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INSTRUCTIONS to students:

1. Answer all questions. Show work to justify all answers.
2. The examination lasts 90 minutes.
3. There are a total of 80 points.
4. Answer the questions in the space provided.

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1. (12 marks) Evaluate the following.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad & \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{3 - x - x^2 - x^3}{1 - x} = \\ & \text{Solution:} \\ & \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{3 - x - x^2 - x^3}{1 - x} \quad \left(\frac{0}{0} \text{ type}\right) \\ & = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{-1 - 2x - 3x^2}{-1} \quad (\text{By L'Hopital Rule}) \\ & = 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad & \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{e^{2x} + x^3 \cos x}{e^{2x} - x^3 \sin x} = \\ & \text{Solution:} \\ & \frac{e^{2x} + x^3 \cos x}{e^{2x} - x^3 \sin x} \\ & = \frac{1 + \frac{x^3 \cos x}{e^{2x}}}{1 - \frac{x^3 \sin x}{e^{2x}}} \\ & \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } x \rightarrow +\infty \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sin x$  and  $\cos x$  are bounded functions and  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \frac{x^k}{e^x} \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad & \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} (x - \sqrt{x^2 - 8x + 3}) = \\ & \text{Solution:} \\ & x - \sqrt{x^2 - 8x + 3} = \frac{x^2 - x^2 + 8x - 3}{x + \sqrt{x^2 - 8x + 3}} = \frac{8 - \frac{3}{x}}{1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{8}{x} + \frac{3}{x^2}}} \rightarrow 4 \text{ as } x \rightarrow +\infty \end{aligned}$$

2. (16 marks) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  if

(a)  $y = \frac{e^{2x}}{1+x}$

*Solution:*  
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(1+x)(2e^{2x}) - e^{2x}(1)}{(1+x)^2} = \frac{e^{2x}(1+2x)}{(1+x)^2}$$

(b)  $y = \ln(2 + \sin(1 + 3x))$

*Solution:*  
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2 + \sin(1 + 3x)} \cos(1 + 3x)(3) = \frac{3 \cos(1 + 3x)}{2 + \sin(1 + 3x)}$$

(c)  $xy^2 + \cos(x + y) = 1$

*Solution:*  
$$y^2 + x(2y)\frac{dy}{dx} + \sin(x + y)(1 + \frac{dy}{dx}) = 0$$
$$(2xy + \sin(x + y))\frac{dy}{dx} = -y^2 - \sin(x + y)$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-y^2 - \sin(x + y)}{2xy + \sin(x + y)}$$

(d)  $y = (\ln x)^x$

*Solution:*  
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} e^{x \ln(\ln x)} = e^{x \ln(\ln x)} \left( \ln(\ln x) + \frac{x}{\ln x} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \right) = (\ln x)^{x-1} (\ln x \ln(\ln x) + 1)$$

3. (10 marks) Evaluate the following limits.

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{1 - \sqrt{1-x}} \quad (\tan^{-1} x = \arctan x \text{ is the inverse of tangent.})$$

*Solution:*

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{1 - \sqrt{1-x}} \quad \left(\frac{0}{0} \text{ type}\right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\frac{1+x^2}{1-x}} \quad (\text{By L'Hopital Rule}) \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1}{\ln(1+x)} - \frac{1}{\sin x} \right)$$

*Solution:*

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1}{\ln(1+x)} - \frac{1}{\sin x} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x - \ln(1+x)}{\sin x \ln(1+x)} \quad \left(\frac{0}{0} \text{ type}\right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x - \frac{1}{1+x}}{\cos x \ln(1+x) + \frac{\sin x}{1+x}} \quad (\text{By L'Hopital Rule}) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+1)\cos x - 1}{(x+1)\cos x \ln(x+1) + \sin x} \quad \left(\frac{0}{0} \text{ type}\right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x - (1+x)\sin x}{\cos x \ln(1+x) - (1+x)\sin x \ln(1+x) + (1+x)\cos x \frac{1}{1+x} + \cos x} \\ & \quad (\text{By L'Hopital Rule}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

4. (12 marks) Let  $a_n$  be the sequence defined by

$$\begin{cases} a_{n+1} = 3 - \frac{1}{a_n}, & \text{for } n \geq 1 \\ a_1 = 1. \end{cases}$$

- (a) Show that  $1 \leq a_n \leq 3$  for any  $n \geq 1$ .  
 (b) Show that  $a_{n+1} - a_n > 0$  for any  $n \geq 1$ .  
 (c) Explain whether the limit of  $a_n$  exists and find the limit if it exists.

