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第四章作业: 习题 4.1 全部, 其中题 2 见勘误表; 习题 4.2 2,4

第五章作业: 习题 5.1 1-6,9-11,14 选做; 习题 5.2 全部; 习题 5.3 任选不少于十道题目; 习题 5.4 任选 4 道题

## 4.1

### 4.1.1

For  $a > 0$ , prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \sqrt{x} = \sqrt{a}$ .

Proof: For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta = \varepsilon\sqrt{a} > 0$  such that for any  $|x - a| < \delta$ ,  $|\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{a}| = |x - a|/(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{a}) < \delta/\sqrt{a} = \varepsilon$ . Hence  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \sqrt{x} = \sqrt{a}$ .

### 4.1.2

Calculate

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left( \frac{7x^3 - 2x^2 - 17x - 19}{2x^3 + 3x^2 - 11x - 6} + \frac{1}{2x^2 - 3x - 2} \right) = \frac{12}{5}.$$

### 4.1.3

Suppose  $\psi, \varphi$  are periodic functions on  $(0, \infty)$ , such that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\psi(x) - \varphi(x)) = 0$ . Prove that  $\psi = \varphi$ .

Proof: Let  $T, T'$  be the periods of  $\psi, \varphi$ ,  $f(x) = \psi(x) - \varphi(x)$  and  $h(x) = f(x + T) - f(x)$ , then

$h(x) = \varphi(x + T) - \varphi(x)$  so  $h$  has period  $T'$ . Note that

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} h(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x + T) - f(x) = 0 - 0 = 0$  and  $h$  is periodic so  $h = 0$ . Hence  $f$  is periodic and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$ , which implies  $f = 0$  and  $\varphi = \psi$ .

### 4.1.5

Suppose  $a_0, a_1, \ell, \alpha > 0$ ,  $a_1 \neq a_0$ ,  $a_{n+1} = \frac{(\ell + n^\alpha)a_n^2}{\ell a_n + n^\alpha a_{n-1}}$ . Prove that:

(1) If  $\alpha < 1$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n > 0$ ;

(2) If  $\alpha = 1, \ell > 1$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n > 0$ ;

(3) If  $\alpha > 1$ , then  $a_n$  diverges or  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ .

Proof: Let  $b_n = \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} - 1$ , then

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{\ell + n^\alpha}{\ell + n^\alpha \cdot a_{n-1}/a_n} \implies b_n = \frac{n^\alpha}{\ell + n^\alpha} b_{n-1}.$$

Note that  $a_n = a_0 \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 + b_k)^{-1}$ , so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n > 0$  iff  $\prod_{k=0}^{\infty} (1 + b_k)$  converges, iff  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |b_k|$  converges (since  $b_n$  have the same sign).  $b_n = b_0 \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{n^\alpha}{\ell + n^\alpha}$  so we can denote  $c_n = \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{n^\alpha}{\ell + n^\alpha}$ . Consider

Raabe's test:  $R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left( \frac{c_n}{c_{n+1}} - 1 \right)$ , then

$$n \left( \frac{c_n}{c_{n+1}} - 1 \right) = \frac{\ell}{n^{\alpha-1}} \implies R = \ell \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{1-\alpha}.$$

If  $\alpha < 1$  or  $\alpha = 1, \ell > 1$ , then  $R > 1$  so the limit converges. If  $\alpha > 1$  then  $R = 0 < 1$  so it diverges.

Furthermore if  $\alpha \leq 0$ , then it converges; if  $\alpha = 1, \ell \leq 1$  then it diverges.

## 4.2

### 4.2.2

Suppose  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\}$  satisfy

$$\begin{cases} x_n^2 + y_n^2 + 2y_n = 1 + \ln \frac{n+1}{n}, \\ x_n + \left(1 + \frac{1}{3n}\right)y_n = n^{-1/n}. \end{cases}$$

Prove that  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\}$  converges and determine the limit.

Proof:  $y_n^2 + 2y_n + \left(n^{-1/n} - \left(1 + \frac{1}{3n}\right)y_n\right)^2 = 1 + \ln \frac{n+1}{n}$ , so  
 $\left(2 + \frac{2}{3n} + \frac{1}{9n^2}\right)y_n^2 - 2\left(n^{-1/n}\left(1 + \frac{1}{3n}\right) - 1\right)y_n + n^{-2/n} - 1 - \ln \frac{n+1}{n} = 0$ . Then

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1/n}\left(1 + \frac{1}{3n}\right) - 1 = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-2/n} - 1 - \ln \frac{n+1}{n} = 0$  so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = 0$  ( $y_n \sim \sqrt{\frac{\log n}{n}}$ ).

Likewise we know  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 1$ .

### 4.2.4

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n \sqrt{1 + \frac{2k}{n^3}} - 1 &= \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{j} \left(\frac{2k}{n^3}\right)^j = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{j} 2^j n^{-3j} \sum_{k=1}^n k^j \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{j} \frac{2^j n^{-3j}}{j+1} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{j+1} \binom{j+1}{k} n^k B_{j+1-k} + n^j \right) = \frac{1}{2n} + \frac{1}{2n^2} - \frac{1}{6n^3} + O(n^{-4}). \end{aligned}$$

## 5.1

### 5.1.1

Prove that  $D(x) = \mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{Q}}$  is nowhere continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Proof: Note that  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}^C$  are both dense on  $\mathbb{R}$ . For  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ , and any  $\delta > 0$ , there exists  $y \in \mathbb{Q}^C$  such that  $|x - y| < \delta$  but  $|D(x) - D(y)| = 1$ , so  $D$  is not continuous at  $x$ . Likewise for  $x \in \mathbb{Q}^C$ , and any  $\delta > 0$ , there exists  $y \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $|x - y| < \delta$  but  $|D(x) - D(y)| = 1$ , so  $D$  is not continuous at  $x$ .

### 5.1.2

Consider

$$R(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x = 0 \\ q^{-1}, & x = p/q, \gcd(p, q) = 1, \\ 0, & x \in \mathbb{Q}^C. \end{cases}$$

Prove that  $R$  is only continuous on  $\mathbb{Q}^C$ .

Proof: If  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then likewise for any  $\delta > 0$  there exists  $y \in \mathbb{Q}^C$  such that  $|x - y| < \delta$  but  $|R(x) - R(y)| = R(x)$ , so  $R$  is not continuous at  $x$ . If  $x \in \mathbb{Q}^C$ , then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\delta < \min\{\|qx\|/q : 1 \leq q \leq \lfloor \varepsilon^{-1} \rfloor\}$ , then  $|x - y| < \delta$  implies either  $x \in \mathbb{Q}^C$ , or  $x = p/q \in \mathbb{Q}$ , and  $q > 1/\varepsilon$ , so  $|f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$ .

### 5.1.3

Let  $S_n = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=0}^n \log \binom{n}{k}$ . Calculate  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$ .

Solution: By Stolz,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=0}^n \log \binom{n}{k}}{n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \log \binom{n}{k} / \binom{n-1}{k}}{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log n^n / n!}{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log (n/(n-1))^{n-1}}{2} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

### 5.1.4

Suppose  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(2x) - f(x)}{x} = 0$ , prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)/x = 0$ .

Proof: Let  $f(2x) - f(x) = xh(x)$ , then  $h(x) \rightarrow 0$ , and

$$f(x) = -f(2^{-n}x) + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} 2^{-k-1} x h(2^{-k-1}x)$$

For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $x < \delta$  implies  $-\varepsilon < h(x)$ ,  $f(x) < \varepsilon$ , then

$$\left| \frac{f(x)}{x} \right| \leq \left| \frac{f(2^{-n}x)}{x} \right| + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} 2^{-k-1} |h(2^{-k-1}x)| \leq \left| \frac{f(2^{-n}x)}{x} \right| + 4\varepsilon.$$

Let  $n \rightarrow \infty$  then  $|f(x)/x| < 4\varepsilon$ .

### 5.1.5

If  $f$  is locally Lipschitz on  $\mathbb{R}$ , then  $f$  is Lipschitz on any compact subset  $[-A, A]$ .

