

Differential Calculus (1)

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8. Let $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be defined by $f(x, y) = (e^x \cos(y), e^x \sin(y))$. Then, the number of points in \mathbb{R}^2 that do not lie in the range of f is

(a) 0 (b) 1 (c) 2 (d) ∞



16. Let $f(x, y) = e^{x^2+y^2}$ for $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, and a_n be the determinant of the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \end{pmatrix}$ evaluated at the point $(\cos n, \sin n)$. Then, the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ is
- (a) non-existent (b) 0 (c) $6e^2$ (d) $12e^2$

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17. Let $f(x, y) = \ln(1 + x^2 + y^2)$ for $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Define

$$P = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \Big|_{(0,0)} \quad Q = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \Big|_{(0,0)} \quad \Rightarrow \quad R = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} \Big|_{(0,0)} \quad S = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \Big|_{(0,0)}$$

Then,

- (a) $PS - QR > 0$ and $P < 0$ (b) $PS - QR > 0$ and $P > 0$
(c) $PS - QR < 0$ and $P > 0$ (d) $PS - QR < 0$ and $P < 0$

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- (b) $PS - QR > 0$ and $P > 0$
(d) $PS - QR < 0$ and $P < 0$

25. Let $f(x) = \cos x$ and $g(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2}$ for $x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$. Then,

- (a) $f(x) \geq g(x), \forall x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ (b) $f(x) \leq g(x), \forall x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$
(c) $f(x) - g(x)$ changes sign exactly once on $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$
(d) $f(x) - g(x)$ changes sign more than once on $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

28. Let $y: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a twice differentiable function such that y'' is continuous on $[0, 1]$ and $y(0) = y(1) = 0$. Suppose, $y''(x) + x^2 < 0 \forall x \in [0, 1]$. Then,

(a) $y(x) > 0 \forall x \in (0, 1)$

(b) $y(x) < 0 \forall x \in (0, 1)$

(c) $y(x) = 0$ has exactly one solution in $(0, 1)$

(d) $y(x) = 0$ has more than one solution in $(0, 1)$

30. Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be an infinitely differentiable function such that f'' has exactly two distinct zeroes.

Then,

(a) f' has at most 3 distinct zeroes

(b) f' has at least 1 zero

(c) f has at most 3 distinct zeroes

(d) f has at least 2 distinct zeroes

34. Let $f: (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable function satisfying $f(0) = 0$. Suppose, there exists an $M > 0$, such that $|f'(x)| \leq M|x| \forall x \in (-1, 1)$. Then,

(a) f' is continuous at $x = 0$

(b) f' is differentiable at $x = 0$

(c) ff' is differentiable at $x = 0$

(d) $(f')^2$ is differentiable at $x = 0$

37. Let $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined as follows :

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^4 y^3}{x^6 + y^6}, & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0, & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

Then,

(a) $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(t, t) - f(0, 0)}{t}$ exists and equals $\frac{1}{2}$

(b) $\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(0, 0)}$ exists and equals 0

(c) $\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{(0, 0)}$ exists and equals 0

(d) $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(t, 2t) - f(0, 0)}{t}$ exists and equals $\frac{1}{3}$

44. The value of $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(n \int_0^1 \frac{x^n}{x+1} dx \right)$ is equal to (rounded off to two decimal places)

Solve
 local max = global max

the max value in a given system is dependent on the interval

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Q2. The global minimum value of $f(x) = |x-1| + |x-2|^2$ on \mathbb{R} is equal to ... (rounded off to two decimal places)

$$f(x) = x-1 + (x-2)^2 \quad x > 1$$

$$= x-1 + x^2 - 4x + 4 \quad x < 1$$

$$= x^2 - 3x + 3 \quad x > 1$$

$$= x^2 - 5x + 5 \quad x < 1$$

$$x^2 - 2 \cdot \frac{5}{2} \cdot x + \frac{25}{4}$$

$$= (x - \frac{5}{2})^2 - \frac{25}{4} + 5$$

$$f(x) = (x - \frac{3}{2})^2 + \frac{3}{4} \quad x > 1$$

$$= (x - \frac{5}{2})^2 - 4 \quad x < 1$$

Global min
 $\frac{3}{4}$ at $(1, 0)$
 $(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{4})$

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$$u_x = \frac{x - x^3}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = 2\cos\theta$$

$$u_y = \frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = 2\cos\theta \sin\theta$$

$$v_x = \frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = 2\cos\theta \sin\theta$$

$$v_y = \frac{1 - y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = -2\cos\theta \sin\theta$$

Q Let $\theta \in (\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2})$. Consider the functions

$u: \mathbb{R}^2 - \{(0, 0)\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $v: \mathbb{R}^2 - \{(0, 0)\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by

$u(x, y) = x - \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}$ and $v(x, y) = y + \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}$.

The value of the determinant $\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix}$ at the point $(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$ is equal to

- (a) $4 \sin \theta$
- (b) $4 \cos \theta$
- (c) $4 \sin^2 \theta$
- (d) $4 \cos^2 \theta$

The value of the determinant $\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix}$ at the point $(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$ is equal to

(a) $4 \sin \theta$

(b) $4 \cos \theta$

(c) $4 \sin^2 \theta$

(d) $4 \cos^2 \theta$

$$\begin{aligned} & 2h^2 \\ & -2hd \sin \theta \\ & = \frac{4h^2 \cos^2 \theta}{1} \end{aligned}$$

(3)

$$u''(x) = \frac{u(x)}{1+x^2}$$

$$\int_0^x u''(x) dx = \int_0^x \frac{u(x)}{1+x^2} dx$$

$$= u(x) \tan^{-1} x - \int_0^x u'(x) \tan^{-1} x dx$$

$$= u'(x) + \int_0^x u'(x) \tan^{-1} x dx + u(0)$$

$$= u'(x) \left[1 + \int_0^x \tan^{-1} x dx \right] + u(x) \tan^{-1} x + u(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow u u' > h^2 \tan^{-1} x \left[1 + \int_0^x \tan^{-1}(x) dx \right] \quad [\because u(0) > 0]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{1 + \int_0^x \tan^{-1}(x) dx} \rightarrow 0$$

As $x \rightarrow \infty$
interval is $(0, \infty)$

If u is monotonically increasing

$h^2 \sim$ u \sim u
As $u \sim$ increases the $u u'$ also increases.

13. Let $u : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a twice continuously differentiable function such that $u(0) > 0$ and $u'(0) > 0$.

Suppose u satisfies $u''(x) = \frac{u(x)}{1+x^2}$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Consider the following two statements:

I. The function $u u'$ is monotonically increasing on $[0, \infty)$.

II. The function u is monotonically increasing on $[0, \infty)$.

Then, which one of the following is correct?

(a) Both I and II are false.

(b) Both I and II are true.

(c) I is false, but II is true.

(d) I is true, but II is false.

$$u_1 > u_2 > u_3 > u_4$$

$\ln n \sim \ln n$ also number



14. The value of $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}}{k(\ln k)^2}$ is equal to

(a) ∞

(b) 1

(c) e

(d) 0

If $n \rightarrow \infty$

Handwritten work for the limit problem:

$$\sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{(\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}) (k(\ln k)^2)}$$

$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} \right) \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{k(\ln k)^2}$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} \right) \left[\sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{k(\ln k)^2} \right]$

Converges to sum

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} \right) \times a$

$= 0 \times a \Rightarrow 0$

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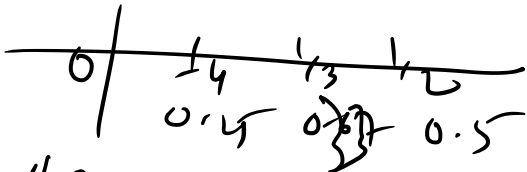
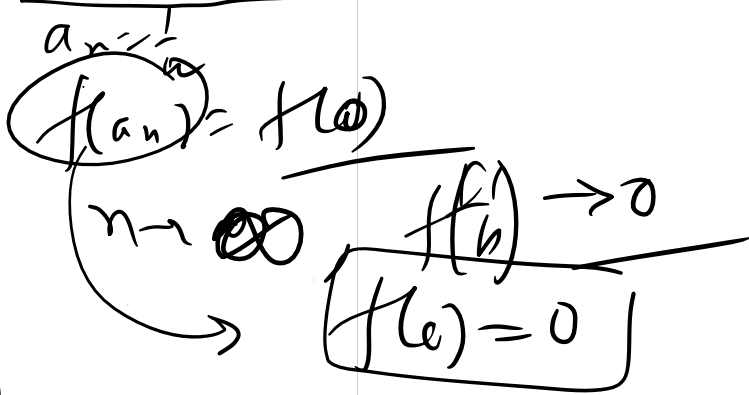


Let S be the set of all continuous functions $f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying the following three conditions

- ✓ (i) f is infinitely differentiable on the open interval $(-1, 1)$,
- ✓ (ii) the Taylor series $f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \dots$ of f at 0 converges to $f(x)$ for each $x \in (-1, 1)$,
- ✓ (iii) $f\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Then, which of the following is/are true?

- ✓ (a) $f(0) = 0$ for every $f \in S$.
- ✓ (b) $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$ for every $f \in S$.
- ✗ (c) There exists $f \in S$ such that $f'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \neq 0$.
- ✗ (d) There exists $f \in S$ such that $f(x) \neq 0$ for some $x \in [-1, 1]$.



$f(0) = 0, f\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = 0, f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 0, f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$
 $f(a_n) = f(a_{n+1}) = 0$

$b_n \in (a_n, a_{n+1})$
 Such that, $f'(b_n) = 0$

Rolle's theorem

$\therefore b_n \rightarrow 0, f'(b_n) = 0, f'(0) = 0$

$c_n \in (b_n, b_{n+1})$
 $f''(c_n) = 0$

$c_n \rightarrow 0, f''(c_n) = f''(0)$
 $f(x) = 0$ (Identity)

16 Let S be the set of all functions $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying $|f(x) - f(y)|^2 \leq |x - y|^3$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$.

Then, which of the following is/are true?

- ✓ (a) Every function in S is differentiable.
- (b) There exists a function $f \in S$ such that f is differentiable, but f is not twice differentiable.
- (c) There exists a function $f \in S$ such that f is twice differentiable, but f is not thrice differentiable.
- ✓ (d) Every function in S is infinitely differentiable.

$C: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad dx \quad |x - y|^2$

(d) Every function is S is infinitely differentiable.

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow y} \frac{|f(x) - f(y)|^2}{|x - y|} \leq |x - y|$$

$$(f''(x))^2 \leq 0$$

$|f'(x)|$ Can't be negative

$$f'(x) = 0$$

$f(x) = \text{const } \forall x$

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$$f(x) = x \quad f(2) = 2$$

$$f(3) = 3$$

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A real-valued function $y(x)$ defined on \mathbb{R} is said to be periodic, if there exists a real number $T > 0$ such that $y(x + T) = y(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Consider the differential equation $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4y = \sin(ax)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$,

where $a \in \mathbb{R}$ is a constant.

Then, which of the following is/are true?

- (a) All solutions of (*) are periodic for every choice of a .
- (b) All solutions of (*) are periodic for every choice of $a \in \mathbb{R} - \{-2, 2\}$.
- (c) All solutions of (*) are periodic for every choice of $a \in \mathbb{R} - \{-2, 2\}$.
- (d) If $a \in \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}$, then there is a unique periodic solution of (*).

Diff eq

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The value of the limit

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1^4 + 2^4 + \dots + n^4}{n^5} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{4n}} \right) \right)$ is equal to (rounded off to two decimal places)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \left[\sum \left(\frac{k}{n} \right)^4 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{k=1}^{3n} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+k}} \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum \left(\frac{k}{n} \right)^4 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{k}{n}}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Let $\frac{k}{n} \rightarrow x$ $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0 \rightarrow$ Lower limit

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 0 \rightarrow$ Upper limit

$$\int_0^1 x^4 dx + \int_0^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x}} dx = \left[\frac{x^5}{5} \right]_0^1 + \left[2\sqrt{1+x} \right]_0^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} + 2(2-1) = \frac{1}{5} + 2 = 2.2$$

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19 Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function satisfying $f(x) = f(x+1) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

(a) there exists infinitely many $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x_0 + \pi) = f(x_0)$

(b) there is no $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x_0 + \pi) = f(x_0)$

(c) f is not necessarily bounded above.

(d) there exists a unique $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x_0 + \pi) = f(x_0)$

Handwritten notes: $f(1) = f(2)$, x_0 , $x_0 \rightarrow x_0 + \text{const}$

\therefore there exists many $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$

\wedge
 Bounded \rightarrow there exists h such that $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$
 $f(x) = f(x+h)$
 $f(x_0) = f(x_0+h)$
 $f(x_0) = f(x_0+h)$
 $f(x_0+h) = f(x_0)$
 $x = x_0$
 x, x_0 must be on the neighborhood...

12. Let $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ be defined by $D = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(x, 0) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$. Consider the function $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$f(x, y) = x \sin \frac{1}{y}$$

Then

- (a) f is a continuous function on D and cannot be extended continuously to any point outside D .
- (b) f is discontinuous function on D .
- (c) f is a continuous function on D and can be extended continuously to the whole of \mathbb{R}^2 .
- (d) f is a continuous function on D and can be extended continuously to $D \cup \{(0, 0)\}$.

13. Consider the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in (\mathbb{R} / \mathbb{Q}) \cup \{0\} \\ 1 - \frac{1}{p} & \text{if } x = \frac{n}{p}, n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}, p \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } \gcd(n, p) = 1 \end{cases}$$

then

- (a) f is continuous at all $x \in \mathbb{R} / \mathbb{Q}$
- (b) f is not continuous at $x = 0$
- (c) all $x \in \mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}$ are strict local minima for f
- (d) f is continuous at all $x \in \mathbb{Q}$

18. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be an infinitely differentiable function such that for all $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a < b$.

$$\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} = f\left(\frac{a + b}{2}\right)$$

Then

- (a) f is not a polynomial
- (b) f must be a linear polynomial
- (c) f must be polynomial of degree less than or equal to 2.
- (d) f must be a polynomial of degree greater than 2.

32. Let $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable function on (a, b) . Which of the following statements is/are true?

- (a) If $f'(x_0) > 0$ for some $x_0 \in (a, b)$, then there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that $f(x) > f(x_0)$ for all $x \in (x_0, x_0 + \delta)$
- (b) If $f'(x_0) > 0$ for some $x_0 \in (a, b)$, then f is increasing in a neighbourhood of x_0 .
- (c) $f' > 0$ in (a, b) implies that f is increasing in (a, b)
- (d) f increasing in (a, b) implies that $f' > 0$ in (a, b)

- 36.** Consider the two function $f(x, y) = x + y$ and $g(x, y) = xy - 16$ defined on \mathbb{R}^2 . Then
- (a) The function g has a global extreme value at $(0, 0)$ subject to the condition $f = 0$
 - (b) The function g has a global extreme value subject to the condition $f = 0$
 - (c) The function f has no global extreme value subject to the condition $g = 0$
 - (d) The function f attains global extreme value at $(4, 4)$ and $(-4, -4)$ subject to the condition $g = 0$

39. Consider the equation $x^{2021} + x^{2020} + \dots + x - 1 = 0$. Then

- (a) exactly one real root is positive
- (c) all real roots are positive

- (b) no real roots is positive
- (d) exactly one real root is negative

45. The value of $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (3^n + 5^n + 7^n)^{\frac{1}{n}}$ is

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3. Which of the following is FALSE?

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{e^x} = 0$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{xe^{1/x}} = 0$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin x}{1+2x} = 0$

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\cos x}{1+2x} = 0$

6. If the directional derivative of the function $z = y^2 e^{2x}$ at $(2, -1)$ along the unit vector $b = \alpha \hat{i} + \beta \hat{j}$ is zero, then $|\alpha + \beta|$ equals

(a) $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$

(b) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

(c) $\sqrt{2}$

(d) $2\sqrt{2}$

14. Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$. If $f(x) = \begin{cases} (x+a)^2, & x \leq 0 \\ (x+a)^3, & x > 0 \end{cases}$, then

(a) $\frac{d^2f}{dx^2}$ does not exist at $x = 0$ for any value of a

(b) $\frac{d^2f}{dx^2}$ exists at $x = 0$ for exactly one value of a

(c) $\frac{d^2f}{dx^2}$ exists at $x = 0$ for exactly two values of a

(d) $\frac{d^2f}{dx^2}$ exists at $x = 0$ for infinitely many values of a

15. Let $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} + y^2 \sin \frac{1}{y}, & xy \neq 0 \\ x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x}, & x \neq 0, y = 0 \\ y^2 \sin \frac{1}{y}, & y \neq 0, x = 0 \\ 0, & x = y = 0 \end{cases}$

Which of the following is true at $(0, 0)$?

- (a) f is not continuous
- (b) $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ is continuous but $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ is not continuous
- (c) f is not differentiable
- (d) f is differentiable but both $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ are not continuous

17. Let $f(x, y, z) = x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz$. A point at which the gradient of the function f is equal to zero is
- (a) $(-1, 1, -1)$ (b) $(-1, -1, -1)$ (c) $(-1, 1, 1)$ (d) $(1, -1, 1)$

18. The area bounded by the curves $x^2 + y^2 = 2x$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 4x$ and the straight lines $y = x$ and $y = 0$ is

(a) $3\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\right)$

(b) $3\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2}\right)$

(c) $2\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{3}\right)$

(d) $2\left(\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{1}{4}\right)$

27. Let $D = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : |x| + |y| \leq 1\}$ and $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a non-constant continuous function. Which of the following is TRUE?
- (a) The range of f is unbounded
 - (b) The range of f is a union of open intervals
 - (c) The range of f is a closed interval
 - (d) The range of f is a union of at least two disjoint closed intervals

37. Let $a = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{2}{n^2} + \dots + \frac{(n-1)}{n^2} \right)$ and $b = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+n} \right)$. Which of the following is/are true?

(a) $a > b$

(b) $a < b$

(c) $ab = \ln \sqrt{2}$

(d) $\frac{a}{b} = \ln \sqrt{2}$

41. Let $x_n = n^{\frac{1}{n}}$ and $y_n = e^{1-x_n}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then the value of $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n$ is

43. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be such that f, f', f'' are continuous functions with $f > 0, f' > 0$ and $f'' > 0$. Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x) + f'(x)}{2}$ is

44. Let $S = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$ and $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$. Then

$$\max \left\{ \delta : \left| x - \frac{1}{3} \right| < \delta \Rightarrow \left| f(x) - f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \right| < 1 \right\}$$

is (rounded off to two decimal places)

51. The sum of the series $\frac{1}{2(2^2 - 1)} + \frac{1}{3(3^2 - 1)} + \frac{1}{4(4^2 - 1)} + \dots$ is

53. The minimum value of the function $f(x, y) = x^2 + xy + y^2 - 3x - 6y + 11$ is

54. Let $f(x) = \sqrt{x} + ax$, $x > 0$ and $g(x) = a_0 + a_1(x - 1) + a_2(x - 1)^2$

be the sum of the first three terms of the Taylor series of $f(x)$ around $x = 1$. If $g(3) = 3$, then α is