

**Problem 2.(i)**

Suppose that  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous bijective function. Show that  $f$  is strictly monotone; that is,  $f$  is either strictly increasing or strictly decreasing on all  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Solution.**

Note that due to injectivity of  $f$ ,  $(\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R})[f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow x = y]$ . Thus,  $f(0) \neq f(1)$ . Assume that  $f(0) < f(1)$  and it will be proven that  $f$  is strictly increasing. The case where  $f(0) > f(1)$  and we aim to prove that  $f$  is strictly decreasing is analogous. For instance, we could take  $g(x) = -f(x)$  with  $g(0) < g(1)$  and use that it is strictly increasing to obtain that  $f$  is strictly decreasing.

It will be proven that  $(\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R})[x < y < z \Rightarrow f(x) < f(y) < f(z) \vee f(x) > f(y) > f(z)]$ . For a contradiction, assume the opposite and fix  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $x < y < z$  and either  $f(x) < f(y) > f(z)$  or  $f(x) > f(y) < f(z)$ .

If  $f(x) < f(y) > f(z)$ , take  $m = \frac{1}{2}f(y) + \frac{1}{2}\max\{f(x), f(z)\}$ . Thus,  $m \in (\max\{f(x), f(z)\}, f(y))$ . Due to continuity of  $f$ , according to the **Intermediate Value Theorem**, exists  $x_0 \in [x, y]$  such that  $f(x_0) = m$ . Similarly, exists  $z_0 \in [y, z]$  such that  $f(z_0) = m$ . Thus, since  $f(y) > m$ ,  $x_0 < y < z_0$  and  $f(x_0) = f(z_0) = m$ . This contradicts injectivity of  $f$ ,  $(\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R})[f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow x = y]$ .

If  $f(x) > f(y) < f(z)$ , take  $m = \frac{1}{2}f(y) + \frac{1}{2}\min\{f(x), f(z)\}$ . Thus,  $m \in (f(y), \min\{f(x), f(z)\})$ . Using the **Intermediate Value Theorem**, we will be able to arrive to a contradiction with injectivity of  $f$  in a similar way to the  $f(x) < f(y) > f(z)$  case.

Thus, it has been proven that  $(\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R})[x < y < z \Rightarrow f(x) < f(y) < f(z) \vee f(x) > f(y) > f(z)]$ . Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} &(\forall x, y, z, t \in \mathbb{R})[x < y < z < t \Rightarrow x < y < z \wedge y < z < t], \\ &(\forall x, y, z, t \in \mathbb{R})[x < y < z < t \Rightarrow (f(x) < f(y) < f(z) \vee f(x) > f(y) > f(z)) \wedge \\ &\quad (f(y) < f(z) < f(t) \vee f(y) > f(z) > f(t))], \\ &(\forall x, y, z, t \in \mathbb{R})[x < y < z < t \Rightarrow f(x) < f(y) < f(z) < f(t) \vee f(x) > f(y) > f(z) > f(t)]. \end{aligned}$$

Now it will be finally proven that  $(\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R})[x < y \Rightarrow f(x) < f(y)]$ . Fix some  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $x < y$ .

1. If  $x = 0 \wedge y = 1$ , then, according to the initial assumption  $f(0) < f(1)$ .
2. If exactly one of  $x, y$  belongs to  $\{0, 1\}$ , we can use the fact that  $(\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R})[x < y < z \Rightarrow f(x) < f(y) < f(z) \vee f(x) > f(y) > f(z)]$ , for numbers in  $\{x, y\} \cup \{0, 1\}$ , to show that  $x < y \Rightarrow f(x) < f(y)$ .
3. If none of  $x, y$  belong to  $\{0, 1\}$ , we can use the fact that  $(\forall x, y, z, t \in \mathbb{R})[x < y < z < t \Rightarrow f(x) < f(y) < f(z) < f(t) \vee f(x) > f(y) > f(z) > f(t)]$ , for numbers in  $\{x, y\} \cup \{0, 1\}$ , to show that  $x < y \Rightarrow f(x) < f(y)$ .

Thus, we have finally proven that  $f$  is strictly increasing when  $f(0) < f(1)$ . Consequently, we have proven that  $f$  is strictly monotone. ■

**Problem 2.(ii)**

Suppose that  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and there exists some  $K > 0$  such that  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq K|x - y|$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Solution.**

We have that  $(\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R})[|f(x) - f(y)| \leq K|x - y|]$ . WTS that  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

It will be proven that

$$(\forall \epsilon > 0)(\exists \delta > 0)(\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R})[|x - y| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon].$$

Fix some  $\epsilon > 0$ . Since  $K > 0$ , we can take  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{K} > 0$ . Since  $(\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R})[|f(x) - f(y)| \leq K|x - y|]$ ,

$$(\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}) \left[ |x - y| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| \leq K|x - y| < K\delta = K\frac{\epsilon}{K} = \epsilon \right].$$

Thus,  $(\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R})[|x - y| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon]$  and  $f$  is uniformly continuous. ■