
MIDTERM EXAMINATION

Course Code: MATH 1024
Course Title: Honors Calculus II
Semester: Spring 2020-21
Date and Time: 2:00PM - 5:00PM, 20 March 2021

Instructions

- Absolutely **NO DISCUSSION**, online or offline, with any person other than the instructor.
- Posting anything on social media or any public internet website is **NOT** allowed.
- It is an **OPEN-NOTES** and **OPEN-INTERNET** exam. You can do searching on the internet (including using WolframAlpha), but no posting and discussion.
- Only results discussed in lectures and tutorials, and results proved in homework can be directly quoted.
- You must **SHOW YOUR WORK** and **JUSTIFY YOUR STEPS** to receive credits in every problem in Part B.
- Some problems in Part B are structured into several parts. You can quote the results stated in the preceding parts to do the next part, even if you cannot do the preceding parts.
- One page 1 of your work, write the following statement and sign:

“I confirm that I have answered the questions using only materials specified approved for use in this examination, that all the answers are my own work, and that I have not received any assistance during the examination.”

Your signature

- You need to **SIGN** on the top right corner of **EVERY PAGE** of your work.
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Part A - Short Questions (25 points)

Recommended timing: the whole Part A < 30min.

Instruction: Write down your answers or solutions in your own answer sheets. **State the question and part numbers clearly.**

1. What is the name of the problem about finding the exact value of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$? [2]

A. Bessel Problem
 B. Bravo Problem
 C. Biggest Problem
 D. Basel Problem
 E. Batman Problem

2. Given that X and Y are bounded subsets in $\mathbb{R}^2$ and $X \subset Y$. [6]

In each _____ below, fill in one of the symbols: $\subset$, $\supset$, $\leq$, $\geq$:

- (a) $\mu_*(X)$ _____ $A(S)$ where $S \subset X$, S is a simple region
 (b) $\{A(T) : T \supset X, T \text{ is a simple region}\}$ _____ $\{A(T) : T \supset Y, T \text{ is a simple region}\}$
 (c) $\mu^*(X)$ _____ $\mu^*(Y)$
 (d) $\mu_*(X)$ _____ $\mu_*(Y)$
 (e) $\mu_*(X)$ _____ $\mu^*(X)$
 (f) $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus X$ _____ $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus Y$

3. Which of the following types of functions must be Riemann integrable over $[a, b]$? List ALL correct answer(s). [5]

A. continuous functions on $[a, b]$
 B. bounded functions on $[a, b]$
 C. strictly decreasing functions on $[a, b]$
 D. positive functions on $[a, b]$
 E. constant functions

4. Consider the function $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined as:

$$f(x) := \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

Let P_n be the uniform partition of $[0, 1]$.

- (a) Find the exact value of [5]

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (U(f, P_n) - L(f, P_n)).$$

- (b) Based on the knowledge you have learned in this course, is the above result sufficient to show that f is not Riemann integrable on $[0, 1]$? Explain briefly. [2]

5. Determine whether the following improper integral converges or diverges: [5]

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{x^3 - 1} dx.$$

Part B - Long Questions (75 points): Answer ALL THREE problems

Recommended timing: Q1 < 40min, Q2 < 50min, Q3 < 60min

Instructions: Write your solutions on your own answer sheets. **Clearly indicate the question and part numbers.**

1. Let $\{a_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of positive numbers such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 1$ (note that $\{a_n\}$ is NOT given to be monotone). Suppose $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous function such that:

- $f(0) = 1$,
- for any $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, $f(\frac{1}{2^n}) = a_n$, and
- for any $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, we have $f''(x) = 0$ for any $x \in (\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}, \frac{1}{2^n})$.

- (a) Write down the explicit expression (in terms of a_n 's) of the 2^n -th trapezoidal sum T_{2^n} of f over $[0, 1]$ using the uniform partition P_{2^n} with 2^n sub-intervals. Explain briefly your answer. Use diagram(s) if needed. [10]

- (b) i. Find the explicit expression of $U(f, P_{2^n}) - L(f, P_{2^n})$ in terms of a_n 's. Explain briefly your answer. Use diagram(s) if needed. [10]

- ii. Hence, show that f is Riemann integrable on $[0, 1]$. [5]

[Attention: Your final expressions in both (b) and (c)i should NOT involve any “ f'' ”.]

2. **Remark: You can use without proof any relevant results proved in class.**

For each $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, we define:

$$A_n := \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^{2n} x \, dx, \quad B_n := \int_0^{\pi/2} x^2 \cos^{2n} x \, dx, \quad \text{and} \quad C_n := \int_0^{\pi/2} x^4 \cos^{2n} x \, dx.$$

- (a) Prove that for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have [10]

$$\frac{C_{n-1}}{A_{n-1}} - \frac{C_n}{A_n} = \frac{3}{n^2} \frac{B_n}{A_n}.$$

- (b) Prove that there exists a constant $K > 0$ such that $\frac{C_n}{A_n} \leq \frac{K}{n}$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$. [4]

- (c) It is known that $\zeta(4) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} = \frac{\pi^4}{90}$. Using this fact, results from (a), (b), and related results proved in class, show that [10]

$$\frac{1}{\pi^4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n^2} \right) \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

3. Let $x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n$ be $(n+1)$ distinct points on $\mathbb{R}$. Define:

$$P(x) := \sum_{i=0}^n e^{x_i^2} \cdot \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\cdots(x-x_{i-1})(x-x_{i+1})\cdots(x-x_n)}{(x_i-x_0)(x_i-x_1)\cdots(x_i-x_{i-1})(x_i-x_{i+1})\cdots(x_i-x_n)},$$

$$Q(x) := (x-x_0)(x-x_1)\cdots(x-x_n).$$

For each $t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$, we define

$$G_t(x) := Q(t)e^{x^2} - Q(x)e^{t^2} - Q(t)P(x) + Q(x)P(t).$$

- (a) Show that for each $t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$, there exists $\xi_t \in \mathbb{R}$, which may depend on t , such that $G_t^{(n+1)}(\xi_t) = 0$. Here $G_t^{(n+1)}$ denotes the $(n+1)$ -th derivative with respect to x . [Hint: Consider $G_t(x_i)$'s.] [8]
- (b) Let ξ_t be as obtained in (a). Show that [8]

$$e^{t^2} = P(t) + \frac{Q(t)h(\xi_t)e^{\xi_t^2}}{(n+1)!} \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$$

where $h(x)$ is a polynomial with coefficients in $[0, \infty)$.

- (c) Assume further that $x_0 = 0$ and $x_n = 2$. Show that [8]

$$\left| \int_0^2 e^{t^2} dt - \int_0^2 P(t) dt \right| \leq \frac{2^{n+2}e^4 h(2)}{(n+1)!}.$$

- (d) Do you agree with the following argument? Explain why or why not. [2]

As $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{n+2}}{(n+1)!} = 0$, letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ on the result in (c), we conclude that

$$\int_0^2 e^{t^2} dt = \int_0^2 P(t) dt.$$

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