Solution:

- (a)  $\forall n \geq 1$ , let  $P(n)$  be the proposition " $1 \leq a_n \leq 3$ ".

$$a_1 = 1$$

Hence,  $P(1)$  is true.

Assume  $\exists k \geq 1$  s.t.  $P(k)$  is true. i.e.  $1 \leq a_k \leq 3$

Then, when  $n = k + 1$ ,

$$1 \leq 3 - \frac{1}{1} \leq 3 - \frac{1}{a_k} = a_{k+1} \leq 3 - \frac{1}{3} \leq 3 \quad (\text{By assumption})$$

Hence,  $P(k + 1)$  is also true.

By the principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true  $\forall n \geq 1$ .

- (b)  $\forall n \geq 1$ , let  $P(n)$  be the proposition " $a_{n+1} - a_n > 0$ ".

When  $n = 1$ ,

$$a_2 = 3 - \frac{1}{1} = 2$$

$$a_2 - a_1 = 1$$

Hence,  $P(1)$  is true.

Assume  $\exists k \geq 1$  s.t.  $P(k)$  is true. i.e.  $a_{k+1} - a_k > 0$

Then, when  $n = k + 1$ ,

$$a_{k+2} - a_{k+1} = 3 - \frac{1}{a_{k+1}} - 3 + \frac{1}{a_k} = \frac{a_{k+1} - a_k}{a_k a_{k+1}} > 0 \quad (\text{By assumption and (a)})$$

Hence,  $P(k + 1)$  is also true.

By the principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true  $\forall n \geq 1$ .

- (c) By (a),  $a_n$  is bounded, by (b),  $a_n$  is monotonically increasing.

By Monotone Convergence Theorem, limit of  $a_n$  exists.

Let  $L$  denote limit of  $a_n$ ,

By (a),  $1 \leq L \leq 3$

$$L = 3 - \frac{1}{L}$$

$$L^2 - 3L + 1 = 0$$

$$L = \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \text{ (rejected) or } L = \frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

5. (15 marks) Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin(\ln |x|), & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

- (a) Write down the first derivative of the function  $\ln |x|$  for  $x \neq 0$ . No working steps or proof is required.
- (b) Find  $f'(x)$  for  $x \neq 0$ .
- (c) Find  $f'(0)$ .
- (d) Explain whether  $f'(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$ .

Solution:

(a)  $\frac{d}{dx}(\ln |x|) = \frac{1}{x}$

(b)  $\forall x \neq 0, f'(x) = 2x \sin(\ln |x|) + x^2 \cos(\ln |x|) \frac{1}{x} = x(2 \sin(\ln |x|) + \cos(\ln |x|))$

(c) Consider  $\frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h} = \frac{h^2 \sin(\ln |h|)}{h} = h \sin(\ln |h|) \rightarrow 0$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$   
since  $\sin x$  is a bounded function.

i.e.  $f'(0) = 0$

(d) Consider  $\frac{f'(h) - f'(0)}{h}$   
 $= \frac{h(2 \sin(\ln |h|) + \cos(\ln |h|)) - 0}{h}$  (By (b) and(c))  
 $= 2 \sin(\ln |h|) + \cos(\ln |h|)$

$\forall n \geq 1$ , let  $x_n = \exp(-n\pi)$ .

$x_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Then, consider  $\frac{f'(x_n) - f'(0)}{x_n}$

$= 2 \sin(\ln |x_n|) + \cos(\ln |x_n|)$

$= 2 \sin(-n\pi) + \cos(-n\pi)$

$= (-1)^n$

$(-1)^n$  is not a convergent sequence.

Therefore,  $f'(x)$  is NOT differentiable at  $x = 0$ .

6 (15 marks) Let  $f(x)$  be a function such that  $f'(x)$  is strictly decreasing.

(a) Prove that  $f'(x+1) < f(x+1) - f(x) < f'(x)$  for any  $x$ .

(b) Prove that

$$f'(1) + f'(2) + f'(3) < f(3) - f(0) < f'(0) + f'(1) + f'(2).$$

Solution:

(a) By Mean Value Theorem,

$\exists c \in (x, x+1)$  s.t.

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(x+1) - f(x)}{x+1-x} = f(x+1) - f(x)$$

Since  $f'(x)$  is strictly increasing,

$$f'(x+1) < f'(c) = f(x+1) - f(x) < f'(x)$$

(b) By (a), we have

$$f'(3) < f(3) - f(2) < f'(2)$$

$$f'(2) < f(2) - f(1) < f'(1)$$

$$f'(1) < f(1) - f(0) < f'(0)$$

Sum these 3 inequalities up, we have,

$$f'(1) + f'(2) + f'(3) < f(3) - f(0) < f'(0) + f'(1) + f'(2).$$

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