

Do all the theory problems. Then do five problems, at least two of which are of type B or C (one if you are an undergraduate student). If you do more than five, best five will be counted.

Theory 1. (3pts) Define when a function $f : A \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is continuous at a point $c \in A$.

Theory 2. (3pts) State the Maximum-Minimum Theorem.

Theory 3. (3pts) State the theorem that says what is the image of $[a, b]$ under a continuous function.

TYPE A PROBLEMS (5PTS EACH)

A1. Prove by definition that the function $f(x) = 7x + 2$ is continuous at every $c \in \mathbf{R}$.

A2. Let $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be continuous and $A = \{x \in \mathbf{R} \mid f(x)^2 - f^2(x) = 3\}$ (the first one is $f \cdot f$, the second one is $f \circ f$). If (x_n) is a sequence such that $x_n \in A$ and (x_n) converges to c , show that $c \in A$.

A3. Let $f, g : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be functions so that f is continuous at a point $c \in \mathbf{R}$ and g is not continuous at c . Show that $f + g$ is not continuous at c .

A4. Prove that the equation $2^x = \sin x$ has infinitely many solutions. (Draw a picture for inspiration.)

A5. Use the sequential criterion to show that $f(x) = x^2$ is not uniformly continuous on its domain \mathbf{R} .

TYPE B PROBLEMS (8PTS EACH)

B1. Prove by definition that the function $f(x) = x^2 - 5x + 3$ is continuous at every $c \in \mathbf{R}$.

B2. Let $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be defined by $f(x) = x^2$ for a rational x , and $f(x) = 3$ for an irrational x . Determine the numbers where the function is continuous and where it is not. Justify in detail. You may use the fact that x^2 is a continuous function on all reals.

B3. Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be a continuous function. Show that there exists a $c \in [0, 1]$ such that $f(c) = c$. (To get started, draw a picture.)

B4. Let $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be Lipschitz functions. Show that the function $f \cdot g$ is Lipschitz.

B5. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be continuous and nonconstant, and suppose $f(a) = f(b)$. Show that there is a function value $V \neq f(a), f(b)$ that is taken on at least twice.

B6. For $x > 0$, recall that $x^{\frac{m}{n}} = (x^{\frac{1}{n}})^m = (x^m)^{\frac{1}{n}}$, $m \in \mathbf{Z}$, $n \in \mathbf{N}$, where the first equation is the definition and the second was proven (so you may use it). Show that rational exponents are well-defined, that is, if $mq = np$, show that $(x^{\frac{1}{n}})^m = (x^{\frac{1}{q}})^p$. Start with $x^{mq} = x^{np}$, raise both sides to $\frac{1}{q}$, and take it from there. This is not hard, but be careful that you not use what you are trying to prove.

TYPE C PROBLEMS (12PTS EACH)

C1. Let $f : \mathbf{Q} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a function that, for every $c \in \mathbf{R}$, is uniformly continuous on an interval around $c \in \mathbf{R}$. That is, for every $c \in \mathbf{R}$, there is an interval $(c - \delta_c, c + \delta_c)$ such that the restriction of f to $(c - \delta_c, c + \delta_c) \cap \mathbf{Q}$ is uniformly continuous.

a) Let $c \in \mathbf{R}$ and let $x_n \rightarrow c$, where $x_n \in \mathbf{Q}$ for every $n \in \mathbf{N}$. Show that $f(x_n)$ is a Cauchy sequence, hence converges.

b) For $c \in \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{Q}$, define $f(c) = \lim f(x_n)$, where $x_n \in \mathbf{Q}$ is any sequence that converges to c . Show that this definition does not depend on the sequence x_n , that is, if $x_n, y_n \in \mathbf{Q}$, $x_n \rightarrow c$, $y_n \rightarrow c$, then $\lim f(x_n) = \lim f(y_n)$.

This allows us to extend the function $f : \mathbf{Q} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ to all real numbers.

C2. Show that the extension of the function $f : \mathbf{Q} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, as defined above, is uniformly continuous on an interval around every $c \in \mathbf{R}$, and is thus continuous.