

1. Let  $f: S \rightarrow T$  (where  $S$  and  $T$  are subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ ) be a function with domain  $S$  and range  $T$ . Prove that  $f$  has an inverse  $g: T \rightarrow S$  iff  $f$  is one-to-one on  $S$ . (Verify all 3 properties of inverse function for one direction.)

pf Suppose  $f: S \rightarrow T$  and  $f$  has an inverse  $g: T \rightarrow S$ .  
 Suppose  $x_1, x_2 \in S$  with  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ . Then  $g \circ f(x_1) = g \circ f(x_2)$   
 $\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \quad \therefore f$  is one-to-one on  $S$ .

Now Prove the converse:

Suppose  $f: S \rightarrow T$  is one-to-one function. Define  $g: T \rightarrow S$  by setting  $g(y) = x$  where  $x$  is the unique pt in  $S$  such that  $f(x) = y$ . Then  $g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) = x \quad \forall x \in S$   
 and  $f \circ g(y) = f(x) = y \quad \forall y \in T \quad \Rightarrow g$  is an inverse of  $f$ .

2. Let  $f$  be a real valued function defined on  $I = [a, b]$ . Suppose that for any monotone increasing sequence  $\{a_n\}$  with  $a_n \rightarrow b$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we have  $f(a_n) \rightarrow f(b)$ . Prove, using  $\epsilon - \delta$ , that  $f$  is left continuous at  $b$ . (Hint: proof by contradiction as for Thm 2.40)

pf Proof by contradiction: Suppose that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} f(x) \neq f(b)$   
 Then  $\exists \epsilon > 0 \Rightarrow \forall \delta > 0 \quad \exists x \in (b - \delta, b) \quad \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(b)| \geq \epsilon$ .

And Define  $\{a_n\}$  inductively as follows: for  $j = \min(\frac{1}{n}, b - a_{n-1})$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$   
 $\exists a_n \in (b - j, b) \quad \text{and} \quad |f(a_n) - f(b)| \geq \epsilon$

However,  $b - \frac{1}{n} < a_n < b$ , then as  $n \rightarrow \infty$   $a_n \rightarrow b$  by the squeeze law.

Also,  $b - a_n < b - a_{n-1} \Rightarrow a_n > a_{n-1} \Rightarrow \{a_n\}$  is a monotone increasing sequence and converges to  $b$ . It follows that

$f(a_n) \rightarrow f(b)$ , a contradiction

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} f(x) = f(b) \Rightarrow f$  is left continuous at  $b$

3. Let  $I$  be an interval of real numbers. A subset  $S$  of  $I$  is called a dense subset of  $I$  if every point of  $I$  is a limit point of  $S$ .

(a) Prove that  $S$  is a dense subset of  $I$  iff every open subinterval  $J$  of  $I$  contains at least one point of  $S$ . (In particular, the set of rationals in  $I$  and the set of irrationals in  $I$  are both dense subsets of  $I$ .)

pf

$\Rightarrow$

Suppose  $S$  is a dense subset of  $I$  and let  $J$  be an open subinterval of  $I$ . Since every point of  $I$  is a limit point of  $S$ , every pt. of  $J$  is a limit pt. of  $S$ . Let  $a$  be the mid-point of  $J$  and let  $\delta = \frac{|J|}{2}$ . Then the  $\delta$ -NBD of  $a$ , i.e., the interval  $J$ , contains a point of  $S$ .

$\Leftarrow$

Suppose every open subinterval of  $I$  contains at least one point of  $S$ . Prove that  $S$  is a dense subset of  $I$ . i.e., prove that every point of  $I$  is a limit point of  $S$ .

Let  $a$  be any point in  $I$ . Then  $\forall \delta > 0$ , the interval  $(a-\delta, a+\delta)$  will include some subinterval  $J$  of  $I$  with  $a \in J$ .  $\Rightarrow (a-\delta, a+\delta)$  contains at least one point of  $S$  other than  $a \Rightarrow$  Every del. NBD of  $a$  contains a point of  $S \Rightarrow a$  is a limit point of  $S$ .

Since any point of  $I$  is a limit point of  $S$ ,  $S$  is a dense subset of  $I$ .

3. (b) If  $S$  is a dense subset of  $I$  and  $a \in I$ , prove that there is a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of points in  $S$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

pf Suppose  $S$  is a dense subset of  $I$ , then every point of  $I$  is a limit point of  $S$ .

Let  $a \in I$ , then  $a$  is a limit point of  $S$

\*  $\Rightarrow$  every NBD of  $a$  contains a point of  $S$

Let  $x_n$  be a point in  $\delta = \frac{1}{n}$  NBD of  $a$  with  $x_n \in S$

Then  $x_n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

3(c) Suppose  $f, g$  are continuous functions on  $I$  that agree on a dense subset  $S$  of  $I$ , that is,  $f(x) = g(x)$  for  $x \in S$ .  
Prove that  $f(x) = g(x)$  for all  $x \in I$

pf Let  $x$  be any point in  $I$ . Since  $S$  is a dense subset of  $I$ ,  $x$  is a limit point of  $S$ . Then  $\exists$  a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of points in  $S$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $f, g$  are continuous on  $I$ ,  $f, g$  are continuous at  $x$ .

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(x_n) = g(x)$$

$\uparrow$   
since  $x_n \in S$

$\therefore f(x) = g(x)$  for all  $x \in I$ .

see HW #5 (\*)

(by b)