

Due date: October 11<sup>th</sup> 1:20pm

Total: /70.

Exercise	1 (5)	2 (5)	3 (5)	4 (5)	5 (10)	6 (10)	7 (5)	8 (5)	9 (5)	10 (10)
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Table 1: Scores for each exercises

**Instructions:** You must answer all the questions below and send your solution by email (to [parisepo@hawaii.edu](mailto:parisepo@hawaii.edu)). If you decide to not use L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X to hand out your solutions, please be sure that after you scan your copy, it is clear and readable. Make sure that you attached a copy of the homework assignment to your homework.

If you choose to use L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, you can use the template available on the course website.

No late homework will be accepted. No format other than PDF will be accepted. Name your file as indicated in the syllabus.

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WRITING PROBLEMS

For each of the following problems, you will be asked to write a clear and detailed proof. You will have the chance to rewrite your solution in your semester project after receiving feedback from me.

**Exercise 1.** (5 pts) Let  $(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be an increasing sequence and  $(b_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a decreasing sequence. Let  $(c_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be the sequence defined by  $c_n = b_n - a_n$ . Show that if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = 0$ , then the sequences  $(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $(b_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$ .

**Exercise 2.** (5 pts) Let  $f : D \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and suppose that  $x_0$  is an accumulation point of  $D$ . Suppose that for each sequence  $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converging to  $x_0$  with  $x_n \in D \setminus \{x_0\}$  for each  $n \geq 1$ , then the sequence  $(f(x_n))_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is Cauchy. Show that  $f$  has a limit at  $x_0$ .

[Hint: For two sequences  $(x_n)$  and  $(y_n)$  that satisfy the assumption, define the sequence  $(z_n)$  to be  $z_{2n} = x_n$  and  $z_{2n-1} = y_n$ . Show that  $(f(z_n))$  converges and the sequence  $(f(x_n))$  and  $(f(y_n))$  converges to the same limit as  $(f(z_n))$ . Conclude by a theorem in the lecture notes.]

**Exercise 3.** (5 pts) Prove that if  $f : D \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has a limit at  $x_0 \in \text{acc } D$ , then the limit is unique.

**Exercise 4.** (5 pts) Suppose  $f : D \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $g : D \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $h : D \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are three functions such that

$$f(x) \leq h(x) \leq g(x) \quad (\forall x \in D).$$

Suppose that  $f$  and  $g$  have limits at  $x_0$  with  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x)$ . Prove that  $h$  has a limit at  $x_0$  and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} h(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x).$$

**Exercise 5.** (10 pts) Let  $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function. We say that  $f$  has a limit at  $\infty$  if there exists a  $L \in \mathbb{R}$  such that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a real number  $M > 0$  such that if  $x > M$ , then  $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ .

- a) Show that if  $g : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)g(x) = 0$ .
- b) Let  $a > 0$  and suppose that  $f : (a, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and define  $g : (0, 1/a) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $g(x) = f(1/x)$ . Show that  $f$  has a limit at  $\infty$  if and only if  $g$  has a limit at 0.

## 2

### HOMEWORK PROBLEMS

Answer all the questions below. Make sure to show your work.

**Exercise 6.** (10pts) For each of the sequences below, determine its nature (converges or diverges)<sup>1</sup>:

- a)  $(a_n)$  where  $a_n = \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n+1} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2n}$ .
- b)  $(a_n)$  where  $a_n = \frac{1+2+\cdots+n}{n^2}$ .

**Exercise 7.** (5 pts) Define  $g : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{1+x}-1}{x}$ . Prove that  $g$  has a limit at 0 and find it.

**Exercise 8.** (5 pts) Suppose that  $f : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has a limit at  $x_0 = 1$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 1$ . Compute the value of the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x)(1 - f(x)^2)}{1 - f(x)}.$$

**Exercise 9.** (5 pts) Prove that if  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has a limit at  $x_0$ , then  $|f|(x) := |f(x)|$  has a limit at  $x_0$ .

**Exercise 10.** (10 pts) Using the link between sequences and limits of functions, show the following.

- a) If  $f(x) = x^n$  ( $n \geq 0$ ), then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = x_0^n$  for any  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- b) If  $x_0 \in [0, \infty)$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \sqrt{x} = \sqrt{x_0}$ .

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<sup>1</sup>You don't need to compute the limit.

