

Math 179 2020-1 Recitation Problems - Week 5

① (a) Show that $x^3 + x^2 + 3x + 7 = 0$ has exactly one root.

(b) Let $f(x) = x^4 + x^2 + x - 70$.

(i) Show that f has at least 2 roots.

(ii) Show that f does not have 3 roots or more.

Solution

① (a) Let $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 + 3x + 7$. Then f is cont. on \mathbb{R} since it is a polynomial.

$$f(-2) = -8 + 4 - 6 + 7 = -3 < 0$$

$$f(0) = 7 > 0$$

f is cont. on $[-2, 0]$. By IVT, $\exists c \in (-2, 0)$

s.t. $f(c) = 0$. So, f has at least one root.

Suppose f has two roots c_1 and c_2 . Suppose, without loss of generality, $c_1 < c_2$. Then f

is cont. on $[c_1, c_2]$ and diff'ble on (c_1, c_2) ,

since it is a polynomial. By MVT, $\exists m \in (c_1, c_2)$

$$\text{s.t. } f'(m) = \frac{f(c_2) - f(c_1)}{c_2 - c_1} = 0.$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 2x + 3 \Rightarrow f'(m) = 3m^2 + 2m + 3 = 0$$

But $\Delta = 4 - 4(3)(3) < 0 \Rightarrow$ There is no m s.t.

$f'(m) = 0$, contradiction. So, f has at most one root.

Hence, f has exactly one root.

(b) (i) f is continuous on \mathbb{R} since it is a polynomial.

$$f(-2) = 76 + 4 - 2 - 70 = 8 > 0$$

$$f(-1) = 1 + 1 - 1 - 70 = -69 < 0$$

f is cont. on $\mathbb{R} \Rightarrow f$ is cont. on $[-2, -1]$.

By IVT, $\exists c_1 \in (-2, -1)$ s.t. $f(c_1) = 0$.

$$f(1) = 1 + 1 + 1 - 70 = -67 < 0$$

$$f(2) = 76 + 4 + 2 - 70 = 12 > 0$$

f is cont. on $\mathbb{R} \Rightarrow f$ is cont. on $[1, 2]$.

By IVT, $\exists c_2 \in (1, 2)$ s.t. $f(c_2) = 0$.

So, f has at least 2 roots.

(ii) Suppose f has 3 roots, say $c_1 < c_2 < c_3$, without loss of generality. Then, $f(c_1) = f(c_2) = f(c_3) = 0$.

f is poly. on $\mathbb{R} \Rightarrow f$ is diff'ble on \mathbb{R} .

So, f is cont. on $[c_1, c_2]$ and diff'ble on (c_1, c_2) , and f ——— " ——— $[c_2, c_3]$ ——— " ——— (c_2, c_3) .

By MVT, $\exists m_1 \in (c_1, c_2)$ and $\exists m_2 \in (c_2, c_3)$ s.t.

$$f'(m_1) = \frac{f(c_2) - f(c_1)}{c_2 - c_1} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f'(m_2) = \frac{f(c_3) - f(c_2)}{c_3 - c_2} = 0$$

$f'(x) = 4x^3 + 2x + 1 = g(x)$ (call it) $\Rightarrow g'(x) = 12x^2 + 2 > 0 \quad \forall x$
So, $g(x) = f'(x)$ is strictly increasing. So, $m_1 < m_2 \Rightarrow 0 = f'(m_1) < f'(m_2) = 0$, contradiction. So, f does not have more 3 or more roots.

② Prove the following inequalities:

① $e^x \geq x+1 \quad \forall x$

② $e^x \geq x+1 + \frac{x^2}{2} \quad \forall x \geq 0$

Solution

① If $x=0$, $e^0 = 0+1 \Rightarrow 1=1$

Suppose $x \neq 0$.

Case 1: Suppose $x > 0$.

