

MATH 382 - Real Analysis (1)
Second Semester - 1446 H
Solution of the First Exam
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Question (1): [8 marks]

1. Give an example of the following:

(i) A non-empty set $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ such that $\inf A = \min A$ and $\sup A \notin A$. [1]

Solution :

$A = [a, b)$ where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a < b$.

$A = [a, \infty)$ where $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

(ii) Two infinite subsets $A \subset B$ and $A \sim B$. [1]

Solution :

$A = \mathbb{N}_1$ or \mathbb{N}_2 , and $B = \mathbb{N}$.

$A = \mathbb{N}$ and $B = \mathbb{Z}$.

$A = (0, 1)$ and $B = (0, b)$, where $b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $b > 1$.

2. If A and B are two any non-empty upper bounded subsets of \mathbb{R} ,

Prove that : $\sup(A \cup B) = \max\{\sup A, \sup B\}$. [3]

Solution :

$A \subset A \cup B \implies \sup A \leq \sup(A \cup B)$.

$B \subset A \cup B \implies \sup B \leq \sup(A \cup B)$.

Hence, $\max\{\sup A, \sup B\} \leq \sup(A \cup B) \implies (1)$.

If $x \in A \cup B \implies x \in A$ or $x \in B$

$\implies x \leq \sup A$ or $x \leq \sup B \implies x \leq \max\{\sup A, \sup B\}$

which means that $\max\{\sup A, \sup B\}$ is an upper bound of the set $A \cup B$

Hence, $\sup(A \cup B) \leq \max\{\sup A, \sup B\} \implies (2)$

From (1) and (2) : $\sup(A \cup B) = \max\{\sup A, \sup B\}$.

3. If A and B are denumerable subsets of \mathbb{R} , Prove that $A \times B$ is a denumerable set. [3]

Solution :

Since A is denumerable then there exists a bijection $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.

also, since B is denumerable then there exists a bijection $g : B \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.

Define $h : A \times B \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ as : $h(a, b) = 2^{f(a)} 3^{g(b)}$, $\forall a \in A, b \in B$.

Suppose $(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2) \in A \times B$:

$$h(a_1, b_1) = h(a_2, b_2) \implies 2^{f(a_1)} 3^{g(b_1)} = 2^{f(a_2)} 3^{g(b_2)}$$

$$\implies 2^{f(a_1)} = 2^{f(a_2)} \text{ and } 3^{g(b_1)} = 3^{g(b_2)}$$

$$\implies f(a_1) = f(a_2) \text{ and } g(b_1) = g(b_2)$$

$$\implies a_1 = a_2 \text{ and } b_1 = b_2 \text{ (since } f \text{ and } g \text{ are both injective).}$$

$$\implies (a_1, b_1) = (a_2, b_2).$$

Therefore, h is an injection.

Hence, $A \times B \sim R_h \subset \mathbb{N}$.

Since R_h is countable, then $A \times B$ is countable, and being infinite it is denumerable.

Question (2): [17 marks]

1. Give an example of the following:

(i) A convergent sequence which is not monotonic. [1]

Solution :

The sequence $\left(\frac{(-1)^n}{n}\right)$.

(ii) A divergent sequence which has a Cauchy subsequence. [1]

Solution :

The sequence $(x_n) = ((-1)^n)$ is divergent,

the subsequence $(x_{2n}) = ((-1)^{2n})$ is convergent, so it is a Cauchy subsequence.

(iii) An infinite set A such that $\hat{A} = \emptyset$. [1]

Solution :

$A = \mathbb{N}$ or $A = \mathbb{Z}$.

2. Prove that any convergent sequence is bounded. [2]

Solution :

Suppose the sequence (x_n) converges to x ,

Let $\epsilon = 1$, then there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that :

For $n \geq N$: $|x_n - x| < 1$

$$\implies ||x_n| - |x|| < |x_n - x| < 1$$

$$\implies -1 < |x_n| - |x| < 1$$

$$\implies |x_n| < 1 + |x|$$

Take $K = \{|x_1|, |x_2|, \dots, |x_{N-1}|, 1 + |x|\}$

Then $K > 0$ and $|x_n| < K, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Therefore, the sequence (x_n) is bounded .

