

3.1.1

a) Let $\delta > 0$ and assume $|x - c| < \delta$. Then

$$|\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{c}| = \frac{|x - c|}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{c}} < \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{c}} \leq \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{c}} \quad (1)$$

so given $\varepsilon > 0$, choose δ s.t. $\varepsilon = \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{c}} \Leftrightarrow \delta = \sqrt{c} \varepsilon$.

Then by (1) we have

$$|\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{c}| < \varepsilon, \text{ whenever } |x - c| < \delta.$$

b) One can prove that using the definition directly. But we have shown in class that

$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} x^2 = c^2$. Moreover $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} x = c$ and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} 1 = 1.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (x^2 + x + 1) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow c} x^2 + \lim_{x \rightarrow c} x + \lim_{x \rightarrow c} 1 = \\ &= c^2 + c + 1. \end{aligned}$$

c) For any $x \neq 0$, we have $|\cos \frac{1}{x}| \leq 1$

$$\Rightarrow \left| x^2 \cos \frac{1}{x} \right| \leq x^2 \Leftrightarrow -x^2 \leq x^2 \cos \frac{1}{x} \leq x^2 \quad \forall x \neq 0$$

But $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 = 0$, so by the squeeze

theorem (for functions) we get that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \cos \frac{1}{x} = 0.$$

d) Notice that for $x \neq 0$, we have

$$\sin \frac{1}{x} \cos \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{2}{x}.$$

We claim that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{2}{x}$ does not exist.

Indeed, take the sequence $x_n = \frac{4}{n\pi}$

clearly $x_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$ but

$$\frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{2}{x_n} = \frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{2}{\frac{4}{n\pi}} = \frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2}, \text{ which}$$

clearly diverges since it takes the values

$$\frac{1}{2}, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}, 0, \dots$$

so by the transfer principle the limit does not exist.

e) For $x \neq 0$, we have $|\cos \frac{1}{x}| \leq 1 \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow |\sin x \cos \frac{1}{x}| \leq |\sin x| \quad (\Rightarrow)$$

$$\Leftarrow -|\sin x| \leq \sin x \cos \frac{1}{x} \leq |\sin x| \quad \forall x \neq 0.$$

Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} |\sin x| = 0$, we have

that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin x \cos \frac{1}{x} = 0$ by the

squeeze theorem.

3.1.3 This is the squeeze theorem for functions. Let $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} h(x)$ (*)

We will show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = L$.

By the T.P., it suffices to show that for any sequence $x_n \rightarrow c$, we have

$g(x_n) \rightarrow L$. So take a sequence $x_n \rightarrow c$.

By (*) and the T.P., we have that

$$f(x_n) \rightarrow L \text{ and } h(x_n) \rightarrow L.$$

Also by assumption $f(x_n) \leq g(x_n) \leq h(x_n)$.

So by the squeeze theorem for sequences we take that $g(x_n) \rightarrow L$. Thus

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = L.$$

3.1.4. All the claims follow using the T.P. and the corresponding properties of limits of sequences. So WLOG we will show only the first claim $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) + g(x)) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)$.

Denote $F = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$, $G = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)$.

Consider a sequence (x_n) with $x_n \rightarrow c$.

It suffices to show that $f(x_n) + g(x_n) \rightarrow F + G$.

$$\text{But } \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = F \stackrel{\text{T.P.}}{\implies} f(x_n) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} F$$

$$\text{similarly } g(x_n) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} G$$

So $f(x_n) + g(x_n) \rightarrow F + G$ by properties of limits of sequences.

Consequently we have showed that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) + g(x)) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x).$$

The rest of the claims follow by similar arguments.

3.1.11 We did this problem in class.

Although it is similar to the TP, it is a weaker assumption. Essentially

we need to show that for any sequences $(x_n), (y_n)$ converging to c , ~~and~~ and

$$L_1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n), \quad L_2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(y_n) \quad \text{we}$$

have $L_1 = L_2$. Then the claim will follow by the T.P.

Define the sequence $Z: (x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2, \dots)$

In other words define

$$Z_n = \begin{cases} x_k, & n = 2k-1, k \geq 1 \\ y_k, & n = 2k, k \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Now } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Z_{2k-1} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = C$$

$$\text{and } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Z_{2k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y_k = C.$$

So $Z_n \rightarrow C$ since it can be decomposed to subsequences converging to C .

Thus by assumption $f(Z_n) \rightarrow L$ for some $L \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\text{But } f(Z_{2k-1}) = f(x_k) \rightarrow L_1$$

and $f(z_{2k}) = f(g_k) \rightarrow L_2$.

Since $f(z_{2k-1}), f(z_{2k})$ are subsequence of $f(z_n)$ we get that $L_1 = L_2$ and the claim is proved.

3.2.3 $f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ x^2, & x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$

We can prove it by the definition of continuity as the problem suggests or by the T.D. I will exhibit both approaches.

Direct proof.

• Continuity at $x=1$.

Let $\delta > 0$ and assume $|x-1| < \delta$.

