

**Exercise 1** (10 marks). (1) Since  $\{a_n\}$  is bounded, from Bolzano-Weiestrass Theorem we know there exists a subsequence  $\{a_{n_i}\}$  being convergent. [1 mark] Since  $\{b_n\}$  is bounded, its subsequence  $\{b_{n_i}\}$  is also bounded. [1 mark] Hence from Bolzano-Weiestrass Theorem there exists a subsequence  $\{b_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{b_{n_i}\}$  being convergent. [1 mark] On the other hand,  $\{a_{n_k}\}$ , as a subsequence of  $\{a_{n_i}\}$ , is also convergent, as desired. [1 mark]

(The following proof is incorrect: from Bolzano-Weiestrass Theorem we know there exists  $\{n_i\}$  and  $\{n_j\}$  such that  $\{a_{n_i}\}$  and  $\{b_{n_j}\}$  are convergent. Setting  $\{n_k\} = \{n_i\} \cap \{n_j\}$  as desired. )

(2)  $\Rightarrow$ : Since  $f(x)$  is uniformly continuous on  $I$ , then

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \forall x_1, x_2 \in I \text{ satisfying } |x_1 - x_2| < \delta, |f(x_1) - f(x_2)| < \epsilon$$

Since  $\{a_n\}$  is Cauchy, for the previous  $\delta > 0$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\forall m, n > N$ ,

$$|a_n - a_m| < \delta$$

Thus

$$|f(x_n) - f(x_m)| < \epsilon$$

that is,  $\{f(x_n)\}$  is Cauchy. [2 marks]

$\Leftarrow$ : We argue this by contradiction. Assume that  $f(x)$  is not uniformly continuous on  $I$ , then

$$\exists \epsilon > 0, \forall \delta > 0, \exists x, y \in I \text{ satisfying } |x - y| < \delta, |f(x) - f(y)| \geq \epsilon$$

Letting  $\delta = \frac{1}{n}$ , then  $\exists \{x_n\}, \{y_n\} \subset I$  such that  $|x_n - y_n| < \frac{1}{n}$  and

$$|f(x_n) - f(y_n)| \geq \epsilon$$

Since  $I$  is bounded, we know both  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are bounded. By (1) we know there exist subsequences  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  and  $\{y_{n_k}\}$  such that they are both convergent to a pair of real numbers, say  $x_0$  and  $y_0$ , respectively. By  $|x_{n_k} - y_{n_k}| < \frac{1}{n_k}$  and squeeze theorem, we know  $x_0 = y_0$ . Now let us construct a new sequence

$$z_n = \begin{cases} x_{\frac{n+1}{2}}, & n \text{ is odd} \\ y_{\frac{n}{2}}, & n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

then  $\{z_n\}$  is convergent because both its odd subsequence and even subsequence are convergent to the same limit. But we know

$$|f(z_{n+1}) - f(z_n)| \geq \epsilon$$

so  $\{f_{z_n}\}$  is not Cauchy, a contradiction. [4 marks]

**Exercise 2.** The answer is True. We have the example:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0, & x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

[1 mark]

On the one hand,  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x_0 = 0$ . In fact, we know that  $f(0) = 0$ .

Also,  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ , setting  $\delta = \epsilon$ ,  $\forall x : |x| < \delta$ ,

if  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then

$$|f(x) - f(0)| = |x - 0| < \delta = \epsilon$$

if  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ , then

$$|f(x) - f(0)| = |0 - 0| < \epsilon$$

thus

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

[2 marks]

On the other hand,  $f(x)$  is not continuous anywhere else. Let  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ , and w.l.o.g we assume that  $x_0 > 0$ .

If  $x_0 \in \mathbb{Q}$ : letting  $\epsilon = \frac{x_0}{2}$ ,  $\forall \delta \in (0, \epsilon)$ , select  $x \in (x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta) \cap \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ , then

$$|f(x) - f(x_0)| = |x - 0| = x > x_0 - \frac{x_0}{2} = \epsilon$$

If  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ : letting  $\epsilon = \frac{x_0}{2}$ ,  $\forall \delta \in (0, \epsilon)$ , select  $x \in (x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ , then

$$|f(x) - f(x_0)| = |x - 0| = x > x_0 - \frac{x_0}{2} = \epsilon$$

In both cases, we know the function is not continuous at  $x_0$ . [2 marks]

**Exercise 3.** Firstly we claim that  $\{b_n\}$  is bounded with  $0 < b_n < \frac{1}{A}$ . We prove this by induction. We know  $0 < b_0 < \frac{1}{A}$ . Assume that  $0 < b_n < \frac{1}{A}$ . Since the function  $f(x) = x(2 - Ax)$  is increasing on  $[0, \frac{1}{A}]$ , we know

$$0 < b_{n+1} < \frac{1}{A}(2 - A\frac{1}{A}) = \frac{1}{A}$$

[2 marks]

Then we claim that  $\{b_n\}$  is increasing. In fact we have

$$\frac{b_{n+1}}{b_n} = 2 - Ab_n > 2 - A\frac{1}{A} = 1$$

[1 mark]

By monotonic convergence theorem, we know the sequence  $\{b_n\}$  is convergent. We denote the limit by  $b^*$ . Then we know

$$b^* = b^*(2 - Ab^*)$$

We claim that  $b^* \neq 0$ , because  $b^* \geq b_0 > 0$  and the order-preserving property. So  $b^* = \frac{1}{A}$ . [2 marks]