3. Discuss the convergence of the sequence $(\cos(n\pi))$. [2]

Solution : Let $(x_n) = (\cos(n\pi))$, consider the subsequences

$$x_{2n} = \cos(2n\pi) = 1 \longrightarrow 1 .$$

$$x_{2n+1} = \cos((2n+1)\pi) = -1 \longrightarrow -1 .$$

Therefore, the sequence $(\cos(n\pi))$ is divergent.

4. Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 + \sin n}{n^3 + 1}$. (Justify your answer) [2]

Solution : Let $x_n = \frac{2 + \sin n}{n^3 + 1} = (2 + \sin n) \cdot \frac{1}{n^3 + 1} = a_n \cdot b_n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

$|a_n| = |2 + \sin n| \leq 2 + |\sin n| \leq 2 + 1 = 3, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, so (a_n) is bounded.

Also, $b_n \longrightarrow 0$, Therefore $x_n = a_n \cdot b_n \longrightarrow 0$.

5. If (x_n) and (y_n) are Cauchy sequences, prove that $(x_n y_n)$ is a Cauchy sequence. [3]

Solution :

Since (x_n) is Cauchy then it is bounded, so $|x_n| < K_1$, where $K_1 > 0$.

Since (y_n) is Cauchy then it is bounded, so $|y_n| < K_2$, where $K_2 > 0$.

Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given :

Since (x_n) is Cauchy then there exists $N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that :

$$\forall n, m \geq N_1 : |x_n - x_m| < \epsilon .$$

Since (y_n) is Cauchy then there exists $N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that :

$$\forall n, m \geq N_2 : |y_n - y_m| < \epsilon .$$

Take $N = \max \{N_1, N_2\}$, then $\forall n, m \geq N$:

$$\begin{aligned} |x_n y_n - x_m y_m| &= |x_n y_n - x_m y_n + x_m y_n - x_m y_m| \\ &= |y_n (x_n - x_m) + x_m (y_n - y_m)| \\ &\leq |y_n| |x_n - x_m| + |x_m| |y_n - y_m| \\ &\leq K_2 \epsilon + K_1 \epsilon = (K_1 + K_2) \epsilon = c \epsilon, \text{ where } c = K_1 + K_2 > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $(x_n y_n)$ is a Cauchy sequence .

6. If $0 < a < b$, find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a+b}$. [2]

Solution :

$$0 < a < b \implies a + b > 0, \text{ Therefore, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a+b} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a+b)^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1.$$

Note that, if $c > 0$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1$. (see Example 3.8, page 78).

7. If $x_1 = 1$ and $x_{n+1} = \sqrt{4x_n + 5}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, show that (x_n) is monotonic and bounded, then find its limit. [3]

Solution :

First - Showing that (x_n) is an increasing sequence :

$$(i). x_1 = 1 \leq 3 = x_2.$$

$$(ii). \text{ Suppose } x_{n-1} \leq x_n.$$

$$(iii) \text{ Proving that } x_n \leq x_{n+1} :$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n-1} \leq x_n &\implies 4x_{n-1} \leq 4x_n \implies 4x_{n-1} + 5 \leq 4x_n + 5 \\ &\implies \sqrt{4x_{n-1} + 5} \leq \sqrt{4x_n + 5} \implies x_n \leq x_{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Second - Showing that (x_n) is bounded above by 5 :

$$(i). x_1 = 1 \leq 5.$$

$$(ii). \text{ Suppose } x_n \leq 5.$$

$$(iii) \text{ Proving that } x_{n+1} \leq 5 :$$

$$x_{n+1} = \sqrt{4x_n + 5} \leq \sqrt{4(5) + 5} = \sqrt{25} = 5.$$

Since (x_n) is an increasing and bounded above, then it converges to l .

Third - Finding the value of l :

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= \sqrt{4x_n + 5} \implies l = \sqrt{4l + 5} \implies l^2 = 4l + 5 \\ &\implies l^2 - 4l - 5 = 0 \implies (l - 5)(l + 1) = 0 \implies l = 5, l = -1. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $x_n \geq 1$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, so $l = -1$ is excluded.