Proof: For any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $O_x$  be the neighborhood of  $x$  such that  $|f(y) - f(z)| \leq M_x |y - z|$ . For any compact subset  $K \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,  $K \subset \bigcup_{x \in K} O_x$  so there is a finite subset  $J \subset K$  such that  $K \subset \bigcup_{x \in J} O_x$ . Let  $M = \max\{M_x : x \in J\}$ , then  $|f(y) - f(z)| \leq M |y - z|$  for any  $y, z \in K$ . (Let  $E = \{x \in [-A, A], |f(y) - f(z)| \leq M |y - z|, \forall y, z \in [-A, x]\}$ , then clearly  $x = \sup E > -A$  and  $x \in E, x = A$ ).

### 5.1.6

If  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfy for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , exists  $\delta > 0$  and  $M > 0$  such that  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq M |x - y|$  for all  $y \in (x - \delta, x + \delta)$ . Must  $f$  be locally Lipschitz?

Solution: Consider  $f(x) = x \sin x^{-1}$ , then for any  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $f$  is locally  $C^1$  so it is locally Lipschitz. For  $x = 0$ ,  $|f(y)| \leq |y|$  for all  $y \in (-1, 1)$ . But  $f$  is not locally Lipschitz at 0, since  $x_n = (2\pi n)^{-1}$  and  $y_n = (2\pi(n + \frac{1}{2}))^{-1}$  satisfy  $|f(x_n) - f(y_n)| = x_n + y_n$ .

### 5.1.9

Prove that if  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where  $I$  is an interval and  $f$  monotonic, then  $A = \{x : f \text{ not continuous at } x\}$  is countable.

Proof: Consider the map  $\varphi : A \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}, x \mapsto q_x$  where  $q_x$  is an arbitrary element of  $\mathbb{Q} \cap (\sup_{y < x} f(y), \inf_{y > x} f(y))$ , then  $\varphi$  is an injection so  $A$  is countable.

### 5.1.10

Suppose  $\{x_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{R}$  and let  $f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k} \chi_{(x_k, \infty)}$ , prove that all discontinuities of  $f$  are  $\{x_k : k \geq 1\}$ . Furthermore, if  $\{x_k\}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ , then  $f$  is strictly increasing.

Proof: If  $x \notin \{x_k\}$ , then  $2^{-k} \chi_{(x_k, \infty)}$  are continuous at  $x$ , and the series converges uniformly, so  $f$  is continuous at  $x$ .

For  $k \geq 1$ ,  $2^{-l} \chi_{(x_l, \infty)}$  is only discontinuous at  $x_k$  when  $k = l$ , so  $f$  is not continuous at  $x_k$ .

If  $\{x_k\}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ , then for any  $x < y$ , there exists  $k$  such that  $x_k \in (x, y)$ , so

$\chi_{(x_k, \infty)}(x) = 0 < 1 = \chi_{(x_k, \infty)}(y)$ . Hence  $f(x) < f(y)$  and  $f$  is strictly increasing.

### 5.1.11

Write the real numbers in  $(0, 1)$  into the decimal form  $0.a_1a_2 \cdots a_n \cdots$ , (there does not exist  $N$  such that  $n \geq N \implies a_n = 9$ ). Define

$$f(0.a_1a_2 \cdots a_n \cdots) = 0.a_10a_20 \cdots a_n0 \cdots,$$

determine at which points is  $f$  continuous.

Solution: If  $a_n = 0$  for all  $n \geq N$  while  $a_{N-1} = 1$ , then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $y = x - 10^{-M}$  where  $x = 0.a_1a_2 \cdots a_{N-1}$ , such that  $|y - x| < \varepsilon$ , and  $|f(x) - f(y)| \geq 8 \cdot 10^{-2N}$ , so  $f$  is not continuous at  $x = 0.a_1a_2 \cdots a_{N-1}$ .

If infinitely many  $a_n \neq 0$ , then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $N \geq -10 \log_{10} \varepsilon + 10$ , and  $\delta < 10^{-10N}$ , such that  $\forall |y - x| < \delta$ , the first  $N$  digits of  $x, y$  are the same, then  $|f(x) - f(y)| < 10^{-2N+2} < \varepsilon$ . Hence  $f$  is continuous at  $x$ .

