

Math 421, section 2
Entrance “exam”

Due at the beginning of class, Thursday, January 22, 2004

1. (8) Compute $\int_1^2 \frac{dx}{x(1-2x)}$ and simplify.
2. (6) If $u(x, y) = e^{y^2x}$, what are $\frac{\partial^5 u}{\partial x^5}$ and $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$?
3. (10) Suppose λ is a positive real number. Define I_λ by $I_\lambda = \int_2^{14} e^{-\lambda x^3} dx$.
 - a) Get a simple overestimate* for I_λ and apply this estimate to verify that $I_7 < \frac{1}{203}$.
 - b) Use the general estimate obtained in a) to show that $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} I_\lambda = 0$.
4. (8) Find a solution to $y'' - 4y' + 5 = 0$ with $y(0) = 1$ and $y'(0) = 2$.
5. (10) Find a 2×2 matrix so that $(1, 0)$ is an eigenvector for the eigenvalue 2 and $(1, 1)$ is an eigenvector for the eigenvalue 3.
6. (6) For which points (A, B) in \mathbb{R}^2 is the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & A \\ 2 & B \end{pmatrix}$ invertible? For these pairs (A, B) , what is the inverse?
7. (8) Suppose $A(x) = |x|$, the absolute value function. Let $C = \int_{-4}^4 A(x) (\cos(5x))^7 dx$ and $S = \int_{-4}^4 A(x) (\sin(5x))^7 dx$. Is $S = 0$, $S < 0$, or $S > 0$? Is $C = 0$, $C < 0$, or $C > 0$? Briefly explain your answers.
8. (8) Find all values of x for which the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x-2)^n$ converges.

Rules Please treat this as any other homework assignment. That is, you may consult textbooks or acquaintances or me (!), but the written work you hand in must be your own. An answer alone will not receive full credit – you must show supporting computation or give some explanation or both. I will grade what you hand in as an exam. A passing grade will be at least 75% of the 64 points. Familiarity with all of the material tested here is necessary for success in this course.

* Draw a graph of the integrand and then draw a bounding box.