



Final Exam in Math1

WARNING: Calculators and electronic devices are strictly prohibited.

Exercise 1

(4.5 Points)

Let $\alpha \in [-1, +\infty[$. Prove by induction that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$(1 + \alpha)^n \geq 1 + n\alpha.$$

Exercise 2

(4 Points)

Consider the function:

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \\ x \mapsto \frac{2x}{1+x^2}.$$

1. Compute $f(2)$ and $f(\frac{1}{2})$.
2. Find $f^{-1}(\{2\})$.
3. Is f injective? Is it surjective?
4. Is f bijective?

Exercise 3

(4 Points)

Let f be the function defined by:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \ln(1+x), & \text{if } x \geq 0, \\ \sin(x), & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases}$$

Study the continuity and differentiability of f on its domain of definition D_f .

Exercise 4

(6 Points)

1. Find the second-order Taylor expansion at $x_0 = 2$ for the functions:

$$f(x) = \ln x \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = x^3 - x^2 - x - 2.$$

2. Using these Taylor expansions, compute:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\ln x - \ln 2}{x^3 - x^2 - x - 2}.$$

Exercise 5

(1.5 Points)

Let the set E be defined as:

$$E = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x + y + 5z = 0\}$$

Is the set E a vector subspace?

Good Luck!

Model Answer for Final Exam (MATHS)

Exercise 1 (4, 5 p)

For $\alpha \in [-1, +\infty[$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ $(1+\alpha)^n \geq 1+n\alpha$??

• Base Case:

For $n=0$ $(1+\alpha)^0 = 1$ and $1+0 \cdot \alpha = 1$

Thus $(1+\alpha)^0 = 1 \geq 1 = 1+0 \cdot \alpha$ 0.5 pt

• Inductive Hypothesis:

Assume that for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $(1+\alpha)^n \geq 1+n\alpha$ 0.5 pt

• Inductive step:

We need to show that: $(1+\alpha)^{n+1} \geq 1+(n+1)\alpha$?

$$(1+\alpha)^{n+1} = (1+\alpha) \cdot (1+\alpha)^n$$

$$\geq (1+\alpha) \cdot (1+n\alpha) \quad (\text{By Inductive Hypothesis})$$

$$(1+\alpha)(1+n\alpha) = 1+n\alpha + \alpha + n\alpha^2$$

$$= 1+(n+1)\alpha + n\alpha^2$$

Since $n\alpha^2 \geq 0$ for $\alpha \geq -1$, we have

$$1+(n+1)\alpha + n\alpha^2 \geq 1+(n+1)\alpha$$

Therefore:

$$(1+\alpha)^{n+1} \geq 1+(n+1)\alpha$$

Conclusion:

For $\alpha \in [-1, +\infty[$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ $(1+\alpha)^n \geq 1+n\alpha$ 0.5 pt

Exercise 2: Lip^b

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$
$$x \mapsto \frac{2x}{1+x^2}$$

1. $f(2) = \frac{2 \cdot 2}{1+2^2} = \frac{4}{5}$ 0.5 pt

$f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}}{1+\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{\frac{5}{4}} = \frac{4}{5}$ 0.5 pt

2. $f^{-1}(\{2\}) = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R} \mid f(x) = 2 \right\}$ 0.5 pt

We need to solve the equation

$$f(x) = \frac{2x}{1+x^2} = 2$$

$$2x = 2(1+x^2) \Rightarrow 2x^2 - 2x + 2 = 0$$

$$\Delta = 4 - 16 = -12$$

Since $\Delta < 0$, the quadratic equation has no real solution. 0.5 pt

3. Injectivity of f :

We need to show if $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$ 0.5 pt

However, as we have already seen:

$$f(2) = f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{4}{5}$$

This shows that two distinct elements $x_1 = 2$ and $x_2 = \frac{1}{2}$, have the same image. Hence 0.5 pt

f is not injective.

Surjectivity of f :

$$\forall y \in \mathbb{R} \exists x \in \mathbb{R} \mid f(x) = y$$
 0.5 pt

As we showed earlier $f^{-1}(\{2\}) = \emptyset$ 0.5 pt

This means $\nexists x \in \mathbb{R} \mid f(x) = 2$.

Consequently, f is not surjective. 0.5 pt

4. Bijectivity of f :

Since f is neither injective nor surjective, it is not bijective. 0.5 pt

Exercise 3 (4 pts)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \ln(1+x), & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ \sin(x) & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

1. Continuity of f :

• For $x \geq 0$: The function $f(x) = \ln(1+x)$ is a composition of continuous functions, so it is continuous on $]0, +\infty[$.