### 5.1.14

The continuous function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfy the following property: for any  $\delta > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n\delta) = 0.$$

Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$ .

Proof: Consider any  $\varepsilon > 0$ . For any  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$A_N = \{\delta > 0 : \forall n \geq N, |f(n\delta)| \leq \varepsilon\}.$$

Then since  $f$  is continuous,  $A_N$  is closed, and by  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n\delta) = 0$  for any  $\delta > 0$ ,  $\bigcup_{N \geq 1} A_N = \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ . Hence by Baire Category Theorem, there exists an  $N > 0$  such that  $(a, b) \subset A_N$  for some interval  $(a, b)$ . Let  $X = \{x \in \mathbb{R}_{>0} : |f(x)| \leq \varepsilon\}$ , then since  $(a, b) \subset A_N$ , for any  $n \geq N$ ,  $(na, nb) \subset X$ . Note that when  $n > b/(b-a)$ ,  $nb > (n+1)a$ , hence there exists  $M > 0$  such that  $(M, \infty) \subset X$ . Therefore  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$ .

## 5.2

### 5.2.1

Calculate

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n!}{n^n} \right)^{1/n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n!)^{1/n}}{n} = \frac{1}{e}.$$

## 5.2.2

For  $a, b > 0$ , prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\sqrt[n]{a} + \sqrt[n]{b}}{2} \right)^n = \sqrt{ab}.$$

Proof:  $f(x) = \left( \frac{a^x + b^x}{2} \right)^{1/x}$ , then  $f$  is monotonically decreasing on  $(0, \infty)$ , so using L'Hopital,  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(1/n) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \exp \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(a^x + b^x) - \log 2}{x} = \sqrt{ab}.$

## 5.2.3

Calculate

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1 - x}{x^2} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

## 5.2.4

Calculate

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(1+x) - x}{x^2} = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

## 5.2.5

For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , calculate

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+x)^\alpha - 1 - x}{x^2} = \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)}{2}.$$

## 5.3

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### 5.3.8

Prove that  $f(x) = \sin^2 x + \sin x^2$  is not periodic.

Proof: If  $f$  is periodic, then  $f$  is continuous so  $f$  is uniformly continuous. Since  $\sin^2 x$  is uniformly continuous, so is  $\sin x^2$ . But for  $\varepsilon = 1/2$ , and any  $\delta > 0$ , consider  $x = \sqrt{2\pi N}$  and  $y = \sqrt{2\pi(N+1/2)}$ , then  $|x - y| < 1/2N < \delta$  when  $N > 2/\delta$ , but  $|\sin x^2 - \sin y^2| = 1 > \varepsilon$ , leading to contradiction.

### 5.3.9

Suppose  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ , prove that there exists  $a, b$  such that for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  
 $|f(x)| \leq a + b|x|.$

Proof: For  $\varepsilon = 1$  there exists  $\delta$  such that  $|x - y| \leq \delta$  implies  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq 1$ . Let  $M = \sup_{x \in [0, \delta]} |f(x)|$ , then for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $|f(x)| \leq \delta^{-1}|x| + M.$

### 5.3.10

Suppose  $a > 0, a^2 + 4b < 0$ . Prove that there does not exist  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(f(x)) = af(x) + bx$  and for any  $a < b$  and  $r \in (f(a), f(b))$  there exists  $c \in (a, b)$  such that  $f(c) = r$ .

Proof: For any such  $f$ , clearly  $f$  is injective, and unbounded. If for some  $a < b < c$  we have

$(f(a) - f(b))(f(c) - f(b)) \geq 0$ , then we can find  $u \in (a, b)$  and  $v \in (b, c)$  such that  $f(u) = f(v)$ , a contradiction. Hence  $f$  is strictly monotonic, and so  $f$  is continuous.

If  $f$  has a fixed point  $f(t) = t$ , then  $t = at + bt$  so  $t = 0$  or  $a + b = 1$  which is impossible.

