

Problems from AMS 504 for Qualify Exam

1. Let $f, g: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be continuous functions satisfying

$$\sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} f(x) = \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} g(x)$$

Prove that there exists $t \in [0, 1]$ with $f^2(t) + 3f(t) = g^2(t) + 3g(t)$.

2. Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be twice differentiable, and suppose that for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $|f(x)| \leq 1$ and $|f''(x)| \leq 1$. Prove that $|f'(x)| \leq 2$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.