Therefore, $x_n \rightarrow 5$.

Bonus Question: If (x_n) is an increasing sequence of positive terms which has a convergent subsequence, Prove that (x_n) is convergent.

Solution :

Since (x_n) is an increasing sequence, then it is enough to show that it is bounded above.

Suppose that (x_{n_k}) is the convergent subsequence, then (x_{n_k}) is bounded,

$|x_{n_k}| = x_{n_k} \leq M, \forall n_k \in \mathbb{N}$, where $M > 0$.

$\forall k \in \mathbb{N} : k \leq n_k \implies x_k < x_{n_k}$ (since (x_n) is increasing).

$\implies x_k < x_{n_k} \leq M, \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Therefore, the sequence (x_n) is bounded above, Hence, it is convergent.

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Question (1): [(1+1)+3+2+3 = 10 marks]

1. Give an example of the following:

(i) A function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that the limit does not exist at any point.

Solution:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} a & , \quad x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ -a & , \quad x \in \mathbb{Q}^c \end{cases} \quad , \text{ where } a \in \mathbb{R}^* .$$

(ii) Two different increasing functions such that their product is not increasing.

Solution:

$$f(x) = x \text{ and } g(x) = x^3 \text{ on } [-1, 0] .$$

Both f, g are increasing, but $(fg)(x) = x^4$ is decreasing on $[-1, 0]$.

2. Let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $c \in \hat{D}$, if $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = l$, Prove that for every sequence (x_n) in D such that $x_n \neq c$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x_n \rightarrow c$, the sequence $(f(x_n))$ converges to l .

Solution:

Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given, since $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = l$, then there exists $\delta > 0$ such that :

$$x \in D, \quad 0 < |x - c| < \delta \implies |f(x) - l| < \epsilon .$$

Let (x_n) be any sequence in D such that $x_n \neq c$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x_n \rightarrow c$, then for this $\delta > 0$ there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\forall n \geq N : |x_n - c| < \delta .$$

Since $x_n \neq c$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $0 < |x_n - c|$.

$$\text{Therefore, } \forall n \geq N : 0 < |x_n - c| < \delta \implies |f(x_n) - l| < \epsilon .$$

Hence, the sequence $(f(x_n))$ converges to l .

3. Discuss the existence of $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos\left(\frac{4}{x}\right)$.

Solution:

Let $x_n = \frac{4}{2n\pi}$, then $x_n \neq 0$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $x_n \rightarrow 0$.

Let $y_n = \frac{4}{\pi + 2n\pi}$, then $y_n \neq 0$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $y_n \rightarrow 0$.

$$\cos\left(\frac{4}{x_n}\right) = \cos(2n\pi) = 1 \rightarrow 1.$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{4}{y_n}\right) = \cos(\pi + 2n\pi) = -1 \rightarrow -1.$$

Therefore, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos\left(\frac{4}{x}\right)$ does not exist.

4. If f is increasing on (a, b) and unbounded above,

Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} f(x) = \infty$.

Solution:

To show that : $\forall M > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that :

$$\forall x \in (a, b), 0 < b - x < \delta \implies f(x) \geq M.$$

Since f is unbounded above on (a, b) , then there exist $x_0 \in (a, b)$ such that $f(x_0) \geq M$.

Let $\delta = b - x_0$ then $\delta > 0$.

$$\forall x \in (a, b), 0 < b - x < \delta \implies 0 < b - x < b - x_0 \implies x > x_0$$

$$\implies f(x) > f(x_0) \geq M. \text{ (since } f \text{ is increasing).}$$

Therefore, $\lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} f(x) = \infty$.

Question (2): $[(1+1)+3+2+(2+2)+(2+2) = 15 \text{ marks}]$

1. Give an example of the following:

(i) A function f not continuous at one point, but $|f|$ is continuous at this point.

Solution:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} a & , \quad x \geq 0 \\ -a & , \quad x < 0 \end{cases}, \text{ where } a \in \mathbb{R}^*.$$

f is not continuous at $x = 0$, but $|f(x)| = |a|$ is continuous at $x = 0$.

