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4.3.6 (a) Suppose  $c \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Thus h(c) = 1. Consider  $y_n = \frac{1}{\pi^n} + c$ . By the fact that  $\pi$  is transcendental, each  $y_n$  is irrational, and the sequence converges to c. Therefore, since each  $y_n$  is irrational we have that  $h(y_n) \to 0$ . Suppose  $i \notin \mathbb{Q}$ . Therefore h(i) = 0. If we consider the sequence  $(a_n)$  given by the truncated decimal expansion of i, clearly each  $a_n$  is rational. Therefore  $h(a_n) \to 1$ . Therefore h(x) is a nowhere continuous function.

- (b) Suppose  $c \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Consider the sequence once more of  $y_n = \frac{1}{\pi^n} + c$ . Since each  $y_n$  is irrational, then  $t(y_n) \to 0$ . This goes against  $h(c) = \frac{1}{n}$ . Therefore t(x) is not continuous at every rational number.
- (c) Consider  $i \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ , and let  $\epsilon > 0$ . If we consider the set  $T = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : t(x) \geq \epsilon\}$ , we note that since each t(x) is positive, then T is a set of rational numbers. If we apply the archamedian principle to  $\epsilon$ , we find that  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\epsilon > \frac{1}{m}$ . Therefore, for all  $x \in T$ ,  $V_{\frac{1}{2m}}(x) \cap T = \{x\}$ , otherwise if two numbers from T were in the neighborhood then one would be guarenteed to have a larger denominator than m, which would contradict being a member of T. Therefore if we choose  $\delta < \frac{1}{2m}$  then  $x \in T$  implies that  $x \notin V_{\delta}(i)$ . Therefore if  $x \in V_{\delta}(i)$ , then  $t(x) \in V_{\epsilon}(t(i))$ . Therefore t(x) converges for every irrational number.