

2. (i) Let  $S_n := \frac{n}{n^2 + 1} + \frac{n}{n^2 + 2} + \cdots + \frac{n}{n^2 + n}$ .

Define  $T_n := \frac{n}{n^2 + 1} + \frac{n}{n^2 + 1} + \cdots + \frac{n}{n^2 + 1}$

and  $R_n := \frac{n}{n^2 + n} + \frac{n}{n^2 + n} + \cdots + \frac{n}{n^2 + n}$ .

Note that  $R_n \leq S_n \leq T_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . (Why?)

Also,  $T_n = \frac{n^2}{n^2 + 1}$  and  $R_n = \frac{n^2}{n^2 + n}$ .

Observe that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n = 1$ . (Why?)

Thus, by Sandwich Theorem,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$  exists and is equal to 1.

2. (ii) To find:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{n^n}$ .

Observe the following for  $n > 2$  :

$$a_n = \frac{n!}{n^n} = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{2}{n} \cdots \frac{n-1}{n} < \frac{1}{n} \cdot 1 \cdots 1 = \frac{1}{n}$$

Thus,  $a_n < \frac{1}{n}$  for  $n > 2$ . Moreover,  $a_n > 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$\therefore 0 < a_n < \frac{1}{n} \quad \forall n > 2.$$

As  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$ , we have it that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ , by Sandwich Theorem.

2. (iii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^3 + 3n^2 + 1}{n^4 + 8n^2 + 2} \right)$

Argue from  $a_n = \left( \frac{n^3 + 3n^2 + 1}{n^4 + 8n^2 + 2} \right) < \left( \frac{n^3 + 3n^2 + 1}{n^4} \right) = \frac{1}{n} + \frac{3}{n^2} + \frac{1}{n^4}$  and  $a_n > 0$ .

2. (iv)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n)^{1/n}.$

Define  $h_n := n^{1/n} - 1.$

Then,  $h_n \geq 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$  (Why?)

Observe the following for  $n > 2$  :

$$n = (1 + h_n)^n > 1 + nh_n + \binom{n}{2} h_n^2 > \binom{n}{2} h_n^2 = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} h_n^2.$$

$$\text{Thus, } h_n < \sqrt{\frac{2}{n-1}} \quad \forall n > 2.$$

Using Sandwich Theorem, we get that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h_n = 0$  which gives us that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{1/n} = 1.$

Where did we use that  $h_n \geq 0$ ?

$$2. \text{ (v) } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\cos \pi \sqrt{n}}{n^2} \right)$$

For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have that  $-1 \leq \cos(\pi \sqrt{n}) \leq 1$ .

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{-1}{n^2} \leq \frac{\cos \pi \sqrt{n}}{n^2} \leq \frac{1}{n^2} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Use Sandwich Theorem to argue that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos \pi \sqrt{n}}{n^2} = 0$ .

2. (vi)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{n}(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}))$

Observe that

$$a_n = \sqrt{n}(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}) = \sqrt{n}(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}) \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n})}{(\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n})} = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}}.$$

Thus,  $a_n < \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n}} = \frac{1}{2}.$

Also,  $a_n > \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n+1}} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{n}{n+1}} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{n+1}} \geq \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}\right).$

Therefore, we have shown that  $\frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}\right) < a_n < \frac{1}{2}.$

Use Sandwich Theorem to argue that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \frac{1}{2}.$

4. (i) Determine whether  $\left\{ \frac{n}{n^2 + 1} \right\}_{n \geq 1}$  is increasing or decreasing.

Let  $a_n$  denote the sequence.

$$a_{n+1} - a_n = \frac{(n+1)}{(n+1)^2 + 1} - \frac{n}{n^2 + 1} = \frac{(n+1)(n^2 + 1) - n((n+1)^2 - 1)}{((n+1)^2 + 1)(n^2 + 1)}$$

$$a_{n+1} - a_n = \frac{-n^2 - n + 1}{((n+1)^2 + 1)(n^2 + 1)} < 0.$$

$\therefore a_{n+1} < a_n$ , that is,  $a_n$  is a decreasing sequence.

$$4. \text{ (ii) } a_n = \frac{2^n 3^n}{5^{n+1}}.$$

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{2^{n+1} 3^{n+1}}{5^{n+2}} = \frac{6}{5} a_n.$$

$$\implies a_{n+1} - a_n = \frac{1}{5} a_n > 0.$$

Thus,  $a_n$  is an increasing sequence.