• For $x < 0$: The function $f(x) = \sin(x)$ is continuous on $] -\infty, 0[$, since it is continuous everywhere on \mathbb{R} .

• At $x = 0$:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \sin(x) = \sin(0) = 0.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln(1+x) = \ln(1) = 0$$

Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 0$, f is continuous at $x = 0$.

Conclusion: f is continuous on \mathbb{R} .

2. Differentiability of f :

We wish to study the differentiability at $x = 0$.

• Case $x \rightarrow 0^+$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(1+x) - \ln(1)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x}$$

$$\text{or } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x} \stackrel{\text{H\^opital}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{1}{1+x}}{1} = 1$$

Thus $f'(0^+) = 1$

• Case $x \rightarrow 0^-$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sin(x) - \sin(0)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sin(x)}{x}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{H\^opital}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\cos(x)}{1} = 1$$

Thus $f'(0^-) = 1$

Conclusion: Since $f'(0^+) = f'(0^-) = 1$, f is differentiable at $x = 0$ and $f'(0) = 1$.

Exercise 4: 6 p₅

1. The second-order Taylor expansion of $f(x)$ at $x_0 = 2$:

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x-x_0) + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2}(x-x_0)^2 + O((x-x_0)^3)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}, \quad f''(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$f(2) = \ln(2), \quad f'(2) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad f''(2) = -\frac{1}{4}$$

Therefore, the second-order Taylor expansion of $f(x)$ at $x_0 = 2$:

$$f(x) = \ln(2) + \frac{1}{2}(x-2) - \frac{1}{8}(x-2)^2 + O((x-2)^3) \quad \underline{1 p}$$

• The second-order Taylor expansion of $g(x)$ at $x_0 = 2$:

$$g(x) = g(x_0) + g'(x_0)(x-x_0) + \frac{g''(x_0)}{2}(x-x_0)^2 + O((x-x_0)^3)$$

$$g'(x) = 3x^2 - 2x - 1, \quad g''(x) = 6x - 2$$

$$g(2) = 0, \quad g'(2) = 7, \quad g''(2) = 10$$

Therefore, the second-order Taylor expansion of $g(x)$ at $x_0 = 2$ is

$$g(x) = 7(x-2) + 5(x-2)^2 + O((x-2)^3) \quad \underline{1 p}$$

2. Limit calculation:

Using the Taylor expansions we have:

$$\ln x - \ln 2 = \frac{1}{2}(x-2) - \frac{1}{8}(x-2)^2 + O((x-2)^3) \quad \underline{0,2 p}$$

$$x^3 - x^2 - x - 2 = 7(x-2) + 5(x-2)^2 + O((x-2)^3) \quad \underline{0,2 p}$$

Simplify the fractions:

$$\frac{\ln x - \ln 2}{x^3 - x^2 - x - 2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(x-2) - \frac{1}{8}(x-2)^2 + O((x-2)^3)}{7(x-2) + 5(x-2)^2 + O((x-2)^3)} \quad \underline{0,2 p}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{8}(x-2) + O((x-2)^2)}{7 + 5(x-2) + O((x-2)^2)} \quad \underline{0,2 p}$$

Taking the limit as $x \rightarrow 2$, we get:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\ln x - \ln 2}{x^3 - x^2 - x - 2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{7} = \frac{1}{14} \quad \underline{1 p}$$

Exercise 7 (1,5 pts)

Let's show that: $E = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x + y + 5z = 0\}$
is vector subspace of \mathbb{R}^3

1. $E \neq \emptyset$, since $(0, 0, 0) \in E$. 0,5 pt

2. $\forall u = (x, y, z) \in E, \forall v = (x', y', z') \in E, \forall \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\lambda u + \mu v = (\lambda x + \mu x', \lambda y + \mu y', \lambda z + \mu z')$$

Now,

$$(\lambda x + \mu x') + (\lambda y + \mu y') + 5(\lambda z + \mu z')$$

$$\lambda \underbrace{(x + y + 5z)}_{=0} + \mu \underbrace{(x' + y' + z')}_{=0}$$

(because $u \in E$) (because $v' \in E$)

$$\lambda \cdot 0 + \mu \cdot 0$$

then:

$$\lambda u + \mu v \in E.$$

1 pt

Conclusion: E is a vector subspace.