

1. Let  $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a bounded sequence of real numbers. Define a new sequence  $(t_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  by setting

$$t_n = \max\{s_1, \dots, s_n\} \text{ for } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Prove that  $(t_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is convergent.

**Proof:** Since  $(s_n)$  is bounded, there exists a  $s = \sup S$  such that  $s \geq s_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Furthermore, we have  $t_n \leq s$  since  $t_n = \max\{s_1, \dots, s_n\} = \sup\{s_1, \dots, s_n\} \leq \sup S = s$  (by Exercise 4.7(a), since  $\{s_1, \dots, s_n\} \subseteq S$ ). Therefore  $(t_n)$  is a bounded sequence.

In addition, since  $t_{n+1} = \max\{s_1, \dots, s_{n+1}\} = \max\{\max\{s_1, \dots, s_n\}, s_{n+1}\} = \max\{t_n, s_{n+1}\}$ , we have  $t_n \leq t_{n+1}$ , then  $(t_n)$  is an increasing monotone sequence. Then  $(t_n)$  is both bounded and monotone and is therefore convergent by Theorem 10.2.

2. Let  $f$  be a real-valued function defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be nonempty and bounded above, and let  $f(S) = \{f(x) : x \in S\}$ . Suppose that  $f$  is increasing on  $\mathbb{R}$  and that  $f$  is continuous at  $\sup S$ . Prove that  $f(S)$  is bounded above and that  $\sup f(S) = f(\sup S)$ .

**Proof:** Since  $S$  is bounded above, there exists an  $s = \sup S$  such that  $x \leq s$  for  $x \in S$ . Then since  $f$  is increasing, i.e.  $f(x_1) < f(x_2)$  for  $x_1 < x_2$ , we have  $f(x) \leq f(s)$  for all  $x \in S$ . Therefore  $f(s)$  is an upper bound (but not yet necessarily the supremum) of  $f(S)$  which implies that  $\sup f(S) \leq f(s)$ .

Now if we order elements of  $S$  into a sequence  $(s_n)$ , by Theorem 11.7 there exists a monotonic subsequence  $(s_{n_k})$  with  $\lim s_{n_k} = \limsup s_n = \sup S = s$ . Then by definition of continuity, since  $\lim s_{n_k} = s$ , we have  $\lim f(s_{n_k}) = f(s)$ . By definition of limit, for  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists an  $N$  such that  $n > N \implies |f(s_{n_k}) - f(s)| < \epsilon$ . Since  $s_{n_k} \leq s$  and  $f$  is increasing,  $f(s_{n_k}) - f(s) \leq 0$ , then  $n > N \implies f(s) - f(s_{n_k}) < \epsilon \implies f(s) < f(s_{n_k}) + \epsilon \leq \sup f(S) + \epsilon$ . Since  $\epsilon$  can be arbitrarily small, we have  $f(s) \leq \sup f(S)$ . Then combining with  $\sup f(S) \leq f(s)$  we get  $\sup f(S) = f(s) = f(\sup S)$ .

3. Let  $(s_n)$  and  $(t_n)$  be sequences of real numbers. Suppose  $(s_n)$  diverges to  $+\infty$  and that the set

$$\{n \in \mathbb{N} : s_n \leq t_n\}$$

is infinite. Prove that  $\limsup t_n = +\infty$ .

**Proof:** Since  $(s_n)$  diverges to  $+\infty$ , for  $M > 0$  there exists an  $N$  such that  $n > N_0 \implies s_n > M$ . In addition, since  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : s_n \leq t_n\}$  is infinite, there must exist infinite  $s_n \leq t_n$  with  $n > N_0$ . Then we can construct subsequences  $(s_{n_k})$  and  $(t_{n_k})$  with  $n_k > N_0$  and  $s_{n_k} \leq t_{n_k}$  for all  $n_k$ , which gives us  $n_k > N_0 \implies t_{n_k} \geq s_{n_k} > M$ .

Now consider the sequence of supremums  $(v_N) = (\sup\{t_n : n > N\})$ ; each  $v_N$  must be no less than all  $t_n, n > N$  by definition of supremum. Then if we take  $N > N_0$ ,  $v_N$  must also be no less than all  $t_{n_k}, n_k > N$ , i.e.  $N > N_0 \implies v_N \geq t_{n_k} > M$ . Then by definition of limit we have  $\lim v_N = +\infty$  and therefore  $\limsup t_n = +\infty$ .

4. (a) Give an example of  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $(b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $x_n \leq b_n$  for all  $n$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges, but  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  does not converge.

**Example:**  $(x_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  where  $x_n = -1$  and  $b_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$ .

**Proof:** Since  $x_n = -1 < 0$  and  $b_n = \frac{1}{n^2} > 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $x_n \leq b_n$ . Then,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges by p-test whereas  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  diverges as  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = -1 \neq 0$ .

- (b) Suppose that  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ ,  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , and  $(b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  satisfy  $a_n \leq x_n \leq b_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  both converge, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  also converges.

