

Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore

B. Math.

First Year, First Semester

Final Examination Date : 5/12/08

Maximum marks: 100

Time: 3 hours

1. Consider the sequences $\{a_n\}_{n \geq 1}$, $\{b_n\}_{n \geq 1}$, $\{c_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ where

$$a_n = 1 + \left(-\frac{1}{5}\right)^n; \quad b_n = (-1)^n + \frac{2}{n}; \quad c_n = \frac{6n+4}{7n-5}.$$

Compute limit superior and limit inferior (as n tends to infinity) for these sequences. [15]

2. Let $k : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function. Suppose that k has local maximum at two distinct points x_1, x_2 in $[0, 1]$. Show that k has a local minimum at some point x_3 in $[0, 1]$. [10]

3. Let $\{f_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ be a sequence of real valued continuous functions on $[0, 1]$ converging pointwise to a continuous function $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Show that the convergence is uniform, if

$$f_n(x) \geq f_{n+1}(x) \quad \forall x \in [0, 1],$$

for all $n \geq 1$. (Hint: Use compactness of $[0, 1]$). [15]

4. Let D be a non-empty subset of \mathbb{R} and let $h : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be uniformly continuous. If D is bounded show that h is bounded. Use this result to show that $g : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ is not uniformly continuous. [15]

5. Let $u : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function. Define $v : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$v(x) = \sup\{u(y) : 0 \leq y \leq x\}.$$

Show that v is a continuous function. [15]

6. State and prove mean value theorem. [15]

7. Show that every bounded sequence of complex numbers has a convergent subsequence. [10]

8. Consider the series $\sum_{n \geq 1} a_n$, where

$$a_n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n^2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd;} \\ \frac{1}{n^3} & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Show that this series is convergent but the convergence can not be determined by ratio test or root test. [15]