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Midterm Examination

Name (in print): \_\_\_\_\_

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INSTRUCTIONS to students:

1. The examination lasts 90 minutes.
2. There are 6 problems, worth a total of 100 points.
3. Answer all questions. Show work to justify all answers.
4. Answer the questions in the space provided.

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Total	/100 points

1. (20 marks) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  where:

(a)  $y = \frac{x^4 + 5x}{1 - e^x}$

(b)  $y = \sin(\sqrt{x \ln x})$

(c)  $y \sin x + x \cos y = 1$

(d)  $x^y = y, \quad x > 0$

2. (15 marks) Evaluate the following limits.

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sin x}{|x| + 4x}$$

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\sin x}{x}$$

$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} (x - \sqrt{x^2 + 1})$$

3. (15 marks) Let  $a_n$  be the sequence defined by

$$\begin{cases} a_{n+1} = 1 - (a_n - 1)^2, \text{ for } n \geq 1 \\ a_1 = \frac{1}{100}. \end{cases}$$

(a) Show that  $0 \leq a_n \leq 1$  for any  $n \geq 1$ .

Solution:

(b) Show that  $a_{n+1} - a_n \geq 0$  for any  $n \geq 1$ .

Solution:

(c) Explain whether the limit of  $a_n$  exists and find the limit if it exists.

Solution:

4. (20 marks) Let  $n$  be a positive integer. Let:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3, & \text{if } x < 0; \\ x^n, & \text{if } x \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

(a) Find  $f'(x)$  for  $x > 0$ .

Solution:

(b) Find all positive integers  $n$  such that:

i.  $f'(0)$  exists.

ii.  $f''(0)$  exists.

(Recall that by definition  $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ .)

Justify your answers.

Solution:

5. (15 marks) Let  $f$  be a function which is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , differentiable in  $(a, b)$  and satisfies  $f(a) = f(b) = 0$ . By considering the function  $e^{x/s}f(x)$ , show that for any non-zero real number  $s$  there exists  $d \in (a, b)$  satisfying

$$sf'(d) + f(d) = 0.$$

Solution:

6. (15 marks) Determine whether there is any function satisfying all of the following conditions:

(i)  $f$  is differentiable in  $(0, 2)$ .

(ii)  $f$  is continuous on  $[0, 2]$ .

(iii)  $f$  satisfies  $f(0) = 1$ ,  $f(2) = 10$ ,  $f'(x) \leq 2$ , for each  $x \in (0, 2)$ .

Give an example of such a function if you think “yes”, or explain why no such functions exist if you think “no”.

Solution: