

MAT 137Y: Calculus with proofs  
Assignment 2  
Due on Thursday, Oct 27 by 11:59pm via GradeScope

## Instructions

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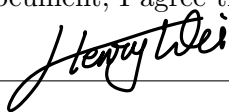
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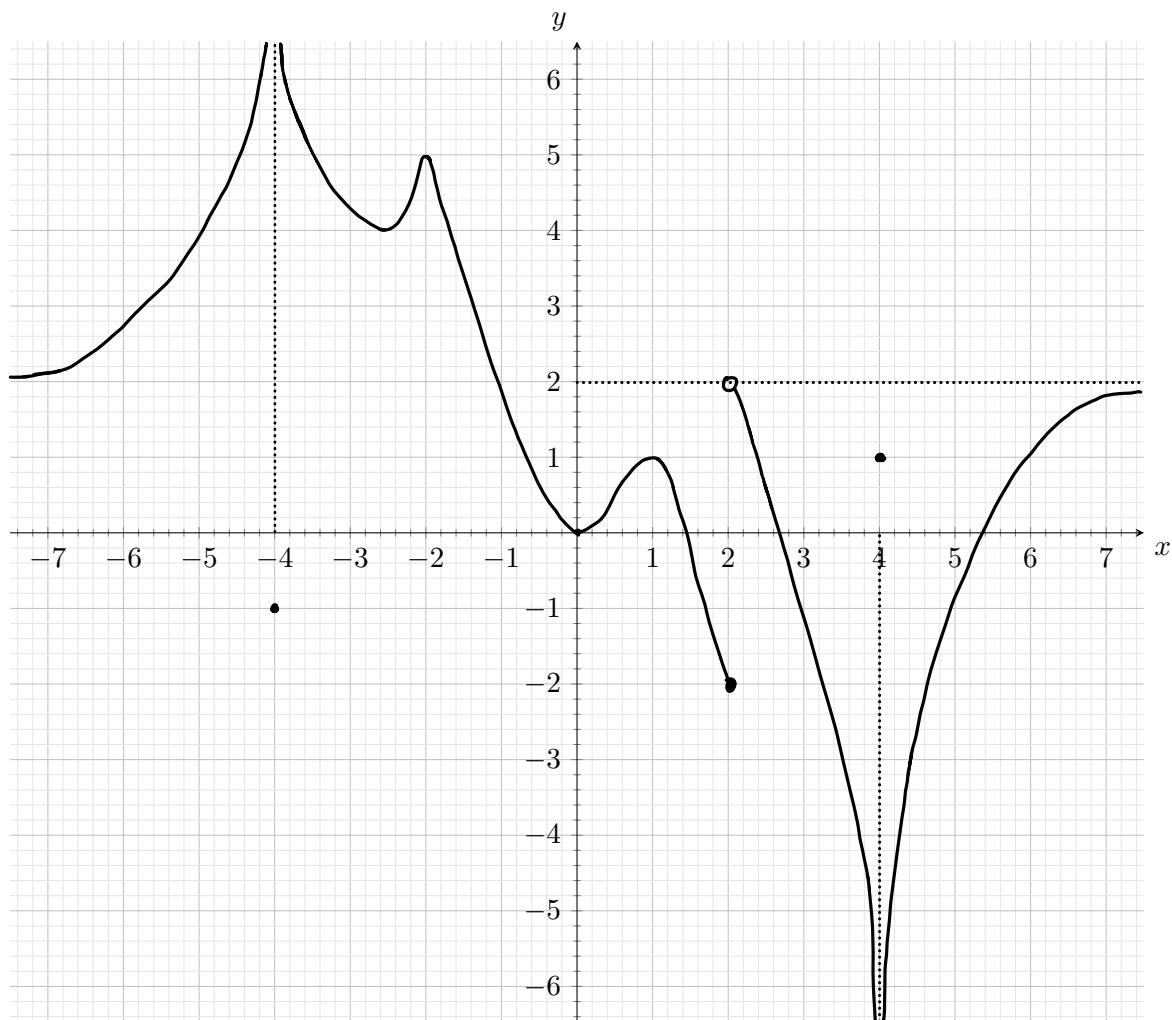
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1. (Note: Before you attempt this problem, solve Problem 1 and 3 from [Practice problems for Unit 2](#) on Quercus or Problem 2.1-7 in the textbook. Otherwise you may find this question difficult.)