Now if $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ we have $|f(x) - f(1)| = |x - 1| < \delta$ (1).

if $x \notin \mathbb{Q}$ we have $|f(x) - f(1)| = |x^2 - 1| =$

$$= |x-1| |x+1| < \delta (|x|+1).$$

$$\text{but } |x-1| \leq |x-1| < \delta = 0 \\ \Rightarrow |x| < 1 + \delta.$$

so for $x \neq 1$ we have $|f(x) - f(1)| < \\ < \delta(|x| + 1) < \delta(\delta + 2)$

assuming $\delta < 1$ we get
 $|f(x) - f(1)| < 3\delta. (2).$

By (1)-(2), given $\varepsilon > 0$, we pick
 δ such that

$$\begin{cases} \delta < \varepsilon \\ \delta < 1 \\ 3\delta < \varepsilon \Rightarrow \delta < \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \end{cases}$$

so for $\delta = \min\{1, \frac{\varepsilon}{3}\}$ we have
 $|f(x) - f(1)| < \varepsilon$, whenever $|x-1| < \delta$.

• Discontinuity at $x=2$. It suffices
 to show that $\exists \varepsilon > 0$ s.t. $\forall 0 < \delta < 1/2$.

$\exists x_\delta$ with $|x_\delta - 2| < \delta$ and
 $|f(x_\delta) - f(2)| \geq \varepsilon$.

Take $\varepsilon = 1/8$ and arbitrary $0 < \delta < 1/2$

Consider $|x_\delta - 2| < \delta \Leftrightarrow 2 - \delta < x_\delta < 2 + \delta$.

Then since $\delta < 1$ we get $x_\delta > 2 - \frac{1}{2} > \frac{3}{2}$.

so $x_\delta^2 > \frac{9}{4}$.

Now $|f(x_\delta) - f(2)| = |x_\delta^2 - 2| \geq x_\delta^2 - 2 >$
 $> \frac{9}{4} - 2 = \frac{1}{4} = \varepsilon$.

Proof by T.P.

Take any sequences $(r_n)_n, (i_n)_n$ of
rational and irrational numbers with
 $r_n \rightarrow 1$ and $i_n \rightarrow 1$.

Then $f(r_n) = r_n \rightarrow 1 = f(1)$.

and $f(i_n) = i_n^2 \rightarrow 1 = f(1)$ since $i_n \rightarrow 1$.

Now an arbitrary sequence $x_n \rightarrow 1$ has three possibilities.

- contains finitely many irrationals
- contains finitely many rationals
- contains infinitely many rationals and irrationals

In the first case it behaves like a rational sequence in the limit, so $f(x_n) = x_n \rightarrow 1$.

Similarly in the second case, $f(x_n) = x_n^2 \rightarrow 1$.

In the third case (x_n) can be uniquely split in two rational and irrational subsequences,

(r_n) and (i_n) with $i_n, r_n \rightarrow 1$.

We have shown that $f(r_n), f(i_n) \rightarrow 1$.

So $f(x_n) \rightarrow 1 = f(1)$.

thus f is continuous at 1.

To prove discontinuity at 2 consider
an irrational sequence $i_n \rightarrow 2$.

Then $f(i_n) = i_n^2 \rightarrow 4 \neq 2 = f(2)$.

So by the T.D. f is discontinuous
at 2.

3.2.4 f is not continuous because
continuity fails at 0, since

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin \frac{1}{x}$ DNE. (We have seen
that in class and
above for $\sin \frac{2}{x}$).

3.2.5. $f(x) = \begin{cases} x \sin \frac{1}{x} & , x \neq 0 \\ 0 & , x = 0 \end{cases}$

is continuous.

First, f is continuous at any $c \neq 0$.
as a composition of continuous functions.

(do not forget that!!).

Now it remains to check 0. For any

$$x \neq 0, \text{ we have } \left| \sin \frac{1}{x} \right| \leq 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow -|x| \leq x \sin \frac{1}{x} \leq |x|.$$

Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} |x| = 0$, the squeeze theorem

$$\text{implies } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin \frac{1}{x} = 0 = f(0).$$

So f is continuous at 0 as well, so it is overall continuous.

3.2.10. Let $f(x) = g(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{Q}$.

Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Take a rational sequence (r_n) with $r_n \rightarrow x$. By continuity of f and g we take that $f(r_n) \rightarrow f(x)$ and $g(r_n) \rightarrow g(x)$. Since $r_n \in \mathbb{Q}$ we have $f(r_n) = g(r_n) \quad \forall n \Rightarrow$

$$\stackrel{n \rightarrow \infty}{\Rightarrow} f(x) = g(x).$$

3.2.11 Take any $\varepsilon > 0$ with $\varepsilon < f(c)$.
 That's possible because $f(c) > 0$.

Now since f is continuous at c $\exists \delta > 0$

$$\text{s.t. } |f(x) - f(c)| < \varepsilon \quad \forall |x - c| < \delta.$$

$$f(c) - f(x) \leq |f(c) - f(x)| < \varepsilon \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow f(c) - \varepsilon \leq f(x) \quad \forall |x - c| < \delta.$$

but $\varepsilon < f(c)$ so $f(x) > 0$.

3.2.15 In fact with what we know now
 f will in fact be uniformly continuous.

To start, g is continuous at 0 and $g(0) = 0$

$$\text{so } \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} g(z) = g(0) = 0.$$

So $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta$ s.t. if $|z| < \delta$ we have
 $|g(z)| < \varepsilon$.

Now take $|x-y| < \delta$. Then $|g(x-y)| < \varepsilon$.

$$\text{so } |f(x) - f(y)| \leq g(|x-y|) < \varepsilon$$

so f is U.C.