

**Mathematics 1**

1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2008/2009

**FINAL EXAM January 8, 2009**

2 hours, 2 points per question

No consultation, no calculators

- (1) Consider the function  $y = f(x)$  implicitly defined by the equation

$$x + \ln y + y^2 = 3$$

and satisfying  $f(2) = 1$ . Determine the tangent line to the graph of  $f$  at the point  $x = 2$ .

- (2) Compute the first order Taylor approximation of the function  $f(x) = x^x$  around  $a = 1$ .

- (3) Let  $f, g$  be differentiable functions in their domains. Assume also that  $g(1) = e$ ,  $g'(1) = 0$  and  $f(1) = f'(1) \neq 0$ . Find the elasticity of

$$F(x) = f\left(\frac{g(x)}{e^x}\right)$$

at the point  $x = 1$ .

*Hint:* Recall that the elasticity of a function  $h$  is given by the formula  $El_x h = xh'(x)/h(x)$ .

(4) For each  $a$ , compute the value of

$$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{a^n}{2^{n-1}}.$$

(5) Suppose that there is a function  $f$  satisfying the following properties:

$$f''(x) = \frac{e^x}{(e^x - 1)^2}, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f'(x) = -1, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 0.$$

- (a) Find its derivative  $f'$ .
- (b) Find  $f$ .

(6) Let

$$f(x) = \frac{x^5}{x^6 + 5}.$$

- (a) Find an antiderivative of  $f$ .
- (b) Determine the area delimited by the graph of  $f$  and the lines  $y = 0$ ,  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1$ .

(7) Determine the values of  $a$  such that the following matrix is invertible:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & a \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(8) Solve

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y - z = 1 \\ -x - y + 2z = 0 \\ x + y + 2z = 1 \end{cases}$$

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**FINAL EXAM January 27, 2009**

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- (1) Define a function  $F$  by

$$F(x) = \int_1^x \frac{\ln t}{t^3} dt.$$

- (a) Compute  $F(e)$ .  
(b) Determine the tangent line to the graph of  $F$  at  $x = e$ .

- (2) Compute the second order Taylor approximation of the function  $f(x) = x^x$  around  $a = 1$ .

- (3) Let  $f, g$  be positive differentiable functions in their domains. Assume also that  $g'(1) = 0$ . Find the elasticity of

$$F(x) = f\left(\frac{1}{g(x)}\right) e^x$$

at the point  $x = 1$ .

*Hint:* Recall that the elasticity of a function  $h$  is given by the formula  $El_x h = xh'(x)/h(x)$ .

- (4) For each  $a$ , compute the value of

$$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (a-4)^n \frac{2}{3^{n-1}}.$$

(5) Let

$$f(x) = xe^{-4x}.$$

- (a) Find an antiderivative of  $f$ .
- (b) Compute the area delimited by  $y = 0$ ,  $x = 0$  and the graph of  $f$ .

(6) Without using antiderivatives, compute the limits:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\int_0^x \ln(t^2 + 1) dt}{x^3} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\int_0^{x^2} \cos(t) dt}{x^2}.$$

(7) Find the inverse of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(8) Solve

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z + w = 0 \\ x + 3y + 2z + 4w = 0 \\ 2x + y - w = 0 \end{cases}$$

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**FINAL EXAM January 11, 2010**

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(1) Compute:

(a) **(1.0)** the determinant of the matrix

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

(b) **(1.0)** the value of

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x^2}{2 - 2 \cos x + 2x^2}.$$

(c) **(1.0)** for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  the value of

$$\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \left( \frac{1-3x}{5} \right)^n.$$

(2) **(1.0)** Let  $f(x) = \frac{3}{2}x^{-k}g(x)$  where  $g$  is a differentiable real-valued function in  $\mathbb{R}$ , and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that the elasticity  $El_x f$  of  $f$  at  $x$  is given by  $-k + El_x g$ .

(3) Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \alpha \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ \beta \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix},$$

with  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .

(a) **(2.0)** Classify the system  $Ax = b$  in terms of the values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

(b) **(1.0)** Solve this system for  $\alpha = -4$  and  $\beta = -1$ .

(c) **(0.5)** For which values of  $\alpha$  the rows of  $A$  are linearly independent?

(4) Consider the function  $f(x) = x \sin x$ .

(a) **(1.0)** Write its Taylor polynomial of second order around the point 0.

(b) **(1.0)** The function  $f$  has a unique stationary point inside the interval  $] - 1, 1[$ . Find it.

(c) **(1.0)** Classify the stationary point obtained in the previous question, by studying the second derivative.

(d) **(1.0)** Are there other extreme values of  $f$  in the interval  $] - 1, 1[$ ?

(e) **(1.5)** Compute one antiderivative of  $f$ .

(5) Given  $k > 0$ , consider the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^x, & x < 0 \\ e^{-kx}, & x \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

(a) **(1.0)** Find the domain of  $f$  and discuss the continuity of the function.

(b) **(1.0)** Using the definition of derivative, study the differentiability of  $f$  at the point 0.

(c) **(1.0)** Show that  $f$  is invertible in the open interval  $]0, +\infty[$ .

(d) **(1.0)** Take  $g$  to be the inverse function of  $f$  in  $]0, +\infty[$ . Find  $g'(1/k)$ .

(e) **(1.5)** Compute the area between the graph of  $f$  and the  $x$ -axis.

(6) **(1.5)** Let  $f, g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  differentiable functions and  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^{g(x)} f(t) dt = f(g(x)) \frac{dg}{dx}(x).$$

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**FINAL EXAM January 27, 2010**

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(1) **(1.0)** Let  $u = (1, 0, 2, 0)$  and  $v = (\alpha, 1, 1, \pi)$  with  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Determine the value of  $\alpha$  for which  $u$  and  $v$  are orthogonal.

(2) Compute:

(a) **(1.0)**

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_0^{x^2} e^t dt.$$

(b) **(1.0)**

$$\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \left[ \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^n + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \right].$$

(3) **(1.0)** Let  $A, B, P$  and  $X$  be matrices  $n \times n$  such that  $\det P \neq 0$ . Find the solution of the equation  $PX + AB = 0$  with respect to  $X$ .

(4) Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -\alpha \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}, \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix},$$

with  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .

(a) **(2.0)** Classify the system  $Ax = b$  in terms of the values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

(b) **(1.0)** Solve this system for  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\beta = 1$ .

(5) Consider the vectors  $v_1 = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $v_2 = (0, 1, k)$  and  $v_3 = (0, 0, 1)$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(a) **(1.0)** Determine if these vectors are linearly independent.

(b) **(0.5)** Compute the distance between  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ .

(6) Consider the function  $f(x) = x^5$ .

(a) **(1.5)** Sketch the graph of  $f$ , determining and classifying its stationary points.

(b) **(1.0)** Given  $k > 0$ , compute the area between the graph of  $f$  and the  $x$ -axis for  $x \in [-k, k]$ .

(c) **(1.0)** Given  $k > 0$ , compute  $\int_{-k}^k f(x) dx$ .

(d) **(2.0)** Let  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  two-times differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$  and such that  $g(0) \neq 0$ . Knowing that 0 is a stationary point of  $g$  and that  $g''(0) > 0$ , show that 0 is a local minimum of  $h = f \circ g$ .

(7) Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ .

(a) **(1.5)** Find the linear approximation to  $f$  around 1 and use it to obtain an approximation of  $\sqrt{1.1}$ .

(b) **(1.5)** Compute  $\int_0^{\pi^2} \frac{\cos f(x)}{f(x)} dx$ .

(c) **(1.5)** Determine

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin f(x)}{f(x)}.$$

(8) **(1.5)** Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  a differentiable function on its domain and  $p \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that

$$El_x[f(x)]^p = p El_x f(x).$$