(ii) Two different functions f, g , where f is continuous at c and g is not continuous at c , but fg is continuous at c .

Solution:

$f(x) = x^2$ is continuous at $c = 0$ and $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ is not continuous at $c = 0$.
 $(fg)(x) = x$ is continuous at $c = 0$.

2. Let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and $f(D) \subseteq E$. If f is continuous at $c \in D$ and g is continuous at $f(c)$. Prove that $g \circ f$ is continuous at c .

Solution:

Let (x_n) be any sequence in D such that $x_n \rightarrow c$,

Since f is continuous at c then $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(c)$.

The sequence $(f(x_n))$ is in E and $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(c)$,

Since g is continuous at $f(c)$ the $g(f(x_n)) \rightarrow g(f(c))$.

Therefore, $(g \circ f)(x_n) \rightarrow (g \circ f)(c)$, and $g \circ f$ is continuous at c .

3. If $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous and $f(x) > 0$, $\forall x \in [a, b]$.

Prove that there exists $\alpha > 0$ such that $f(x) > \alpha$, $\forall x \in [a, b]$.

Solution:

Since f is continuous on a closed and bounded interval, then f attains its minimum at a point $x_0 \in [a, b]$, That is $f(x) \geq f(x_0)$, $\forall x \in [a, b]$.

Since $f(x) > 0$, $\forall x \in [a, b]$ then $f(x_0) > 0$.

Take $\alpha = \frac{f(x_0)}{2}$, then $\alpha > 0$ and $f(x) \geq f(x_0) > \alpha$, $\forall x \in [a, b]$.

4. (i) State the Intermediate Value Property of continuous functions.

Solution:

If $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ lies between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$ then there exists $c \in (a, b)$ such that $f(c) = \lambda$.

(ii) If $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, $f(a) = b$, $f(b) = a$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $b > a$. Prove that f has a fixed point.

Solution:

Define $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as $g(x) = f(x) - x$.

Since f is continuous on \mathbb{R} then g is continuous on $[a, b]$.

$$g(a) = f(a) - a = b - a > 0 \text{ and } g(b) = f(b) - b = a - b < 0 .$$

That is $g(b) < 0 < g(a)$. By I.V.P there exist $c \in (a, b)$ such that $g(c) = 0$.

Therefore, $f(c) - c = 0 \implies f(c) = c$.

5. (i) Show that $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ satisfies Lipschitz condition on $[1, \infty)$.

Solution:

$$\forall x, y \in [1, \infty) , |f(x) - f(y)| = |\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}| = \left| (\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}) \frac{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}} \right|$$

$$|f(x) - f(y)| = \left| \frac{x - y}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}} \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}} |x - y|.$$

$$x, y \in [1, \infty) : x \geq 1 \text{ and } y \geq 1 \implies \sqrt{x} \geq 1 \text{ and } \sqrt{y} \geq 1$$

$$\implies \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} \geq 2 \implies \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}} \leq \frac{1}{2} .$$

$$\text{Therefore, } |f(x) - f(y)| = |\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}| \leq \frac{1}{2} |x - y|.$$

$f(x)$ satisfies Lipschitz condition on $[1, \infty)$.

- (ii) Show that $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^3}$ is not uniformly continuous on $(0, \infty)$.

Solution:

Let $x_n = \frac{1}{2n}$ and $t_n = \frac{1}{n}$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then

$$|x_n - t_n| = \left| \frac{1}{2n} - \frac{1}{n} \right| = \left| \frac{-1}{2n} \right| = \frac{1}{2n} \longrightarrow 0.$$

$$\text{But } |f(x_n) - f(t_n)| = \left| \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{2n}\right)^3} - \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^3} \right| = |8n^3 - n^3| = 7n^3 \longrightarrow \infty.$$

Therefore, $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^3}$ is not uniformly continuous on $(0, \infty)$.

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Question (1): [2+2+2+2 = 8 marks]

1. If $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is a non-empty set which is bounded above, and $k > 0$:

Show that $\sup(kA) = k \sup(A)$.

