

Related Exercise from Rudin's *Real and Complex Analysis*.

Exercise 5.20

- (a) Does there exist a sequence of continuous positive functions f_n on \mathbb{R}^1 such that $\{f_n(x)\}$ is unbounded if and only if x is rational?
- (b) Replace “rational” by irrational in (a) and answer the resulting question.
- (c) Replace “ $\{f_n(x)\}$ is unbounded” by “ $f_n(x) \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ ” and answer the resulting analogues of (a) and (b).

Solution: The answer to (a) is negative. This by showing that the subset of points where such sequence is unbounded must be G_δ . But the rationals cannot be such, since in \mathbb{R} dense G_δ sets must be of second category.

Rest of the answer not yet ready here