

MA1E01: Tutorial week 10

REMEMBER TO HAND BEFORE THE TUTORIAL STARTS

- Mean value theorem.
- Areas and partitions

Problem 1 Prove that the function

$$f(x) = 3x - \sin x + 7$$

has at most one root.

Problem 2 A function $f(x)$ is continuous and differentiable in $[0, 1]$. If $f'(x) \leq 10$ for all $x \in [0, 1]$ and $f(0) = 0$, what is the maximum possible value of $f(x)$ for x in $[0, 1]$.

NOTE: If the “proof” seems difficult, try to think in this: “A car starts a journey at a speed that never exceeds 120km/h. What is the maximum distance that can be travelled in 1h?”.

Problem 3 Our aim is to compute the integral

$$\int_0^1 f. \quad f(x) = x^2$$

in a complicated way.

1. Give a proof that

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (k+1)^3 - \sum_{k=1}^n k^3 = (n+1)^3 - 1 \quad (1)$$

(**Hint:** just write down a few terms, and you will see that most of them cancel in the difference).

On the other hand

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (k+1)^3 - \sum_{k=1}^n k^3 = \sum_{k=1}^n [(k+1)^3 - k^3] = \sum_{k=1}^n [3k^2 + 3k + 1] \quad (2)$$

By using equations (1) and (2), show that

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = \frac{2n^3 + 3n^2 + n}{6} \quad (3)$$

2. The partition

$$\mathcal{P}_n = \{t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n\} \quad (4)$$

with

$$t_k = \frac{k}{n} \quad (5)$$

divides the interval $[0, 1]$ in n equal intervals of the form

$$[t_{k-1}, t_k] = \left[\frac{k-1}{n}, \frac{k}{n} \right]$$

and size $1/n$

Find an expression for the Upper and Lower sums

$$U(f, \mathcal{P}_n)$$

$$L(f, \mathcal{P}_n)$$

(You will need the sum of the previous section here)

3. Compute

$$U(f, \mathcal{P}_n) - L(f, \mathcal{P}_n) \tag{6}$$

Can you find partitions \mathcal{Q} such that

(a)

$$U(f, \mathcal{Q}) - L(f, \mathcal{Q}) < 0.1 . \tag{7}$$

(b)

$$U(f, \mathcal{Q}) - L(f, \mathcal{Q}) < 0.01 . \tag{8}$$

(c)

$$U(f, \mathcal{Q}) - L(f, \mathcal{Q}) < 0.001 . \tag{9}$$

4. *Using the results of the previous sections, show that the integral that we want to compute is actually $1/3$.*