

- 4.4.6 (a) A continuous function  $f : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and a cauchy sequence  $(x_n)$  such that  $f(x_n)$  is not a cauchy sequence.  
Consider  $f(x) = \sin(\frac{1}{x})$  and the sequence

$$x_n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n} & \text{if } n \text{ odd} \\ \frac{1}{\frac{3\pi}{2} + 2\pi n} & \text{if } n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

Clearly  $(x_n) \rightarrow 0$ , however  $f(x_n) = (-1)^{n+1}$  alternating between 1 and  $-1$  forever, thus never converging, and therefore not cauchy.

- (b) A continuous function  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and a cauchy sequence  $(x_n)$  such that  $f(x_n)$  is not a cauchy sequence.

This is impossible since  $f$  is continuous then we know the sequence in the image converges, and as continuous functions map compact sets to compact sets (theorem 4.4.2), therefore guaranteed convergence within  $f([0, 1])$ , thus making it cauchy

- (c) A continuous function  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and a cauchy sequence  $(x_n)$  such that  $f(x_n)$  is not a cauchy sequence.

This is impossible since a cauchy sequence is bounded by say a constant  $M$ , and since the cauchy sequence would be strictly non-negative then the closed interval  $[0, M]$  would entirely contain the sequence. Therefore using the reasoning above on a larger compact set we arrive at the same conclusion.

- (d) A continuous bounded function  $f$  on  $(0, 1)$  that attains a maximum value on this open interval but not a minimum value.

Consider  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} - |x - \frac{1}{2}|$ . By repeated applications of the algebraic continuity theorem,  $f$  is continuous for all of  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $f$  attains its maximum at  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ . However it's minimum including limit points occur at  $x = 0, 1$  with a value of 0. However  $f$  with the restriction to  $(0, 1)$  cannot attain the minimum.