

Workshop 1 – Revision from Fundamentals of Pure Mathematics**NAME:**

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1. Let $A_\alpha \subseteq X$ for all $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$. Then $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} (X \setminus A_\alpha) = \dots$?
2. A map $f : A \rightarrow B$ is injective iff ...?
3. If $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is bounded, what is meant by its **supremum**?
4. Give the definition of **convergence** of the sequence (a_n) to a number $a \in \mathbb{R}$. (Use ϵ 's and N 's.) Give the definition of a **Cauchy sequence** (a_n) . Intuitively, how do these definitions differ?

5. State the Bolzano–Weierstrass theorem.
6. True or false? (Give reasons.)
- (i) the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges if and only if the sequence (a_n) is convergent;
 - (ii) the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges if and only if $a_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$;
 - (iii) the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges if and only if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$ converges.
7. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^p$ converges if and only if p satisfies ...?
8. Let $a_n > 0$ and suppose that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges. Is it true that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2$ converges? If so, why, if not, why not?
9. What is the sum of the finite geometric series $\sum_{n=1}^N r^n$? (If you can't remember, then work it out!) Deduce the range of $r \in \mathbb{R}$ for which the infinite geometric series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n$ converges.

10. State the **ratio test** and explain how it is related to geometric series.
11. Let $f(x) = x^2$ when x is rational and $f(x) = 0$ when x is irrational. Discuss the continuity and differentiability of f .
12. State the intermediate value theorem and the extreme value theorem for a continuous function $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Why do these theorems have the names that they do?
13. State carefully the mean value theorem for a function $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Why is it called the “mean value” theorem?

14. A real number is **algebraic** if it satisfies some polynomial equation with integer coefficients. Why is the set of algebraic numbers countable?

15. Let $f : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function and let $a \in (0, 1)$. Match each statement in Group A with a statement from Group B which means the same thing.

Group A:

- (i) $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$ such that $|x - a| < \delta$ implies $|f(x) - f(a)| < \epsilon$.
- (ii) $\forall \epsilon > 0, \forall \delta > 0, |x - a| < \delta$ implies $|f(x) - f(a)| < \epsilon$.
- (iii) $\exists \epsilon > 0$ such that $\forall \delta > 0, |x - a| < \delta$ implies $|f(x) - f(a)| < \epsilon$.
- (iv) $\exists \epsilon > 0$ and $\exists \delta > 0$ such that $|x - a| < \delta$ implies $|f(x) - f(a)| < \epsilon$.
- (v) $\forall \delta > 0, \exists \epsilon > 0$ such that $|x - a| < \delta$ implies $|f(x) - f(a)| < \epsilon$.
- (vi) $\exists \delta > 0$ such that $\forall \epsilon > 0, |x - a| < \delta$ implies $|f(x) - f(a)| < \epsilon$.

Group B:

- (a) f is continuous at a .
- (b) f is bounded on $(0, 1)$.
- (c) f is constant on $(0, 1)$.
- (d) There is some neighbourhood of a on which f is bounded.
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1. Let $A_\alpha \subseteq X$ for all $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$. Then $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} (X \setminus A_\alpha) = \dots?$

Solution: $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} (X \setminus A_\alpha) = X \setminus \bigcup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} A_\alpha$.

2. A map $f : A \rightarrow B$ is injective iff $\dots?$

Solution: $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$ implies $a_1 = a_2$.

3. If $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is bounded, what is meant by its **supremum**?

Solution: Its supremum is its least upper bound, i.e. the unique real number M such that (i) $a \leq M$ for all $a \in A$ and (ii) if M' is any real number such that $a \leq M'$ for all $a \in A$, then $M \leq M'$.

4. Give the definition of **convergence** of the sequence (a_n) to a number $a \in \mathbb{R}$. (Use ϵ 's and N 's.) Give the definition of a **Cauchy sequence** (a_n) . Intuitively, how do these definitions differ?

Solution: a_n converges to a if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists an $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n \geq N$ implies $|a_n - a| < \epsilon$. (a_n) is Cauchy if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists an $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $m, n \geq N$ implies $|a_m - a_n| < \epsilon$. The former says that the numbers a_n are getting closer and closer to the number a as n gets bigger while the latter says that the numbers a_n are getting closer and closer to each other as n gets bigger.

