

### Problems for Chapter 3.

- Let  $A$  denote a nonempty set of reals. The complement of  $A$ , denoted by  $\complement A$ , or  $A^c$  is the set of all points  $x$  not in  $A$ .
  - We say that  $x$  belongs to the *interior of  $A$* ,  $x \in \text{Int}(A)$ , if there exists a positive  $\varepsilon$  such that  $N_\varepsilon(x) \subset A$ .
  - We say that  $x$  belongs to the *boundary of  $A$* ,  $x \in \partial A$ , if for every positive  $\varepsilon$  the neighborhood  $N_\varepsilon(x)$  contains points of  $A$  and points of  $A^c$ .
  - We say that  $x$  is an *isolated point of  $A$*  if there exists a positive  $\varepsilon$  such that  $N_\varepsilon(x)$  contains no points of  $A$  other than  $x$ .
  - A set  $A$  is said to be open if all the points of  $A$  are interior points. A set  $A$  is said to be closed if  $A^c$  is open.
1. Find all the interior points, isolated points, accumulation points and boundary points for
    - a.  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and  $\mathbb{R}$
    - b.  $(a, b)$  and  $[a, b]$
    - c.  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $\mathbb{N}$  removed
    - d.  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $\mathbb{Q}$  removed
  2. Give an example of:
    - a. A set with no accumulation points.
    - b. A set with infinitely many accumulation points, none of which belong to the set.
    - c. A set that contains some, but not all, of its accumulation points
  3. Give an example of a set with the following properties or explain why no such set can exist:
    - a. a set with no accumulation points and no isolated points
    - b. a set with no interior points and no isolated points
    - c. a set with no boundary points and no isolated points
  4. Is every interior point of  $A$  an accumulation point? Is every accumulation point of  $A$  an interior point?
  5. Let  $x$  be an interior point of  $A$  and suppose  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence of points, not necessarily in  $A$ , but converging to  $x$ . Show that there exists an integer  $N$  such that  $x_n \in A \forall n > N$
  6. Prove the following statements
    - a. if  $G_n$  is open for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} G_n$  is open
    - b.  $F$  is closed if and only if  $F$  contains all its boundary points

7. Find the interior and boundary for each of the following sets.

a.  $A = \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$

b.  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : 0 < x^2 < 2\}$

8. Use both the definition of limit and a sequence approach to establish

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{1-x} = -1$$

9. Use both the definition of limit and a sequence approach to establish  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{|x|} = 0$

10. Use both the definition of limit and a sequence approach to establish

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x}{1+x} = 1/2$$

11. Show that the limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{|x|}$  does not exist

12. Show that the limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)$  does not exist

13. Show that the limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  does not exist

14. Show that the limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$  does not exist

15. Prove that if  $a_n \geq 0 \forall n$  and  $a_n \rightarrow A$ , then  $\sqrt{a_n} \rightarrow \sqrt{A}$

16. Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+1)^2 - 1}{x}$  or show the limit does not exist

17. Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 1}{x - 1}$  or show the limit does not exist

18. Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+2x} - \sqrt{1+3x}}{x + 2x^2}$  or show the limit does not exist

19. Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  or show the limit does not exist

20. Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{x} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  or show the limit does not exist

21. Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  or show the limit does not exist

22. Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \cos\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)$  or show the limit does not exist

23. Given that  $x - \frac{1}{6}x^3 \leq \sin x \leq x$  for  $x \geq 0$ , find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)$

24. Given that  $x - \frac{1}{6}x^3 \leq \sin x \leq x$  for  $x \geq 0$ , find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{x}}\right)$

25. Given that  $1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 \leq \cos x \leq 1$  for  $x \geq 0$ , find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\cos x - 1}{x}\right)$

26. Given that  $1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 \leq \cos x \leq 1$  for  $x \geq 0$ , find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\cos x - 1}{\sqrt{x}} \right)$
27. Prove that  $f(x) = |x|$  is continuous at all values of  $x$ . Does  $x = 0$  require special attention?
28. Let  $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{x}}$ . Can  $f(0)$  be defined in such a way that  $f$  is continuous for all  $x$ ?
29. For each of the following functions, find the points where they are discontinuous or give a reason they are continuous for all  $x$  :
- $\frac{x^3 + 1}{x^2 + 1}$
  - $\sin^2 x \cos x$
  - $\frac{\cos x - 1}{\sqrt{x}}$
  - $\frac{x - 2}{|x - 2|}$
30. The functions  $f(x) = \frac{x^3 - 3x^2 + 2}{x^2 - 1}$  and  $g(x) = \frac{x^2 + 4x - 5}{x^3 - 2x^2 + x}$  are each undefined at two points. Are these singularities removable?
31. If  $F(x) = f(x) - g(x) + h(x)$ ,  $G(x) = g(x) + 2h(x)$  and  $H(x) = 2g(x) - h(x)$  are all continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ , then is it the case that  $f(x)$ ,  $g(x)$ , and  $h(x)$  are also all continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .
32. Give an example of functions  $f$  and  $g$  that are both discontinuous at  $x = c$  but (i)  $f + g$  is continuous at  $x = c$  (ii)  $fg$  is continuous at  $x = c$ .
33. Suppose  $f$  is continuous for all  $x$  and that  $f(x) = 0$  for every rational  $x$ . Show that  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x$ .
34. If  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $f(\frac{p}{q}) = g(\frac{p}{q})$  for all non-zero integers,  $p, q$ , then is it true that  $f(x) = g(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ?
35. Suppose  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } x = \text{rational} \\ x + 3 & \text{if } x = \text{irrational} \end{cases}$ . Then find all the points where  $f$  is continuous.
36. Suppose  $f$  is defined on  $(0, 1)$  and that  $|f(x)| \leq 1$  for all  $x \in (0, 1)$ . If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  does not exist then show there must be sequences  $a_n, b_n$  converging to 0 for which the sequences  $f(a_n)$  and  $f(b_n)$  converge but to different limits.
37. Suppose  $f$  is continuous at all  $x$  and let  $P = \{x : f(x) > 0\}$ . If  $c \in P$  then show that there is an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $N_\varepsilon(c) \subset P$ .
38. Suppose  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous for all  $x$  and let  $S = \{x : f(x) \geq g(x)\}$ . If  $c$  is an accumulation point for  $S$ , show that  $c \in S$ .
39. If  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous on  $[0, 1]$  and  $f(x) > g(x)$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  then does there exist a  $p > 0$  such that  $f(x) \geq g(x) + p$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ .
40. If  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous on  $[0, 1]$  and  $f(x) > g(x)$  for  $0 < x < 1$  then does there exist a  $p > 0$  such that  $f(x) \geq g(x) + p$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ .

41. Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1, x \neq \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \text{if } x = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$        $g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$

Explain how you would prove the continuity or lack of continuity for these two functions. i.e., in each case, cite a theorem which supports your answer.

42. Let  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 + 1}$  and let  $A = f\{1 \leq x \leq 8\} \subset \text{rng}[f]$        $M = f^{-1}\{.2 \leq y < .4\} \subset \text{dom}[f]$ . In answering the following questions, give reasons ( i.e., cite theorems or give examples ) for your answers

- Is  $A$  closed? Is it bounded?
- Find the sup and the inf for  $A$ . Do these belong to the set?
- Find the set of all  $y$  that belong to  $A$
- Find the set of all  $x$  that belong to  $M$
- Either prove that  $M$  is closed or show that it is not closed.

43. 1. Suppose  $A$  is an infinite subset of the reals and that  $p$  is the LUB for  $A$  but  $p$  does not belong to  $A$ . Tell whether the following statements are true or false and give coherent reasons for your answer.

- $p$  is an accumulation point for  $A$
- there is a "largest value"  $x$  in  $A$  such that  $x \leq p$ .

44. State the compact range (extreme value, intermediate value) theorem. Give an example where **one** of the hypotheses is not satisfied and the conclusion then fails to hold.

45. State the persistence of sign theorem Explain the use of this theorem to prove the following result:: If  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $f(x) = g(x)$  for each rational  $x$ , then  $f(x) = g(x)$  for all real  $x$

46.

- State a condition on  $f(x)$ , and  $D$  that implies that  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $D$
- State a condition on  $f(x)$ , that implies that  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $(a, b)$
- Is  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$  uniformly continuous on  $(0, \infty)$  ?

47. Use the intermediate value theorem to tell how many real zeroes exist for the function  $f(x) = \sin x - \cos x$  as well as to determine the approximate location of these zeroes.

48. Suppose  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous on  $(-\infty, \infty)$  and that  $f(x) = g(x)$  at every rational value for  $x$ . Use the persistence of sign result to show that  $f$  and  $g$  must be equal at every real value.
49. Given that the function  $f(x) = \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  is continuous on  $(0, 1)$ , is  $f$  uniformly continuous on  $(0, 1)$ ? Given that the function  $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$  is continuous on  $(0, 1)$ , is  $g$  uniformly continuous on  $(0, 1)$ ?
50. Let  $A$  denote the set of all the rational numbers between 0 and 1.
- Is this a closed set?
  - Is it an open set?
  - What are the accumulation points (boundary points, interior points) for  $A$ ?
51. For each of the following statements, first, tell whether the following are true or false, then state a theorem which shows a statement is true or give a counter example that shows it is false.
- If  $f(x)$  is continuous and injective on  $[a, b]$  and  $f(a) < f(b)$ , then for all  $x, y \in [a, b]$ ,  $x < y$  if and only if  $f(x) < f(y)$ .
  - There exist sequences  $\{a_n\}$  which are bounded but which contain no convergent subsequences.
  - For every real value,  $x$ , there is a sequence of rational numbers that converges to  $x$ .
  - If  $\{a_n\}$  in  $D$  converges to  $c \in D$ , and  $\{f(a_n)\}$  converges to  $f(c)$ , then  $f$  must be continuous at  $x = c$ .
  - If  $F$  is continuous on  $D$  where  $F(x) = f(x)g(x)$ , then  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous on  $D$ .
52. Use the intermediate value theorem to tell how many real zeroes exist for the function  $f(x) = \sin x - \cos x$  as well as to determine the approximate location of these zeroes.
53. Use the intermediate value theorem to tell how many positive zeroes exist for the function  $f(x) = \sin x - \frac{1}{x}$  as well as to determine the approximate location of these zeroes.
54. Tell whether the following statements are true or false and cite a theorem to justify your answer:
- If  $f(x)$  is continuous and monotone on  $[a, b]$  then  $\forall x, y \in [a, b]$ ,  $x < y$  implies  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ .
  - If  $\{a_n\}$  is a monotone sequence that does not converge then  $\left\{\frac{1}{a_n}\right\}$  must tend to zero as  $n$  tends to infinity..

- c. If  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $(-\infty, \infty)$  and  $f(x) = 0$  if  $x$  is rational, then  $f(x) = 0$  at every real  $x$ .
  - d. If  $A$  is an infinite subset of the reals and  $p = \sup A$  but  $p$  is not in  $A$  then there is no largest  $x$  in  $A$  such that  $x \leq p$ .
  - e. If  $F$  is continuous on  $D$  where  $F(x) = 5f(x) + 4g(x)$ , then  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous on  $D$ .
55. Let  $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{x}}$ . Can  $f(0)$  be defined in such a way that  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $[0, 1]$ ? Is  $f$  uniformly continuous on  $[0, \infty)$ ?