Consider any  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ , and  $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$ , then  $x_n = A\alpha^n + B\beta^n$ , where  $\alpha, \beta = (-1 \pm \sqrt{a^2 + 4b})/2$  so  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$ . It is well-known that  $x_n$  change signs infinitely often, so  $f$  is monotonically decreasing. Since  $f(x_n) - x_n = x_{n+1} - x_n$  takes both positive and negative values,  $f$  has a fixed point so  $f(0) = 0$ . Let  $x_1 > 0$ , then  $x_2 = f(x_1) < f(0) = 0$ , so  $x_{2k+1} > 0$  and  $x_{2k} < 0$ . But  $x_3 = ax_2 + bx_1 < 0$ , leading to contradiction.

### 5.3.11

If for a sequence  $\{f_n\}$  of continuous functions on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\{f_n(x)\}_{n \geq 1}$  is bounded for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , prove that there is an interval  $(a, b)$  and  $M > 0$  such that  $|f_n(x)| \leq M$  for all  $n \geq 1, x \in (a, b)$ .

Proof (Osgood): For any  $n, M$  let  $F_{n,M} = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : |f_n(x)| \leq M\}$ . Then  $F_{n,M}$  is closed, so

$\tilde{F}_M = \bigcap_{n \geq 1} F_{n,M}$  is also closed. We want to find  $M$  such that  $\tilde{F}_M$  has an interior  $(a, b)$ . Since

$\mathbb{R} = \bigcup_{M \geq 1} \tilde{F}_M$ , this is a simple application of Baire category theorem.

### 5.3.17

Suppose  $f, g \in C([a, b])$ , and exists  $x_n \in [a, b]$  such that  $f(x_n) = g(x_{n+1})$ , for all  $n \geq 1$ . Prove that  $\exists \xi \in [a, b], f(\xi) = g(\xi)$ .

Proof: Otherwise suppose  $f > g$ , so  $g(x_{n+1}) = f(x_n) > g(x_n)$  and  $f(x_n) < f(x_{n+1})$ . Take a sub-sequence  $\{x_{n_k}\} \rightarrow u$ , and suppose  $\{x_{n_k+1}\} \rightarrow v$  (otherwise choose a sub-sequence of  $\{x_{n_k}\}$ ). Then

$f(x_{n_k}) = g(x_{n_k+1})$ , so  $f(u) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_{n_k}) = g(v)$ . Note that  $g(x_{n_k}) < g(x_{n_k+1}) < \dots < g(x_{n_k+1})$ , so  $g(u) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(x_{n_k}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(x_{n_k+1}) = g(v)$ , hence  $f(u) = g(v) = g(u)$ , leading to contradiction.

### 5.3.18

Prove that there does not exist  $f \in C(\mathbb{R})$  such that for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \alpha$  has exactly two roots.

Proof: Let  $f(a) = f(b) = 0$  where  $a < b$ , and suppose  $f(x) > 0$  when  $x \in (a, b)$  (otherwise consider  $-f$ ).

Suppose  $M = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} f(x) > 0$ . If there exists  $a < c < d < b$  such that  $f(c) = f(d) = M$ , then take  $e \in (c, d)$  and  $r = f(e) \in (0, M)$ . There exists  $u \in (a, c)$  and  $v \in (d, b)$  such that  $f(u) = f(v) = r = f(e)$ , leading to contradiction. Otherwise suppose there exists  $a < c < b < d$  such that  $f(c) = f(d) = M$ , then there exists  $u \in (a, c), v \in (c, b), w \in (b, d)$  such that  $f(u) = f(v) = f(w) = M/2$ , a contradiction.

### 5.3.19

Suppose  $n \in \mathbb{Z}, f \in C([0, n])$  and  $f(0) = f(n)$ . Prove that there are  $n$  distinct sets  $\{x, y\}$  such that  $f(x) = f(y)$  and  $x - y \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ .

Proof: For any  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , let  $g(x) = f(x+k) - f(x)$  where  $g : [0, n-k] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$g(0) = -g(n-k)$  so there exists  $x \in [0, n-k]$  such that  $g(x) = 0$  so  $f(x+k) = f(x)$ , and we obtain the  $n$  distinct sets  $\{x, x+k\}$ .

### 5.3.20

Suppose for any  $a < b$ , and  $y \in (f(a), f(b))$  (or  $y \in (f(b), f(a))$ ), there exists  $c \in (a, b)$  such that  $f(c) = y$ . If for any  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : f(x) = r\}$  is closed, prove that  $f \in C(\mathbb{R})$ .