5. State the Bolzano–Weierstrass theorem.

Solution: Every sequence of real numbers which is bounded must have a convergent subsequence.

6. True or false? (Give reasons.)
- (i) the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges if and only if the sequence (a_n) is convergent;
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Solution:

- (i) False, e.g. the sequence $a_n = 1$ for all n converges but the series diverges.
 - (ii) False: e.g. $a_n = 1/n$.
 - (iii) False: e.g. $a_n = (-1)^n/n$.
7. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^p$ converges if and only if p satisfies ...?

Solution: $p > 1$.

8. Let $a_n > 0$ and suppose that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges. Is it true that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2$ converges? If so, why, if not, why not?

Solution: Yes. Suppose that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges. Then the sequence (a_n) satisfies $a_n \rightarrow 0$. In particular, there exists an N such that $n \geq N$ implies $|a_n| < 1$. So for $n \geq N$ we have $a_n^2 < a_n$ and using the comparison test for series with non-negative terms we get the conclusion.

9. What is the sum of the finite geometric series $\sum_{n=1}^N r^n$? (If you can't remember, then work it out!) Deduce the range of $r \in \mathbb{R}$ for which the infinite geometric series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n$ converges.

Solution: Let $S_N = \sum_{n=1}^N r^n$. Then $rS_N = \sum_{n=2}^{N+1} r^n$. So $rS_N - S_N = r^{N+1} - r$ and so $S_N = (r^{N+1} - r)/(r - 1)$ provided $r \neq 1$. If $r = 1$ then the sum is N . So when $r = 1$ the infinite geometric series diverges, and for $r \neq 1$ it converges iff the sequence S_N converges, which is when $-1 < r < 1$.

10. State the **ratio test** and explain how it is related to geometric series.

Solution: If a sequence (a_n) satisfies $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_{n+1}/a_n| = r < 1$, then the series $\sum_n a_n$ converges. Under the hypothesis one can show by induction that $|a_n| \leq As^n$ for sufficiently large n (where A is some constant and $r < s < 1$) and then one can use the convergence of the geometric series and the comparison test. If $r > 1$ the series diverges and if $r = 1$ it is inconclusive.

11. Let $f(x) = x^2$ when x is rational and $f(x) = 0$ when x is irrational. Discuss the continuity and differentiability of f .

Solution: f is discontinuous at all points except 0, where it is continuous since if $\epsilon > 0$, then $|x| < \sqrt{\epsilon}$ implies $|f(x) - f(0)| < \epsilon$. Therefore it cannot be differentiable at any point except possibly 0, where we have to apply the definition of derivative to be sure. Indeed, it is differentiable at 0 with derivative 0 since $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} |(f(h) - f(0))/h - 0| \leq \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} |h| = 0$.

12. State the intermediate value theorem and the extreme value theorem for a continuous function $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Why do these theorems have the names that they do?

Solution: The IVT states that for every value c **intermediate** between $f(0)$ and $f(1)$ (i.e. such that $f(0) < c < f(1)$ or $f(1) < c < f(0)$) there is some $x \in [0, 1]$ such that $f(x) = c$. The Extreme Value Theorem states that there are a and b in $[0, 1]$ at which f takes on the **extreme values** m and M respectively where $m \leq f(x) \leq M$ for all $x \in [0, 1]$. (Meaning that $f(a) = m$ and $f(b) = M$.)

13. State carefully the mean value theorem for a function $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Why is it called the “mean value” theorem?

Solution: Suppose f is continuous on $[0, 1]$ and differentiable on $(0, 1)$. Then there exists a $c \in (0, 1)$ such that the derivative of f at c equals the slope of the chord joining $(0, f(0))$ to $(1, f(1))$, i.e. $f'(c) = (f(1) - f(0))/(1 - 0)$

14. A real number is **algebraic** if it satisfies some polynomial equation with integer coefficients. Why is the set of algebraic numbers countable?

Solution: We use repeatedly that a countable union of countable sets is countable. Let \mathcal{A} be the set of all algebraic numbers. Then

$$\mathcal{A} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup_{a_0 \in \mathbb{Z}} \dots \bigcup_{a_n \in \mathbb{Z}} S_{a_0, \dots, a_n}$$

where S_{a_0, \dots, a_n} is the finite set $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n = 0\}$.

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Solution:

- (i) (a)
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- (vi) (e).