

18.100A Assignment 8

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Problem 1

Proof. Suppose $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} h(x)$. Then since c is a cluster point of S and $\forall x \in S, f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$, we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow c} h(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x). \quad (1)$$

Thus by the squeeze theorem,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} h(x), \quad (2)$$

as desired. \square

Problem 2

Proof. (1) Let $\epsilon > 0$. Choose $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{2}$. Then if $|x| < \delta$, we have

$$|f(x) - f(0)| = |f(x)| \quad (3)$$

$$\leq 2|x| \quad (4)$$

$$< 2\delta \quad (5)$$

$$= \epsilon. \quad (6)$$

Therefore, f is continuous at $x = 0$.

(2) Let $\delta > 0, \epsilon_0 > 0$. Suppose $|x - 1| < \delta$. Let

$$x_0 = \begin{cases} \epsilon_0 \sqrt{2}, & \epsilon_0 \in \mathbb{Q} \\ \epsilon_0, & \epsilon_0 \notin \mathbb{Q}. \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

Then $x_0 \notin \mathbb{Q} \forall \epsilon_0 > 0$.

Choose $x = \frac{x_0}{2}$. Then

$$|f(x) - f(1)| = |f(x)| \tag{8}$$

$$= 2|x| \tag{9}$$

$$= x_0 \tag{10}$$

$$\geq \epsilon_0. \tag{11}$$

Therefore, f is discontinuous at $x = 1$. \square

Problem 3

Proof. Since f is continuous at c , then $\forall \epsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$ such that if $|x - c| < \delta$, then $|f(x) - f(c)| < \epsilon$, i.e.

$$f(c) - \epsilon < f(x) < f(c) + \epsilon. \tag{12}$$

Let $\epsilon = \frac{f(c)}{2}$. Then for some $\delta > 0$,

$$0 < \frac{f(c)}{2} < f(x) < \frac{3f(c)}{2}. \tag{13}$$

Simply choose $\alpha = \delta$, and we are done. \square