Let $f(x) = e^x - x - 1$. $\Rightarrow f$ is cont. on $[0, x]$ and diff'ble on $(0, x)$. By MVT, $\exists c \in (0, x)$

s.t. $f'(c) = \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \frac{e^x - x - 1}{x}$

$f''(x) = e^x - 1 \Rightarrow f'(c) = e^c - 1 > 0$

$c > 0$

$\Rightarrow e^x - x - 1 = \underbrace{f'(c)}_{> 0} \underbrace{x}_{> 0} > 0 \Rightarrow e^x \geq x+1 \quad \forall x > 0$

Case 2: Suppose $x < 0$.

Let $f(x) = e^x - x - 1$. $\Rightarrow f$ is cont. on $[x, 0]$ and diff'ble on $(x, 0)$. By MVT, $\exists m \in (x, 0)$ s.t.

$f'(m) = \frac{f(0) - f(x)}{0 - x} = \frac{-e^x + x + 1}{-x} = \frac{e^x - x - 1}{x}$

$f'(m) = \underbrace{e^m}_{< 1} - 1 < 0 \Rightarrow e^x - x - 1 = \underbrace{x}_{< 0} \underbrace{f'(m)}_{< 0} > 0$

$\Rightarrow e^x \geq x+1 \quad \forall x < 0$. Hence, $e^x \geq x+1 \quad \forall x$.

$$\textcircled{b} \text{ If } x=0, \quad e^0 = 0 + 1 + \frac{0^2}{2} \Rightarrow 1 = 1$$

Suppose $x > 0$.

Let $f(x) = e^x - x - 1 - \frac{x^2}{2}$. Then f is cont.

on $[0, x]$ and diff'ble on $(0, x)$. Then by MVT,

$$\exists m \in (0, x) \text{ s.t. } f'(m) = \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0}.$$

$$f'(x) = e^x - 1 - x$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(m) = e^m - m - 1 = \frac{e^x - x - 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} - 0}{x - 0}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^x - x - 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} = \underbrace{x}_{>0} \underbrace{(e^m - m - 1)}_{>0 \text{ by part } \textcircled{a}} > 0$$

So, $e^x \geq x + 1 + \frac{x^2}{2}$, for $x \geq 0$.

Hence, $e^x \geq x + 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} \quad \forall x \geq 0$.

③ let f be a function defined on $[0, 9]$ and f', f'' exist on $(0, 9)$.

If $f(1) = -2$, $f(3) = 5$, $f(4) = 6$, $f(8) = 20$, then show that there is a number $c \in (0, 9)$ s.t. $f''(c) = 0$.

Solution

f' exists on $(0, 9) \Rightarrow f$ is continuous on $(0, 9)$.

By MVT, $\exists m_1 \in (1, 3)$ s.t. $f'(m_1) = \frac{f(3) - f(1)}{3 - 1}$

$$\Rightarrow f'(m_1) = \frac{5 + 2}{2} = \frac{7}{2}$$

By MVT, $\exists m_2 \in (4, 8)$ s.t. $f'(m_2) = \frac{f(8) - f(4)}{8 - 4}$

$$\Rightarrow f'(m_2) = \frac{20 - 6}{8 - 4} = \frac{7}{2}$$

$m_1 \in (1, 3)$, $m_2 \in (4, 8) \Rightarrow m_1 < m_2$.

f'' exists on $(0, 9) \Rightarrow f'$ is cont. on $(0, 9)$.

By MVT, $\exists c \in (m_1, m_2)$ s.t.

$$f''(c) = \frac{f'(m_2) - f'(m_1)}{m_2 - m_1} = 0.$$

4) Given $f(x) = x^5 + 7x - 2\sin(\pi x) - 2$,

(a) Show that $f^{-1}(x)$ exists.

(b) Find the domain and range of $f^{-1}(x)$.

(c) Compute $\frac{df^{-1}}{dx}(6)$.

