

**Math 127C Midterm I Friday, April 19 Spring 2024**

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**Choose any five of the below problems to solve.**

You may not use a calculator.

You may use one page of notes.

You may not use the textbook.

1. (20 pts Continuity)

Consider the function  $f : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f((w, x, y, z)) = \langle (w, x), (y, z) \rangle$ .

For any  $\epsilon > 0$  find  $\delta > 0$  (which will depend on  $\epsilon$ ) so that if  $|(w, x, y, z)| < \delta$  then  $f((w, x, y, z)) < \epsilon$ .

This shows that the function  $f$  is continuous.

2. (20 pts Matrices) There is a sequence of elementary row operations which transforms the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

to the reduced row echelon form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & c \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find  $(a, b, c)$ .

3. (20 pts Topology) Prove either of the following two equivalent facts:

(a)

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \mid \langle (a, b), (2, 3) \rangle \neq 0 \right\}$$

is open in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

(b)

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \mid \langle (a, b), (2, 3) \rangle = 0 \right\}$$

is closed in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

4. (20 pts Compacta) Consider a continuous function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Assume that if  $|(x, y)| > 10$  then  $f(x, y) = 0$ . Show that there is some point in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  at which  $f$  takes its maximum value. Note that  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is not compact.

5. (20 pts Derivatives)

Consider the function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $f((0,0)) = 0$  and otherwise

$$f((x,y)) = \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2}.$$

This function is differentiable at every point except  $(0,0)$  where it is not. Find the following or show they do not exist:

- (a) the two by one total derivative matrix  $(Df)(1,2)$ ,
- (b)  $f'((0,0); (1,2))$ ,
- (c) the two by one Jacobian matrix  $\text{Jac}f((0,0))$ .

6. (20 pts Class  $C^1$ ) Consider the function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by

$$f((x, y)) = \begin{bmatrix} xy \\ x + y \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Compute all the directional derivatives of  $f$ .
- (b) Use part (a) to show that  $f$  is continuously differentiable.  
Recall the definition: A function is continuously differentiable if all partial derivatives  $D_j f_i$  exist and are continuous.