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 Pure Mathematics - Level 04  
 PEU4315/PUU2141/PUE4141 Continuous Functions



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Answer FOUR Questions ONLY.

1. (a) Let  $E = \left\{ \frac{5n}{3n+1} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$ . Prove that  $\frac{5}{3}$  is a limit point of  $E$ .
  - (b) Let  $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  be given by  $f(x) = \sqrt{x} + 2$ , for each  $x \in (0, \infty)$ . Prove that for each  $a \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \sqrt{a} + 2$ .
  - (c) Let  $f(x) = x^2 + 4x + 3$  for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) \neq 6$  using the definition.
  
2. (a) Let  $f : [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function such that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$  exists and  $f(x) \leq 2018$  for each  $x \in [1, \infty)$ . Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) \leq 2018$ .
  - (b) Suppose  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = 0$  and there exist  $k > 0$  and  $\delta_1 > 0$  such that  $|g(x)| \leq k$  for each  $x$  such that  $0 < |x - c| < \delta_1$ . Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)g(x) = 0$ .
  - (c) Find two functions  $f$  and  $g$  defined on  $(0, 1)$  such that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} g(x)$  does not exist and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x)g(x) = 0$ . Justify your answer.
  
3. (a) Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right), & \text{if } x > 0; \\ \frac{1}{x}, & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases}$   
 Use Sandwich Theorem to show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 0$ .
  - (b) Let  $f(x) = \frac{5x^2+2}{7x^2+6x+1}$  for each  $x \in (0, \infty)$ . Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \frac{5}{7}$ .
  - (c) Let  $f(x) = \frac{2x^4+1}{3x^2+1}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$ .

4. (a) Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + 3, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q}; \\ -2x + 3, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q}^c. \end{cases}$

Is  $f$  continuous at 0? Prove your answer.

(b) Let  $f(x) = \frac{3x+1}{x^2+5}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that  $f$  is continuous at 1.

(c) Find two functions  $f$  and  $g$  such that both  $f, g$  are continuous at 0 and only at 0 but there exist  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  such that  $\alpha f + \beta g$  is continuous at 2018.

5. (a) Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x + 1, & \text{if } x \geq 1; \\ 21, & \text{if } x < 1. \end{cases}$

Prove that  $f$  is right-continuous at 1. Is  $f$  continuous at 1? Justify your answer.

(b) Let  $h(x) = \begin{cases} 2x^2 + 5, & \text{if } x \leq 0; \\ x, & \text{if } x > 0. \end{cases}$

Prove that  $h$  is left-continuous at 0 and is not continuous at 0.

(c) Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 25, & \text{if } x > 1; \\ 12, & \text{if } x \leq 1; \end{cases}$  and  $g(x) = \begin{cases} 2018, & \text{if } x = 25; \\ 15, & \text{if } x > 25; \\ 10, & \text{if } x < 25. \end{cases}$

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 25^+} g(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} g(f(x))$  with justification.

6. (a) Show that  $f(x) = \sin x$  is uniformly continuous on  $[0, \infty)$ . (Use the fact that  $|\sin x| \leq |x|$  for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .)

(b) Is the function  $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x+1}$  uniformly continuous on  $[0, 2]$ ? Justify your answer.

(c) Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be given by  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$  for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $(0, 1]$ . Does this imply  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ ? Justify your answer.

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