

Question 30.

Let  $U \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$  be an open set in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , and let  $K$  be a compact subset of  $U$ . Prove that there exists an *infinitely differentiable* function  $\varphi : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that  $\varphi(p) = 1$  for all  $p \in K$ , and  $\varphi(p) = 0$  for all  $p \in \mathbf{R}^n \setminus U$ . This is called a **bump function** supported on  $U$ .

(For a function  $f : U \rightarrow Y$ , the  *$n$ th total derivative*  $f^{(n)}$  is defined as follows: for  $n = 0$ , we set  $f^{(0)} = f$ ; for  $n \geq 1$ , if  $f^{(n-1)}$  is totally differentiable, we set  $f^{(n)} = (f^{(n-1)})'$ . We say that  $f$  is **infinitely differentiable** if  $f^{(n)}$  exists for all  $n \geq 0$ .)