

Math 509
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Exam 1

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DIRECTIONS This exam has two parts, Part A has 4 short answer problems (24 points) while Part B has 6 traditional problems (72 points). Closed book, no calculators – but you may use one 3" × 5" card with notes.

Part A: Proof or Counterexample (4 problems, 6 points each)

Here let $f_n(x)$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$ be a sequence of continuous functions for $0 \leq x < \infty$ with $f_n(x) = 0$ for $x \geq n$. For a counterexample, a clear sketch may be completely adequate.

A-1. If $f_n(x)$ converges to zero for every $x \in [0, 1]$, then f_n converges to zero *uniformly* on the interval $[0, 1]$.

A-2. If $f_n(x)$ converges to zero for every $x \in [0, 1]$, then $\int_0^1 f_n(x) dx \rightarrow 0$.

A-3. If $f_n(x)$ converges to zero uniformly for x in the interval $x \in [0, 1]$, then $\int_0^1 f_n(x) dx \rightarrow 0$.

A-4. $f_n(x)$ converges to zero uniformly for x in the interval $0 \leq x < \infty$, then $\int_0^\infty f_n(x) dx \rightarrow 0$.

Part B: Traditional Problems (6 problems, 12 points each)

B-1. Let $f \in C^2([0, 3])$ have the properties $f(0) = 4$, $f(1) = 3$, and $f(3) = 6$. Show there is at least one point $z \in [0, 3]$ where $f''(z) \geq \text{const} > 0$ and give an estimate for this constant.

B-2. Let $f(x) \in C([0, 2])$ be a continuous function with the property: $\int_0^2 f(x)h(x)dx = 0$ for every function $h \in C([0, 2])$ that is zero at the end points: $h(0) = h(2) = 0$. Show that $f(x) \equiv 0$.

B-3. Let $f(x) \in C([0, 1])$. Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \int_0^1 f(x)e^{-2nx} dx$ (justify your assertions).

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B-4. Let $\varphi_k(x)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$, be a sequence of smooth functions with the following properties

- i). $\varphi_k(x) \geq 0$ for $\|x\| < 1/k$, $\varphi_k(x) = 0$ for $\|x\| \geq 1/k$,
- ii). $\iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} \varphi_k(x) dx = 1$.

For a continuous function $f(x)$ with $f(x) = 0$ for x outside a compact set \mathcal{K} , define

$$f_k(x) := \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(y) \varphi_k(x - y) dy.$$

- a) Show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_k(x) = f(x)$, and that this convergence is uniform.

B-5. Compute $\iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{dx dy}{[4 + 5x^2 - 2xy + 2y^2]^{3/2}}$.

B-6. Let $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and assume that $u(x)$ depends only on $r = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2}$, so $u(x) = f(r)$ for some function f depending only on r .

- a) Show that $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} = \frac{df}{dr} \frac{x_i}{r}$.
- b) Show that $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i^2} = \frac{d^2 f}{dr^2} \left(\frac{x_i^2}{r^2} \right) + \frac{df}{dr} \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{x_i^2}{r^3} \right)$.
- c) Compute $\Delta u := \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_2^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_n^2}$ in terms of f and its derivatives.
- d) If $n = 3$, use this to find all functions $u(x) = f(r)$ that satisfy $\Delta u = 0$ for all $x \neq 0$.