- 1)  $\{a_n\}$  is increasing, so if  $x \leq y$ , then  $f(x) \leq f(y)$   
 $\{b_n\}$  is decreasing, so if  $x \geq y$ , then  $f(x) \geq f(y)$   
 $c_n = b_n - a_n$  so  $a_n < c_n < b_n$

Let  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = 0$   
For some  $\epsilon > 0$   $\exists \delta > 0$  st  $0 < |x - x_0| < \delta$ .  
Then  $|c_n - 0| < \epsilon$   
and so  $|b_n - a_n| < \epsilon$  or  $|a_n - b_n| < \epsilon$ ,  $b_n$  and  $a_n$  converges

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = 0, \text{ so } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (b_n - a_n) = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$$

- 2)  $f$  has a limit at  $x_0 \Leftrightarrow \forall \{x_n\} (x_n \rightarrow x_0, x_n \in D \setminus \{x_0\}), f(x_n)$  converges  
Hence,  $f(x_n) \rightarrow L(x)$ , when  $x = x_n$

Consider  $\{x_n\} \supset \{y_n\}$  s.t  $x_n, y_n \in D, x_n \neq x_0, y_n \neq x_0$  for  $n=1, 2, \dots$   
and both  $\{x_n\} \supset \{y_n\}$  converge to  $x_0$

Assume  $f(x_n) \rightarrow L_1, f(y_n) \rightarrow L_2$

Define a new sequence  $\{z_n\}$  where  $z_{2n} = x_n \supset z_{2n+1} = y_n$   
where  $x_n \in D \setminus \{x_0\}$  and  $f(z_n)$  converges to  $x_0$   
 $f(x_n) \supset f(y_n)$  are subsequences of  $f(z_n)$   
thus have the same limit as  $f(z_n)$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(z_n) = L_1 = L_2$

Proof: Suppose  $f$  has a limit  $L$  at  $x_0$ .

so, for some  $\epsilon > 0$   $\exists \delta > 0$  st.  $0 < |x - x_0| < \delta$  with  $x \in D$   
then,  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$

$\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to  $x_0$   
so,  $\exists N$  s.t for  $n \geq N, |x_n - x_0| < \delta$   
then  $|f(x_n) - L| < \epsilon$ ,  
and  $\{f(x_n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges  $L$  at  $x_0$

3) Let  $f: D \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function and  $f_0 \in \text{acc}(D)$

Let the  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$  exist

SUPPOSE  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = L_1$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = L_2$

Goal: PROVE  $L_1 = L_2$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be arbitrary

Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = L_1$ ,  $\exists \delta_1 > 0$  s.t.  $0 < |x - x_0| < \delta_1$ ,

$$\Rightarrow |f(x) - L_1| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad (*)$$

Also, since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = L_2$ ,  $\exists \delta_2 > 0$  s.t.  $0 < |x - x_0| < \delta_2$ ,

$$\Rightarrow |f(x) - L_2| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad (**)$$

Let  $\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$

Then  $* \Rightarrow ** \quad \forall |x - x_0| < \delta$

NOW

$$\begin{aligned} |L_1 - L_2| &= |L_1 - f(x) + f(x) - L_2| \\ &\leq |L_1 - f(x)| + |f(x) - L_2| \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ &= \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\epsilon$  is arbitrary,  $L_1 = L_2$

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4) Let  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = L$  exist for some  $\delta > 0$  s.t.

$$|f(x) - L| < \epsilon, \quad 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta,$$

THAT IS  $L - \epsilon < f(x) < L + \epsilon, \quad 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta,$

Then,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) = L \Rightarrow L - \epsilon < g(x) < L + \epsilon, \quad 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta_2$

let  $\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$  then

$$L - \epsilon < f(x) \leq h(x) \leq g(x) < L + \epsilon, \quad 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta$$

SO  $L - \epsilon < h(x) < L + \epsilon, \quad 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta$

$$\Rightarrow |h(x) - L| < \epsilon$$

$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} h(x) = L$  exists for some  $\delta > 0$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} h(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x)$$

5a)

PROOF:

SUPPOSE  $g$  is bounded by  $M$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$

$$|g(x)| \leq M \quad \forall x$$

$$\text{then } 0 \leq |f(x)g(x)| = |f(x)| \cdot |g(x)| \leq |f(x)| \cdot M$$

$$\text{then } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 0 = 0, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} |f(x)| \cdot M = |0| \cdot M = 0$$

$$\text{SO by squeeze thm, } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} |f(x)g(x)| = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)g(x) = 0$$

5b) If  $f$  has a limit at  $\infty$

then as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\frac{1}{x} \rightarrow 0$

so  $f(\frac{1}{x}) \rightarrow 0$  and  $g(x) \rightarrow 0$

Thus,  $g(x)$  has a limit at 0

If  $g(x)$  has a limit at 0

$$g(x) \rightarrow 0$$

$$f(\frac{1}{x}) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\frac{1}{x} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty$$