Solution :

$$\forall a \in A : a \leq \sup A \implies ka \leq k \sup A$$

So, $k \sup A$ is an upper bound of the set kA .

$$\text{Therefore, } \sup(kA) \leq k \sup A \longrightarrow (1) .$$

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ there exists } a_n \in A \text{ such that } \sup A - \frac{1}{n} \leq a_n .$$

$$\text{So, } k \sup A - \frac{k}{n} \leq k a_n \leq \sup(kA)$$

$$\implies k \sup A - \frac{k}{n} \leq \sup(kA) , \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } k \sup A \leq \sup(kA) \longrightarrow (2) .$$

$$\text{From (1) and (2) : } \sup(kA) = k \sup(A) .$$

2. Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be a non-empty set which is bounded below. Show that there exists a sequence (x_n) in S which converges to $u = \inf S$.

Solution :

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ there exists } x_n \in S \text{ such that } u = \inf S \leq x_n \leq u + \frac{1}{n} .$$

$$\text{The sequence } (x_n) \text{ is in } S \text{ and } 0 \leq |x_n - u| \leq \frac{1}{n} , \forall n \in \mathbb{N} .$$

$$\text{Therefore, } x_n \longrightarrow u = \inf S .$$

3. If (x_n) is convergent, show that it is a Cauchy sequence.

Solution :

Suppose that $x_n \longrightarrow x_0$.

$$\text{Given } \epsilon > 0 , \text{ there exists } N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that : } \forall n \geq N : |x_n - x_0| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} .$$

$$\text{So, } \forall n, m \geq N :$$

$$|x_n - x_m| = |x_n - x_0 + x_0 - x_m| \leq |x_n - x_0| + |x_m - x_0| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon .$$

Therefore, (x_n) is a Cauchy sequence.

4. (i) Give an example of an unbounded sequence that has a convergent subsequence.

Solution :

Let (x_n) be the sequence where $x_{2n-1} = 2n - 1$ and $x_{2n} = \frac{1}{2n}$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

(x_n) is not bounded since (x_{2n-1}) is not bounded, and the subsequence (x_{2n}) converges to zero.

- (ii) Give an example of a countable set A such that \hat{A} is not countable.

Solution :

$A = \mathbb{Q}$ is a countable set and $\hat{A} = \mathbb{R}$ is not countable.

Question (2): [3+3+2 = 8 marks]

1. If $f : D \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $c \in \hat{D}$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = l$.

Show that f is bounded in a neighborhood of c .

Solution :

Let $\epsilon = 1$, since $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = l$, then there exists δ such that :

$$\forall x \in D : 0 < |x - c| < \delta \implies |f(x) - l| < 1$$

$$\implies ||f(x)| - |l|| \leq |f(x) - l| < 1 \implies -1 < |f(x)| - |l| < 1$$

$$\implies -1 + |l| < |f(x)| < 1 + |l| \implies |f(x)| < 1 + |l| .$$

Let $U = (x - \delta, x + \delta)$, then U is a neighborhood of c and

$$|f(x)| < 1 + |l| \text{ for all } x \in U \setminus \{c\}.$$

If $c \in U$ take $M = \max \{f(c), 1 + |l|\}$, otherwise take $M = 1 + |l|$.

Therefore, $|f(x)| \leq M$ for all $x \in U$.

2. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$.

If f has a limit at some point in \mathbb{R} . Prove that

- (i) f has a limit at every point in \mathbb{R} .

Solution :

Note that $f(0) = f(0 + 0) = f(0) + f(0) = 2f(0) \implies f(0) = 0$.

Also, $0 = f(0) = f(x - x) = f(x) + f(-x) \implies f(-x) = -f(x)$.

Suppose that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = l$, where $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

Let $t \in \mathbb{R}$, where $t \neq c$, and let (x_n) be any sequence in \mathbb{R} such that $x_n \neq t$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x_n \rightarrow t$, then $x_n - t + c \rightarrow c$.

Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = l$, then $f(x_n - t + c) \rightarrow l$

$$\implies f(x_n) - f(t) + f(c) \rightarrow l \implies f(x_n) \rightarrow l + f(t) - f(c).$$

Therefore, $\lim_{x \rightarrow t} f(x) = l + f(t) - f(c)$, and f has a limit at any point in \mathbb{R} .

