Math 4032, Test # 1. Spring 2006

1[10P]) True or false: **a)** Let $f: (a, b) \to \mathbb{R}$ be continuous, then f is differentiable. (F) [Take f(x) = |x|)

b) The function $f(x) = \begin{cases} x \sin(1/x) & , x \neq 0 \\ 0 & , x = 0 \end{cases}$ is continuous but not differentiable. (T)

Answer 3 of the following 6 questions. Circle the number of the three problems you want graded. Show your work, a correct argument is what counts.

2[10P]) Give an example of a function $f \in C(\mathbb{R})$ such that f'(0) does not exists. Solution: f(x) = |x|.

3[10P]) Give an example of a sequence of functions $\{f_n\}_n$ such that $\lim_{n\to\infty} f_n(t) = 0$ for all t, but $\lim_{n\to\infty} f'(t)$ does not exists for any t. Solution: $f_n(x) = \frac{1}{n}(\cos(n^2x) + \sin(n^2x))$.

4[10P]) Expand the polynomial $p(t) = t^3 + 3t^2 - 2t + 1$ in powers of x - 1. Solution: We have

$$p(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{3} \frac{p^{(n)}(1)}{n!} (x-1)^n.$$

Furthermore:

- p(1) = 1 + 3 2 + 1 = 3;
- $p'(t) = 3t^2 + 6t 2$ and hence p'(1) = 3 + 6 2 = 7;
- p''(t) = 6t + 6 and hence p''(1) = 12;
- and finally p'''(t) = 6.

Hence

$$p(t) = 3 + 7(x-1) + \frac{12}{2}(x-1)^2 + \frac{6}{3}(x-1)^3 = 3 + 7(x-1) + 6(x-1)^2 + (x-1)^3.$$

5[10P]) Test the following series for absolute convergence, conditional convergence, or divergence:

- a) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k(k+1)}$. Solution: Absolute convergent, compare it to the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2}$ which converges.
- b) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{\sqrt{k}}$. Conditional convergent, because $k^{-1/2}$ is monotonically decreasing with limit zero, but $\sum_k k^{-1/2}$ does not converge.

6[10P]) Find a formula for a_k such that $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k = \log(n)$. Solution: Let $n \ge 2$, then

$$a_n = s_n - s_{n-1} = \log(n) - \log(n-1) = \log\left(\frac{n}{n-1}\right)$$
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7[10P]) Use the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality to show that $\int_0^{\pi} \sqrt{x \sin(x)} \, dx \leq \pi$. Solution: Use the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality (p. 87) with $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{\sin x}$. Then

$$\int_0^{\pi} f(x)^2 \, dx = \int_0^{\pi} x \, dx = \frac{\pi^2}{2}$$

and

$$\int_0^{\pi} g(x)^2 \, dx = \int_0^{\pi} \sin(x) \, dx = 2 \, .$$

Hence

$$\int_0^{\pi} \sqrt{x \sin(x)} \, dx \le \left(\int_0^{\pi} f(x)^2 \, dx \right)^{1/2} \left(\int_0^{\pi} g(x)^2 \, dx \right)^{1/2} = \pi \, .$$

Prove 3 of the following statements. Circle the problems that you want graded.

8[20P]) Suppose that $||f||_2 ||g||_2 > 0$, where $f, g \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$. Show that $|(f, g)| \leq ||f||_2 ||g||_2$ and that $|(f, g)| = ||f||_2 ||g||_2$ if and only if there exists a $r \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\int_a^b (f(x) + rg(x))^2 dx = 0$. Solution: For the first part see the proof of the Cauchy-Schwarz Theorem p. 87. Define

$$F(r) = \int_{a}^{b} (f(x) + rg(x))^{2} dx = ||f||^{2} + 2r(f,g) + r^{2}||g||^{2} \ge 0$$

For the minimal value we have

$$0 = F'(r) = 2(f,g) + 2r ||g||^2$$

or $r = -(f,g)/||g||^2$. Insert this value of r into the first equation to get

$$0 \le ||f||^2 - 2(f,g)^2 / ||g||^2 + (f,g)^2 / ||g||^2 = ||f||^2 - (f,g)^2 / ||g||^2.$$

Thus

$$|(f,g)| \le ||f|| ||g||.$$

Finally F(r) = 0 if and only if $||f||^2 - (f,g)^2 / ||g||^2 = 0$ or ||f|| ||g|| = |(f,g).

9[20]) Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a contraction. Show that there exists exactly one point $p \in \mathbb{R}$ such that f(p) = p. Solution: Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and define $x_1 = f(x)$ and then inductively $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$. Then induction shows that

$$|x_{n+k} - x_n| \le |x_{n+1} - x_n| \sum_{j=1}^k r^j = r^n \sum_{j=1}^k r^j \le \frac{r^n}{1-r}.$$

It follows that $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence and hence $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n = p$ exists. We have (because f is continuous)

$$f(p) = f(\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) \lim_{n \to \infty} x_{n+1} = p.$$

If f(p) = p and f(q) = q, then

$$|p - q| = |f(p) - f(q)| \le r|p - q|$$

which is impossible (because r < 1) unless p = q.

10[20P]) Find the n^{th} Taylor polynomial for the function $f(x) = \sin(x)$ and then show that the reminder $R_n(x)$ goes to zero.

The Taylor series is

$$P_{2n+1}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{(2k+1)!} x^{2k+1}.$$

Compare to the solution to problem 6, p. 114.

11[20P]) Show that
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = e.$$

Solution: Define a function $f(x) = \log(1+x)$ and g(x) = x. Then

$$\lim_{t \to 0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = \lim_{t \to 0} = 1.$$

It follows that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} n \log \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\log \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)}{1/n} = 1$$

and hence

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n = e^1 = e$$

because the exponential function is continuous.