

Math 350 Section 1

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You are required to show your work on each problem on this exam. The following rules apply:

- **Organize your work**, in a reasonably neat and coherent way, in the space provided. Work scattered all over the page without a clear ordering will receive very little credit.
- **Mysterious or unsupported answers will not receive full credit.** A correct answer, unsupported by calculations, explanation, or algebraic work will receive no credit; an incorrect answer supported by substantially correct calculations and explanations might still receive partial credit. This especially applies to limit calculations.
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- **Box Your Answer** where appropriate, in order to clearly indicate what you consider the answer to the question to be.

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1. (10 points) **TRUE or FALSE!** Write TRUE if the statement is true. Otherwise, write FALSE. Your response should be in ALL CAPS. No justification is required.

(a) There exists a function which is discontinuous at every real number

TRUE

(b) The radius of convergence of $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$ is $R = \infty$

TRUE

(c) If $f(x)^2$ is continuous at $x = a$, then $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = a$

FALSE

(d) The function $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2+1}$ is continuous at every real number

TRUE

(e) If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a+} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a-} f(x)$ exist, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ exists

FALSE

2. (10 points)

For each of the following, either give an example or explain why an example does not exist.

(a) A function which is continuous at $x = 0$ but NOT differentiable at $x = 0$

$$f(x) = |x|$$

(b) A power series whose radius of convergence is $R = 3$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^n$$

(c) A function which is simultaneously discontinuous at every rational number and continuous at every irrational number.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \notin \mathbb{Q} \\ \frac{1}{q}, & x = \frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q}, \gcd(p, q) = 1 \end{cases}$$

(d) A function which is continuous on $[0, 1]$ but NOT uniformly continuous on $[0, 1]$.

$$\text{DNE, continuity on } [a, b] \\ \Rightarrow \text{uniform continuity on } [a, b]$$

(e) A sequence of polynomials which converge pointwise to $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$ on $(-1, 1)$.

$$f_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n x^k \quad \text{satisfies} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

(Geometric Series)

3. (10 points)

Consider the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

(a) Write down the ϵ, δ -definition of $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L \text{ means } \forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t. } 0 < |x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \epsilon \quad \forall x \in \text{Dom}(f)$$

(b) Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a \neq 0$. Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ does not exist

Let (s_n) and (t_n) be sequences of rational and irrational numbers, resp., both of which converge to a . Then since $a \neq 0$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(s_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = a \neq 0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(t_n)$$

This implies $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ DNE

(c) Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ exists and is equal to 0

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Choose $\delta = \epsilon$.

Then for $|x - 0| < \delta$, we consider two cases:

Case 1: Suppose $x \in \mathbb{Q}$. Then

$$|f(x) - 0| = |x - 0| < \delta = \epsilon.$$

Case 2: Suppose $x \notin \mathbb{Q}$. Then

$$|f(x) - 0| = |0 - 0| = 0 < \epsilon.$$

In either case $|f(x) - 0| < \epsilon$. Since $\epsilon > 0$ was arbitrary, this proves $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$.

4. (10 points)

For each of the following power series, determine the radius of convergence. Show your work.

(a) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^n x^n$

$$\rho = \limsup \sqrt[n]{n^n} = \limsup n = \infty, \text{ so } R = 0.$$

(b) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^3 x^n$

$$\lim \left| \frac{(n+1)^3 x^{n+1}}{n^3 x^n} \right| = \lim \left| \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^3 x \right| = (1+0)|x| = |x| < 1$$

$$\text{so } R = 1.$$

(c) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 4^n x^{2n}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4^{n+1} x^{2n+2}}{4^n x^{2n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 4x^2 = 4x^2 < 1 \Rightarrow x^2 < \frac{1}{4}$$
$$\Rightarrow |x| < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$R = \frac{1}{2}$$

(d) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{2n} x^n$

$$\rho = \lim \sqrt[n]{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{2n}} = \lim \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^2 = 1+0 = 1$$

$$\text{so } R = \frac{1}{\rho} = 1$$

5. (10 points) Consider the sequence of functions

$$f_n(x) = e^{-nx^2}$$

and the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x = 0 \\ 0 & x \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

- (a) Write down the definition of a sequence of functions $(f_n(x))$ converging uniformly to a function $f(x)$ on a set S

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N \text{ s.t. } n > N \Rightarrow$$

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon \quad \forall x \in S.$$

- (b) Prove that the sequence of functions above converges pointwise to $f(x)$.

Fix x .

If $x \neq 0$, $e^{x^2} > 1$ and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-nx^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(e^{x^2})^n} = 0 = f(x)$$

If $x = 0$, $e^{x^2} = 1$ and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-nx^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 = 1 = f(x)$$

- (c) Prove that the sequence of functions above does NOT converge uniformly to $f(x)$. If you use a theorem from class, make sure to carefully state it.

Each $f_n(x)$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} ,

so if we have uniform convergence,
the limit $f(x)$ must be continuous.

Since $f(\mathbb{R}) = \{0, 1\}$ is not an interval,

it's not, so no uniform convergence.

6. (10 points)

(a) Write down the ϵ, δ -definition of continuity.

Let $a \in \text{Dom}(f)$. Then f is continuous at $x=a$ if
 $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$ s.t.

$$|x-a| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x)-f(a)| < \epsilon \quad \forall x \in \text{Dom}(f).$$

(b) Suppose that $f(x)$ is a continuous function on \mathbb{R} with the property that $f(x) = f(x/2)$ for all real numbers x . Prove that $f(x)$ must be a constant function.

Induction proves $f(x) = f(\frac{x}{2^n})$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Therefore by continuity,

$$f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(\frac{x}{2^n}) = f(0) \quad \text{for all } x.$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is constant.

(c) Show by example that (b) is false if we drop the continuity assumption.

Consider

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

Then if $x=0$, $\frac{x}{2}=x$ and so $f(\frac{x}{2})=f(x)$

if $x \neq 0$, then $\frac{x}{2} \neq 0$ so

$$f(\frac{x}{2}) = 0 = f(x)$$

Thus $f(\frac{x}{2}) = f(x) \quad \forall x$.

7. (10 points)

(a) State the definition of $f(x)$ being uniformly continuous on a subset $S \subseteq \text{Dom}(f)$

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t.}$$

$$|x-a| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(a)| < \epsilon$$

$$\forall x \in \text{Dom}(f), a \in S$$

(b) Using ϵ and δ , prove that the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$ is uniformly continuous on the interval $[2, \infty)$.

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Choose $\delta = \min\{1, \frac{4}{3}\epsilon\}$

Then if $x \in \text{Dom}(f)$, $a \in [2, \infty)$ with $|x-a| < \delta$
we have $a \geq 2$ and so $x > a-1 \geq 1$.

Thus $\frac{1}{|x|} < 1$, $\frac{1}{|a|} \leq \frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{|x|a^2} + \frac{1}{|a|x^2} < \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{4}$, making

$$|f(x) - f(a)| = \left| \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{a^2} \right| = \left| \frac{x^2 - a^2}{x^2 a^2} \right| = |x-a| \cdot \frac{|x+a|}{x^2 a^2} < |x-a| \left(\frac{1}{|x|a^2} + \frac{1}{|a|x^2} \right) < \frac{3}{4}\delta = \epsilon$$

Since $\epsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, we are done!

(c) Explain why $f(x)$ from part (b) is NOT uniformly continuous on $(0, \infty)$.

If it is, then $f(x)$ must extend

to a continuous function on $[0, \infty)$.

In particular, $f((0,1))$ would be bounded.

However $f((0,1)) = (1, \infty)$ is unbounded.