(ii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$.

Solution :

Suppose that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = l_0$, let (x_n) be any sequence in \mathbb{R} such that $x_n \neq 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x_n \rightarrow 0$, then $f(x_n) \rightarrow l_0$.

Note that the sequence $(2x_n)$ also in \mathbb{R} , $2x_n \neq 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $2x_n \rightarrow 0$, then $f(2x_n) = 2f(x_n) \rightarrow l_0 \implies f(x_n) \rightarrow \frac{l_0}{2}$.

By the uniqueness of the limit, $l_0 = \frac{l_0}{2} \implies 2l_0 = l_0 \implies l_0 = 0$.

Therefore, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$.

3. If $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = l > 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$, show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) = \infty$.

Solution :

Let $\epsilon = \frac{l}{2} > 0$, since $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = l > 0$, then $\exists N_1 > 0$ such that

$$\forall x \geq N_1 : \left| \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} - l \right| < \frac{l}{2} \implies -\frac{l}{2} < \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} - l < \frac{l}{2} \implies \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} < \frac{3l}{2}$$

$$\implies \frac{3l}{2} g(x) > f(x) \implies g(x) > \frac{2}{3l} f(x).$$

Let $M > 0$ be given, since $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$, then $\exists N_2 > 0$ such that

$$\forall x \geq N_2 : f(x) > \frac{3l}{2} M.$$

Take $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$, then

$$\forall x > N : g(x) > \frac{2}{3l} f(x) > \frac{2}{3l} \left(\frac{3l}{2} M \right) = M \implies g(x) > M.$$

Therefore, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) = \infty$.

Question (3): [3+3+2+2 = 10 marks]

1. If $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, Prove that f is bounded.

Solution :

Let $I = [a, b]$.

Suppose f is not bounded on $f(I)$, then $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\exists x_n \in I$ such that $|f(x_n)| \geq n$. The sequence $(f(x_n))$ is not convergent.

The sequence (x_n) is in I , and I is bounded, then it has a convergent subsequence (x_{n_k}) , suppose $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x_0$, since I is closed then $x_0 \in I$.

Since f is continuous on I then $f(x_{n_k}) \rightarrow f(x_0)$.

So, the subsequence $(f(x_{n_k}))$ is convergent and hence it is bounded, which is a contradiction, since $f(x_{n_k}) \geq n_k \geq k$, $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Therefore, f is bounded on I .

2. If $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are both continuous, $f(a) > g(a)$ and $f(b) < g(b)$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a < b$. Show that there exists $c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(c) = g(c)$.

Solution :

Define $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $h(x) = f(x) - g(x)$, $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Since f and g are both continuous on \mathbb{R} , then h is also continuous on \mathbb{R} .

$h(a) = f(a) - g(a) > 0$ and $h(b) = f(b) - g(b) < 0$.

So, $h(b) < 0 < h(a)$, By the intermediate value property, $\exists c \in (a, b)$ such that $h(c) = 0 \implies f(c) - g(c) = 0 \implies f(c) = g(c)$.

3. Show that $f(x) = e^x$ is not uniformly continuous on $[1, \infty)$.

Solution :

Take $x_n = \ln(n+3)$ and $t_n = \ln(n+2)$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

The sequences (x_n) and (t_n) are both in $[1, \infty)$.

$$|x_n - t_n| = |\ln(n+3) - \ln(n+2)| = \left| \ln \left(\frac{n+3}{n+2} \right) \right| \rightarrow \ln(1) = 0.$$

$$|f(x_n) - f(t_n)| = \left| e^{\ln(n+3)} - e^{\ln(n+2)} \right| = |(n+3) - (n+2)| = 1 \rightarrow 1.$$

$$|f(x_n) - f(t_n)| \not\rightarrow 0.$$

Therefore, $f(x) = e^x$ is not uniformly continuous on $[1, \infty)$.

4. If $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, prove that the set $\{x \in D : f(x) = 0\}$ is closed in D .

