

HW 11: page 220 - 221, #1, 2, 5 and page 226-227, # 1 - 3, 4(a)(b), 5, 11

## Exercise 1 (pages 220 - 221)

Mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

- a. Let  $D$  be a compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and suppose that  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous. Then  $f(D)$  is compact.

**True, by Theorem 5.3.2.**

- b. Suppose that  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous. Then, there exists a point  $x_1$  in  $D$  st  $f(x_1) \geq f(x) \forall x \in D$

**False.**

**Let:**  $f(x) = x$  and  $D = \mathbb{R}$

**Suppose:**  $\exists x_1 \in D$  st  $f(x_1) \geq f(x) \forall x \in D$

Notice that  $(f(x_1) + 1) \in \mathbb{R}$ , and if  $x_2 = (f(x_1) + 1)$ , then  $f(x_2) = (f(x_1) + 1) > f(x_1)$ . A contradiction.

- c. Let  $D$  be a bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and assume that  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous. Then  $f(D)$  is bounded.

**False.**

**Let:**  $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

**Suppose:**  $\exists f(x_1)$  st  $f(x_1) \geq f(x) \forall x \in (0, \infty)$

Notice that  $(f(x_1) + 1) \in \mathbb{R}$ , and if  $x_2 = \frac{1}{f(x_1)+1}$ , then  $f(x_2) = (f(x_1) + 1) > f(x_1)$ . A contradiction.

## Exercise 2 (pages 220 - 221)

Mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

- a. Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous and assume  $f(a) < 0 < f(b)$ . Then there exists a point  $c \in (a, b)$  st  $f(c) = 0$ .

**True, by Theorem 5.3.6 (IVT).**

- b. Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous and assume  $f(a) \leq k \leq f(b)$ . Then there exists a point  $c \in [a, b]$  st  $f(c) = k$ .

**True, by Theorem 5.3.6 (IVT). Also because this statement is just (a) above with  $k = 0$ , except weaker.**

- c. If  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous and bounded on  $D$ , then  $f$  assumes maximum and minimum values on  $D$ .

**False.**

**Let:**  $f : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = x$

**Suppose:**  $f$  has  $x \in D$ , a maximum value on  $D$

Notice that  $0 < x < 1$ , and that  $x < x + \frac{1-x}{2}$ .

However, notice also that  $x + \frac{1-x}{2} < 1$

But  $x$  is a maximum value on  $D$ . A contradiction.

WLOG, a minimum value on  $D$  is similar.

## Exercise 5 (pages 220 - 221)

Show that the equation  $5^x = x^4$  has at least one real solution.

**Let:**  $f : [-1, 0] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = 5^x - x^4$

Notice that  $f(-1) = -0.8$  and  $f(0) = 1$

Since  $5^x - x^4 = 0$  means  $5^x = x^4$ , and  $-0.8 < 0 < 1$ ,

by Theorem 5.3.6, since  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,

$\exists c \in [-1, 0]$  st  $f(c) = 0$ .

## Exercise 1 (pages 226 - 227)

Let  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

- a.  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $D$  iff for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  st  $|f(x) - f(y)| < \delta$  whenever  $|x - y| < \epsilon$  and  $x, y \in D$ .

**This isn't the definition, but I can't find a counter example for it...**

- b. If  $D = \{x\}$ , then  $f$  is uniformly continuous at  $x$ .

**True.** Since  $x$  is the only element in the domain, and since  $f$  is a function,  $f(x)$  is the only element in the range of  $f$  which makes  $|f(x) - f(y)|$  always less than any  $\epsilon > 0$  since there is only one object in the range, making them the same object in any possible case.

- c. If  $f$  is continuous and  $D$  is compact, then  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $D$ .

**True, by Theorem 5.4.6.**

## Exercise 2 (pages 226 - 227)

Let  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

- a. In the definition of uniform continuity, the positive  $\delta$  depends only on the function  $f$  and the given  $\epsilon > 0$ .

**False.** The positive  $\delta$  depends on the given  $x, y \in D$  as well.

- b. If  $f$  is continuous and  $(x_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $D$ , then  $(f(x_n))$  is a Cauchy sequence.

**False.**

**Let:**  $x_n = \frac{1}{n}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $f : (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

Notice that  $f(x_n) = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

This is not a Cauchy sequence.

- c. If  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  can be extended to a function that is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , then  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $(a, b)$ .

**True, by Theorem 5.4.9.**

### Exercise 3 (pages 226 - 227)

Determine which of the following continuous functions are uniformly continuous on the given set. Justify your answers.

