

Problem (1). We shall call the numerical sequence $\{x_n\}$ a “Devin” sequence if $0 \leq x_n \leq 1$ and for each function $f \in C[0, 1]$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) = \int_0^1 f(x) dx.$$

Prove that the numerical sequence $\{x_n\}$ is a “Devin” sequence if and only if $\forall k \geq 0$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^k = \frac{1}{k+1}.$$

Problem (2). Let m and n be positive integers. Prove that for any matrices $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ there exist $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_m \in \{-1, 1\}$ such that

$$\text{Tr}((\varepsilon_1 A_1 + \varepsilon_2 A_2 + \dots + \varepsilon_m A_m)^2) \geq \text{Tr}(A_1^2) + \text{Tr}(A_2^2) + \dots + \text{Tr}(A_m^2).$$

Problem (3). Let $n \geq 2$ and $A, B \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$ such that $B^2 = B$. Prove that

$$\text{rank}(AB - BA) \leq \text{rank}(AB + BA).$$

Problem (4). (a) Let $n \geq 1$ be an integer. Calculate $\int_0^1 x^{n-1} \ln x \, dx$.

(b) Calculate

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{1}{(n+1)^2} - \frac{1}{(n+2)^2} + \frac{1}{(n+3)^2} - \dots \right).$$