Solution :

Let $A = \{x \in D : f(x) = 0\}$, then $A = f^{-1}(\{0\})$.

Since the set $\{0\}$ is closed in \mathbb{R} , and f is continuous on D , then the set $f^{-1}(\{0\})$ is closed in D .

Therefore, $A = \{x \in D : f(x) = 0\}$ is closed in D .

Question (4): [2+3+3+3+3 = 14 marks]

1. Let f be differentiable at a . Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{a^n f(x) - x^n f(a)}{x - a}$, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{a^n f(x) - x^n f(a)}{x - a} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{a^n f(x) - a^n f(a) + a^n f(a) - x^n f(a)}{x - a} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{a^n [f(x) - f(a)] - (x^n - a^n) f(a)}{x - a} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left[a^n \left(\frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \right) - \left(\frac{x^n - a^n}{x - a} \right) f(a) \right] = a^n f'(a) - n a^{n-1} f(a) \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = f'(a)$ (since f is differentiable at a).

Also, $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^n - a^n}{x - a} = n a^{n-1}$ (by L'Hôpital's rule).

2. If f is continuous on $[a, b]$, differentiable on (a, b) and $f'(x) = 0$ for all $x \in (a, b)$. Show that f is constant on $[a, b]$.

Solution :

To show that $f(x) = f(y)$, $\forall x, y \in [a, b]$ and $x \neq y$.

Apply Mean Value Theorem to f on the interval I between x and y , then $\exists c \in I$ such that $\frac{f(x) - f(y)}{x - y} = f'(c) = 0 \implies f(x) - f(y) = 0 \implies f(x) = f(y)$, $\forall x, y \in I$.

Therefore, f is constant on $[a, b]$

3. Show that $|\tan^{-1} x - \tan^{-1} y| \leq |x - y|$, $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$.

Solution :

$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x \neq y$, apply Mean Value Theorem to $f(x) = \tan^{-1} x$ on the interval I between x and y , then $\exists c \in I$ such that

$$\frac{\tan^{-1} x - \tan^{-1} y}{x - y} = \frac{1}{1 + c^2} \implies \left| \frac{\tan^{-1} x - \tan^{-1} y}{x - y} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{1 + c^2} \right| \leq 1$$

$$\frac{|\tan^{-1} x - \tan^{-1} y|}{|x - y|} \leq 1 \implies |\tan^{-1} x - \tan^{-1} y| \leq |x - y| .$$

4. Define two functions f and g , in a neighborhood of zero such that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 0 \text{ but } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} \text{ does not exist.}$$

Solution :

Let $f(x) = x$ and $g(x) = x^2 + 1$.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{x^2 + 1} = \frac{0}{0 + 1} = 0 .$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2x} \text{ does not exist.}$$

5. Show that $\left| \cos x - \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} \right) \right| \leq \frac{1}{120}$, for all $|x| \leq 1$.

Solution :

Using Taylor's Theorem on $f(x) = \cos x$ at $x_0 = 0$.

$$\begin{array}{ll} f(x) = \cos x & f(0) = \cos(0) = 1 \\ f'(x) = -\sin x & f'(0) = -\sin(0) = 0 \\ f''(x) = -\cos x & f''(0) = -\cos(0) = -1 \\ f^{(3)}(x) = \sin x & f^{(3)}(0) = \sin(0) = 0 \\ f^{(4)}(x) = \cos x & f^{(4)}(0) = \cos(0) = 1 \\ f^{(5)}(x) = -\sin x & f^{(5)}(c) = -\sin(c) \end{array} , \text{ where } c \in (0, x)$$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{-\sin(c) x^5}{5!} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} + \frac{-\sin(c) x^5}{120}$$

$$\cos x - \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} \right) = \frac{-\sin(c) x^5}{120}$$

$$\left| \cos x - \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} \right) \right| = \left| \frac{-\sin(c) x^5}{120} \right| = \frac{|-\sin(c)| |x|^5}{120}$$

$$\left| \cos x - \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} \right) \right| \leq \frac{(1)(1)^5}{120} = \frac{1}{120} , \text{ for all } |x| \leq 1 .$$