

1. Let $x_1 \geq x_2 \geq \dots \geq 0$. Show that $\sum_1^\infty x_j$ is finite if and only if $\sum_0^\infty y_j < \infty$ where $y_k = 2^k x_{2^k}$ for $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$. [4]

Solution: Theorem 3.27 in *Principles of Mathematical Analysis* by Walter Rudin \square

2. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous and twice differentiable. Show that there exists c in (a, b) such that $f(b) = f(a) + (b - a)f'(a) + \frac{(b-a)^2}{2!}f''(c)$ [5]

Solution: Put $n = 2$ in Theorem 5.15 in *Principles of Mathematical Analysis* by Walter Rudin \square

3. Let y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots be any Cauchy sequence of reals. Without using the completeness of \mathbb{R} , show that the sequence y_1, y_2, \dots is a bounded sequence. [2]

Solution: Let $\epsilon > 0$. There exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|y_N - y_m| < \epsilon, \forall m \geq N$. Therefore every element of the sequence after the N -th stage lies in the closed and bounded interval $[y_N - \epsilon, y_N + \epsilon]$. There are only finitely many elements of the sequence outside this bounded interval. Hence boundedness of the sequence follows. \square

4. Show that the complex numbers \mathbb{C} is complete. [You can use \mathbb{R} is complete] [3]

Solution: Let $\{z_n\}$ be a Cauchy sequence in \mathbb{C} and $z_n = a_n + ib_n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $\{a_n\}$ and $\{b_n\}$ are Cauchy in \mathbb{R} . Let $\{a_n\}$ converges to a and $\{b_n\}$ converges to b in \mathbb{R} then $\{z_n\}$ converges to $z = a + ib$ in \mathbb{C} . \square

5. Let $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ be a sequence defined by $x_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ and, for any $n \geq 1$,

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n^2}{x_n^2 - x_n + 1}$$

prove that $\sum_{n=1}^\infty x_n$ is convergent. [5]

Solution: Consider the function $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 - x + 1} = \frac{x^2}{(x-1)^2 + x}$. Hence for $0 < x < 1$, $f(x) < \frac{x^2}{x} = x$. Since $x_1 = \frac{1}{2} < 1$, we get $x_{n+1} = f(x_n) < x_n < 1, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, inductively. Thus $\{x_n\}$ is monotonically decreasing. We will apply ratio test to conclude the convergence. $\frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} = \frac{\frac{x_n^2}{x_n^2 - x_n + 1}}{x_n} = \frac{x_n}{x_n^2 - x_n + 1} = \frac{x_n}{(x_n - 1)^2 + x_n} < 1$. The last inequality follows because $x_n - 1 > 0$. \square

6. (a) Let u_n be a sequence of complex numbers with $\sum |u_n| < \infty$. Show that $\sum_1^\infty u_n^2$ exists. [3]

(b) Give an example a_1, a_2, \dots a sequence of real numbers such that $\sum_1^\infty a_n$ exists but $\sum a_n^2 = \infty$ and prove your claim. [2]

Solution:

- (a) Since $\sum |u_n| < \infty$, $|u_n| < 1$, for all $n > N$, for some $N \in \mathbb{N}$. Therefore $|u_n|^2 < |u_n|$ for all $n > N$. Hence $\sum_1^\infty u_n^2$ is absolutely convergent.
- (b) Take $a_n = (-1)^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$. Theorem 3.28 and Theorem 3.43 in *Principles of Mathematical Analysis* by *Walter Rudin* proves what is the required. □

7. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function satisfying

$$f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$$

for all x, y in \mathbb{R} . If f is continuous at x_0 , show that f is continuous on the whole of \mathbb{R} . [3]

Solution: It is easy to see that $f(0) = 0$ and $f(-y) = -f(y), \forall y \in \mathbb{R}$. Since $|f(x) - f(y)| = |f(x - y)|$, f is continuous everywhere once it is continuous at 0. Now since f is continuous at x_0 , given $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $|f(x) - f(x_0)| < \epsilon$, whenever $|x - x_0| < \delta$. Therefore, $|f(x - x_0)| < \epsilon$, whenever $|x - x_0| < \delta$. This is nothing but the continuity at 0. □

