Show that $f(c) = 0$. 4

4. (a) Let $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($D \subset \mathbb{R}$) be a function and c be a limit point of D . Let $l \in \mathbb{R}$, then prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = l$ if and only if for every sequence $\{x_n\}$ in $D - \{c\}$ converging to c , the sequence $\{f(x_n)\}$ converges to l . 2+3

- (b) Using the above theorem prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos \frac{1}{x}$ does not exist. 3

5. (a) Prove that every continuous function f on a closed and bounded interval $[a, b]$ is bounded and there exists a point $c \in [a, b]$ such that 3+2

$$f(c) = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} f(x)$$

- (b) Let $I = [a, b]$ be a closed and bounded interval and $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous on I , then prove that $f(I) = \{f(x) : x \in I\}$ is a closed and bounded interval. 3

6. (a) Is a function $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which is uniformly continuous on I , continuous on I ? Give reason. 3+1

Under what condition a continuous function $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ will be uniformly continuous?

(b) If $f: D \rightarrow R$ ($D \subset R$) be uniformly continuous on D and $\{x_n\}$ be a Cauchy sequence in D , then prove that $\{f(x_n)\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in R . Using this, prove that $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$, is not uniformly continuous on $(0, 1)$. 2+2

7. If $f: I \rightarrow R$ is differentiable at $c \in I$, then prove that f is increasing at $x=c$ if $f'(c) > 0$. 2+2+4

Is the condition necessary for a function to be increasing at a point? Give reason.

Use this result to prove that

$$\frac{x}{1+x} < \log(1+x) < x \text{ for all } x > 0.$$

8. (a) Let a function f be derivable in some closed and bounded interval $[a, b]$ and $k \in \mathbb{R}$ with $f'(a) < k < f'(b)$. Then prove that there exists at least one point $c \in (a, b)$ such that $f'(c) = k$. 4

(b) If $\phi(x) = f(x) + f(1-x)$ and $f''(x) < 0$ in $[0, 1]$. Then show that ϕ is monotone increasing in $[0, \frac{1}{2})$ and monotone decreasing in $(\frac{1}{2}, 1]$. 4

9. (a) State Rolle's Theorem. If $p(x)$ be a polynomial of degree > 1 , prove that there is a root of $p'(x) + kp(x) = 0$, k being a real constant, between two distinct roots of $p(x) = 0$. 2+3

(b) Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined as follow: 3

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \cos \frac{1}{x}, & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Show that f is derivable at $x = 0$ but derived function is not continuous at $x = 0$.

10.(a) If a function f be such that $f^{(n)}(a)$ exists and M be defined as follows: 4

$$f(a+h) = f(a) + hf'(a) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(a) + \dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{(n-1)}(a) + \frac{h^n}{n!} M$$

Then show that $M \rightarrow f^{(n)}(a)$ as $h \rightarrow 0^+$.

(b) Show that for the function $f(x) = \frac{(2x-1)(x-8)}{x^2-5x+4}$ the minimum value is greater than the maximum value. 4

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