

1. (12 points)

For each of the following statements, either prove it is true, or provide a counterexample to show that it is false.

- (a) If a sequence  $(s_n)$  is unbounded, then  $(s_n)$  cannot have a convergent subsequence.

**FALSE.** Let

$$s_n = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ 1 & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Then for given  $M > 0$  find an odd integer  $2n - 1 > M$ . We then have  $s_{2n-1} = 2n - 1 > M$ , so that the sequence  $(s_n)$  is unbounded. On the other hand  $(s_{2n}) = (1)$  a constant sequence, which converges to 0.

- (b) Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and let  $c \in (a, b)$ . If the limit of  $f(x)$  as  $x$  goes to  $c$  exists, then  $f$  is continuous at  $c$ .

**FALSE.** Define  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } x \neq \frac{1}{2}, \\ 2 & \text{if } x = \frac{1}{2}. \end{cases}$$

We note  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1/2} f(x) = 2 \cdot (1/2) = 1$ , but  $f(1/2) = 2$ . Therefore  $f$  is not continuous at  $x = 1/2$ .

- (c) If  $I$  is an interval, and  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is uniformly continuous on  $I$ , then  $f$  is continuous on  $I$ .

**TRUE:** Let  $c \in I$  be fixed, and let  $\epsilon > 0$  be fixed. Since  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $I$ , there exist  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$  whenever  $x, y \in I$  and  $|x - y| < \delta$ . Take  $y = c$ , then  $|f(x) - f(c)| < \epsilon$  whenever  $x, c \in I$ , and  $|x - c| < \delta$ . Therefore  $f$  is continuous at  $c$ . Since  $c \in I$  was arbitrary,  $f$  is continuous on  $I$ .

2. (13 points)

(a) Suppose that  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and that  $f$  is continuous at  $c \in (a, b)$ , with  $f(c) > 0$ . Prove that there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $f(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in (c - \delta, c + \delta)$ .

Take  $\epsilon = f(c) > 0$  in the definition of continuity. Then since  $c$  is an interior point of  $I$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that whenever  $|x - c| < \delta$  (i.e. whenever  $x \in (c - \delta, c + \delta)$ ),

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

Therefore, whenever  $x \in (c - \delta, c + \delta)$ ,

$$-f(c) < f(x) - f(c) < f(c).$$

Adding  $f(c)$  to all sides of the inequality, we see that whenever  $|x - c| < \delta$ ,

$$0 < f(x) < f(c) + f(c) = 2f(c).$$

Thus  $f(x) > 0$  whenever  $|x - c| < \delta$ , as desired.

(b) Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x^2 + 1 & \text{if } x \geq 1, \\ 6x & \text{if } x < 1. \end{cases}$$

Determine whether or not  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = 1$ , and if it is differentiable, compute the derivative  $f'(1)$ .

We note that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} 6x = 6 \neq f(1) = 4.$$

Therefore,  $f$  is not continuous at  $x = 1$ . It follows from Theorem 6.1.3 that  $f$  is not differentiable at  $x = 1$ , either.

3. (12 points)

Define  $s_1 = 1$  and for  $n \geq 1$ , let  $s_{n+1} = \sqrt{2 + s_n}$ .

(a) Prove that  $s_n < 2, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We use mathematical induction for this result.

The base case is  $n = 1$  and  $s_1 = 1 < 2$ . Hence the statement holds for the base case  $n = 1$ .

We now assume the statement holds for  $n = k$  so that  $s_k < 2$ . Then adding 2 to both sides,  $2 + s_k < 2 + 2 = 4$ . We note all  $s_k$  are non negative so  $2 + s_k \geq 0$ . Taking square roots gives  $\sqrt{2 + s_k} < \sqrt{4} = 2$ . Therefore  $s_{k+1} = \sqrt{2 + s_k} < 2$ . The statement is thus true for  $n = k + 1$ , establishing the induction step. It follows that  $s_n < 2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(b) It is also possible to show that  $(s_n)$  is an increasing sequence. **Assuming this fact**, deduce that  $(s_n)$  is a convergent sequence and compute its limit. Be sure to justify your reasoning.

