

共十題，每題 10 分。答題時，每題都必須寫下題號與詳細步驟。  
請依題號順序作答，不會作答題目請寫下題號並留空白。

1. Find the limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x|}{x}$ .

2. The edges of a cube are expanding at a rate of 8 centimeters per second. How fast is the surface area changing when each edge is 6.5 centimeters?

3. Prove that if  $f$  is differentiable on  $(-\infty, \infty)$  and  $f'(x) < 1$  for all real numbers, then  $f$  has at most one fixed point. A fixed point of a function  $f$  is a real number  $c$  such that  $f(c) = c$ .

4. Show that the function  $f(x) = \int_0^{1/x} \frac{1}{t^2+1} dt + \int_0^x \frac{1}{t^2+1} dx$  is constant for  $x > 0$ .

5. Find the area of the largest rectangle that can be inscribed under the curve  $y = e^{-x^2}$  in the first and second quadrants.

6. Sketch the graph of  $g(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-1/x^2}, & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$  and determine  $g'(0)$ .

7. Find the radius and interval of convergence of

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots 2n}{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdots (2n+1)} \right] x^{2n+1}.$$

8. Find the Maclaurin series for the function  $g(x) = \frac{x}{1-x-x^2}$ .

9. Show that any tangent plane to the cone

$$z^2 = a^2x^2 + b^2y^2$$

passes through the origin.

10. Find the volume of the region of points  $(x, y, z, w)$  such that

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + w^2 \leq a^2.$$

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Note: This question paper is composed of five (5) questions. Attempt all of them.

## Question One

[20 marks]

(1.1) Prove the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality in the Euclidean  $n$ -space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad (*)$$

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is the (standard) dot product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\|\cdot\|$  is the norm induced by the dot product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ . [15 marks]

(1.2) Further show that the equality = in (\*) holds if and only if there is a real number  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  such that either  $y = tx$  or  $x = ty$ . [5 marks]

## Question Two

[20 marks]

Determine whether the matrix  $A$  given below is diagonalizable. If it is so, find a matrix  $U$  that diagonalizes  $A$ ; that is,  $U^{-1}AU = \Lambda$  is a diagonal matrix.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -4 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Question Three

[20 marks]

Find the value(s) of  $a$  so that the vector  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ a \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of  $A^{-1}$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Question Four

[20 marks]

(4.1) Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$  so that the matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & a & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b \end{bmatrix}$$

are similar.

[10 marks]

(4.2) Prove that if a square matrix  $A$  satisfies the equation  $2A^2 - 3A - 5I = 0$ , then none of the eigenvalues of the matrix  $2A + I$  are zero.

[10 marks]

## Question Five

[20 marks]

(5.1) Assume that  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  real matrix. Prove that the matrices  $A^T A$  and  $A A^T$  have the same positive eigenvalues. [Here  $A^T$  is the transpose of  $A$ .] [10 marks]

(5.2) Find the singular value decomposition (SVD) of the matrix  $A$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

[10 marks]

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