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1. Let  $(a_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  be two real sequences. Suppose that  $(a_n)$  is a subsequence of  $(b_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  is a subsequence of  $(a_n)$ . Does it follow that they are the same sequence?

2. For each positive integer k let  $a_{2^k} = 1$  and for every n that is not a power of 2, let  $a_n = 0$ . Prove directly from the definition of convergence that the sequence  $(a_n)$  does not converge.

3. Let  $(a_n)$  be a real sequence. We say that  $a_n \to \infty$  if for every K there exists N such that for every  $n \ge N$  we have  $a_n \ge K$ .

- (i) Write down a similar definition for  $a_n \to -\infty$ .
- (ii) Show that  $a_n \to -\infty$  if and only if  $-a_n \to \infty$ .
- (iii) Suppose that no  $a_n$  is 0. Prove that if  $a_n \to \infty$ , then  $\frac{1}{a_n} \to 0$ .
- (iv) Again suppose that no  $a_n$  is 0. If  $\frac{1}{a_n} \to 0$ , does it follow that  $a_n \to \infty$ ?

4. Let  $a_1 > b_1 > 0$  and for every  $n \ge 1$  let  $a_{n+1} = (a_n + b_n)/2$  and let  $b_{n+1} = 2a_n b_n/(a_n + b_n)$ . Show that  $a_n > a_{n+1} > b_{n+1} > b_n$ . Deduce that the two sequences converge to a common limit. What is that limit?

5. Let  $(a_1, b_1) \supset (a_2, b_2) \supset \ldots$  be a nested sequence of non-empty open intervals. Must  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n, b_n)$  be non-empty? If not, then find a (non-trivial) additional condition that guarantees that the intersection is non-empty.

6. (i) Let  $(a_n)$  be a real sequence that is bounded but that does not converge. Prove that it has two convergent subsequences with different limits.

(ii) Prove that every real sequence has a subsequence that converges or tends to  $\pm \infty$ .

7. Let a be a real number and let  $(a_n)$  be a sequence such that every subsequence of  $(a_n)$  has a further subsequence that converges to a. Prove that  $a_n \to a$ .

8. Let  $(a_n)$  be a Cauchy sequence. Prove that  $(a_n)$  has a subsequence  $(a_{n_k})$  such that  $|a_{n_p} - a_{n_q}| < 2^{-p}$  whenever  $p \leq q$ .

9. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \to (0, \infty)$  be a decreasing function. (That is, if x < y then  $f(x) \ge f(y)$ .) Define a sequence  $(a_n)$  inductively by  $a_1 = 1$  and  $a_{n+1} = a_n + f(a_n)$  for every  $n \ge 1$ . Prove that  $a_n \to \infty$ .

10. Investigate the convergence of the following series. For each expression that contains the variable z, find all complex numbers z for which the series converges.

$$\sum_{n} \frac{\sin n}{n^2} \sum_{n} \frac{n^2 z^n}{5^n} \sum_{n} \frac{(-1)^n}{4 + \sqrt{n}} \sum_{n} \frac{z^n (1-z)}{n} \sum_{n \ge 3} \frac{n^2}{(\log \log n)^{\log n}}$$

11. The two series  $1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \dots$  and  $1 + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots$  have the same terms but in different orders. Let  $S_n$  and  $T_n$  be the partial sums to n terms. Let  $H_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$ . Show that  $S_{2n} = H_{2n} - H_n$  and  $T_{3n} = H_{4n} - \frac{1}{2}H_{2n} - \frac{1}{2}H_n$ . Show that the sequence  $(S_n)$  converges to a limit S and that  $T_n \to 3S/2$ .

12. Prove that  $\sum_{n} \frac{1}{n(\log n)^{\alpha}}$  converges if  $\alpha > 1$  and diverges otherwise. Does the series  $\sum_{n} \frac{1}{n \log n \log \log n}$  converge?

13. Let  $(a_n)$  be a sequence of positive real numbers such that  $\sum_n a_n$  diverges. Prove that there exists a sequence  $(b_n)$  of positive real numbers such that  $b_n/a_n \to 0$ , but  $\sum_n b_n$  is still divergent.

14. Let x be a real number and let  $\sum_{n} a_n$  be a series that converges but that does not converge absolutely. Prove that the terms can be reordered so that the series converges to x. That is, show that there is a bijection  $\pi : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\sum_{n} a_{\pi(n)} = x$ .