$f$  has a limit at  $\infty$

(6a) Take  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n+1} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n})$

By sum rule,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n+1} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} + \dots + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2n}$$

All limits approach 0, so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$  and  $a_n$  converges

(6b) Take  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{1+2+\dots+n}{n^2}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{2}{n^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n})$

Again by sum rule,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{2}{n^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{1}{n^2}) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{2}{n^2}) + \dots + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{1}{n})$$

All limits approach 0, so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$  and  $a_n$  converges

7)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= \frac{\sqrt{1+x} - 1}{x} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{1+x} + 1}{\sqrt{1+x} + 1} \\ &= \frac{(1+x) - 1}{x(\sqrt{1+x} + 1)} \\ &= \frac{x}{x(\sqrt{1+x} + 1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x} + 1} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\delta > 0$  st.  $|g(x) - \frac{1}{2}| < \epsilon$  when  $0 < |x-1| < \delta$

$$\begin{aligned} |g(x) - \frac{1}{2}| &= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x} + 1} - \frac{1}{2} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{2 - \sqrt{1+x} - 1}{2(\sqrt{1+x} + 1)} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1 - \sqrt{1+x}}{2(\sqrt{1+x} + 1)} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{\sqrt{1+x} - 1}{2(\sqrt{1+x} + 1)} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{\sqrt{1+x} - 1}{2(\sqrt{1+x} + 1)} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{1+x} + 1}{\sqrt{1+x} + 1} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1+x-1}{2(\sqrt{1+x} + 1)^2} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{x}{2(\sqrt{1+x} + 1)^2} \right| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } x \in (0, 1), \quad x > 0 \\ 1+x > 1 \\ 1 + \sqrt{1+x} > 2 \\ (1 + \sqrt{1+x})^2 > 4 \\ 2(1 + \sqrt{1+x})^2 > 8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |g(x) - \frac{1}{2}| &= \left| \frac{x}{2(\sqrt{1+x} + 1)^2} \right| \\ &< \frac{|x|}{8} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  choose  $\delta \epsilon$  for  $0 < |x-x_0| < \delta$

$$\begin{aligned} |g(x) - \frac{1}{2}| &< \frac{|x|}{8} \\ &< \frac{\delta \epsilon}{8} \\ &= \frac{8\epsilon}{8} = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

$$|g(x) - \frac{1}{2}| < \epsilon$$

So,  $g(x) = \frac{\sqrt{1+x} - 1}{x}$  has a limit at  $x=0$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 8) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x)(1-f(x)^2)}{1-f(x)} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(f(x)-f(x)^3)}{1-f(x)} \cdot \frac{(f(x)+f(x)^2)}{(f(x)+f(x)^2)} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(f(x)-f(x)^3)(f(x)+f(x)^2)}{f(x)-f(x)^2+f(x)^2-f(x)^3} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) + f(x)^2 \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)^2 \\
 &= 1 + 1 \\
 &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

9)  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has a limit at  $x = x_0$

choose  $\epsilon > 0$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = L$$

so,  $\exists \delta > 0$  for  $0 < |x - x_0| < \delta$

$$|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$$

consider  $|f(x)| - |L|$

then  $|f(x)| - |L| \leq |f(x) - L|$  by triangle inequality

$$< \epsilon$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} |f(x)| = \left| \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) \right|$$

10a) we want to prove  $x^n$  has a limit at  $x_0 \in (\alpha, \beta)$

$x^n$  is increasing

we can use lemma 2.7 from the book

If  $f(x)$  has a limit at  $x_0 \in (\alpha, \beta)$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0)$

10b) we want to prove for any  $x_0 \in [0, \infty)$  for every  $\epsilon > 0$   $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $|x - x_0| < \delta$

let  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\delta = \sqrt{x_0} \cdot \epsilon > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{x_0}| &= \left| \frac{(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{x_0})(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x_0})}{(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x_0})} \right| \\
 &= \frac{|x - x_0|}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x_0}} \\
 &< \frac{|x - x_0|}{\sqrt{x_0}} \\
 &< \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{x_0}} = \frac{\sqrt{x_0} \cdot \epsilon}{\sqrt{x_0}} \\
 &< \epsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

so  $\forall x \in [0, \infty)$  with  $0 < |x - x_0| < \delta$   $|\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{x_0}| < \epsilon$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \sqrt{x} = \sqrt{x_0}$$