Sketch the graph of a function  $f$  that satisfies all 10 conditions below simultaneously. For this question, you do not need to prove or explain your answer, as long as the graph is correct and very clear.

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| (a) The domain of $f$ is $\mathbb{R}$ .  | (f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) = -\infty$      |
| (b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ does not exist when $a \in \{-4, 2, 4\}$ , and the limit exists for all other $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . | (g) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} [f(x)]^2 = 4$        |
| (c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$  | (h) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(f(x)) = 5$       |
| (d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \lfloor f(x) \rfloor = 0$  | (i) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 2$       |
| (e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} f(x) = \infty$  | (j) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(1 - e^{f(x)}) = 2$ |

To clarify, we want one single function  $f$  that satisfies all the conditions in all the parts, all at once. Make your graph tidy and unambiguous.



2. Let  $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{\sqrt{x}-1}$

(a) What is the largest possible domain of  $f$ ?

From  $\sqrt{x}$  gives  $x \geq 0$ .

From  $\sqrt{x}-1 \neq 0$  gives  $x \neq 1$ .

Thus,  $x \in [0, 1) \cup (1, +\infty)$

(b) Let  $g(x) = \sqrt{x} + 1$ . Find the largest subset  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  such that for all  $x \in I$  we have  $f(x) = g(x)$ .

From (a), when  $f(x)$  is defined,  $x \in [0, 1) \cup (1, +\infty)$ .

When  $g(x) = f(x)$ , gives

$$\sqrt{x}+1 = \frac{x-1}{\sqrt{x}-1}, \text{ when } x \neq 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{x}+1)(\sqrt{x}-1) = x-1$$

$$\Rightarrow x-1 = x-1$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x \neq 1.$$

Therefore, where  $I = [0, 1) \cup (1, +\infty)$ .  $\forall x \in I$ ,  $f(x) = g(x)$

(c) Prove, directly from the epsilon-delta definition of limit, that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} g(x) = 4$$

Don't use any of the limit laws or other theorems.

Pf. Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Take  $\delta = 3\varepsilon$ , gives.

$$|g(x) - 4| = |(\sqrt{x} + 1) - 4|$$

$$\Rightarrow |\sqrt{x} - 3|$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{x-9}{\sqrt{x}+3} \right| = \frac{|x-9|}{|\sqrt{x}+3|}, \text{ since } \sqrt{x}+3 \geq 0, \text{ gives}$$

$$\Rightarrow |x-9| \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}+3}$$

Since  $\sqrt{x} \geq 0$ , gives.

$$|x-9| \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}+3} \leq |x-9| \cdot \frac{1}{3} < \delta \cdot \frac{1}{3} = 3\varepsilon \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \varepsilon.$$

We've shown  $|(\sqrt{x}+1)-4| < \varepsilon$ , as needed.

Thus, we've proved that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} g(x) = 4$ . ■

(d) Prove that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} f(x) = 4$$

You may need to use some results from (b) and (c).

pf. from (b). gives:

when  $x \in [0, 1) \cup (1, +\infty)$ .  $f(x) = g(x)$ .

from (c) gives:

$\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists \delta_1 > 0$ , s.t.  $0 < |x - 9| < \delta \Rightarrow |g(x) - 4| < \varepsilon$ .

Take  $\delta = \min(\delta_1, 1)$ , gives.

when  $\delta = \delta_1$ , satisfying  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} g(x) = 4$ , which is.

$\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists \delta_1 > 0$ , s.t.  $0 < |x - 9| < \delta \Rightarrow |g(x) - 4| < \varepsilon$ .

when  $\delta = 1$ ,

$0 < |x - 9| < 1 \Rightarrow 8 < x < 10$ , which  $x \in (8, 10)$ .

