

Each problem is worth 10 points. Show adequate justification for full credit. Don't panic.

1. State the definition of a closed subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

A set  $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is closed iff all accumulation points of  $B$  are in the set  $B$ .

Good

2. State the (local) definition of continuity.

A function  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , is said to be continuous at  $a$ ,  $a \in D$  iff  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \Rightarrow$

$|f(x) - f(a)| < \varepsilon$ , provided  $|x - a| < \delta$ ,  $x \in D$ .

Great.

3. a) State the definition of a compact set.

A set  $S$  is compact iff every open cover of  $S$  has a finite subcover.

b) State the Heine-Borel Theorem.

In  $\mathbb{R}$ , a set is compact iff it is closed and bounded. Great!

4. State the Boundedness Theorem.

If  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, then  $f$  is bounded. Good

5. State and prove the Sum Rule for Derivatives.

Sum Rule:

$f$  and  $g$  are differentiable functions at  $x=a$ .

$$\rightarrow (f+g)'(a) = f'(a) + g'(a)$$

Proof:

By definition:

$$(f+g)'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{(f+g)(x) - (f+g)(a)}{x-a}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) + g(x) - (f(a) + g(a))}{x-a}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{(f(x) - f(a)) + (g(x) - g(a))}{x-a}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x-a} + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{g(x) - g(a)}{x-a}$$

(since  $f$  &  $g$  are both differentiable)

$$= f'(a) + g'(a)$$

(by definition)

$$\rightarrow (f+g)'(a) = f'(a) + g'(a)$$

Excellent!

6. State and prove Brouwer's Fixed Point Theorem.

Statement: If  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow [a, b]$  is continuous, then  $\exists$  at least one fixed point, i.e.,  $\exists$  at least one real number  $c \in [a, b]$  such that  $f(c) = c$ .

Proof:

Case 1: If  $f(a) = a$  and/or  $f(b) = b$ , proved.

Case 2: If  $f(a) \neq a$  &  $f(b) \neq b$   
 $\Rightarrow$   $f(a) > a$  &  $f(b) < b$  [as image of  $f$  lies on  $[a, b]$ ]

Now,

$$\text{let } \underline{g(x) = f(x) - x} \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$$

then,  $g(x)$  is continuous at  $[a, b]$ , differentiable at

$$\& \underline{g(a) = f(a) - a > 0} \quad [\text{as } f(a) > a]$$

$$\& \underline{g(b) = f(b) - b < 0} \quad [\text{as } f(b) < b]$$

Then, by Bolzano Intermediate Value Theorem,  
[as 0 is between  $g(a)$  &  $g(b)$ ]

$$\exists c \in [a, b] \ni \underline{g(c) = 0}$$

$$\Rightarrow g(c) = f(c) - c = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \underline{f(c) = c}$$

Excellent

□

7. State and prove the Extreme Value Theorem.

Let  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous. Then  $f$  attains its max and min values on  $[a, b]$  i.e.  $\exists c \in [a, b]$  such that  $f(c)$  is a max and a  $d \in [a, b]$  for which  $f(d)$  is a min.

Proof: (Max Case) <sup>well</sup> By Boundedness Thm, we know  $f$  is bounded above and by Completeness,  $f$  has a least upper bound; let's call it  $M$ . Now suppose there is not a  $c \in [a, b]$  for which  $f(c) \geq f(x) \forall x \in [a, b]$ . Then define  $g(x) = \frac{1}{M-f(x)}$ . Note that  $g(x)$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and thus has an upper bound, let's call it  $k$ . Then  $\forall x \in [a, b]$ ,  $\frac{1}{M-f(x)} \leq k$  or  $\frac{1}{k} \leq M-f(x)$  or  $\underline{f(x)} \leq M - \frac{1}{k} \forall x \in [a, b]$ . But this contradicts the fact that  $M$  was a least upper bound. Thus there must exist a  $c \in [a, b]$  such that  $f(c) \geq f(x) \forall x \in [a, b]$ .  $\square$  Well done!