4. (iii)  $a_n = \frac{1-n}{n^2}$  for  $n \geq 2$ .

$$a_{n+1} - a_n = \frac{1-(n+1)}{(n+1)^2} - \frac{1-n}{n^2} = \frac{n-1}{n^2} - \frac{n}{(n+1)^2}$$

$$a_{n+1} - a_n = \frac{(n^2 - n - 1)}{n^2(n+1)^2}$$

The numerator factors as  $(n - \phi)(n + 1/\phi)$  where  $1 < \phi < 2$ . Thus, for  $n \geq 2$ , the numerator is positive. Thus, the given sequence is increasing.

$$5. (i) a_1 = 1, a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left( a_n + \frac{2}{a_n} \right) \quad \forall n \geq 1.$$

Claim 1.  $a_n > 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

*Proof.* This can be easily seen via induction. Details are left to the reader.

Claim 2.  $a_n^2 > 2 \quad \forall n \geq 2$ .

*Proof.* We shall prove this via induction. The base case  $n = 2$  is immediate as  $a_n = 3/2$ .

Assume that it holds for  $n = k$ .

$$a_{k+1}^2 - 2 = \frac{1}{4} \left( a_k + \frac{2}{a_k} \right)^2 - 2 = \frac{(a_k^2 - 2)^2}{4a_k^2}$$

$(a_k^2 - 2) \neq 0$  by induction hypothesis and thus,  $a_{k+1}^2 - 2 > 0$ . Therefore, by principle of mathematical induction, we have proven our claim. ■

Claim 3.  $a_{n+1} < a_n \quad \forall n \geq 2$ .

*Proof.* Observe that  $a_{n+1} - a_n = \frac{2 - a_n^2}{2a_n}$ .

The quantity on the right is negative, using Claim 1 and Claim 2.

Thus,  $a_{n+1} < a_n$ . ■

We have shown that the sequence is *eventually* monotonically decreasing. Also, it is bounded below, by Claim 1. Thus, the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  exists. Let  $L (\in \mathbb{R})$  denote this limit.

Note: We are assuming that an *eventually* monotonic bounded sequence is also convergent.

Thus,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left( a_n + \frac{2}{a_n} \right)$ .

We had shown that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ . Using that and other limit properties, we get that  $L^2 = 2$ . Thus,  $L$  must be  $\sqrt{2} > 0$ . (Why not  $-\sqrt{2}$ ?)

5. (ii)  $a_1 = \sqrt{2}$ ,  $a_{n+1} = \sqrt{2 + a_n} \quad \forall n \geq 1$ .

Claim 1.  $a_n > 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

*Proof.* This can be easily seen via induction. Details are left to the reader.

Claim 2.  $a_n < 2 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

*Proof.* We shall prove this via induction. The base case  $n = 1$  is immediate as  $\sqrt{2} < 2$ .

Assume that it holds for  $n = k$ .

$$a_{k+1}^2 - 4 = (\sqrt{a_k + 2})^2 - 4 = a_k + 2 - 4 = a_k - 2.$$

But  $a_k - 2 < 0$  by induction hypothesis. Thus,  $a_{k+1}^2 < 4$  or  $a_{k+1} < 2$ . By principle of mathematical induction, we have proven the claim. ■

Claim 3.  $a_n < a_{n+1} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

*Proof.*  $a_{n+1}^2 - a_n^2 = 2 + a_n - a_n^2 = (2 - a_n)(1 + a_n) > 0$ .

The last inequality is by the help of Claims 1 and 2.

Thus, we have  $a_{n+1}^2 > a_n^2$ . Using Claim 1, we can conclude that  $a_{n+1} > a_n$ . ■

By Claims 1 and 2, we have it that the sequence is bounded. By Claim 3, we have it that the sequence is monotone. Therefore, the sequence must converge. Let the limit be  $L (\in \mathbb{R})$ .

Taking limit on both sides of the recursive definition gives us  $L = \sqrt{2 + L}$ . Thus,  $L^2 = 2 + L$  or  $(L - 2)(L + 1) = 0$ .