Solution

(a) $f'(x) = 5x^4 + 7 - 2\pi \cos(\pi x)$

$$-1 \leq \cos(\pi x) \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -2\pi \leq -2\pi \cos(\pi x) \leq 2\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{7 - 2\pi}_{> 0} \leq 7 - 2\pi \cos(\pi x) \leq 7 + 2\pi$$

> 0

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \underbrace{5x^4}_{> 0} + \underbrace{7 - 2\pi \cos(\pi x)}_{> 0} > 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\Rightarrow f$ is increasing on $\mathbb{R} \Rightarrow f$ is 1-1 on \mathbb{R}

$\Rightarrow f^{-1}$ exists.

(b) $f(x) = x^5 + 7x - 2\sin(\pi x) - 2$ is defined

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$. So, $\text{Dom}(f) = \mathbb{R}$.

Since the range of f^{-1} is the domain of f , then $\text{Range}(f^{-1}) = \mathbb{R}$. Let's look at $\text{Range}(f)$.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (x^5 + 7x - 2\sin(\pi x) - 2)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x^5 \left(1 + \frac{7}{x^4} - \frac{2\sin(\pi x)}{x^5} - \frac{2}{x^5} \right) = -\infty$$

(Show $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{-2\sin(\pi x)}{x^5} = 0$)

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Since f is continuous on \mathbb{R} , $\text{Range}(f) = \mathbb{R}$.

So, $\text{Dom}(f^{-1}) = \text{Range}(f) = \mathbb{R}$.

© Consider $f(f^{-1}(x)) = x \quad \forall x \in \text{Range}(f)$

By Implicit Differentiation,

$$f'(f^{-1}(x)) \cdot (f^{-1})'(x) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{df^{-1}}{dx} = (f^{-1})'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(x))}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{df^{-1}}{dx}(6) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(6))}$$

$$f^{-1}(6) = a \Rightarrow f(a) = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow a^5 + 7a - 2\sin(\pi a) - 2 = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow a^5 + 7a - 2\sin(\pi a) = 8 \Rightarrow a = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(6) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{df^{-1}}{dx}(6) = \frac{1}{f'(1)} = \frac{1}{12 + 2\pi}$$

($f'(x) = 5x^4 + 7 - 2\pi \cos(\pi x)$)
 $\Rightarrow f'(1) = 5 + 7 + 2\pi = 12 + 2\pi$)

⑤ Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at $x=1$ if the differentiable function $y=f(x)$ is defined by $2x e^y + y e^x = 3e^x$, $f(1)=1$.

By implicit differentiation,

$$2(e^y + x e^y y') + y' e^x + y e^x = 3e^x$$

$$x=1, y=1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(e + e y'|_{x=1}) + y'|_{x=1} e + e = 3e$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{2e} + 2e y'|_{x=1} + e y'|_{x=1} + \cancel{e} = \cancel{3e}$$

$$\Rightarrow y'|_{x=1} = 0$$

⑥ Consider the curve given by the implicit eqn. $\tan(x+y) = \sin(xy)$. Find the tangent line to this curve at $(\sqrt{\pi}, -\sqrt{\pi})$.

Solution

The tangent line eqn. is

$$y - (-\sqrt{\pi}) = m(x - \sqrt{\pi}) \text{ where } m \text{ is the slope at } (\sqrt{\pi}, -\sqrt{\pi}).$$

By implicit differentiation of $\tan(x+y) = \sin(xy)$, we get $\sec^2(x+y) \cdot (x+y)' = \cos(xy) \cdot (xy)'$.

$$\Rightarrow \sec^2(x+y) \cdot (1+y') = \cos(xy) \cdot (y+xy')$$

$$x=\sqrt{\pi} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\sec^2(0)}_1 \cdot (1+y'|_{x=\sqrt{\pi}}) = \underbrace{\cos(-\pi)}_{-1} \cdot (-\sqrt{\pi} + \sqrt{\pi} y'|_{x=\sqrt{\pi}})$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + y'|_{x=\sqrt{\pi}} = \sqrt{\pi} - \sqrt{\pi} y'|_{x=\sqrt{\pi}} \Rightarrow y'|_{x=\sqrt{\pi}} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}-1}{\sqrt{\pi}+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow y + \sqrt{\pi} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}-1}{\sqrt{\pi}+1} (x - \sqrt{\pi})$$