

1. Let  $K$  be the set of functions from  $\{0, 1\}$  to  $\mathbb{N}$ . Show that  $K$  is countable. Let  $M$  be the set of functions from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\mathbb{N}$ . Show that  $M$  is uncountable.

**Solution:** Let  $T : K \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that  $T(f) = 2^{f(0)}3^{f(1)}$ . Then by prime factorization theorem  $T$  is injective. Therefore there is a bijection from  $\text{Range of } T \subset \mathbb{N}$  to  $K$ . Hence  $K$  is countable.

Now, let us prove that  $M$  is uncountable. Assume that there exists an  $F$  which is a bijection from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $M$ . Let  $g \in M$  defined by  $g(n) = (F(n))(n) + 1$ . Then,  $g \neq F(n)$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence,  $g$  does not belong to the range of  $F$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$

2. Let  $\{v_n\}$  be the sequence defined by  $v_1 = 1$  and  $v_{n+1} = (v_n^2 + \frac{1}{2^n})^{\frac{1}{2}}$  for  $n \geq 1$ . Show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_n$  exists. Find the limit.

**Solution:** Since  $v_{n+1} = (v_n^2 + \frac{1}{2^n})^{\frac{1}{2}}$  we have  $v_{n+1}^2 = v_n^2 + \frac{1}{2^n}$ .

Therefore it is clear that  $v_{n+1}^2 = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{2^k}$

So  $v_{n+1} = (\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{2^k})^{\frac{1}{2}}$

This clearly converges since it is a geometric series with common ratio  $1/2$  which is less than 1 and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_n = (\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k})^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2^{\frac{1}{2}}$   $\square$

3. Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous functions. Show that  $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $h(x) = \min\{f(x), g(x)\}$  is a continuous function. Show that the converse is not true.

Show that if  $f, g$  are differentiable at  $c$  and  $f(c) \neq g(c)$  then  $h$  is differentiable at  $c$ .

**Solution:**  $h(x) = \min\{f(x), g(x)\} = \frac{f(x)+g(x)}{2} - \frac{|f(x)-g(x)|}{2}$ . Since linear combination and modulus of continuous functions are continuous,  $h$  is continuous.

To show that converse is not true,

$$\text{let } f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and let } g(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

Then  $h$  is constant zero function, which is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  whereas  $f$  and  $g$  are not continuous at zero.

Since  $f(c) \neq g(c)$ , with out loss of generality we can assume that  $f(c) < g(c)$ . Since they are continuous there exists an open interval around  $c$ , say  $U$  such that  $f(x) < g(x)$  for every  $x \in U$ . Therefore  $h(x) = \min\{f(x), g(x)\} = f(x)$  on  $U$ . Since  $f$  is differentiable at  $c \in U$ , so is  $h$ .  $\square$

4. Let  $m : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function. Suppose  $\{m(x) : x \in \mathbb{R}\} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ . Show that  $m$  is a constant function.

**Solution:** Suppose  $m$  is not constant, then there exists  $x$  and  $y$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $m(x) + 1 \leq m(y)$ . Then by intermediate value theorem there exists a  $z$  between  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $m(z) = m(x) + 1/2$ . This will contradict the fact that range of  $m$  is contained in  $\mathbb{N}$ .  $\square$

5. Suppose  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $B_1, \dots, B_k$  are strictly positive. Show that

$$(a) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1.$$

$$(b) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (B_1^n + B_2^n + \dots + B_k^n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = B \text{ where } B = \text{Max}\{B_j : 1 \leq j \leq k\}$$

**Solution :** (a) Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be arbitrary. From archimedes principle, one can find  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $k \leq 1 + n\varepsilon$  for  $n \geq N$ . Now,  $1 \leq k \leq (1 + \varepsilon)^n$  for every  $n \geq N$ , since  $1 + n\varepsilon \leq (1 + \varepsilon)^n$ . Then,  $1 \leq k^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq 1 + \varepsilon$  for every  $n \geq N$ .

