



A. Calculate each of the following limits, or explain why it does not converge. You may use any theorems that were stated in lecture.

i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} |x-2|/(x-2)$

(using math logic, we calculate for 1):

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} |1-2|/(1-2) = |-1|/-1 = \frac{1}{-1} = -1, \text{ so } L = -1, \text{ and the limit converges}$$

ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} |x-1|$

(using math logic, we calculate for 1):

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} |1-1| = |1-1| = 0, \text{ so } L = 0, \text{ and the limit converges}$$

iii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} |x-1|/(x-1)^2$

(using math logic, we calculate for 1):

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} |x-1|/(x-1)^2 = |1-1|/(1-1)^2 = 0/0 \Rightarrow \text{this means we need another approach!}$$

Because  $x$  approaches 1 from the right side, we can lose the absolute value, and we have:

~~$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} |x-1|/(x-1)^2 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (x-1)/(x-1)^2 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 1/(x-1)$$~~

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from the above we have that  $x > 1$ , and  $x-1 > 0$ .

since  $x-1$  is positive, it also approaches 0 from the right side. we conclude that the function

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 1/(x-1) = \infty,$$

increases without bound.



B. i) Prove directly from the definitions that if  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  is a function so that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = L$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} 1/g(x) = 1/L$

First, we need to assume that  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  is a function with  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = L$ . Now we get that:

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t. } [0 < |x - c| < \delta] \Rightarrow [|g(x) - L| < \epsilon]$$

Now we calculate:

$$0 < |g(x)| - |L| \leq |g(x) - L| < \epsilon$$

$$|g(x)| - |L| < \epsilon, \text{ from which we get}$$

$$-\epsilon < |g(x)| - |L| < \epsilon \quad (\text{means } \epsilon = \frac{L}{2})$$

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

$$L - \frac{L}{2} < |g(x)| < \frac{L}{2} + L$$

$$\frac{L}{2} < |g(x)| < \frac{3L}{2}$$

$$\frac{L}{2} < |g(x)|$$

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

From the above we have:

$$\left| \frac{1}{g(x)} - \frac{1}{L} \right| < \frac{2}{L} - \frac{1}{L} = \frac{1}{L} \quad \left( \frac{1}{L} < \frac{L}{2}, \text{ where } \frac{L}{2} = \epsilon \right)$$

and for  $L > \sqrt{2}$ , it means that  $\left| \frac{1}{g(x)} - \frac{1}{L} \right| < \epsilon$ , so  $2 < L^2$ , for  $\forall L > \sqrt{2}$

ii) Prove the same result of the previous part, using  
Relating Sequences to Functions.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$ , where  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} 1/f(x) = 1/L$ , which we want to prove

RSTF implies that if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$ , then

$\forall a_n$  in the domain of  $f$   $\wedge c \neq a_n$ , we have

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = c$ , which implies that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(a_n) = L$

From the definition, we have

$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N > 0$ , s.t.  $[n > N] \Rightarrow [|a_n - c| < \epsilon]$

now we calculate:

$$|a_n - c| < \epsilon$$

$$|a_n| - |c| \leq |a_n - c| < \epsilon, \text{ where } \epsilon = \frac{c}{2}$$

$$|a_n| - |c| < \epsilon$$

$$-\epsilon < |a_n| - |c| < \epsilon$$

$$-\frac{c}{2} < |a_n| - |c| < \frac{c}{2}$$

$$\frac{c}{2} < |a_n| < \frac{3c}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{a_n} < \frac{2}{c}$$

From the above we have:

$$\left| \frac{1}{f(a_n)} - \frac{1}{f(c)} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{f(a_n)} - \frac{1}{c} \right| < \frac{2}{f(c)} - \frac{1}{L} = \frac{2}{L} - \frac{1}{L} = \frac{1}{L}$$

so,  $\frac{1}{L} < \frac{L}{2}$ , which means  $L^2 < 2 \Rightarrow \text{for } \forall L > \sqrt{2}$ .

and for  $L > \sqrt{2}$ , we have  $\left| \frac{1}{f(a_n)} - \frac{1}{L} \right| < \epsilon$



C. Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \infty$  if and only if for every sequence  $a_n$  that is in the domain of  $f$  and converges to  $c$  (but never equal to  $c$ ), we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(a_n) = \infty$ . (That is, prove a version of Relating sequences to functions for infinite limits. Make sure you handle both directions of the if and only if).

We need to prove both  $(\Rightarrow)$  and  $(\Leftarrow)$ .

