

**MATH 23A 2-D MIDTERM EXAM, NOV.16**

1. a) Let  $G$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Say what it means for  $G$  to be closed in terms of convergent sequences.

b) Show that  $G$  is closed if and only if  $G^c = \mathbb{R}^n \setminus G$  is open.

c) Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function. For any subset  $V \subset \mathbb{R}$  we define the preimage  $f^{-1}(V) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  by  $f^{-1}(V) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid f(x) \in V\}$ . Prove that  $f$  is continuous if and only if for any open subset  $V$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  the preimage  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . (note: by part (b) this is equivalent to showing that  $f^{-1}(G)$  is closed for any closed set  $G$  if and only if  $f$  is continuous so you can show that instead if you so desire)

2. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be defined by  $f(t) = (e^t, e^{-t})$  and  $g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be defined by

$$g(x_1, x_2) = \left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{x_1 - x_2}{2}, x_1 x_2 \right).$$

Find  $(g \circ f)'$  at  $t = 0$  first by composing the functions and evaluating the derivative and then by the chain rule, verifying that the chain rule gives the same answer.

3. Let  $M_n$  be the vector space of  $n \times n$  matrices and  $F : M_n \rightarrow M_n$  be the map given by  $F(A) = AA^T$  where  $A^T$  is the transpose of  $A$ . a) Prove that  $F$  is continuous.

b) Prove that  $F$  is differentiable and find  $D(F)(A)$  for  $A \in M_n$ .

4. Let  $\mathcal{B}_{an}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be the space of antisymmetric bilinear forms on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Find the dimension of  $\mathcal{B}_{an}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for

- a)  $n=1$
- b)  $n=2$
- c)  $n=3$
- d)  $n=10$

5. Let  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be an open set,  $F : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  a continuously differentiable function such that for any  $u \in U$  the linear map  $D(F)(u) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is an isomorphism. Fix  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and consider the function  $f$  on  $U$  given by  $f(u) = |f(u) - v|^2$ .

a) Show that the function  $f$  is differentiable

b) Prove that  $D(f)(u) = 0$  if and only if  $f(u) = v$