

Real Analysis Preliminary Exam

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Directions: All problems require justification. The time limit is 4 hours.

1. Evaluate $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{3^n}$.
2. Find the maximum and minimum values of $x^2 + 4y - 6z$ on the half ellipsoid $x^2 + 2y^2 + 3z^2 = 125, z \geq 0$.
3. Let g be a real-valued function that is differentiable and has a bounded derivative on R . Prove that g is uniformly continuous on R .
4. Assume that $F : R^3 \rightarrow R$ is a smooth function, and suppose that the graph of $F(x, y, z) = 0$ in R^3 is a surface that is tangent to the plane $z = 2x - y + 3$ at the point $(1, -1, 6)$.
 - a. Prove that there exists an open disk D of some positive radius centered at the point $(-1, 6) \in R^2$ and a function $g : D \rightarrow R$ such that $F(g(u, v), u, v) = 0$ for all $u, v \in D$.
 - b. Find all possible values of $\nabla g(-1, 6)$.
5. For f bounded on $[a, b]$ with $a < b$, show that f is Riemann-integrable on $[a, b]$ if and only if f is Riemann-integrable on $[c, d]$ for all $c, d \in R$ such that $a < c < d < b$.
6. State and prove the theorem about the existence of a radius of convergence for a general real power series in one variable.
7. Compute the volume of the solid unit ball in R^n .
8. Prove that a monotone function on R has at most countably many points of discontinuity.
9. Let $M(f, a, b, n)$ denote the midpoint estimate for $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ using n equal-width subdivisions of $[a, b]$. If f is twice continuously differentiable, prove that

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = M(f, a, b, n) + \frac{f''(c)(b-a)^3}{24n^2}$$

for some $c \in [a, b]$.