$\Rightarrow$  For  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \infty$ , we have def.

$$\forall M > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t. } [0 < |x - c| < \delta] \Rightarrow [f(x) > M]$$

For  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = c$ , we have the def.

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \text{ s.t. } [n > N] \Rightarrow [|a_n - c| < \epsilon]$$

Now we take arbitrary  $\epsilon = \delta$ , and we get the following:

$$\forall M > 0, \exists \epsilon \text{ s.t. } [0 < |x - c| < \epsilon] \Rightarrow |f(x) > M|$$

$\downarrow$   
this is  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = c$

$$\forall M > 0, \exists \epsilon \text{ s.t. } [|a_n - c| < \epsilon] \Rightarrow |f(x) > M|$$

because  $(a_n)$  is the domain of  $f$ , we have

$$\forall M > 0, \exists \epsilon \text{ s.t. } [|a_n - c| < \epsilon] \Rightarrow \cancel{f(a_n)} |f(a_n) > M|$$

$$\text{so } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(a_n) = \infty$$

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$\Leftarrow$  First assume that every sequence  $a_n$  provides  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \neq \infty$ , so there isn't  $\delta$  to satisfy

$$[0 < |x - c| < \delta] \Rightarrow [f(x) > M] \text{ for } M > 0.$$

From the above we conclude that for each  $n$  there is:

$$0 < |a_n - c| < \delta, \text{ but } f(a_n) \geq M. \text{ (from previous)}$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = c$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(a_n) = \infty$ , we have that

for large enough  $n$ , we have  $f(a_n) > M$ ,  
that proves our contradiction,

this proves that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \infty$ .  $\square$

Proof  
by  
Contradiction.



D. Which of the following families of real functions are algebras of functions? (For each, either show it is an algebra of functions, or else identify a necessary property that is not satisfied).

i) Polynomials of degree at most 2. (That is, polynomials of the form  $ax^2 + bx + c$ , where any or all of  $a, b, c$  may be 0.)

a) contains constant function 1.

b)  $c \circ f(x)$ , where  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , forms a constant function

c)  $f(x) + f(y)$  forms a constant function

d)  $f(x) - f(y)$  forms a constant function

c) and d) come from AOL.

ii) Functions  $f$  s.t.  $f(x) \leq 6$ .

We know that range can be changed, which implies that  $c \circ f(x)$ , where  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , can give ~~any~~ greater number than 6, which won't be in  $A$ .

From the above, we conclude that  $A$  is not algebra of function.

iii) Functions  $f$  that are everywhere defined, and that are continuous at the point  $c=2$ .

For this, we need to show:

a) constant function  $1 \in A$ , because  $f$  is continuous at  $c=2$ .

b)  $c \cdot f(x) = g(x)$ .  $g(x)$  is stretched version of  $f(x)$ , and will also be continuous at  $c=2$ .

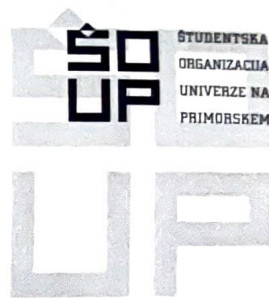
c)  $f(x), g(x) \in A$ , are functions that are continuous at  $c=2$ .

then  $f(x) + kg(x)$  is also going to be continuous at  $c=2$ , which implies that  $f(x) + g(x) \in A$ .

d)  $f(x), g(x) \in A$ , functions continuous at  $c=2$ , because  $f(x) \cdot g(x)$  is also continuous at  $c=2$  (by AoL), from which we get that  $f(x) - g(x) \in A$ .



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E. Prove that  $f(x) = x \cdot |x|$  is continuous at all points  $c$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

We need to show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$

Lets point  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

i)  $c < 0$ , then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} x \cdot |x| = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} x \cdot (-x) = -\lim_{x \rightarrow c} x^2 = -c^2 = c(-c) = c \cdot |c| = f(c).$$

ii)  $c > 0$ , then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} x \cdot |x| = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} x \cdot x = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} x^2 = c^2 = c \cdot c = c \cdot |c| = f(c).$$

iii)  $c = 0$ , then

$$\text{for } 0^+: \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x|x| = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \cdot x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^2 = 0^2 = 0 = c \cdot |c| = f(c) = f(0)$$

$$\text{for } 0^-: \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} x|x| = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} x \cdot (-x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} -x^2 = -0^2 = 0 = c \cdot |c| = f(c) = f(0)$$

With this we prove that  $f(x) = x \cdot |x|$  is continuous at all points  $c$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ !

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