

# Assignment-4

(not to be handed in)

1. Show that if  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = p$ , then

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

2. Let  $f$  and  $g$  be differentiable functions on  $(a, b)$  and let  $p \in (a, b)$ . Define

$$h(t) = \begin{cases} f(t), & t \in (a, p) \\ g(t), & t \in [p, b). \end{cases}$$

Show that  $h$  is differentiable on  $(a, b)$  if and only if  $f(p) = g(p)$  and  $f'(p) = g'(p)$ .

3. (a) Show that  $|\sin \theta| \leq |\theta|$ , for all  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ .  
(b) More generally, show that if  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable such that  $|g'(t)| \leq M$  and  $g(0) = 0$ , then

$$|g(t)| \leq M|t|,$$

for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

4. (a) Show that  $\tan x > x$  for all  $x \in (0, \pi/2)$ .  
(b) Show that

$$\frac{2x}{\pi} < \sin x < x$$

for all  $x \in [0, \pi/2]$ . **Hint.** Consider the function  $\sin x/x$ . Is it monotonic?

5. Find the following limits if they exist.

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x - \sin x}{x^3}$

4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\cos x)^{1/x^2}$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos 2x - 2x^2}{x^4}$

5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1 - \cos x}{e^x - 1}$

3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (e^x + x)^{1/x}$

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

6. Consider the functions

$$f(x) = x + \cos x \sin x \text{ and } g(x) = e^{\sin x} (x + \cos x \sin x).$$

- (a) Show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) = \infty$ .  
(b) Show that if  $\cos x \neq 0$  and  $x > 3$ , then

$$\frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = \frac{2e^{-\sin x} \cos x}{2 \cos x + f(x)}.$$

- (c) Show that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2e^{-\sin x} \cos x}{2 \cos x + f(x)} = 0,$$

and yet, the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  does not exist.

(d) Explain why this does not contradict L'Hospital's rule.

7. (a) Show that  $e^x \geq 1 + x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(b) Show that there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that

$$\left| \frac{e^x - 1 - x}{x^2} - \frac{1}{2} \right| \leq M|x|,$$

for all  $x \in [-1, 1] \setminus \{0\}$ . **Hint.** Taylor's theorem.

(c) Compute

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1 - x}{x^2}.$$

8. Show the following *Bernoulli's* inequalities.

(a) If  $r \in [0, 1]$  and  $x \geq -1$ , show that

$$(1 + x)^r \leq 1 + rx.$$

(b) If  $r \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (1, \infty)$ , and  $x \geq -1$ , show that

$$(1 + x)^r \geq 1 + rx.$$

**Hint.** You can either use the try to find the local max or min, or simply use the fact that if  $f' \geq 0$ , then  $f$  is increasing.

9. Suppose  $f \in C^5[-1, 1]$ , such that  $f(0) = 1$ , and  $f'(0) = \dots = f^4(0) = 0$ . If  $f^5(0) < 0$ , show that there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$f(x) < 1,$$

for all  $x \in (0, \delta)$ .

10. A function  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called *Lipschitz* (or more precisely  $M$ -Lipschitz) if there exists an  $M > 0$  such that for all  $x, y \in E$ ,

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq M|x - y|.$$

(a) Show that any Lipschitz function is uniformly continuous.

(b) Show that if  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a differentiable function such that  $|f'(t)| \leq M$  for all  $t \in (a, b)$ , then  $f$  is  $M$ -Lipschitz.

(c) Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a *contraction*, that is an  $\alpha$ -Lipschitz function, for some  $\alpha < 1$ . Show that there exists a *fixed point*  $p$ , that is, a  $p \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x) = x$ . **Hint.** Let  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  be any real number. Having chosen  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$ , let  $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$ . Show that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence, and hence must converge, and that the limit  $p$  must satisfy  $f(p) = p$ .

(d) Show that the fixed point so obtained will be unique.

11. For  $\alpha > 0$ , a function  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -Hölder, if

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq M|x - y|^\alpha,$$

for all  $x, y \in E$  and some  $M > 0$ .

(a) Show that any  $\alpha$ -Hölder function is uniformly continuous.

(b) Show that if  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $\alpha$ -Hölder for some  $\alpha > 1$ , then  $f$  is differentiable, and is in fact a constant function.

12. Assume that  $f$  has a finite derivative on  $(a, \infty)$ .

(a) If  $f(x) \rightarrow 1$  and  $f'(x) \rightarrow c$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , prove that  $c = 0$ . **Hint.** Show, using the mean value theorem, that there is a sequence  $x_n \in (n, n + 1)$  such that  $f'(x_n) \rightarrow 0$ .

(b) If  $f'(x) \rightarrow 1$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , prove that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{x} = 1.$$