

1. If  $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are continuous functions then  $h = \min\{f, g\}$  is also a continuous function.

**Solution:** For any  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  we have  $\min\{a, b\} = \frac{1}{2}[(a + b) - |a - b|]$ . So using this we get

$$h(x) = \frac{1}{2}[(f(x) + g(x)) - |f(x) - g(x)|].$$

Now continuity of  $f + g$  and  $|f - g|$  will give the continuity of  $h$ . □

2. Let  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots$  where  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$  are real numbers. Let  $\{\limsup |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}}\}^{-1} = R_0$   
(i) Find  $R_0$  when  $a_n = \frac{1}{n!}$ .  
(ii) Give example of  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$  such that  $R_0 = 1$ , for  $|x| = R_0$ , the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  is divergent for  $x = 1$  and convergent for  $x = -1$ .

**Solution:** (i) We have the following power series

$$e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

with  $a_n = \frac{1}{n!}$ , converges for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . So we get  $R_0 = \infty$ .

**Solution:** (ii) Let  $a_0 = 0$  and  $a_n = -\frac{1}{n}$ ,  $n \geq 1$  then we have

$$\log(1 - x) = -x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots$$

which converges for  $-1 \leq x < 1$  and diverges for  $x = 1$ . □

3. Let  $I_1 \supset I_2 \supset \dots$  be a sequence of closed intervals with length  $I_r \rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ . If  $x_j \in I_j$  then show that the sequence  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

**Solution:** We have  $x_{n+k} \in I_{n+k} \subset I_n$  for any  $n \geq 1$  and  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ . Thus we get

$$|x_{n+k} - x_n| \leq |I_n| \text{ as } x_n, x_{n+k} \in I_n, \text{ here } |I_n| \text{ is length of } I_n.$$

So from above we get  $|x_{n+k} - x_n| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ . This proves that  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  is a Cauchy sequence. □

4. Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  be a bounded sequence of reals with  $x_j \geq 0$ . If every subsequence of  $x_n$  has a [further] subsequence converging to 0 show that  $x_n \rightarrow 0$ .

**Solution:** Let assume by that  $x_n$  does not converge to 0. Then there is a  $\epsilon > 0$  such that for any  $M \in \mathbb{N}$  there is a  $x_m$  with  $|x_m| \geq \epsilon$  and  $m > M$ .

Now choose the subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}_k$  with  $|x_{n_k}| \geq \epsilon$  with  $n_k > N_k$  and  $N_{k+1} > N_k$ . Then this subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}_k$  does not admit any further subsequence which converges to 0. Which gives the contradiction. Hence we have  $x_n \rightarrow 0$ . □

5. (a) Let  $a_n > 0$ ,  $\sum_n a_n^2 < \infty$ ,  $\partial > \frac{1}{2}$ . Then show that  $\sum_n \frac{a_n}{n^\partial}$  exists.  
 (b)  $\mathbb{B} > \frac{1}{2}$ . Show that  $\sum_n b_n < \infty$  where  $b_n = \frac{1}{n^{\mathbb{B}} \sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}}$ .  
 (c) If  $|x| < 1$  show that  $x^n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Solution** (a) Let  $S_N = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{a_n}{n^\partial}$  then by cauchy schwarz-inequality we have

$$S_N \leq \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N a_n^2} \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N c_n^2} \leq \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2} \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n^2} < \infty \quad \forall N,$$

here  $c_n = \frac{1}{n^\partial}$ . Since  $\partial > \frac{1}{2}$  we have  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n^2 < \infty$ . The above inequality give the existence of  $\sum_1^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^\partial}$ .

**Solution** (b) Consider  $c_n = \frac{1}{n^{\mathbb{B} + \frac{1}{2}}}$  then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n < \infty$  as  $\mathbb{B} + \frac{1}{2} > 1$ . It is easy to see that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_n}{c_n} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Now comparison test will give the converges of  $\sum_n b_n$ .

