

MTH 320: Midterm exam 2
Fall 2015

Duration: 50 min

The problems are independent.

Problem 1:

1) Let f_n be a sequence of continuous functions on $[0, 1]$ converging uniformly to a function f . Let $x_n \in [0, 1]$ be a sequence converging to $x \in [0, 1]$.

Show that

$$f_n(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$$

2) Let

$$g_n(x) = \frac{nx}{1 + nx}$$

Show that $g_n(x) \rightarrow g(x)$, where g is the function on $[0, 1]$ such that $g(x) = 1$ if $x > 0$ and $g(0) = 0$

3) What is $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$?

Problem 2:

Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be a continuous function.

1) Applying the intermediate value theorem to the function $g(x) = f(x) - x$, show that $\exists c \in [0, 1]$ such that $f(c) = c$.

A point $x \in [0, 1]$ such that $f(x) = x$ is called a fixed point of f .

2) We now assume that f is differentiable on $[0, 1]$ and $f'(x) \neq 1$ for any $x \in [0, 1]$. Deduce from the mean value theorem that f has only one fixed point in $[0, 1]$.

Problem 3:

1) Let $f_n : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the function defined by

$$f_n(x) = \frac{e^{-n^2x}}{n^2}$$

Show that

$$F = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k$$

is a continuous function on $[0, \infty)$ and is differentiable on $[a, \infty)$ for any $a > 0$.

2) Show that F' is increasing over $(0, \infty)$ and that $F'\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) \leq -ne^{-1}$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Conclude that $F'(x)$ tends to $-\infty$ as $x \rightarrow 0$.