

Additional Practice Problems/Review Qs for Midterm II

MATH 471

1. For two numbers m_1 and m_2 with $m_1 \neq m_2$, let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} m_1x + 4 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ m_2x + 4 & \text{if } x \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

Prove that f is not differentiable at $x = 0$.

2. Let the function f be differentiable at 0. Prove that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{xf(x_0) - x_0f(x)}{x - x_0} = f(x_0) - x_0f'(x_0).$$

(Hint: Add and subtract $x_0f(x_0)$ in the numerator of the limit.)

3. Does the Mean Value Theorem apply to the function $g(x) = \sqrt{|x|}$ on $[-1, 1]$? Justify your answer.
4. Prove that if f is differentiable at c and f has an extremum at c then $f'(c) = 0$.
(This has been done in the lecture.)
5. Give an example of a function that attains a relative extremum at $x = a$ but $f'(a) \neq 0$.
6. Suppose that the bounded function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ has the property that for each rational x in the interval $[a, b]$, $f(x) = 0$. Prove that

$$\int_a^b f \leq 0 \leq \overline{\int_a^b f}.$$

7. Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if the point } x \text{ in } [0, 1] \text{ is rational,} \\ 0 & \text{if the point } x \text{ in } [0, 1] \text{ is irrational.} \end{cases}$$

Prove that $\int_0^1 f = 0$ and $\overline{\int_0^1 f} \geq 1/2$.

8. Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } 2 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 0 & \text{if } 3 < x \leq 4. \end{cases}$$

Prove that f is Riemann integrable.

9. By slightly modifying a proof done in the lecture prove that a monotonically decreasing function is integrable.