

MATH2060B Exercise 3

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The questions are from Bartle and Sherbert, *Introduction to Real Analysis*, Wiley, 4th edition, unless otherwise stated.

Section 6.3 Q.4, 10(d), 11(c), 12;

Section 6.4 Q.16, 18.

Supplementary Exercises

1. Let $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous on $[0, \infty)$, and differentiable on $(0, \infty)$. Suppose $f(0) = 0$, and f' is strictly increasing on $(0, \infty)$. Prove that if $0 < x < y$, then

$$\frac{f(x)}{x} < \frac{f(y)}{y}.$$

2. Suppose f, g, h are continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) . Show that $\exists c \in (a, b)$ such that

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} f(a) & g(a) & h(a) \\ f(b) & g(b) & h(b) \\ f'(c) & g'(c) & h'(c) \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

Remark: When h is identically equal to 1, the above is simply Cauchy's mean value theorem. (You are not required to prove this last observation.)

3. A student was asked to compute the following limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x}}{\sin x}.$$

Here is her answer script:

Both $x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x}$ and $\sin x$ are differentiable in a deleted neighborhood of 0, and $\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x$ which is non-zero in a deleted neighborhood of 0. Thus L'Hopital's rule applies, and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x}}{\sin x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{d}{dx} (x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x})}{\frac{d}{dx} \sin x}.$$

But the last limit is

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x \sin \frac{1}{x} - \cos \frac{1}{x}}{\cos x},$$

which does not exist; this is because $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos x = 1$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 2x \sin \frac{1}{x} = 0$ (by sandwich theorem), but

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos \frac{1}{x}$$

does not exist. Hence the original limit, namely $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x}}{\sin x}$, also fails to exist.

Is her solution correct or not? If not, what was wrong about it, and what is the correct solution then?