8. (a) Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be continuous. By considering the function $g(x) = f(x) - x$ or otherwise show that there exists x_0 with $f(x_0) = x_0$ [1]
- (b) Let f be as above and satisfying $f(f(y)) = f(y)$ for all y . Let $E_f = \{x : f(x) = x\}$. If E_f has at least two points then show that it must be an interval. [3]

Solution: (a) Assume $f(0) \neq 0$ and $f(1) \neq 1$, we are done otherwise. Consider $g(x) = f(x) - x$, then $g(0) < 0$ and $g(1) > 0$. Hence by intermediate value theorem there exists $x_0 \in [0, 1]$ such that $g(x_0) = 0$, hence $f(x_0) = x_0$.

(b) Note that $E_f = \text{Range}(f)$. Since f is continuous on $[0, 1]$, range of f is an interval if it is not singleton. □

9. Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous in $[0, 1]$ and differentiable in $(0, 1)$ such that $f(0) = 0$ and $0 \leq f'(x) \leq 2f(x)$, for all $x \in (0, 1)$. Prove that $f(x) = 0$ for all $x \in [0, 1]$. [Hint: $g(x) = e^{-2x}f(x)$ may be useful.] [3]

Solution: Since $0 \leq f'(x)$, for all $x \in (0, 1)$, f is an increasing function on $(0, 1)$. Now since $f(0) = 0$, $f \geq 0$. Let us define $g(x) = e^{-2x}f(x)$ on $[0, 1]$. Then $g'(x) = e^{-2x}(f'(x) - 2f(x)) \leq 0$ due to the given condition. Hence g is decreasing. But $g(0) = 0$. This implies $g \leq 0$ on $(0, 1)$ which implies $f \leq 0$. Therefore, $f = 0$. □

10. Show that if f is continuous on $[0, \infty)$ and uniformly continuous on $[a, \infty)$ for some positive constant a , then f is uniformly continuous on $[0, \infty)$. [4]

Solution: Since f is continuous on $[0, a]$, f is uniformly continuous here. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. Then there exists positive δ_1, δ_2 such that

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

whenever $x, y \in [0, a]$ and $|x - y| < \delta_1$ OR $x, y \in [a, \infty)$ and $|x - y| < \delta_2$. Take $\delta = \min(\delta_1, \delta_2)$. Let $x \in [0, a], y \in [a, \infty)$ and $|x - y| < \delta$. Then $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |f(x) - f(a)| + |f(a) - f(y)| < \epsilon$. Hence this δ works for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and f is uniformly continuous on \mathbb{R} . □

11. Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable function such that there is no $x \in [0, 1]$ such that $f(x) = f'(x) = 0$. Show that the set $Z := \{x \in [0, 1] : f(x) = 0\}$ is finite. [3]

Solution: Assume $f(x) = 0$ for infinitely many $x \in [0, 1]$. Then there is a limit point $x_0 \in [0, 1]$ for this zero set. By continuity $f(x_0) = 0$. We will prove that $f'(x_0) = 0$ to get a contradiction. Let $\{x_n\} \subseteq [0, 1]$ be a sequence which converges to x_0 and $f(x_n) = 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $f'(x_0) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x_n) - f(x_0)}{x_n - x_0} = 0$. \square

12. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function such that $f(r + \frac{1}{n}) = f(r)$ for any rational number r and positive integer n . Prove that f is constant. [Hint: Is $f(r - \frac{1}{n}) = f(r)$ also for rational r and $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$] [3]

Solution: Let r be a rational number and $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $r - \frac{1}{n}$ is also a rational and $f(r) = f(r - \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n}) = f(r - \frac{1}{n})$. Hence it may be concluded that $f(0) = f(x)$ for any rational x . By continuity we f is a constant. \square