**Solution** (c) Let  $|c_0| < 1$  and  $0 < \epsilon < 1$  (it is enough) then we have to find a  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|c_0|^n < \epsilon \quad \forall n > M$ . If  $|c_0|^n < \epsilon$  then we have  $n > \frac{\log \epsilon}{\log c_0}$ . So if we take  $M = \lceil \frac{\log \epsilon}{\log c_0} \rceil + 1$  then we are done.  $\square$

6. (a) Show that  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by  $f(x) = x^2$  is not uniformly continuous.  
 (b) Let  $f$  be as in (a). Show that if  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  is a cauchy sequence then  $f(x_1), f(x_2), \dots$  is a cauchy sequence.  
 (c) Give an example of uniformly continuous functions  $g_1, g_2$  such that the product  $g_1 g_2$  is not uniformly continuous and prove your claim.  
 (d) Let  $g : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be uniformly continuous. Show that if  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  is a cauchy sequence in  $J$  then  $g(x_1), g(x_2), \dots$  is a cauchy sequence.  
 (e) Let  $h : (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be uniformly continuous. If  $y_n \in (0, 1]$  and  $y_n \rightarrow 0$  then  $\{h(y_n)\}$  is convergent and the limit is independent of the sequence  $y_1, y_2, \dots$  (converging to 0)  
 (f) Let  $k : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous, differentiable function and the derivative be bounded and continuous. Show that  $k$  is uniformly continuous. Here  $J$  is a bounded or unbounded interval.

**Solution** (a) Let  $0 < \epsilon < 1$ . For any given  $\delta > 0$  set  $x_1 = \frac{1}{\delta}$  and  $x_2 = x_1 + \frac{\delta}{2}$  then  $|x_1 - x_2| = \frac{\delta}{2} < \delta$ .  
 Now

$$|f(x_1) - f(x_2)| = 1 + \frac{\delta^2}{4} > 1 > \epsilon.$$

The above give that  $f$  is not uniformly continuous.

**Solution** (b) Since  $\{x_n\}_n$  is a cauchy sequence so it is bounded, let  $|x_n| \leq M \quad \forall n$ . Now

$$|f(x_n) - f(x_m)| = |(x_n + x_m)(x_n - x_m)| \leq 2M|x_n - x_m|.$$

So  $f(x_1), f(x_2), \dots$  is a cauchy sequence.

**Solution** (c) Consider  $g_1(x) = g_2(x) = x$  is uniformly continuous (take  $\epsilon = \delta$ ). But from (a) we have  $g_1 g_2(x) = x^2$  is not uniformly continuous.

**Solution** (d) Since  $\{x_n\}_n$  is a cauchy sequence, we have for each  $\delta > 0$  there is  $M \in \mathbb{N}$  ( $M$  depends on  $\delta$ ) such that  $|x_n - x_m| < \delta, \forall n, m > M$ . Now uniform continuity of  $g$  will give

$$|g(x_n) - g(x_m)| < \epsilon \quad \forall n, m > M.$$

So  $\{g(x_n)\}_n$  is a cauchy sequence.

**Solution** (e) Since  $y_n \rightarrow 0$  so  $\{y_n\}$  is a cauchy sequence. Now from (d) we have  $\{h(y_n)\}$  is also cauchy in  $\mathbb{R}$  so it is convergent.

Let  $\{x_n\} \in (0, 1]$  be a another sequence such that  $x_n \rightarrow 0$ . Set  $x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(x_n)$  and  $y = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(y_n)$ .

Now for any  $\delta > 0$  we can find  $M \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|x_n| < \frac{\delta}{2}$  and  $|y_n| < \frac{\delta}{2} \forall n \geq M$ . Now uniform continuity of  $h$  give that, for any  $\epsilon > 0$  we have

$$|h(x_n) - h(y_n)| < \epsilon \quad \text{as} \quad |x_n - y_n| \leq |x_n| + |y_n| < \delta.$$

Now above will give  $|x - y| < \epsilon$  for any  $\epsilon > 0$  which imply  $x = y$ . So the limit of  $\{h(y_n)\}$  is independent of  $\{y_n\}$ .