Proof: Otherwise if  $f$  is discontinuous at  $x_0$ , i.e. there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that for any  $\delta > 0$ , there exists  $y \in (x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta)$  such that  $|f(x_0) - f(y)| > \varepsilon$ . Either  $f(y) > f(x_0) + \varepsilon$  or  $f(y) < f(x_0) - \varepsilon$  so we can assume that there is a sequence  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$  such that  $f(x_n) > f(x_0) + \varepsilon$ . Take  $r \in \mathbb{Q} \cap (f(x_0), f(x_0) + \varepsilon)$ , then there is a sequence  $y_m \rightarrow x_0$  such that  $f(y_m) = r$ . Since  $f^{-1}(\{r\})$  is closed,  $x_0 \in f^{-1}(\{r\})$ , leading to contradiction.

### 5.3.21

Suppose  $f, g, xf$  are uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ , prove that  $fg$  is uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Proof: Since  $xf, g$  are uniformly continuous, there exists  $A, B$  such that  $|xf(x)| \leq A + B|x|$ , and  $C, D$  such that  $|g(x)| \leq C + D|x|$ .

For any  $x < y$ , such that  $|x - y| < \delta$ ,

$$|f(x)g(x) - f(y)g(y)| \leq |f(x)| \cdot |g(x) - g(y)| + |g(y)| \cdot |f(x) - f(y)|$$

and

$$|f(x)g(x) - f(y)g(y)| \leq |xf(x) - yf(y)| \cdot |g(x)/x| + |yf(y)| \cdot \left| \frac{g(x)}{x} - \frac{g(y)}{y} \right|.$$

Note that

$$\left| \frac{g(x)}{x} - \frac{g(y)}{y} \right| \leq \frac{|y| \cdot |g(x) - g(y)| + |g(y)| \cdot |x - y|}{xy}.$$

For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , take  $M > 0$ , and suppose  $m = \sup_{x \in [-M-1, M+1]} |f(x)| + |g(x)|$ , then there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|x - y| < \delta$  implies

$|xf(x) - yf(y)|, |f(x) - f(y)|, |g(x) - g(y)| < \varepsilon' = \varepsilon / (m \cdot (10 + 10 \max\{A, B, C, D\}))$ . For any  $|x - y| < \delta$ , if  $x \in [-M - 1/2, M + 1/2]$ , then

$$|f(x)g(x) - f(y)g(y)| \leq |f(x)| \cdot |g(x) - g(y)| + |g(y)| \cdot |f(x) - f(y)| \leq 2m\varepsilon' < \varepsilon.$$

Otherwise  $|x|, |y| > M$ , so

$$\left| \frac{g(x)}{x} - \frac{g(y)}{y} \right| \leq \frac{|g(x) - g(y)|}{|y|} + \frac{|g(y)| \cdot |x - y|}{|xy|} < \frac{\varepsilon'}{|y|} + (D + C \cdot M^{-1}) \frac{\delta}{|y|},$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x)g(x) - f(y)g(y)| &\leq |xf(x) - yf(y)| \cdot |g(x)/x| + |yf(y)| \cdot |g(x)/x - g(y)/y| \\ &\leq \varepsilon' \cdot (D + CM^{-1}) + (A + B|y|) \cdot \left( \frac{\varepsilon' + \delta(D + CM^{-1})}{|y|} \right) < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

So in both cases  $|f(x)g(x) - f(y)g(y)| < \varepsilon$ , then  $fg$  is uniformly continuous.

### 5.3.23

Suppose  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  prove that

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B & A \end{pmatrix} = \det(A + B) \det(A - B).$$

Proof: Note that

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B & A \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B - A & A - B \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} A + B & B \\ 0 & A - B \end{pmatrix} = \det(A + B) \det(A - B).$$

## 5.4

### 5.4.1

Consider

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

Prove that  $f \in C([0, 1])$  and determine whether  $f$  is Hölder on  $[0, 1]$ .