Since  $(8, 10) \subseteq (1, +\infty)$ ,  $f(x) = g(x)$ .

Therefore, we have,

$\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists \delta > 0$ , s.t.  $0 < |x - 9| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - 4| < \varepsilon$ .

i.e.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} f(x) = 4$ . ■

3. Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Is each of the following claims true or false? Prove your answer. Hint: often times, the easiest way to prove something is false is by providing a counter example and proving that counter example satisfies the required conditions. If your answer is true, the proof should be a short, "one-line" proof using the properties of limits you already know (review section 2.10 and section 2.12). You don't need to use the epsilon-delta definition in this question.

- (a) IF  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  does not exist and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow f(a)} g(x)$  does not exist,  
THEN  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(f(x))$  does not exist.

☐ True ☒ False

$$\text{Take } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}; g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x^3} & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

When  $a=0$ , which  $x \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = -\infty$ ;  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = +\infty$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$ , gives  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  DNE.

When  $x \rightarrow f(a)$ , which  $f(a) = f(0) = 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow f(a)^-} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} g(x) = -\infty$ ,  
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow f(a)^+} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} g(x) = +\infty$ .  $\lim_{x \rightarrow f(a)^-} g(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow f(a)^+} g(x)$ . gives  $\lim_{x \rightarrow f(a)} g(x)$  DNE.

$$\text{Thus, when } x \neq 0, g(f(x)) = \frac{1}{(\frac{1}{x})^3} = x^3$$

when  $x=0$ ,  $g(f(x)) = 0$ . gives.

$$g(f(x)) = \begin{cases} x^3 & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow g(f(x)) = x^3.$$

Apparently,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} g(f(x)) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} g(f(x)) = 0$ .

Thus,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(f(x))$  exists and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(f(x)) = 0$ . counters the statement in the question, which is false.

(b) IF  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$  both exist, and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} |f(x) - g(x)| = 0$ ,  
THEN  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ .

☒ True    ☐ False

pf. Assuming  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$  both exist. gives.

Assuming  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} |f(x) - g(x)| = 0$ .

Since  $-|f(x) - g(x)| \leq f(x) - g(x) \leq |f(x) - g(x)|$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  
By limit law,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} -|f(x) - g(x)| = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (-1) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow a} |f(x) - g(x)|$   
 $= -1 \cdot 0 = 0$ .

Thus, by squeeze theorem,

from  $-|f(x) - g(x)| \leq f(x) - g(x) \leq |f(x) - g(x)|$ ,

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} -|f(x) - g(x)| = 0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} |f(x) - g(x)|$ , gives.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) - g(x)] = 0$ .

Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$  both exist, gives,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) - g(x)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

4. Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Is each of the following claims true or false? Prove your answer. If it is true, prove it directly from the epsilon-delta definition of a limit. Hint: often times, the easiest way to prove something is false is by providing a counter example and proving that counter example satisfies the required conditions.

- (a) IF  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $a$  and  $g(x)$  is not continuous at  $a$ ,  
THEN  $f(x)g(x)$  is not continuous at  $a$ .

☐ True ☒ False

Providing that  $f(x) = x$  and  $g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$ , which are both defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

When  $x \rightarrow 0$ , apparently  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = f(0) = 0$ .

which  $f(x) = x$  is continuous when  $x \rightarrow 0$ .

When  $x \rightarrow 0$ , apparently,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} g(x) = -\infty$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} g(x) = +\infty$ ,  $g(0) = 0$ .

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} g(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} g(x) \neq g(0)$ , which  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  is not continuous when  $x \rightarrow 0$ .

Thus,  $h(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x) = x \cdot \frac{1}{x} = 1$ .

When  $x \rightarrow 0$  for  $h(x)$ .

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} h(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} h(x) = h(0) = 1$ .

Therefore  $h(x)$  is continuous when  $x \rightarrow 0$ .

Logically equivalent to  $f(x) \cdot g(x)$  is continuous when  $x \rightarrow 0$ .