Note that  $L$  cannot be  $-1$ . (Why?)

$\therefore L = 2$ .

5. (iii)  $a_1 = \sqrt{2}$ ,  $a_{n+1} = 3 + \frac{a_n}{2} \quad \forall n \geq 1$ .

Claim 1.  $a_n < 6 \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

*Proof.* We shall prove this via induction. The base case  $n = 1$  is immediate as  $2 < 6$ .

Assume that it holds for  $n = k$ .

$$a_{k+1} = 3 + \frac{a_k}{2} < 3 + \frac{6}{2} = 6.$$

By principle of mathematical induction, we have proven the claim. ■

Claim 2.  $a_n < a_{n+1} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

*Proof.*  $a_{n+1} - a_n = 3 - \frac{a_n}{2} = \frac{6 - a_n}{2} > 0 \implies a_{n+1} > a_n$ . ■

Thus,  $(a_n)$  is a monotonically increasing sequence that is bounded above. Therefore, it must converge. Using the same method as earlier gives this limit to be 6.

10. To show:

$\{a_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  is convergent  $\iff \{a_{2n}\}_{n \geq 1}$  and  $\{a_{2n+1}\}_{n \geq 1}$  converge to the same limit.

*Proof.* ( $\implies$ ) Let  $b_n := a_{2n}$  and  $c_n := a_{2n+1}$ . We are given that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$ . We must show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n$ .

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. By hypothesis, there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$  for  $n \geq n_0$ .

Note that  $2n > n$  and  $2n + 1 > n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus, we have that

$|b_n - L| < \epsilon$  and  $|c_n - L| < \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

Thus,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = L$ . ■

(  $\Leftarrow$  ) Let  $(b_n)$  and  $(c_n)$  be as defined before. We are given that

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = L$ . We must show that  $(a_n)$  converges.

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. By hypothesis, there exists  $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$|b_n - L| < \epsilon \text{ for all } n \geq n_1 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{and } |c_n - L| < \epsilon \text{ for all } n \geq n_2. \quad (2)$$

Choose  $n_0 = \max\{2n_1, 2n_2 + 1\}$ .

Let  $n \geq n_0$  be even. Then,  $n \geq 2n_1$  or  $n/2 \geq n_1$  and  $a_n = b_{n/2}$ . By (1), we have it that  $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$ .

Similarly, let  $n \geq n_0$  be odd. Then,  $n \geq 2n_2 + 1$  or  $(n-1)/2 \geq n_2$  and  $a_n = c_{(n-1)/2}$ .

By (2), we have it that  $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$ .

Thus, we have shown that  $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$  whenever  $n \geq n_0$ . This is precisely what it means for  $(a_n)$  to converge to  $L$ . ■



1. (i) We shall show that the statement is false with the help of a counterexample.

Let  $a = -1$ ,  $b = 1$ ,  $c = 0$ . Define  $f$  and  $g$  as follows:

$$f(x) = x \text{ and } g(x) = \begin{cases} 1/x & ; x \neq 0 \\ 0 & ; x = 0 \end{cases}.$$

It can be seen that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$  but  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x)g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 1 = 1$ .

(ii) We shall prove that the given statement is true.

We are given that  $g$  is bounded. Thus,  $\exists M \in \mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $|g(x)| \leq M \quad \forall x \in (a, b)$ .

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. We want to show that there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$|f(x)g(x) - 0| < \epsilon$  whenever  $0 < |x - c| < \delta$ .

Let  $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon/M$ . As  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$0 < |x - c| < \delta \implies |f(x)| < \epsilon_1.$$

Thus, whenever  $0 < |x - c| < \delta$ , we have it that

$$|f(x)g(x) - 0| = |f(x)||g(x)| \leq |f(x)| \cdot M < \epsilon_1 \cdot M = \epsilon. \quad \blacksquare$$

(iii) We shall prove that the given statement is true.

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given.

Let  $l := \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)$ .

Let  $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon / (|l| + \epsilon)$ .

By hypothesis, there exists  $\delta_1 > 0$  such that  $0 < |x - c| < \delta_1 \implies |g(x) - l| < \epsilon$ .