15. For every positive integer k write  $\log_k(x)$  for  $\log \log \dots \log(x)$ , where the logarithm has been taken k times. (Thus,  $\log_1(x) = \log x$ ,  $\log_2(x) = \log \log x$ , and so on.) Define a function  $f : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{R}$  by taking f(n) to be  $n \log n \log_2 n \dots \log_{k(n)} n$ , where k(n) is the largest integer such that  $\log_{k(n)} n \ge 1$ . Does the series  $\sum_n \frac{1}{f(n)}$  converge?

16. Can the open interval (0, 1) be written as a union of disjoint closed intervals of positive length?

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1. Let  $(a_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  be two real sequences. Suppose that  $(a_n)$  is a subsequence of  $(b_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  is a subsequence of  $(a_n)$ . Suppose also that  $(a_n)$  converges. Does it follow that they are the same sequence?

2. Let  $H : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be defined as follows: if x < 0 then H(x) = 0 and if  $x \ge 0$  then H(x) = 1. Prove carefully that H is not continuous (i) by directly using the definition of continuity and (ii) by using the sequence definition.

3. Suppose that  $f(x) \to \ell$  as  $x \to a$  and  $g(y) \to k$  as  $y \to \ell$ . Does it follow that  $g(f(x)) \to k$  as  $x \to a$ ?

4. For each natural number n, let  $f_n : [0,1] \to [0,1]$  be a continuous function, and for each n let  $h_n$  be defined by  $h_n(x) = \max\{f_1(x), \ldots, f_n(x)\}$ . Show that for each n the function  $h_n$  is continuous on [0,1]. Must the function h defined by  $h(x) = \sup\{f_n(x) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be continuous?

5. Let  $g: [0,1] \to [0,1]$  be a continuous function. Prove that there exists some  $c \in [0,1]$  such that g(c) = c. Such a c is called a *fixed point* of g.

Give an example of a bijection  $h: [0,1] \to [0,1]$  with no fixed point.

Give an example of a continuous bijection  $p: (0,1) \to (0,1)$  with no fixed point.

6. Prove that the function  $q(x) = 2x^5 + 3x^4 + 2x + 16$  (defined on the reals) takes the value 0 exactly once, and that the number where it takes that value is somewhere in the interval [-2, -1].

7. Prove rigorously that there are exactly nine solutions to the simultaneous equations  $x = 1000(y^3 - y)$  and  $y = 1000(x^3 - x)$ . That is, prove that there are exactly nine ordered pairs (x, y) such that the two equations are satisfied.

8. Let  $f : [0,1] \to \mathbb{R}$  be continuous, with f(0) = f(1) = 0. Suppose that for every  $x \in (0,1)$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that both  $x + \delta$  and  $x - \delta$  belong to (0,1) and  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(f(x-\delta) + f(x+\delta))$ . Prove that f(x) = 0 for every  $x \in [0,1]$ .

9. Define a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  as follows. If x is irrational, then f(x) = 0, while if x is rational, then f(x) = 1/q, where q is the denominator of x. (That is, x = p/q, with p and q coprime integers and q > 0.) Prove that f is continuous at every irrational and discontinuous at every rational.

10. Let  $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$  be continuous on [a, b] and differentiable on (a, b). Which of the following statements are always true and which are sometimes false?

- (i) If f is increasing, then  $f'(x) \ge 0$  for every  $x \in (a, b)$ .
- (ii) If  $f'(x) \ge 0$  for every  $x \in (a, b)$ , then f is increasing.
- (iii) If f is strictly increasing, then f'(x) > 0 for every  $x \in (a, b)$ .
- (iv) If f'(x) > 0 for every  $x \in (a, b)$ , then f is strictly increasing.

11. (i) Let  $g : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function such that g(0) = g'(0) = 0 and g''(0) exists and is positive. Prove that there exists x > 0 such that g(x) > 0.

(ii) Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function such that f(0) = 0, and f''(0) exists and is positive. Prove that there exists x > 0 such that f(2x) > 2f(x).

12. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable everywhere. Prove that if  $f'(x) \to \ell$  as  $x \to \infty$ , then  $f(x)/x \to \ell$ . If  $f(x)/x \to \ell$  as  $x \to \infty$ , does it follow that  $f'(x) \to \ell$ ?

