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(Theory of Real Functions)

Full Marks : 80

Time : Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. Answer the following as directed : $1 \times 10 = 10$

(a) Write the number of solutions of the equation $\ln(x) = x - 2$.

(b) If $f(x) = |x^3|$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then find $f'(x)$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

(c) Between any two roots of the function $f(x) = \sin x$, there is at least _____ root of the function $f(x) = \cos x$.

(Fill in the blank)

(d) The derivative of an even function is _____ function. (Fill in the blank)

(e) "Every polynomial of odd degree with real coefficients has at least one real root." Is this statement true **or** false?

(f) Write the points of continuity of the function $f(x) = \cos \sqrt{1+x^2}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

(g) If a function $f: (a, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is such that $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} xf(x) = L$, where $L \in \mathbb{R}$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = ?$

(h) Write the cluster points of $A = (0, 1)$.

(i) Is the function $f(x) = x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ continuous at $x=0$?

(j) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - 4}{x^2 + 1}$.

2. Answer the following questions : $2 \times 5 = 10$

(a) Suppose $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

$$f(x) = x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x^2}, \text{ for } x \neq 0 \text{ and } f(0) = 0.$$

Is f' bounded on $[-1, 1]$?

(b) Give an example with justification that a function is 'continuous at every point but whose derivative does not exist everywhere'.

(c) Let f be defined for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $x \neq 3$ by

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + x - 12}{x - 3}. \text{ Can } f \text{ be defined at}$$

$x=3$ in such a way that f is continuous at this point?

(d) Show that $f(x) = x^2$ is uniformly continuous on $[0, a]$, where $a > 0$.

(e) Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x + \operatorname{sgn}(x))$ does not exist.

3. Answer **any four** parts : $5 \times 4 = 20$

(a) Evaluate —

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

(b) Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be differentiable on $[a, b]$. If f' is positive on $[a, b]$, then prove that f is strictly increasing on $[a, b]$.

(c) Give an example to show that the product of two uniformly continuous function is not uniformly continuous on \mathbb{R} .

(d) Show that the function $f(x) = |x|$ is continuous at every point $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

(e) Let $f(x) = |2x|^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ for $x \neq 0$. Show that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = +\infty.$$

(f) If $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ has a limit at $c \in \mathbb{R}$, then prove that f is bounded on some neighbourhood of c .

4. Answer **any four** parts : $10 \times 4 = 40$

(a) State and prove Taylor's theorem.

(b) State and prove Mean value theorem.

Give the geometrical interpretation of the theorem. $(2+5)+3=10$

(c) (i) If $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ has derivative at $c \in I$, then prove that f is continuous at c . Is the converse true? Justify.

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(ii) If r is a rational number, let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) & \text{for } x \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Determine those values of r for which $f'(0)$ exists.

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(d) State and prove maximum-minimum theorem. $2+8=10$

(e) (i) Let I be an interval and let $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous on I . Prove that the set $f(I)$ is an interval. 5



(ii) Show that the function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ is}$$

uniformly continuous on \mathbb{R} . 5

(f) Prove that the rational functions and the sine functions are continuous on \mathbb{R} .

(g) (i) Give examples of functions f and g such that f and g do not have limits at a point c but such that both $f+g$ and fg have limits at c . 6

(ii) Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, let $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and let c be a cluster point of A . If $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ exists and if $|f|$ denotes the function defined for $x \in A$ by $|f|(x) = |f(x)|$, Prove that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} |f|(x) = \left| \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \right| \quad 4$$

(h) Let $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and let c be a cluster point of A . Prove that the following are equivalent.

(i) $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = l$

(ii) For every sequence (x_n) in A that converges to c such that $x_n \neq c$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the sequence $(f(x_n))$ converges to l .

