

Q1. Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be arbitrary. Then

$$|f(x) - f(z)| = \left| \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{2x - 3} - 8 \right| = \left| \frac{x^2 - 15 + 26x}{2x - 3} \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow |f(x) - f(z)| = \left| \frac{(x-2)(x-13)}{2x-3} \right|$$

Let  $|x-2| < \delta$ , since  $\delta$  can be any positive real number, we may  $\delta \in [0, 1]$ . Then

$$-\delta < x-2 < \delta \Leftrightarrow -\delta-11 < x-13 < \delta-11$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -2\delta < 2x-4 < 2\delta \Leftrightarrow -2\delta+1 < 2x-3 < 2\delta+1$$

Taking the boundaries for both expressions, we see  $|x-13| < 12$  and  $\left| \frac{1}{2x-3} \right| < 1$ , therefore

$$\frac{|x-13|}{|2x-3|} < 12 \Leftrightarrow \frac{|x-2||x-13|}{|2x-3|} < 12 \cdot \delta < \varepsilon$$

Hence, let  $\delta = \min(1, \varepsilon/12)$ . We see that  $|x-2| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(z)| < \varepsilon$ , as required.

~~Q2~~ a) If  $f$  is continuous at 0, then, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  s.t.

$$|x| < \delta \Rightarrow \begin{cases} |x \sin \frac{1}{x}| < \epsilon & \text{for } x \neq 0 \\ 0 < \epsilon & \text{for } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Note that  $|f(x) - f(0)| = |f(x)| \leq |x| < \delta \quad \forall x \in \text{dom}(f)$ . Then we let  $\delta = \epsilon$ , and we see that  $f$  is continuous at 0, as required.

b) Let us assume  $g$  is continuous at 0. Then, by Theorem 5.9, the sequential characterisation of continuity, any sequence  $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  in  $\text{dom}(f)$  with  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow f(x_n) \rightarrow f(0)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Let us define  $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  as  $x_n = \frac{2}{\pi} - \frac{1}{1+4n}$ , so clearly  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Since  $g$  is continuous, then  $g(x_n) \rightarrow g(0) = 0$ . Observe that

$$g(x_n) = \begin{cases} \left| \sin\left(\frac{1}{\frac{2}{\pi} - \frac{1}{1+4n}}\right) \right| & x_n \neq 0 \\ 0 & x_n = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow g(x_n) = \begin{cases} \left| \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n\right) \right| & x_n \neq 0 \\ 0 & x_n = 0 \end{cases}$$

Then we have  $g(x_n) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1 \quad \forall x_n \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ . This implies that  $g(x_n) \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . But this is a contradiction, since we said that for  $g$  to be continuous,  $g(x_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore,  $g$  is not continuous at 0.



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a) We are concerned with the value of  $f(0)$ . We see that for  $x=y=0$  ( $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ) we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x+y) &= f(x) + f(y) \\ \Leftrightarrow f(0+0) &= f(0) + f(0) \Leftrightarrow f(0) = f(0) + f(0) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $c = f(0)$ , then we have  $c = 2c$ . We see this can only be true if  $c = 0$  for  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

So  $f(0) = 0$ .

b) We are concerned with the value of  $f(q)$ . Let us start with  $f(n)$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We can easily see

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= f\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) = f\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + f\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + f\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) \\ \Rightarrow f(n) &= \sum_{k=1}^n f\left(\frac{n}{k}\right) = n \cdot f\left(\frac{n}{n}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Now, let  $k=n$ , so we get  $f(n) = n \cdot f\left(\frac{n}{n}\right) = n \cdot f(1)$ .

Let us extend our notation to  $f\left(\frac{n}{m}\right)$  for  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then we have, from our previous result,

$$f\left(\frac{n}{m}\right) = f\left(\frac{1}{m} \cdot n\right) = n \cdot f\left(\frac{1}{m}\right)$$

To discover the value of  $f\left(\frac{1}{m}\right)$ , observe that

$$\begin{aligned} f(1) &= f\left(m \cdot \frac{1}{m}\right) = m \cdot f\left(\frac{1}{m}\right) \\ \Leftrightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{m}\right) &= \frac{1}{m} \cdot f(1) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$f\left(\frac{n}{m}\right) = n \cdot f\left(\frac{1}{m}\right) = n \cdot \frac{1}{m} \cdot f(1) = \frac{n}{m} f(1).$$

To extend to the set of rational numbers, observe that  $f\left((-1) \cdot \frac{n}{m}\right) = \frac{n}{m} f(-1)$  from our previous result. Then we're left with the task of discovering the value of  $f(-1)$ . Using the definition of  $f$ , let  $x=1$  and  $y=-1$ , ~~for~~ and observe

$$\begin{aligned} f(1-1) &= f(0) = f(1) + f(-1) \\ \Leftrightarrow f(-1) &= f(0) - f(1) = -f(1) \end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$f\left((-1) \frac{n}{m}\right) = \frac{n}{m} f(-1) = -\frac{n}{m} f(1)$$

So that  $\forall q \in \mathbb{Q}$  we have  $f(q) = q f(1)$ , as required.

c) Suppose that there exists a sequence  $(q_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  with  $q_n \in \mathbb{Q} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $q_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

From above, we know  $f(q_n) = q_n f(1) \forall q_n \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Since  $f$  is continuous, we have that  $q_n \rightarrow x \Rightarrow f(q_n) \rightarrow f(x)$  since the sequence  $(q_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and its converging value are in  $\text{dom}(f)$ .

Therefore, if  $f$  is continuous then  $f(x) = x f(1)$ , as required.