

1. State the following three definitions:

(a) Define what it means for  $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x_0$ .

**Solution:**  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \geq N, |x_n - x_0| < \epsilon$

(b) Define what it means for a point  $x_0 \in D \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  to be a limit point.

**Solution:** There exists a sequence in  $D - \{x_0\}$  which converges to  $x_0$ .

(c) Define what it means for a function  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  to be continuous.

**Solution:** For all  $x_0 \in D$  and for all sequences  $\{x_n\}$  in  $D$  with  $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x_0$  we have  $\{f(x_n)\} \rightarrow f(x_0)$ .

2. State the Extreme Value Theorem. Pick one hypothesis, remove it, and give a counterexample showing the new statement is false.

**Solution:** The EVT states that if  $D$  is closed and bounded and  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous then  $f$  achieves a max and min value.

One option: If the hypothesis that  $D$  be bounded is removed then  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = x^2$  has no maximum.

3. The following is true for any monotonically increasing sequence  $\{x_n\}$  and any  $M \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$\text{If } \{x_n\} \rightarrow M \text{ then } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, x_n \leq M.$$

State the converse and give a counterexample showing that the converse is false.

**Solution:** The converse is

$$\text{If } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, x_n \leq M \text{ then } \{x_n\} \rightarrow M.$$

A counter example is  $\{1 - 1/n\}$  with  $M = 2$ .

4. Prove using  $\epsilon$ - $N$  that:

$$\left\{2 - \frac{1}{n} + \frac{3}{n^2}\right\} \rightarrow 2$$

**Solution:** For scratch we want to choose  $N$  so  $n \geq N$  implies

$$\left|2 - \frac{1}{n} + \frac{3}{n^2} - 2\right| < \epsilon$$

Observe that

$$\left|2 - \frac{1}{n} + \frac{3}{n^2} - 2\right| = \left|-\frac{1}{n} + \frac{3}{n^2}\right| \leq \left|-\frac{1}{n}\right| + \left|\frac{3}{n^2}\right| = \frac{1}{n} + \frac{3}{n^2} \leq \frac{1}{n} + \frac{3}{n} = \frac{4}{n}$$

so if  $\frac{4}{n} < \epsilon$  or  $n > \frac{\epsilon}{4}$  we are safe.

To be formal let  $\epsilon$  be given and choose  $N > \frac{\epsilon}{4}$ . Then if  $n \geq N$  then  $n > \frac{\epsilon}{4}$  and so  $\frac{4}{n} < \epsilon$  and then

$$\left|2 - \frac{1}{n} + \frac{3}{n^2} - 2\right| = \left|-\frac{1}{n} + \frac{3}{n^2}\right| \leq \left|-\frac{1}{n}\right| + \left|\frac{3}{n^2}\right| = \frac{1}{n} + \frac{3}{n^2} \leq \frac{1}{n} + \frac{3}{n} = \frac{4}{n} < \epsilon$$

as desired.

5. Consider  $f : [3, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$ . Prove from the definition that  $f$  is uniformly continuous.

**Solution:** Suppose  $\{u_n\}$  and  $\{v_n\}$  are in  $[0, \infty)$  such that  $\{u_n - v_n\} \rightarrow 0$ . Observe that:

$$|f(u_n) - f(v_n)| = \left| \frac{1}{u_n - 1} - \frac{1}{v_n - 1} \right| = \left| \frac{v_n - u_n}{(u_n - 1)(v_n - 1)} \right|$$

Since  $u_n, v_n \in [3, \infty)$  we have  $u_n, v_n \geq 3$  and so  $(u_n - 1)(v_n - 1) \leq 4$  and so

$$\left| \frac{v_n - u_n}{(u_n - 1)(v_n - 1)} \right| \leq \frac{1}{4} |v_n - u_n|$$

so that  $\{f(u_n) - f(v_n)\} \rightarrow 0$  by the Comparison Lemma.

6. Suppose  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous and for all  $\epsilon > 0$  there is some  $x \in [a, b]$  with  $|f(x) - 17| < \epsilon$ . Prove there is some  $x_0 \in [a, b]$  with  $f(x_0) = 17$ .

**Solution:** For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  choose  $x_n$  so that  $|f(x_n) - 17| < \frac{1}{n}$  so that  $\{f(x_n)\} \rightarrow 17$  by the Comparison Lemma. By the sequential compactness of  $[a, b]$  the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  has a convergent subsequence  $\{x_{n_i}\} \rightarrow x_0 \in [a, b]$ . By continuity then  $\{f(x_{n_i})\} \rightarrow f(x_0)$  but since  $\{f(x_{n_i})\} \rightarrow 17$  we have  $f(x_0) = 17$ .

**Alternate Solution:** By the EVT the function  $f$  has a maximum and a minimum. If either of these is 17 then we're done because the max and min are achieved by the MVT. We cannot have  $17 < \min \leq \max$  since then the hypothesis would fail with  $\epsilon = \frac{\min - 17}{2}$ . We cannot have  $\min \leq \max < 17$  since then the hypothesis would fail with  $\epsilon = \frac{17 - \max}{2}$ . We must therefore have  $\min < 17 < \max$  in which case a solution exists by the IVT.

7. Problem removed due to error.
8. Suppose  $\{x_n\}$  is a strictly decreasing sequence which has a convergent subsequence. Prove that  $\{x_n\}$  converges.

**Solution:** Suppose the convergent subsequence is  $\{x_{n_i}\}$  which is bounded below since it is monotone decreasing and converges. Call the bound  $M$  so  $x_{n_i} \geq M$  for all  $n_i$ . We claim  $\{x_n\}$  is also bounded below by  $M$ . Suppose not, then there is some  $n$  with  $x_n < M$ . Let  $x_{n_j}$  be an element later in the subsequence so  $n_j > n$  and so  $x_{n_j} < x_n < M$  which is a contradiction.