**Proof:** By Cauchy criterion, for  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists an  $N_a$  such that  $n \geq m \geq N_a \implies |\sum_{k=m}^n a_k| < \epsilon \implies \sum_{k=m}^n a_k > -\epsilon$ . Similarly, there also exists an  $N_b$  such that  $n \geq m \geq N_b \implies |\sum_{k=m}^n b_k| < \epsilon \implies \sum_{k=m}^n b_k < \epsilon$ . Then if we take  $N = \max\{N_a, N_b\}$ , both of the above are true.

Now since  $a_n \leq x_n \leq b_n$  for all  $n$ , we have  $\sum_{k=m}^n a_k \leq \sum_{k=m}^n x_k \leq \sum_{k=m}^n b_k$ . Then  $n \geq m \geq N \implies -\epsilon < \sum_{k=m}^n a_k \leq \sum_{k=m}^n x_k \leq \sum_{k=m}^n b_k < \epsilon \implies |\sum_{k=m}^n x_k| < \epsilon$ . Therefore  $\sum_{k=m}^n x_k$  satisfies the Cauchy criterion and is convergent.

5. (a) Give an example of a real-valued function  $f$  defined on all of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x)$  does not exist (either as a real number or as a symbol  $+\infty$ ,  $-\infty$ ). To show  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x)$  does not exist, give an example of a sequence  $(x_n)$  diverging to infinity such that the limit of  $(f(x_n))$  does not exist.

**Example:**  $f(x) = \sin(x)$  and  $x_n = n$ .

**Proof:**  $(x_n)$  clearly diverges to  $+\infty$ ; now we will show that  $\lim(f(x_n))$  does not exist by contradiction. Suppose  $L = \lim(f(x_n)) = \lim(\sin(x_n))$  did exist, then for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists an  $N$  such that  $n > N \implies |\sin(x_n) - L| < \epsilon \implies L - \epsilon < \sin(x_n) < L + \epsilon$ . If we take  $\epsilon = 1$ , then  $L - 1 < \sin(x_n) < L + 1$ .

On the one hand, if  $L \geq 0$ , we need to have  $L - 1 \leq -1 < \sin(x_n)$  which is not true for  $x_n = \frac{3\pi}{2} + 2k\pi$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . On the other hand, if  $L \leq 0$ , we need to have  $\sin(x_n) < 1 \leq L + 1$  which is not true for  $x_n = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2k\pi$ . Thus  $L \not\geq 0$  and  $L \not\leq 0$ , therefore such  $L$  does not exist.

- (b) Let  $f$  be a real-valued function defined on all of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x)$  exists and is a real number. Prove that  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0^+} f(\frac{1}{y})$  exists and

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0^+} f\left(\frac{1}{y}\right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x)$$

**Proof:** Let  $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x)$ ; since  $L$  exists, by definition, for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $a < \infty$  such that  $a < x$  implies  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$ . Now if we take  $\delta = \frac{1}{a} > 0$  and  $y = \frac{1}{x}$ , by substitution we have  $\frac{1}{\delta} < \frac{1}{y} \implies 0 < y < \delta$  implies  $\left|f\left(\frac{1}{y}\right) - L\right| < \epsilon$ , which then by Corollary 20.8 tells us that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(\frac{1}{y}) = L = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x)$ .

6. Fix  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and define the function  $f$  by  $f(x) = |x - a|$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that  $f$  is not differentiable at  $a$ .

**Proof:** By contradiction. Suppose  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$ , then by definition, the limit  $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{|x - a|}{x - a}$  exists and is finite. If we take  $S_1 = (a, +\infty) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , we have the right-hand limit  $L_+ = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^{S_1}} \frac{|x - a|}{x - a} = 1$  (since  $x > a$  for all  $x \in S_1$ ). Now if we take  $S_2 = (-\infty, a) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , we have the left-hand limit  $L_- = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^{S_2}} \frac{|x - a|}{x - a} = -1$  (since  $x < a$  for all  $x \in S_2$ ). Then  $L_+ \neq L_-$  and  $L$  does not exist by Theorem 20.10, therefore  $f$  is not differentiable at  $a$ .

7. (a) Let  $f$  be a real-valued function defined on all of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Suppose there is a constant  $L > 0$  such that  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq L|x - y|$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{L} > 0$ . Then for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  we have  $|x - y| < \delta \implies |f(x) - f(y)| \leq L|x - y| < L\delta \implies |f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$ . Therefore  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  by definition of uniform continuity.

- (b) Let  $f$  be a real-valued function defined on all of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Suppose that  $f$  is differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$  and the set  $\{|f'(x)| : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is bounded. Prove that  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Proof:** Since  $\{|f'(x)| : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is bounded, there exists an  $s = \sup\{|f'(x)| : x \in \mathbb{R}\} > 0$  such that  $|f'(x)| \leq s$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then we can select arbitrary distinct  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  and have  $y < x$  upon renaming; by Mean Value Theorem there exists some point  $a$  on  $(y, x)$  such that  $f'(a) = \frac{f(x) - f(y)}{x - y} \implies |f'(a)| = \left| \frac{f(x) - f(y)}{x - y} \right| \leq s$ . Then we have  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq s|x - y|$  for arbitrary  $x, y$  and constant  $s > 0$ , thus  $f$  is uniformly continuous by part (a).