

1. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function such that

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq (x - y)^2$$

for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $f$  is constant.

2. Let  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable at  $x \in (a, b)$ . Show that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h} = f'(x).$$

Show by an example that the above limit may exist even if  $f'(x)$  does not.

3. Let  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be twice differentiable at  $x \in (a, b)$ . Show that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) + f(x-h) - 2f(x)}{h^2} = f''(x).$$

Show by an example that the above limit may exist even if  $f''(x)$  does not.

4. If  $f(x) = |x|^3$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , compute  $f'(x)$  and  $f''(x)$  for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Does  $f^{(3)}(0)$  exist?  
5. Show that  $f(x) = x|x|$  is differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Compute  $f'(x)$ . Is  $f'$  continuous? Does  $f''$  exist?  
6. Show that each of the following functions are infinitely differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(a)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \leq 0 \\ e^{-\frac{1}{x}}, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

(b)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \leq 0 \\ e^{-\frac{1}{x^2}}, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

7. Suppose  $f$  is defined and differentiable for every  $x > 0$ , and  $f'(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ . Define  $g(x) = f(x+1) - f(x)$ . Prove that  $g(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ .  
8. Let  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a differentiable function such that  $f'(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ . Show that  $f$  is monotone on  $(a, b)$ .  
9. Suppose  $f'(x) > 0$  in  $(a, b)$ . Prove that  $f$  is strictly increasing in  $(a, b)$ , and let  $g$  be the inverse function of  $f$ . Prove that  $g$  is differentiable, and that

$$g'(f(x)) = \frac{1}{f'(x)} \text{ for all } x \in (a, b).$$

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10. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function such that  $|f'(x)| \leq M$  for some  $M > 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- (a) Show that  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .
  - (b) If  $\epsilon > 0$  is sufficiently small, then show that the function  $g(x) = x + \epsilon f(x)$  is one-one.
11. Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $f'(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ . Show that  $f(a) \neq f(b)$ .
12. (Cauchy's form of MVT) Let  $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable. Assume that  $g'(x) \neq 0$  for each  $x \in (a, b)$ , then prove that there exists  $c \in (a, b)$  such that

$$\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)} = \frac{f'(c)}{g'(c)}.$$

13. Use MVT to prove the following inequalities.

- (a) For  $0 < a < b$ , show that  $b^{\frac{1}{n}} - a^{\frac{1}{n}} < (b - a)^{\frac{1}{n}}$ .
- (b)  $|\sin x - \sin y| \leq |x - y|$ .
- (c)  $1 + x < e^x$  for all  $x > 0$ .

14. If

$$c_0 + \frac{c_1}{2} + \frac{c_2}{3} + \cdots + \frac{c_n}{n+1} = 0,$$

where  $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n$  are real constants, prove that the equation

$$c_0 + c_1x + \cdots + c_nx^n = 0$$

has at least one real root in  $(0, 1)$ .

15. Show that the function  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 17$  is not one-one on the interval  $[-1, 1]$ .
16. Show that the equation  $x^3 - 3x + 17$  has at most one root in the interval  $[-1, 1]$ .
17. If  $f$  is differentiable on  $[a, b]$ , then show that  $f$  cannot have any simple discontinuity on  $[a, b]$ .
18. Let  $f$  be a continuous real-valued function on  $\mathbb{R}$ , of which it is known that  $f'(x)$  exists for all  $x \neq 0$  and that  $f'(x) \rightarrow 3$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$ . Does it follow that  $f'(0)$  exist?
19. Use Taylor's formula to prove that
- (a)  $\log 2 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{k}$  (Hint: Consider  $f(x) = \log(1 + x)$ ).
  - (b)  $e = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!}$
  - (c)  $1 - \frac{x^2}{2} < \cos x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  (Hint: Consider  $f(x) = \cos x$ ).

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20. (L'Hospital's Rule) Suppose  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable in  $(a, b)$ , and  $g'(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ , where  $-\infty \leq a < b \leq +\infty$ . Suppose

$$\frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} \rightarrow A \text{ as } x \rightarrow a.$$

If  $f(x) \rightarrow 0$  and  $g(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow a$  or if  $g(x) \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow a$ , then show that

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \rightarrow A \text{ as } x \rightarrow a.$$

21. Use L'Hospital's Rule to show that

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log x}{x} = 0$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{e^x} = 0$  where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

22. Suppose  $f$  is differentiable on  $[a, b]$ ,  $f(a) = 0$ , and there is a real number  $M$  such that  $|f'(x)| \leq M|f(x)|$  on  $[a, b]$ . Prove that  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ .
23. If  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is convex and  $c \in (a, b)$  is a local minimum, then show that  $c$  is a global minimum for  $f$ .