

1. For each sequence below:

i. Give the set of subsequential limits.

ii. For each element in the set in (i), state a formula for  $n_k$  such that  $(s_{n_k})$  has that limit.

(a)  $s_n = \frac{n}{n+1}$

(i)  $\{1\}$

(ii)  $n_k = k$

(b)  $s_n = \cos\left(\frac{\pi n}{2}\right)$

(i)  $\{-1, 0, 1\}$

(ii) For  $-1$ :  $n_k = 4k + 2$

For  $0$ :  $n_k = 4k + 1$

For  $1$ :  $n_k = 4k$

2. Let  $(s_n)$  and  $(t_n)$  be bounded sequences such that  $\forall n, s_n \leq t_n$ . Prove that  $\limsup s_n \leq \limsup t_n$ .

Proof: Premises:  $(s_n), (t_n)$  bounded and  $\forall n, s_n \leq t_n$ .

Let  $N \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $a = \sup\{s_n : n > N\}$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Then  $a - \varepsilon < a = \sup\{s_n : n > N\}$ .

So  $\exists m \in \{s_n : n > N\}$  such that  $a - \varepsilon < m$ .

Thus  $m = s_{n_0}$  for some  $n_0 > N$ .

We have  $a < s_{n_0} + \varepsilon \leq t_{n_0} + \varepsilon \leq \sup\{t_n : n > N\} + \varepsilon$ .

Since  $a < \sup\{t_n : n > N\} + \varepsilon$  holds for arbitrarily small  $\varepsilon$ ,

we have  $a \leq \sup\{t_n : n > N\}$ .

Thus,  $\forall N, \sup\{s_n : n > N\} \leq \sup\{t_n : n > N\}$ .

Taking the limit on each side as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  and applying Exercise 9.9(c),

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sup\{s_n : n > N\} \leq \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sup\{t_n : n > N\}.$$

$$\therefore \limsup s_n \leq \limsup t_n.$$

3. Short Answer

(a) Let  $s_n = (-2)^n$ . State a formula for  $n_k$  such that  $(s_{n_k})$  is a monotonic subsequence of  $(s_n)$ .

$$n_k = 2k$$

(b) Let  $f(x) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{x}}$  and  $g(x) = \left(\frac{5}{x}\right)^2$ . Find  $g \circ f$  and state its domain.

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = \left(\frac{5}{\frac{3}{\sqrt{x}}}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{5\sqrt{x}}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{25x}{9} \quad \text{for } x \geq 0.$$

(c) Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{for } x < 1 \\ 2 - x & \text{for } 1 \leq x < 3 \\ x + 1 & \text{for } x \geq 3 \end{cases}$  For what  $x$ -value(s) is  $f$  discontinuous?

$f$  is discontinuous at 3 (because  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$  does not exist).

(Note :  $f$  is continuous at 1, because  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 1 = f(1)$ .)

4. Quick Proofs:

(a) Prove that  $f(x) = 6x - x^2$  is continuous at  $-3$  directly from the definition of continuity.

Proof: Let  $(x_n)$  be in  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = -3$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (6x_n - (x_n)^2) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 6x_n - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n)^2 \\ &= 6 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n - \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \right)^2 \\ &= 6(-3) - (-3)^2 \\ &= f(-3). \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f$  is continuous at  $-3$ .

(b) Prove that  $\exists x \in (1, 2)$  such that  $7 \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{x}\right) - x = 0$ .

Proof:  $f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ , so  $f$  is continuous on  $[1, 2]$ .

$$f(1) = 7 \sin(5\pi) - 1 = 0 - 1 = -1.$$

$$f(2) = 7 \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{2}\right) - 2 = 7 - 2 = 5.$$

So  $f(1) < 0 < f(2)$ .

By the Intermediate Value Theorem,

$$\exists x \in (1, 2) \text{ such that } 7 \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{x}\right) - x = 0.$$

5. Prove that  $f(x) = 6x - x^2$  is continuous at  $-3$  by verifying the  $\varepsilon - \delta$  property.

Proof: Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Let  $\delta = \min\left\{1, \frac{\varepsilon}{13}\right\}$ .

Then,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $|x - (-3)| < \delta$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(-3)| &= |6x - x^2 + 27| \\ &= |x^2 - 6x - 27| \\ &= |x + 3| \cdot |x - 9| \\ &< \delta \cdot |x - 9| \\ &< 13\delta \quad (\text{since } -4 < x < -2) \\ &\leq 13 \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{13} \\ &= \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f$  is continuous at  $-3$ .

6. For each set of requirements, either give an example that fits the requirements or explain why it is impossible to do so.

(a) A sequence  $(s_n)$  with no monotone subsequence.

Impossible. Theorem 11.3 states that every sequence has a monotone subsequence.

(b) A pair of sequences  $(s_n), (t_n)$  such that  $\limsup s_n t_n < \limsup s_n \cdot \limsup t_n$

$$\begin{aligned} s_n &= (-1)^n \\ t_n &= (-1)^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then } \limsup s_n t_n = -1, \text{ but } \limsup s_n \cdot \limsup t_n = 1 \cdot 1 = 1.$$

(c) A function  $f$  such that  $f(2) = -1, f(4) = 1$ , but  $f(x) \neq 0$  for any  $x \in (2, 4)$ .

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{for } x < 3 \\ 1 & \text{for } x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

7. Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } x \in Q \\ x^2 & \text{if } x \notin Q \end{cases}$ .

(a) Prove that  $f$  is discontinuous at  $x = 5$

Proof:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $x_n = 5 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{n}$ .  
 Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 5$  every term of  $(x_n)$  is irrational.  
 So  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n)^2$   
 $= \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \right)^2$   
 $= 5^2$   
 $= 25$   
 $\neq f(5) = 10.$   
 $\therefore f$  is discontinuous at  $x = 5$ .

(b) Prove that  $f$  is discontinuous at  $\sqrt{2}$ .

Proof:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $t_n = \sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{n}$ .  
 $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $x_n$  be a rational number between  $\sqrt{2}$  and  $t_n$ .  
 Then, by the Squeeze Theorem (Exercise 8.5(a)),  
 we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \sqrt{2}$ .  
 Thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2x_n$   
 $= 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$   
 $= 2\sqrt{2}$   
 $\neq f(\sqrt{2}) = 2.$   
 $\therefore f$  is discontinuous at  $x = \sqrt{2}$ .