Therefore  $|k^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1| \leq \varepsilon$  for every  $n \geq N$ . Hence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1$ .

(b) Since  $B_i \geq 0$ , we have  $B^n \leq (B_1^n + B_2^n + \dots + B_k^n) \leq (kB^n)$

Therefore  $B \leq (B_1^n + B_2^n + \dots + B_k^n)^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq (kB^n)^{\frac{1}{n}}$

Taking limit on both inequalities and using (a) we get  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (B_1^n + B_2^n + \dots + B_k^n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = B$ .  $\square$

6. Let  $a, b$  be real numbers with  $a < b$ , and let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function. Suppose  $f$  is differentiable  $(a, b)$  and  $f'(x) \neq 0$  for every  $x \in (a, b)$ . 1) Show that  $f$  is one to one.

2) Show that either  $f'(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$  or  $f'(x) < 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ .

**Solution :** It is enough to prove that  $f$  is monotonically increasing or decreasing. If not, let us assume that there exists  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $x < y < z$  such that

$$f(x) < f(y) \text{ and } f(z) < f(y) \text{ or} \tag{1}$$

$$f(x) > f(y) \text{ and } f(y) < f(z). \tag{2}$$

Since  $f$  is continuous on  $[x, y]$  it attains maximum and minimum. Let

$$f(\alpha) = \sup_{z \in [x, y]} f(z) \tag{3}$$

$$f(\beta) = \inf_{z \in [x, y]} f(z) \tag{4}$$

If (1) happens  $\alpha$  will not be  $x$  or  $y$ . Similarly if (2) happens then  $\beta$  will not be  $x$  or  $y$ . In either cases  $f$  attains a local maximum or minimum at  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$ , which will contradict the fact that  $f'(x) \neq 0$  for every  $x \in [a, b]$ . So  $f$  is monotonically increasing or decreasing. Hence  $f'$  is either strictly positive or negative.

7. State and prove Taylor's theorem for real valued function on open subintervals of  $\mathbb{R}$

**Solution :** **Statement of Theorem :** Suppose  $f$  is a real function on  $[a, b]$ ,  $n$  is a positive integer,  $f^{n-1}$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ ,  $f^n(t)$  exists for every  $t \in (a, b)$ . Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be distinct points of  $[a, b]$ , and define  $P(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{f^k(\alpha)}{k!} (t - \alpha)^k$ . Then there exists a point  $x$  between  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that  $f(\beta) = P(\beta) + \frac{f^n(x)}{n!} (\beta - \alpha)^n$ .

**Proof :** Let  $M$  be the number defined by

$$f(\beta) = P(\beta) + M(\beta - \alpha)^n \tag{5}$$

and put

$$g(t) = f(t) - P(t) - M(t - \alpha)^n \quad (a \leq t \leq b). \quad (6)$$

We have to show that  $n!M = f^n(x)$  for some  $x$  between  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . By (5) and (6)

$$g^n(t) = f^n(t) - n!M \quad (7)$$

Hence the proof will be complete if we can show that  $g^n(x) = 0$  for some  $x$  between  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . Since  $P^k(\alpha) = f^k(\alpha)$  for  $k = 0, \dots, n - 1$ , we have

$$g(\alpha) = g'(\alpha) = \dots = g^{n-1}(\alpha) = 0 \quad (8)$$

Our choice of  $M$  shows that  $g(\beta) = 0$ , so that  $g'(x_1) = 0$  for some  $x_1$  between  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , by the Mean value theorem. Since  $g'(\alpha) = 0$ , we conclude similarly that  $g''(x_2) = 0$  for some  $x_2$  between  $\alpha$  and  $x_1$ . After  $n$  steps we arrive at the conclusion that  $g^n(x_n) = 0$  for some  $x_n$  between  $\alpha$  and  $x_{n-1}$ , that is, between  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .  $\square$