Proof: Clearly  $f$  is continuous on  $(0, 1]$ , and  $|x \sin x^{-2}| \leq x$  so  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin x^{-2} = 0$  hence  $f \in C([0, 1])$ .

We prove that for  $M = 100$  and  $\alpha = 1/3$ , we have  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq M|x - y|^\alpha$ . The case  $x = 0$  is trivial, now suppose  $0 < y < x$ .

Note that  $f'(x) = \sin x^{-2} - 2x^{-2} \cos x^{-2}$  so  $|f'(t)| \leq 1 + 2t^{-2}$ .

Case1:  $x - y < x^3$ , then  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq (x - y)(1 + 2x^{-2})$ , and  $(x - y)^{2/3}(1 + 2x^{-2}) < x^2 + 2 \leq 3$  is bounded, so  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq 3|x - y|^{1/3}$ .

Case2:  $x - y > x^3$ , then  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |f(x)| + |f(y)| \leq x + y \leq 2x \leq 2|x - y|^{1/3}$ .

Hence  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq 3|x - y|^{1/3}$ .

### 5.4.2

Consider

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x \sin e^{1/x}, & x \in (0, 1], \\ 0, & x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Prove that  $f \in C([0, 1])$  and determine whether  $f$  is Hölder on  $[0, 1]$ .

Proof:  $|f(x)| \leq |x|$  so  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$  and clearly  $f$  is continuous on  $(0, 1]$ .

Let  $x_n = 1/\log(2\pi n)$ ,  $y_n = 1/\log(2\pi(n + 1/2))$ , then  $|x_n - y_n| = \frac{\log(1+1/2n)}{\log(2\pi n)\log(2\pi(n+1/2))} = O\left(\frac{1}{n \log^2 n}\right)$ ,

and  $|f(x_n) - f(y_n)| = |x_n + y_n| = O\left(\frac{1}{\log n}\right)$ , hence for any  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and  $M > 0$ , there exists  $n$  such

that  $\frac{1}{\log n} > CM\left(\frac{1}{n \log^2 n}\right)^\alpha$  so  $f$  is not Hölder.

### 5.4.3

Construct a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $|f(x) - f(y)| < |x - y|$  for any  $x \neq y$  but  $f$  has no fixed points.

Solution: Consider  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$ , then  $f'(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} < 1$  so  $|f(x) - f(y)| < |x - y|$ .



## 5.4.5

Suppose  $f$  has period 1, and  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |x - y|$ . Consider  $g(x) = x + f(x)$ . For any  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $x_{n+1} = g(x_n)$ , prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n/n$  exists and its value is independent of  $x_0$ .

Proof: Clearly  $f, g$  are continuous, and  $g$  is monotonically increasing: if  $x > y$  then

$0 \leq g(x) - g(y) \leq 2(x - y)$ . Note that  $g(x + k) = g(x) + k$  so  $g^{(n)}(x + k) = g^{(n)}(x) + k$ . If

$u < v < u + 1$ , then  $|g(u) - g(v)| = |v + f(v) - u - f(u)| < |v - u| + |u + 1 - v| = 1$ , so  $|u - v| < 1$  implies  $|g^{(n)}(u) - g^{(n)}(v)| < 1$ .

For any two sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$ , suppose  $x_0 + k - 1 \leq y_0 < x_0 + k$ , then

$x_n + k - 1 = g^{(n)}(x_0 + k - 1) \leq y_n = g^{(n)}(y_0) < g^{(n)}(x_0 + k) = x_n + k$ . So if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n/n$  exists, then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n/n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n/n$  so the limit is independent of  $x_0$ .

Let  $h(n, x) = g^{(n)}(x) - x$ , then  $h(n + m, x) = h(n, g^{(m)}(x)) + h(m, x)$  and  $h(n, x) = h(n, \{x\})$ . Also,  $|h(n, x) - h(n, y)| = |h(n, \{x\}) - h(n, \{y\})| \leq |\{x\} - \{y\}| + |g(\{x\}) - g(\{y\})| \leq 2$ .

Hence  $h(n, x) + h(m, x) - 2 \leq h(n + m, x) \leq h(n, x) + h(m, x)$ , so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(n, x)/n$  exists (recall problem 3.4.4).