

**Math 127BA Midterm Exam February 12, 2021 9:00-9:50**

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1. (9 points Definition) Consider the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} [\cos(x) - 1] \sin \frac{1}{x} & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}.$$

Only one of  $f'(0)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f'(x)$  exists.

Figure out which and compute its value.

**ANS:** If the limit exists the two are equal so only  $f'(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{[\cos(x)-1] \sin \frac{1}{x}}{x}$  exists. By the squeeze lemma and L'Hôpital's rule

$$|f'(0)| \leq \left| \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x) - 1}{x} \right| = \left| \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\sin(x)}{1} \right| = 0.$$

2. (9 points L'Hôpital) Assume that  $g(0) = 0$ ,  $g'(0) = 1$ , and  $g''(0) = 2$ . Find a number  $a$  so that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(ax) - 2g(x)}{x^2}$$

exists and is nonzero.

**ANS:** Since  $g'(0)$  exists  $g$  is continuous at 0 and since  $g(0) = 0$  L'Hôpital's rule applies so the limit is  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{ag'(ax) - 2g'(x)}{2x}$ . Since  $g''(0)$  exists  $g'$  is continuous at 0 and since  $g'(0) = 1$  the limit might exist and L'Hôpital's rule applies only if  $a = 2$  in which case the limit is  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4g''(2x) - 2g''(x)}{2} = 2$ .

3. (8 points Mean Value) Show that if  $f$  is a four times differentiable function on  $\mathbb{R}$  and there are at least five roots ( $x$  values for which  $f(x) = 0$ ) then  $f'''' = f^{(4)}$  also has a root.

**ANS:** By the mean value theorem  $f'$  has a root strictly between any two roots of  $f$  and hence at least 4 roots. Similarly  $f''$  has at least 3,  $f'''$  at least 2 and  $f''''$  at least one root.

4. (8 points Banach) Define  $\|f\| = \|f'\|_{sup} + |f(0)|$  for  $f \in C^1[-1, 1]$ .

Prove that if  $\|f - g\| = 0$  then  $f = g$ .

(Recall that  $\|g\|_{sup} = \sup_{x \in [-1, 1]} |g(x)|$ .)

**ANS:** If  $\|f - g\| = 0$  then  $\|f' - g'\|_{sup} = 0$  and  $|f(0) - g(0)| = 0$ . Hence  $f' = g'$  and  $f = g + C$  but  $f(0) = g(0)$  so  $f = g$ .

For the last two problems consider the following four series of functions and explain your answers.

(a)  $a_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n kx^k$

(b)  $b_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n 2^{-k} \sin(3^k)x^k$

(c)  $c_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n (\frac{x}{3} - 1)^k$

(d)  $d_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \sin(\frac{x}{2^k})$ .

5. (8 points) Which of the above four converge uniformly in  $[-1, 1]$ ?

**ANS:** (a)No(It diverges at 1)

(b)Yes(It is a power series about 0 with radius of convergence at least 2)

(c)No(It diverges at 0)

(d)Yes(The derivatives converge uniformly everywhere and the series converges at the point 0 so the series converges uniformly in any bounded interval).

6. (8 points) Which of the above four converge pointwise to a differentiable function in  $(-1, 1)$ ?

**ANS:** (a)Yes(It is a power series about 0 with radius of convergence 1)

(b)Yes(Same as for 5)

(c)No(Same as for 5)

(d)Yes(Same as for 5).