We know that  $(s_n)$  is bounded, and we are allowed to assume  $(s_n)$  is monotone increasing as a sequence. By the Monotone Convergence Theorem for sequences, we obtain that  $(s_n)$  is a convergent sequence. Let  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = L$ . Since  $(s_{n+1})$  is a subsequence of  $(s_n)$ , we know  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{n+1} = L$ , too. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{2 + s_n} \\ &= \sqrt{2 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n} = \sqrt{2 + L}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that the limit  $L$  satisfies the equation

$$L = \sqrt{2 + L}.$$

Squaring both sides we get  $L^2 = 2 + L$  or

$$L^2 - L - 2 = 0,$$

i.e.

$$(L - 2)(L + 1) = 0; \quad L = 2 \text{ or } L = -1.$$

But  $(s_n)$  is an increasing sequence of positive numbers so that  $L > 0$ . It follows that  $L = 2$  so that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = 2.$$

4. (13 points)

- (a) Prove that the equation  $x + \frac{1}{2} = \cos x$  has a solution in  $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ .  
Let functions  $g : [0, \frac{\pi}{2}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $h : [0, \frac{\pi}{2}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by

$$g(x) = x + \frac{1}{2}, \quad \text{and} \quad h(x) = \cos x.$$

Note that  $g$  and  $h$  are continuous on  $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ , so that  $f : [0, \frac{\pi}{2}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = g(x) - h(x)$  is also continuous on  $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ . We note that  $f(0) = +\frac{1}{2} - \cos 0 = \frac{1}{2} - 1 = -\frac{1}{2} < 0$ , and  $f(\frac{\pi}{2}) = \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \cos \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{\pi+1}{2} - 0 = \frac{\pi+1}{2} > 0$ . By the Intermediate Value Theorem, there exists  $x_0 \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$  such that  $f(x_0) = 0$ , i.e. there exists  $x_0 \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$  such that

$$x_0 + \frac{1}{2} - \cos x_0 = 0.$$

But this means here exists  $x_0 \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$  such that

$$x_0 + \frac{1}{2} = \cos x_0,$$

so that the given equation has a solution within the desired interval.

- (b) Prove that  $f$  and  $g$  are uniformly continuous on  $D \subset \mathbb{R}$ , then the sum function  $f + g$  is uniformly continuous on  $D \subset \mathbb{R}$ .

Fix  $\epsilon > 0$ . Since  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $D$ , there exists  $\delta_1 > 0$  such that whenever  $x, y \in D$  and  $|x - y| < \delta_1$ ,

$$|f(x) - f(y)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}, \quad (1).$$

Similarly, since  $g$  is uniformly continuous on  $D$ , there exists  $\delta_2 > 0$  such that whenever  $x, y \in D$  and  $|x - y| < \delta_2$ ,

$$|g(x) - g(y)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}, \quad (2).$$

Let  $\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$ . Then  $0 < \delta \leq \delta_1$  and  $0 < \delta \leq \delta_2$ . It follows that if  $x, y \in D$  and  $|x - y| < \delta$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |(f + g)(x) - (f + g)(y)| &= |f(x) + g(x) - (f(y) + g(y))| = |f(x) + g(x) - f(y) - g(y)| \\ &= |f(x) - f(y) + g(x) - g(y)| \leq |f(x) - f(y)| + |g(x) - g(y)| \end{aligned}$$

(by the Triangle inequality)

$$< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon.$$

Therefore if  $x, y \in D$  and  $|x - y| < \delta$ ,

$$|(f + g)(x) - (f + g)(y)| < \epsilon,$$

so that  $f + g$  is uniformly continuous on  $D$ .