Also, there exists  $\delta_2 > 0$  such that  $0 < |x - c| < \delta_2 \implies |f(x)| < \epsilon_1$ .

Let  $\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$ . Then, whenever  $0 < |x - c| < \delta$ , we have that:

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x)g(x)| &= |f(x)g(x) - lf(x) + lf(x)| \leq |f(x)||g(x) - l| + |l||f(x)| < \\ &|f(x)|\epsilon + |l||f(x)| = |f(x)|(\epsilon + |l|) < \epsilon_1(\epsilon + |l|) = \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have it that  $0 < |x - c| < \delta \implies |f(x)g(x) - 0| < \epsilon$ . ■

2. We are given that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \alpha} f(x)$  exists. Let it be  $c (\in \mathbb{R})$ . Note that it's **not** necessary that  $c = f(\alpha)$ .

Let us evaluate  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(\alpha + h)$ . Let  $(h_n)$  be an arbitrary sequence of real numbers such that  $h_n \neq 0$  and  $h_n \rightarrow 0$ . We need to find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(\alpha + h_n)$ .

Consider the sequence  $(x_n)$  of real numbers defined as  $x_n := \alpha + h_n$ . Thus,  $x_n \neq \alpha$  and  $x_n \rightarrow \alpha$ . By hypothesis, we must have that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = c$ .

Thus, by definition of  $x_n$ , we must have that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(\alpha + h_n) = c$ . This gives us that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(\alpha + h) = c.$$

Similar consideration will give  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(\alpha - h) = c$  as well.

Using the limit theorems for functions, we have that:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [f(\alpha + h) - f(\alpha - h)] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(\alpha + h) - \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(\alpha - h) = c - c = 0.$$

Converse of 2.

The converse of 2 does **not** hold. That is, given  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [f(a+h) - f(a-h)] = 0$ , it is not necessary that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \alpha} f(x)$  exists.

We shall demonstrate this with the help of a counterexample.

Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 1 & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

It can be easily observed that  $f(x) = f(-x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $\alpha = 0$ .

Then,  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [f(\alpha + h) - f(\alpha - h)] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [f(h) - f(-h)] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [0] = 0$ .

However,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  does **not** exist.

3. (i) The function is continuous everywhere except at  $x = 0$ .

*Proof.* For  $x \neq 0$ , we have it that  $f$  is a composition of continuous functions. Thus, it is continuous.

To show that  $f$  is discontinuous at  $x = 0$  :

Consider the sequence  $(x_n)$  where  $x_n = \frac{2}{(4n+1)\pi}$ .

Then,  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  but  $f(x_n) = 1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  and thus,  $f(x_n) \rightarrow 1 \neq f(0)$ .

Thus,  $f$  is discontinuous at  $x = 0$ , by definition.

3. (ii) The function is continuous everywhere.

*Proof.* For  $x \neq 0$ , it simply follows from the fact that product and composition of continuous functions is continuous.

To show continuity at  $x = 0$  :

Let  $(x_n)$  be any sequence of real numbers such that  $x_n \rightarrow 0$ . We must show that  $f(x_n) \rightarrow 0$ .

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given.

Observe that  $|f(x_n) - 0| = \left| x_n \sin \left( \frac{1}{x_n} \right) \right| \leq |x_n|$ .

Now, we shall use the fact  $x_n \rightarrow 0$ . By this hypothesis, there must exist  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|x_n| = |x_n - 0| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq n_1$ .

Choosing  $n_0 = n_1$ , we have it that  $|f(x_n) - 0| \leq |x_n| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq n_0$ . ■

3. (iii) The function can be rewritten as: 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } 1 \leq x < 2 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 2 \\ \sqrt{6-x} & \text{if } 2 < x \leq 3 \end{cases}$$

We claim that the function is continuous on  $[1, 2) \cup (2, 3]$  and discontinuous at 2.

Given  $x \in [1, 2)$  and any sequence  $(x_n)$  in the domain such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , there must exist  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x_n \in [1, 2) \quad \forall n \geq n_0$ . Thus,  $f(x_n) = x_n \quad \forall n \geq n_0$ . It can now be easily shown that  $f(x_n) \rightarrow x = f(x)$ . (We have essentially used the continuity of the function  $x \mapsto x$ .) Thus,  $f$  is continuous on  $[1, 2)$ .

