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Comprehensive Examination in Analysis

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Do THREE out of four questions from each section.

Topology and Set Theory

1. Let X be a set and let $P(X)$ denote the set of all subsets of X . Prove that the cardinality of $P(X)$ is greater than the cardinality of X .
2. A set S of real numbers is called rationally independent if an equality of the form $r_1x_1 + \dots + r_nx_n = 0$ with x_1, \dots, x_n a finite subset of S and r_1, \dots, r_n rational numbers implies $r_1 = \dots = r_n = 0$. Prove that there exists a rationally independent set of real numbers T such that for each real number x there exist real numbers x_1, \dots, x_n from T and rational numbers r_1, \dots, r_n such that $x = r_1x_1 + \dots + r_nx_n$.
3. Prove that a subset A of \mathbb{R} is open if and only if A is equal to the union of a countable number of pairwise disjoint open intervals.
4. Show that $(-1, 1)$ and \mathbb{R} are homeomorphic. Does there exist a homeomorphism from $[-1, 1]$ to \mathbb{R} ?

Real Analysis

5. Evaluate $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n+1}$.

6. Put $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\sin x + n \cos x)}{n^3}$ and put $S = \{f(x) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$.

Prove that S has a maximum.

7. a) If p is a prime number, show that $\frac{1-x^p-(1-x)^p}{p}$ has integer coefficients.

b) Show that the polynomials with integer coefficients are dense in $C_{\mathbb{R}}([1/4, 3/4])$, real valued continuous functions on $[1/4, 3/4]$.

(Hint: use (a) to approximate constant functions.)

8. Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a Lebesgue measurable function. Prove that the graph of f , $G(f) = \{(x, f(x)) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is a measurable set of planar Lebesgue measure zero.

Complex Analysis

9. Put $p_n(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{z^k}{k!}$ and let r_n be the minimum modulus of the roots of $p_n(z)$. Prove that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n = \infty$.

10. Define $f: \mathbb{C} - \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{-n}}{n!}$. Prove that there is a sequence of complex numbers, $(z_i)_0^{\infty}$ with $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} z_i = 0$ such that $f(z_i) = \pi$ for $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$.

11. Let D_1 and D_2 be connected open sets in \mathbb{C} and

let $f_i: D_i \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be analytic functions for $i = 1, 2$.

Consider the following statement: If f_1 and f_2 agree on a non-empty open subset of $D_1 \cap D_2$ then there is a unique analytic function $f: D_1 \cup D_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that f_i is the restriction of f to D_i . Show that this statement is false. What additional hypothesis will make it true and why?

12. Evaluate $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{1+x^6}$.