

MULTIVARIABLE CALCULUS

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Problem 1. Let $0 < a < b$ and $t_i \geq 0$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Prove that for any $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in [a, b]$,

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n t_i x_i \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{t_i}{x_i} \right) \leq \frac{(a+b)^2}{4ab} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n t_i \right)^2.$$

Problem 2. Let $0 < x_i < \pi$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, and set $x = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n}$. Prove that

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\sin x_i}{x_i} \right) \leq \left(\frac{\sin x}{x} \right)^n.$$

Problem 3. Compute

$$I_n = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^n x dx.$$

Calculate

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots 2n}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2n-1)} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{n} = \pi.$$

Problem 4. Compute

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2^{\frac{1}{n}}}{n+1} + \frac{2^{\frac{2}{n}}}{n+\frac{1}{2}} + \cdots + \frac{2^{\frac{n}{n}}}{n+\frac{1}{n}} \right).$$

Problem 5. Prove that for any real x the series

$$1 + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} + \frac{x^{12}}{12!} + \dots$$

is convergent and find its limit.

Problem 6. Prove that if the function $u(x, t)$ satisfies the equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad (x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^2,$$

then so does the function

$$v(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} u(x t^{-1}, -t^{-1}), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, t > 0.$$

Problem 7. Let $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable function with continuous partial derivatives and with $f(0, 0) = 0$. Prove that there exist continuous functions $g_1, g_2 : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$f(x, y) = x g_1(x, y) + y g_2(x, y).$$

Problem 8. Calculate the integral of the function

$$f(x, y, z) = \frac{x^4 + 2y^4}{x^4 + 4y^4 + z^4}$$

over the ball $B = \{(x, y, z) : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1\}$.

Problem 9. Assume that a curve $(x(t), y(t))$ runs counterclockwise around a region D . Prove that the area of D is given by the formula

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \oint_{\partial D} (xy' - yx') dt.$$

Problem 10. Compute

$$\oint_C y^2 dx + z^2 dy + x^2 dz,$$

where C is the Viviani curve, defined as the intersection of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$ with the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = ax$.

Problem 11. Let $f, g : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be twice continuously differentiable functions that are constant along lines that pass through the origin. Prove that on the unit ball $B = \{(x, y, z) : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1\}$,

$$\iiint_B f \Delta g dV = \iint_B g \Delta f dV$$

where $\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$ is the Laplacian.

Problem 12. Prove Gauss's Law, which states that the total flux of a gravitational field through a closed surface equals $-4\pi G$ times the mass enclosed by the surface, where G is the gravitational constant.

Problem 13. Let n be a positive integer. Show that the equation

$$(1 - x^2)y'' - xy' + n^2y = 0$$

admits as a particular solution an n th degree polynomial.

Problem 14. The function f has the property that

$$|f(a) - f(b)| \leq |a - b|^2$$

for all real a, b . Show that f is a constant.

Problem 15. If $a_0 \geq a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_n > 0$, prove that any root r of the polynomial

$$P(z) \equiv a_0 z^n + a_1 z^{n-1} + \dots + a_n$$

satisfies $|r| \leq 1$.

Problem 16. Does there exist a continuous function $y = f(x)$, defined for all real x , whose graph intersects every non-vertical line in infinitely many points?

Problem 17. Is there a function f , differentiable for all real x , such that

$$|f(x)| < 2, \quad f(x)f'(x) \geq \sin x?$$

Problem 18. Does the Maclaurin series for e^{x-x^3} have any zero coefficients?

Problem 19. A function $f(x) \in C^\infty[0, \infty)$ is called *completely monotonic* if $(-\frac{d}{dx})^k f(x) \geq 0$ for all $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ and all $x \geq 0$. These functions form a convex cone. Prove that the functions $\alpha e^{-\beta x}$, $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$ are extreme points.

Problem 20. A function $f(x) \in C[0, \infty)$ is called *slow* if $f(x+a) - f(x) \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$ for each fixed a . Prove that a slow function can be written as the sum $g(x) + h(x)$, where $g(x) \rightarrow 0$ and $h'(x) \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$.

Problem 21. $f(x)$ is continuous on $[0, \infty)$, and is such that, for each fixed $a > 0$, $f(na) \rightarrow 0$. Must $f(x) \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$?

Problem 22. Show that $f(x) \in C^1[a, b]$ iff the limit as $h \rightarrow 0$ of $(f(x+h) - f(x))/h$ exists uniformly on $[a, b]$.

Problem 23. Let $f(x) \in C^2$. Show that if $f(x)$ and $f''(x)$ are bounded, then $f'(x)$ is.

Problem 24. Given that $f(x) + f'(x) \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$, prove that both $f(x) \rightarrow 0$ and $f'(x) \rightarrow 0$.

Problem 25. $\sin \sin \sin \sin \dots \sin(\pi/2)$ (n iterates) approaches 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Obtain a rate.