Similarly, we can argue that  $f$  is continuous on  $(2, 3]$ . Again, this will follow from the fact that the function  $x \mapsto \sqrt{6-x}$  is continuous on its domain.

Now, we show that  $f$  is discontinuous at 2. Consider the sequence  $x_n := 2 - 1/n$ . It is clear that  $x_n \rightarrow 2$ .

Observe that  $1 \leq x_n < 2$ . Thus,  $f(x_n) = 2 - 1/n$ .

This gives us that  $f(x_n) \rightarrow 2 \neq f(2)$ . ■

4. We are given that  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus, we can let  $x = y = 0$ . This gives us that:

$$f(0 + 0) = f(0) + f(0) \implies f(0) = 2f(0) \implies f(0) = 0.$$

As  $f$  is continuous at 0, we have it that  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(h) = f(0) = 0$ .

Now, we will show that  $f$  is continuous at every  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Substituting  $x = c$  in the original equation gives us:  $f(c + y) = f(c) + f(y)$ . As this is true for every  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have that:  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f(c + y) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} [f(c) + f(y)]$ .

We know that  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f(c) = f(c)$  (constant sequence) and  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f(y) = 0$  (shown above).

Thus, we can write:

$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f(c + y) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f(c) + \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f(y) = f(c)$ . This is precisely what it means for  $f$  to be continuous at  $c$ .



4. **(Optional)** Here's a sketch of how one can show that  $f$  satisfies  $f(kx) = kf(x)$ , for all  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Step 1. Use induction and show that  $f(nx) = nf(x) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Step 2. Show that  $f(nx) = nf(x) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Step 3. Show that  $f(qx) = qf(x) \quad \forall q \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

Step 4. Use density of rationals and continuity of  $f$  to argue that  $f(kx) = kf(x) \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Note that we didn't require continuity of  $f$  in the first 3 steps.

12. Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Recall that given any  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a < b$ , we can construct a rational number  $r(a, b)$  such that  $a < r(a, b) < b$ . Similarly, we can construct  $i(a, b) \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $a < i(a, b) < b$ . (Note that we have explicit constructions of these.)

Define the two sequences  $(r_n)$  and  $(i_n)$  as follows:

$r_n := r(c, c + 1/n)$  and  $i_n := i(c, c + 1/n)$ .

Thus, we have it that  $r_n \rightarrow c$  and  $i_n \rightarrow c$  and also that  $r_n \neq c \neq i_n$ .

However, observe that  $f(r_n) = 1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $f(i_n) = 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . This gives us that  $f(r_n) \rightarrow 1$  and  $f(i_n) \rightarrow 0$ .

As  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(r_n) = 1 \neq 0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(i_n)$ ,  $f$  cannot be continuous at  $c$ .

13. Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $f$  is continuous at  $c$ . Define sequences  $(r_n)$  and  $(i_n)$  as before.

Thus,  $f(r_n) = r_n$ . As  $r_n \rightarrow c$ , we have it that  $f(r_n) \rightarrow c$ .

Similarly,  $f(i_n) \rightarrow 1 - c$ .

For  $f$  to be continuous at  $c$ , we must have it that  $c = 1 - c = f(c)$ . Solving this gives us that  $c = 1/2$ .

Thus, what we have shown so far is that:  $f$  continuous at  $c \implies c = 1/2$ .

However, we must now show that  $f$  actually *is* continuous at  $1/2$ .

This is done as follows: Let  $(x_n)$  be any sequence of real numbers such that  $x_n \rightarrow 1/2$ .

We claim that  $f(x_n) \rightarrow 1/2$ . If we can prove this claim, then we are done as  $f(1/2) = 1/2$ .

Note that if  $x_n \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $|f(x_n) - 1/2| = |x_n - 1/2|$  and if  $x \notin \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $|f(x_n) - 1/2| = |1/2 - x_n| = |x_n - 1/2|$ .

Thus, we have it that  $|f(x_n) - 1/2| = |x_n - 1/2| \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. As  $x_n \rightarrow 1/2$ , there exists  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|x_n - 1/2| < \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq n_1$ .

Choose  $n_0 = n_1$ . Thus,  $|f(x_n) - 1/2| < \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = 1/2.$