8. State and prove Rolle's Theorem.

Rolle's Theorem: If  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$  and  $f(a) = f(b)$ , then  $\exists c \in (a, b) \ni f'(c) = 0$ .

Trivial case:  $f$  is a constant function. then any  $c \in (a, b)$  will suffice to have  $f'(c) = 0$ .

Max case: Suppose  $f(x)$  was not constant so  $\exists x \in [a, b] \ni f(x) > f(a)$ . Well, by the extreme value theorem, since  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ ,  $f$  will attain an absolute max at some  $c \in [a, b] \ni f(c) \geq f(x) \forall x \in [a, b]$ . Note  $c \neq a$  or  $b$  as  $\exists x \in (a, b) \ni f(x) > f(a) = f(b)$  so  $f(c) > f(a)$ . So by Fermat's theorem, since  $c$  is an extremum and  $c \in (a, b)$  which  $f$  is differentiable on  $(a, b)$  Then  $f'(c) = 0$ .

Min case: Suppose  $f(x)$  wasn't constant and  $\exists x \in [a, b] \ni f(x) < f(a)$ .

Similar logic will follow from above by the Extreme Value Theorem to show  $\exists c \in (a, b)$  that is an absolute min of  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  and Then Fermat's will prove  $f'(c) = 0$  as  $c$  was an extremum in  $(a, b)$ .

So the proof is complete.  $\exists c \in (a, b) \ni f'(c) = 0$

Nice!

9. State and prove Fermat's Theorem.

**Theorem:** If  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has a local extremum at  $c \in (a, b) \subseteq D$  and  $f'(c)$  exists, then  $f'(c) = 0$ .

**Proof:** Well, let's do the case where  $f$  has a local max at  $c$ , so there exists  $\delta > 0 \ni |x - c| < \delta \Rightarrow f(x) \leq f(c)$ . Thus for  $h \in (\delta, -\delta)$ ,  $c+h \in D \Rightarrow f(c+h) - f(c) \leq 0$ . Therefore

$$\frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h} \leq 0 \quad \text{if } h > 0$$

and

$$\frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h} \geq 0 \quad \text{if } h < 0$$

$$\text{Hence } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h} \leq 0$$

$$\text{and } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h} \geq 0$$

But since  $f$  is differentiable at  $c$  these must be equal, so  $f'(c) = 0$  as desired.  $\square$



10. The Racetrack Principle: Let  $f$  and  $g$  be differentiable functions from  $[a, b]$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , and suppose  $f(a) = g(a)$ . Show that if  $f'(x) \geq g'(x)$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ , then  $f(x) \geq g(x)$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ .

Well, suppose it's not the case that  $f(x) \geq g(x) \forall x \in [a, b]$ , so then we'd have some  $c \in [a, b]$  for which  $f(c) < g(c)$ . Note  $c \neq a$ , since  $f(a) = g(a)$ , so actually  $c \in (a, b]$ . Let's make a new function  $h$ , where  $h(x) = f(x) - g(x)$ , so  $h(c) = f(c) - g(c) < 0$ , and  $h(a) = f(a) - g(a) = 0$ . Also  $c - a > 0$ , since  $c \in (a, b]$ , so

$$\frac{h(c) - h(a)}{c - a} < 0 \quad *$$

But then note that  $h$  is also differentiable, and therefore continuous, on  $[a, c]$ , meeting the requirements for the Mean Value Theorem, so  $\exists d \in (a, c) \ni h'(d) = \frac{h(c) - h(a)}{c - a}$ . But then  $h'(d) < 0$  by  $*$ , so  $f'(d) - g'(d) < 0$ , or  $f'(d) < g'(d)$ , contradicting one of our hypotheses. Then such a  $c$  must not exist after all, so  $f(x) \geq g(x) \forall x \in [a, b]$  as desired.  $\square$