Counters the statement in the question.



(b) IF  $f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(-1) = 10$  and  $f(1) = 20$ , THEN  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(\sin(x))$  does not exist.

☒ True   ☐ False

WTS:  $\forall L \in \mathbb{R}, \exists \varepsilon > 0, \forall M \in \mathbb{R}, \exists x \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ s.t. } x > M \text{ and } |f(x) - L| \geq \varepsilon.$

Pf. Let  $L \in \mathbb{R}$ . Take  $\varepsilon = 1$ . Let  $M \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Take  $x = \max \left\{ 3M, \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi (k \in \mathbb{Z}) \right\}$ . gives.

When  $x = 3M$ ,  $x = 3M > M$ .

When  $x = \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi (k \in \mathbb{Z})$ .

when  $k$  is an odd integer.  $\sin(x) = 1$ , which  $f(\sin(x)) = 20$

when  $k$  is an even integer.  $\sin(x) = -1$ , which  $f(\sin(x)) = 10$

At least one of below must be true.

①  $20 \notin (L-1, L+1)$ ; i.e.  $20 \notin (L-\varepsilon, L+\varepsilon) \Rightarrow |20-L| \geq \varepsilon.$

take  $x = \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi$ , for some  $k$  is odd integer,

Then  $f(\sin(x)) = 20$ .

②  $10 \notin (L-1, L+1)$ ; i.e.  $10 \notin (L-\varepsilon, L+\varepsilon) \Rightarrow |10-L| \geq \varepsilon.$

Take  $x = \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi$ , for some  $k$  is even integer.

Then  $f(\sin(x)) = 10$ .

Either way, it satisfies  $x > M$  and  $|f(\sin x) - L| \geq \varepsilon.$  ■

(c) IF  $f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(-2) = 10$  and  $f(2) = 20$ , THEN  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(\sin(x))$  does not exist.

☐ True ☒ False

Providing that  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 5x + 20 & x < -1 \\ 15 & -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 5x + 10 & x > 1 \end{cases}$ , apparently,  $f$  is

continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Due to  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = f(-1) = 15$  and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = f(1) = 15;$$

Assuming that  $f(-2) = 10$  and  $f(2) = 20$ .

WTS:  $\exists L \in \mathbb{R}$ , s.t.  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists M \in \mathbb{R}$ , s.t.  $x > M \Rightarrow |f(\sin x) - L| < \varepsilon$ .

Take  $L = 15$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , Take  $M > 0$ , gives  $x > 0$ .

Since  $x > 0$ ,  $x \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\sin x \in [-1, 1]$ ,

Take  $t = \sin x$ .  $t \in [-1, 1]$

Therefore,  $f(t) = 15$ , gives that

$$|f(\sin x) - 15| = |15 - 15| = 0 < \varepsilon$$

Thus,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(\sin(x)) = 15$ , which  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(\sin(x))$  exists,

counters the statement in the question.

5b) is quite challenging. You can try it however we will not require you to return your work. 5b) is not counted for credits.

5. We will try to prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a < b$ . Let  $f$  be a one-to-one continuous function on an interval  $(a, b)$ .

Then

$f$  is strictly increasing on  $(a, b)$ , i.e.  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in (a, b), x_1 < x_2 \implies f(x_1) < f(x_2)$

OR

$f$  is strictly decreasing on  $(a, b)$ , i.e.  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in (a, b), x_1 < x_2 \implies f(x_1) > f(x_2)$ .

- (a) What happens when we drop continuity property? Find an example of one-to-one non-continuous function defined on  $(-1, 1)$  which increases on  $(-1, 0]$  and decreases on  $(0, 1)$ . No justification is necessary.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & x \in (-1, 0] \\ -x+2 & x \in (0, 1) \end{cases}$$

when we drop the continuity property, which is provided as a counter example above, which is non-continuous but still strictly increasing when  $x \in (-1, 0]$  and strictly decreasing when  $x \in (0, 1)$ .

- (b) Prove this following theorem. Hint: you may need to use the Intermediate Value Theorem in your proof.