13. Find a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  that takes every value in every interval. That is, for every a < b and every t there should exist  $x \in (a, b)$  such that f(x) = t.

14. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be a function that has the intermediate value property: that is, if f(a) < c < f(b) then there exists  $x \in (a, b)$  such that f(x) = c. Suppose also that for every rational r the set  $S_r = \{x : f(x) = r\}$  is closed. (This means that if  $(x_n)$  is any convergent sequence in  $S_r$ , then its limit also belongs to  $S_r$ .) Prove that f is continuous.

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1. Suppose that  $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  satisfies the inequality  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |x - y|^2$  for every  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that f is constant.

**2**. (i) Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = x^2 \sin(1/x)$  if  $x \neq 0$  and f(0) = 0. Prove that f is differentiable everywhere. For which x is f' continuous at x?

(ii) Give an example of a function  $g: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  that is differentiable everywhere such that g' is not bounded on the interval [-1, 1].

**3**. Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function with the property that  $f(x) = o(x^n)$  for every positive integer n. (In other words, for every n we have  $f(x)/x^n \to 0$  as  $x \to 0$ .) Does it follow that f is infinitely differentiable at 0?

4. By applying the mean value theorem to  $\log(1 + x)$  on the interval [0, a/n], prove rigorously that  $(1 + a/n)^n \to e^a$  as  $n \to \infty$ .

5. Find  $\lim_{n \to \infty} n(a^{1/n} - 1)$ , when a > 0. 6. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \exp(-1/x^2)$  when  $x \neq 0$  and f(0) = 0. Prove that f is infinitely differentiable and that  $f^{(n)}(0) = 0$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . What does Taylor's theorem tell us when we apply it to f at 0?

7. Find the radius of convergence of each of the following power series.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2.4.6...(2n+2)}{1.4.7...(3n+1)} z^n \qquad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^{3n}}{n2^n} \qquad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^n z^n}{n!} \qquad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{\sqrt{n}} z^n$$

8. Find the derivative of tan x on the interval  $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$ . How do you know that there is a differentiable inverse function  $\arctan x$  from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$ ? What is its derivative? By considering derivatives, prove that  $\arctan x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots$  when |x| < 1.

**9.** Let f and g be two functions defined and differentiable on an open interval I containing 0. Suppose that f(0) = q(0) = 0 and that f'(x)/q'(x) converges to a limit  $\ell$  as  $x \to 0.$ 

(i) Show that there is an open interval of the form (0, a) on which q' does not vanish. Let 0 < x < a. By considering the function F(u) = f(x)g(u) - g(x)f(u), prove that there exists y with 0 < y < x such that  $\frac{f'(y)}{g'(y)} = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ . Explain briefly why a similar statement holds for negative x.

(ii) Deduce *l'Hôpital's rule*, which states that under the conditions above,  $f(x)/g(x) \to \ell$ .

(iii) What is  $\lim_{x \to \infty} (1 - \cos(\sin x))/x^2$ ?

10. Let  $(a_n)$  be a bounded real sequence. Prove that  $(a_n)$  has a subsequence that tends to  $\limsup a_n$ . What result from the course does this imply?

11. The infinite product  $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + a_n)$  is said to converge to a if the sequence of partial products  $P_n = (1 + a_1) \dots (1 + a_n)$  converges to a. Suppose that  $a_n \ge 0$  for every n. Write  $S_n = a_1 + \dots + a_n$ . Prove that  $S_n \le P_n \le e^{S_n}$  for every n, and deduce that  $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + a_n)$  converges if and only if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges. Evaluate the product  $\prod_{n=2}^{\infty} (1 + 1/(n^2 - 1))$ .

12. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable, let a and b be real numbers with a < b, and suppose that f'(a) < 0 < f'(b). Prove that there exists  $c \in (a, b)$  such that f'(c) = 0. Deduce the more general result that if  $f'(a) \neq f'(b)$  and z lies between f'(a) and f'(b), then there exists  $c \in (a, b)$  such that f'(c) = z. (This result is called *Darboux's theorem*.)

13. Say that an ordered field  $\mathbb{F}$  has the *intermediate value property* if for every a < b and every continuous function  $f : \mathbb{F} \to \mathbb{F}$ , if f(a) < 0 and f(b) > 0 then there exists  $c \in (a, b)$ such that f(c) = 0. Prove that every ordered field with the intermediate value property has the least upper bound property. (This implies that it is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}$ .)

