

**Problem 68.** *The function  $f(x) = 1/x^2$  is uniformly continuous on  $(1, 2)$ , but it is not uniformly continuous on  $(0, 1)$ .*

*Proof. Part 1: Uniform Continuity on  $(1, 2)$ :* To show that the function  $f(x) = 1/x^2$  is uniformly continuous on the set  $S_1 = (1, 2)$  we must show that for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $x, y \in S_1$ :

$$|x - y| < \delta \implies |f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ , Observe that

$$|f(x) - f(y)| = \left| \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{y^2} \right| = \left| \frac{y^2 - x^2}{x^2 y^2} \right| = \frac{|x + y||x - y|}{x^2 y^2}$$

Since  $x, y \in (1, 2)$ , it follows that  $x^2 > 1$  and  $y^2 > 1$ , so  $x^2 y^2 > 1$ . Furthermore  $|x + y| < 2 + 2 = 4$ . Therefore:

$$|f(x) - f(y)| = \frac{|x - y||x + y|}{x^2 y^2} < \frac{|x - y| * 4}{1} = 4|x - y|$$

Choose  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{4}$ . Then whenever  $|x - y| < \delta$ , we have:

$$|f(x) - f(y)| < 4|x - y| < 4 * \frac{\epsilon}{4} = \epsilon$$

Since  $\delta$  only depends on  $\epsilon$ ,  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $(1, 2)$   $\square$

*Proof. Part 2: Not Uniformly continuous on  $(0, 1)$ :* Suppose for the sake of contradiction that  $f$  is uniformly continuous on the set  $S_2 = (0, 1)$ . Choose  $\epsilon = 1$ . Then there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $x, y \in S_2$  we have

$$|x - y| < \delta \implies \left| \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{y^2} \right| < 1$$

Choose  $x \in S_2$  with  $x < \delta$  and choose  $y = \frac{x}{2}$ . Note that  $y \in S_2$  because  $x \in S_2$  so  $y = \frac{x}{2} < \frac{1}{2} < 1$ . Then

$$|x - y| = |x - \frac{x}{2}| = |\frac{x}{2}| = \frac{x}{2} < \frac{\delta}{2} < \delta$$

So  $|x - y| < \delta$  holds, it follows that

$$\left| \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{y^2} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{(x/2)^2} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{(x^2/4)} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{4}{x^2} \right| = \left| \frac{-3}{x^2} \right| = \frac{3}{x^2} > 1$$

So  $\left| \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{y^2} \right| > 1$ . A contradiction, thus  $f$  is not uniformly continuous on  $S_2 = (0, 1)$ .  $\square$

**Problem 69.** We say that a function  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is Lipschitz if there exists  $M > 0$  so that

$$\frac{|f(x) - f(y)|}{|x - y|} \leq M$$

for all  $x, y \in A$ . If  $f$  is Lipschitz then  $f$  is uniformly continuous.

*Proof.*

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**Problem 70.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions defined on an interval  $A$ . Assume both are differentiable at some point  $c \in A$ , and suppose  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$(i) \quad (f + g)'(c) = f'(c) + g'(c)$$

$$(ii) \quad (kf)'(c) = kf'(c)$$

*Proof.*

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**Problem 71.** Let  $h(x) = 1/x$  and  $\ell(x) = 1/x^2$ . For  $c \neq 0$ , we have

$$h'(c) = -\frac{1}{c^2}, \quad \ell'(c) = -\frac{2}{c^3}$$

*Proof.*

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**Problem 72.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions defined on an interval  $A$ . Assume both are differentiable at some point  $c \in A$ , and suppose  $g(c) \neq 0$ . Then

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(c) = \frac{f'(c)g(c) - f(c)g'(c)}{g(c)^2}.$$

*Proof.*

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**Problem 73.** For  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , let

$$f_a(x) = \begin{cases} x^a, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

- (a) For which values of  $a$  is  $f_a(x)$  continuous at  $x = 0$ ?
- (b) What is the derivative  $f'_a(x)$ , and what is its domain? For which values of  $a$  is  $f_a(x)$  differentiable at  $x = 0$ ? When is the derivative function  $f'_a(x)$  continuous?