**Solution** (f) Using mean value theorem we have

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq f'(c)|x - y| \leq M|x - y|, \quad c \in [x, y] \subset J, \quad M = \sup_{u \in J} |f'(u)|.$$

Here we take  $f$  is not a constant function. So given  $\epsilon > 0$  if we take  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{M}$  we get

$$|f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon \quad \text{whenever} \quad |x - y| < \delta.$$

□

7. If  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  be a sequence of real with  $\sum_n |a_n| < \infty$  then  $\sum_n a_n$  exists.

**Solution** We have  $0 \leq a_n + |a_n| \leq 2|a_n|$  so  $\sum_n (a_n + |a_n|) < \infty$ . Now

$$\sum_{n=1}^N a_n = \sum_{n=1}^N (a_n + |a_n|) - \sum_{n=1}^N |a_n|$$

Now  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N a_n$  exists as  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N (a_n + |a_n|)$  and  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N |a_n|$  both exist. □

8. Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  be a sequence of reals.  $s_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$ . Assume that the sequence  $s_{3n}$  is convergent. Then  $\sum_n a_n$  exists  $\Leftrightarrow a_r \rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Solution** Let  $\sum_n a_n$  exist then  $s_{r+1} - s_r = a_r \rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  as  $\{s_n\}_n$  is a cauchy sequence.

Now assume that  $s_{3n}$  is convergent and  $a_r \rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  then  $s_{3n+k} - s_{3n} = \sum_{i=1}^k a_{3n+i} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for  $k = 1, 2$ . So we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{3n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{3n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{3n+2}.$$

Observe that  $\mathbb{N} = \{3n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \cup \{3n+1\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \cup \{3n+2\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ , this together with above will give that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$  exists i.e  $\sum_n a_n < \infty$ .

9. Let  $a_n > 0$  and  $\sum_n a_n$  is divergent. Let  $b_n = \frac{a_n}{1+a_n}$ . Show that  $\sum_n b_n$  is divergent.

**Solution** We have  $\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = 1 + \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = l > 0$ . Now for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there is  $M \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{a_n}{b_n} < l + \epsilon \quad \forall n > M$ . The following inequality gives the divergent of  $\sum_n b_n$  as  $\sum_n a_n$  is divergent.

$$\sum_{n=M+1}^{\infty} b_n > \frac{1}{l + \epsilon} \sum_{n=M+1}^{\infty} a_n.$$

□

10. Let  $a_n, b_n > 0$  and  $a_n \rightarrow a$  with  $a \neq 0$ . Show that  $\limsup(a_n b_n) = a \limsup b_n$ .

**Solution** Since  $a_n \rightarrow a$ , so we can have  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $M \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $0 < a - \epsilon < a_n < a + \epsilon \quad \forall n > M$ . So we get  $(a - \epsilon)b_n < a_n b_n < (a + \epsilon)b_n \quad \forall n > M$ , which will give

$$(a - \epsilon) \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n b_n \leq (a + \epsilon) \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$$

Let  $0 \leq \limsup b_n = b < \infty$  then above will give  $\limsup(a_n b_n) = ab$ . If  $\limsup b_n = \infty$  then L.H.S of the above will give  $\limsup(a_n b_n) = \infty$ . □

11. Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  be a bounded sequence and  $\mathbb{B} = \limsup x_n$ . If  $\epsilon > 0$ , show that  $(\mathbb{B} + \epsilon, \infty)$  can have only finitely many of the  $x_1, x_2, \dots$ .

**Solution** We have  $\mathbb{B} = \inf_n \sup_{k \geq n} x_k = \inf_n A_n$ . Here  $A_n = \sup_{k \geq n} x_k$  is a non-increasing sequence. Using definition of infimum we get for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a  $n_0$  such that  $A_{n_0} < \mathbb{B} + \epsilon$ . That's give  $\sup_{k \geq n_0} x_k < \mathbb{B} + \epsilon$ , so  $(\mathbb{B} + \epsilon, \infty)$  can contain atmost  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{n_0}$ . □