- a.  $f(x) = x$  on  $[2, 5]$  since  $f$  is continuous and  $D$  is compact,  $f$  is uniformly continuous (by Theorem 5.4.6)
- b.  $f(x) = x$  on  $(0, 2)$  since  $\tilde{f} : [0, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous,  $f$  is uniformly continuous (by Theorem 5.4.9)
- c.  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 7$  on  $[0, 5]$  since  $f$  is continuous and  $D$  is compact,  $f$  is uniformly continuous (by Theorem 5.4.6)
- d.  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 7$  on  $(1, 4)$  since  $\tilde{f} : [1, 4] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous,  $f$  is uniformly continuous (by Theorem 5.4.9)
- e.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$  on  $(0, 1)$  Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  does not exist,  $f(x)$  cannot be extended to a continuous function. Therefore,  $f$  is not uniformly continuous.
- f.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$  on  $(0, \infty)$  Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  does not exist,  $f(x)$  cannot be extended to a continuous function. Therefore,  $f$  is not uniformly continuous.
- g.  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2}$  on  $(2, 4)$  Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x)$  exist,  $f(x)$  can be extended to a continuous function. Therefore,  $f$  is uniformly continuous.
- h.  $f(x) = x \sin(\frac{1}{x})$  on  $(0, 1)$  Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = \sin(1)$ ,  $f(x)$  can be extended to a continuous function. Therefore,  $f$  is uniformly continuous.

## Exercise 4(a)(b) (pages 226 - 227)

Prove that each function is uniformly continuous on the given set by directly verifying the  $\epsilon$  -  $\delta$  property in Definition 4.1.

**Definition 5.4.1:**

$f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is uniformly continuous on  $D$  if

$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  st  $0 < |x - y| < \delta$  and  $x, y \in D$  implies  $|f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$

a.  $f(x) = x^3$  on  $[0, 2]$

$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  st  $0 < |x - y| < \delta$  and  $x, y \in D$  implies  $|x^3 - y^3| < \epsilon$

$$|x^3 - y^3|$$

$$|(x - y)(x^2 + xy + y^2)|$$

$$|(x - y)(x^2 + xy + y^2)| \leq |(x - y)|(|x^2| + |xy| + |y^2|) \leq 12|x - y| < \epsilon$$

so, whenever  $|x - y| < \delta = \frac{\epsilon}{12}$ ,  $|x^3 - y^3| < \epsilon$

b.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  on  $[2, \infty)$

$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  st  $0 < |x - y| < \delta$  and  $x, y \in D$  implies  $|\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y}| < \epsilon$

$$|\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y}| = |\frac{y - x}{xy}|$$

Since all elements in the domain are positive,

$$|\frac{y - x}{xy}| = |y - x| \frac{1}{xy} = |x - y| \frac{1}{xy} < \epsilon$$

So, since  $\frac{1}{x}$  is maximum at  $x = 2$  and  $\frac{1}{y}$  is maximum at  $y = 2$ ,

$$|x - y| < xy\epsilon$$

$$|x - y| < (2)(2)\epsilon$$

$$|x - y| < \delta = 4\epsilon$$

so, whenever  $|x - y| < \delta = 4\epsilon$ ,  $|\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y}| < \epsilon$

## Exercise 5 (pages 226 - 227)

Prove that  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  is uniformly continuous on  $[0, \infty)$ .

**Let:**  $\epsilon > 0$

Choose  $\delta = \text{SOMETHING}$  to make  $|x - y| < \delta$ . We know that:

$$|f(x) - f(y)| = |\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}| = \frac{|x - y|}{|\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}|} < \frac{\delta}{|\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}|}$$

So, let

$$\delta \frac{1}{|\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}|} = \epsilon \Rightarrow \delta \frac{1}{|1 + 1|} = \epsilon \Rightarrow \delta = 2\epsilon$$

then  $|\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}| < \epsilon$  if  $|x - y| < \delta$  and  $x, y \in [0, \infty)$

## Exercise 11 (pages 226 - 227)

Let  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be uniformly continuous on the bounded set  $D$ . Prove that  $f$  is bounded on  $D$ .  
Use Theorem 5.4.8. The hint is that it's bounded.

### Theorem 5.4.8

**Let:**  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be uniformly continuous on  $D$

**Assume:**  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $D$

Then,

$\{f(x_n)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

### Lemma 4.3.11

Every Cauchy sequence is bounded.

#### Proof strategy:

Any Cauchy sequence  $x_n$  in  $D$  means that  $\{f(x_n)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence, and if  $\{f(x_n)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence then it's bounded.

So, our strategy will be to somehow make a Cauchy sequence  $x_n$  that has a limit at  $c$  such that  $f(c) = \max(f(D))$  and, WLOG,  $d$  such that  $f(d) = \min(f(D))$ .

Either that, or figure out a way to make a list of Cauchy sequences that hit all values in the domain.

Or maybe just prove it by contradiction:

*Proof.*

**Suppose:**  $f$  is NOT bounded on  $D$

Then  $\exists m \in \mathbb{R}$  st  $f(x) > m \forall x \in D$  (or, WLOG, st  $f(x) < m \forall x \in D$ )

Since  $\sup f(D)$  is unbounded above, there exists a monotone subsequence  $s_n$  in  $f(D)$  st  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \infty$

This also means every subsequence of  $s_n$  diverges to infinity.

If we let  $t_n$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $D$ , then by Theorem 5.4.8,  $\{f(t_n)\}$  must be a Cauchy sequence.

Recall the definition of uniform continuity:

$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  st  $|x - y| < \delta$  and  $x, y \in D$  implies  $|f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$

**I know it's a jumble of statements... I think I need to stick those together somehow but I'm lost.**

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