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QUIZ#2 Math311, sec 1

Net Time Allowed: 20 minutes

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Exercise 1:(05 pts)

Find

- 1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x^{\frac{1}{1-x}}$
- 2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^2 e^{-x}$

solution:

$$1) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x^{\frac{1}{1-x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \exp\left(\frac{\ln x}{1-x}\right) \text{ or } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln x}{1-x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{-1} = -1$$

$$\text{Hence } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x^{\frac{1}{1-x}} = e^{-1}$$

$$2) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^2 e^{-x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{e^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x}{e^x} = 0$$

Exercise 2:(05 pts)

Prove that

$$\frac{x-1}{x} < \ln x < x-1 \quad \text{for } x > 1.$$

solution:

Let  $f(x) = \ln x$ ,  $x > 1$ . Applying the mean value theorem to  $f$  on  $[1, x]$ , we get:  $\exists c \in (1, x) / \ln x - \ln 1 = \frac{1}{c}(x-1)$

$$\text{or } 1 < c < x \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} < \frac{1}{c} < 1 \Rightarrow \frac{x-1}{x} < \frac{x-1}{c} < x-1$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{x-1}{x} < \ln x < x-1 \quad \text{for } x > 1.$$