

# MATH 4450/5450

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## 1. EXERCISES

1.1. **Exercise (3) (a).** Prove the following theorem using the outline below.

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function on an open set  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ . Fixing coordinates  $x$  and  $y$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , suppose further that  $\partial f / \partial x : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  exists and is also continuous. Then given a closed set  $V = [x_0, x_1] \times [y_0, y_1] \subseteq U$ , for any  $x \in [x_0, x_1]$  we have

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_{y_0}^{y_1} f(x, y) dy = \int_{y_0}^{y_1} \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} dy.$$

[Hint: use the fact from multivariable calculus that if

$$f : [x_0, x_1] \times [y_0, y_1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

is continuous, then

$$\int_{y_0}^{y_1} \left( \int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x, y) dx \right) dy = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \left( \int_{y_0}^{y_1} f(x, y) dy \right) dx,$$

and rewrite the latter integral in the theorem as

$$\int_{y_0}^{y_1} \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} dy = \frac{d}{dx} \int_{x_0}^x \left( \int_{y_0}^{y_1} \frac{\partial f(t, y)}{\partial t} dy \right) dt.]$$

1.2. **Exercise (3) (b).** WARNING: It is tempting to write

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \int_{y_0}^{y_1} f(x, y) dy &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left( \int_{y_0}^{y_1} f(x+h, y) dy - \int_{y_0}^{y_1} f(x, y) dy \right) \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \int_{y_0}^{y_1} \frac{\partial f(t, y)}{\partial t} dy + \int_{y_0}^{y_1} r(x, y, h) dz \right) \\ &= \int_{y_0}^{y_1} \frac{\partial f(t, y)}{\partial t} dy + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \int_{y_0}^{y_1} r(x, y, h) dz \end{aligned}$$

where

$$r(x, y, h) = \frac{f(x+h, y) - f(x, y)}{h} - \frac{\partial f(t, y)}{\partial t}$$

and

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} r(x, y, h) = 0.$$

But recall, and this is the warning, *it is not always the case that if a function converges to zero, that its integral converges to zero.* [One needs a stronger assumption such as uniform convergence.]

As an exercise, **prove the following proposition:**

**Proposition 1.2.** *There exists a continuous function  $f : (0, 1] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that for each fixed  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(h, x) = 0$ , but*

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \int_0^2 f(h, x) dx \neq 0.$$

[Hint: Consider the function

$$g(h, x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ hx & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1/h \\ 2 - hx & \text{if } 1/h \leq x \leq 2/h \\ 0 & \text{if } 2/h \leq x \end{cases}$$

and set  $f(h, x) = hg(h, x)$ .]