

# Inequalities and derivatives

## Theorems

**A.** If  $f'(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \in (a, b)$  then  $f(x)$  is increasing on  $[a, b]$ , in particular,  $f(a) < f(b)$ .

**B.**  $f(b) = f(a) + f'(z)(b-a)$  for some  $z$  between  $a$  and  $b$ . If  $m \leq f'(x) \leq M$  for any  $z$  on  $[a, b]$ , then  $f(a) + m(b-a) \leq f(b) \leq f(a) + M(b-a)$ .

1. Prove that  $\sin x < x \quad \forall x > 0$
2. Prove that  $|x + \frac{1}{x}| \geq 2 \quad \forall x \neq 0$
3. Prove that a)  $e^x \geq x + 1 \quad \forall x$   
b)  $e^x > \frac{x^2}{2} + x + 1 \quad \forall x > 0$  and  $e^x < \frac{x^2}{2} + x + 1 \quad \forall x < 0$   
c)  $e^x \geq \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots + \frac{x^2}{2} + x + 1 \quad \forall x$  and any odd  $n$
4. Compare  $e^\pi$  and  $\pi^e$  ?
5. Prove that  $\cos \sqrt{x} \geq 1 - \frac{x}{2} \quad \forall x \geq 0$

## Credit problems

**ID1.** Prove that  $\sin 2x + \cos x > 1 \quad \forall x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{3})$

**ID2.** Prove or disprove each of following statements

- a) If  $f$  is continuous and  $\text{range}(f) = \mathbb{R}$  then  $f$  is monotonic.
- b) If  $f$  is monotonic and  $\text{range}(f) = \mathbb{R}$  then  $f$  is continuous.
- c) If  $f$  is monotonic and  $f$  is continuous then  $\text{range}(f) = \mathbb{R}$ .

**ID3.** Does  $f(r) \leq g(r) \quad \forall r \in \mathbb{Q}$  imply  $f(x) \leq g(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$  if

- a)  $f$  and  $g$  are non-decreasing?
- b)  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous?

**ID4.** Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a 2 times differentiable function satisfying  $f(0) = 1, f'(0) = 0$  and  $f''(x) - 5f'(x) + 6f(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \geq 0$

Prove that

$$f(x) \geq 3e^{2x} - 2e^{3x} \quad \forall x \geq 0$$

**ID5.** Compare functions  $\sin(\tan x)$  and  $\tan(\sin x)$  for all  $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$