14. (i) Show that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n}$  has radius of convergence 1, and that it converges for every z such that |z| = 1, with the exception of z = 1.

(ii) Let  $z_1, \ldots, z_m$  be complex numbers of modulus 1. Find a power series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  with radius of convergence 1 that converges for every z such that |z| = 1, except when  $z \in \{z_1, \ldots, z_m\}$ , when it diverges.

15. (i) Let f and g be two *n*-times-differentiable functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . For  $k \leq n$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , say that f and g agree to order k at x if  $f^{(j)}(x) = g^{(j)}(x)$  for  $j = 0, 1, \ldots, k-1$ . Let  $x_1 < x_2 < \cdots < x_r$  be real numbers, let  $k_1, \ldots, k_r$  be non-negative integers such that  $k_1 + \cdots + k_r = n$ , and suppose that for each  $i \leq r$  the functions f and g agree to order  $k_i$  at  $x_i$ . If  $r \geq 2$ , prove that there exists x in the open interval  $(x_1, x_r)$  such that  $f^{(n-1)}(x) = g^{(n-1)}(x)$ . [Note that if you can do this when g is the zero function then you can do it in general. If you still find it too hard, then try it in the case r = n, so  $k_1 = \cdots = k_n = 1$ , and in the case k = 2, to get an idea what is going on.]

(ii) Let f be *n*-times differentiable, let  $x_1 < \cdots < x_r$  be real numbers and let  $k_1, \ldots, k_r$  be non-negative integers with  $k_1 + \cdots + k_r = n$ . Prove that there is a polynomial p of degree at most n-1 such that for every  $i \leq r$  and every  $j < k_i$  we have  $p^{(j)}(x_i) = f^{(j)}(x_i)$ . [Hint: start by building a suitable basis of polynomials and then take linear combinations.]

(iii) Find an expression for the constant value of  $p^{(n-1)}$ .

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1. Show directly from the definition of an integral that  $\int_0^a x^2 dx = a^3/3$  for a > 0.

2. Give an example of a continuous function  $f : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$  such that  $\int_0^\infty f(x) dx$  exists but f is unbounded.

3. Give an example of an integrable function  $f : [0,1] \to \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x) \ge 0$  for every x, f(y) > 0 for some y, and  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx = 0$ .

Prove that this cannot happen if in addition f is continuous.

4. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be monotonic. Show that the set of x such that f is discontinuous at x is countable.

Let  $(x_n)$  be a sequence of distinct points in (0,1]. Let  $f_n(x) = 0$  if  $0 \le x < x_n$  and let  $f_n(x) = 1$  if  $x_n \le x \le 1$ . For each x, let  $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{-n} f_n(x)$ . Prove that this series converges for every  $x \in [0,1]$ .

Explain why f must be integrable.

Prove that f is discontinuous at every  $x_n$ .

5. Define a function  $f : [0,1] \to \mathbb{R}$  as follows. If x is irrational, then f(x) = 0. If x is rational, then write it in its lowest terms as p/q and then f(x) = 1/q. Prove that f is integrable. What is  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$ ?

6. Let a < b and let  $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$  be a Riemann integrable function such that  $f(x) \ge 0$ for every x. Prove that if  $\int_a^b f(x) dx = 0$ , then for every closed subinterval  $I \subset [a, b]$  of positive length and every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a closed subinterval  $J \subset I$  of positive length such that  $f(x) \le \epsilon$  for every  $x \in J$ .

Deduce that if f(x) > 0 for every x, then  $\int_a^b f(x) dx > 0$ .

7. Do these improper integrals converge?

(i)  $\int_{1}^{\infty} \sin^{2}(1/x) dx$ . (ii)  $\int_{0}^{\infty} x^{p} \exp(-x^{q}) dx$  (with p, q > 0). (iii)  $\int_{0}^{\infty} \sin(x^{2}) dx$ .

8. Prove that 
$$\frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n} \to \log 2$$
 as  $n \to \infty$ , and find the limit of  $\frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n+2} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{2n}$ .

9. Let  $f: [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$  be continuous and suppose that  $\int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx = 0$  for every continuous function  $g: [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$  with g(a) = g(b) = 0. Must f vanish identically?

10. Let  $f: [0,1] \to \mathbb{R}$  be continuous. Let G(x,t) = t(x-1) when  $t \le x$  and x(t-1) when  $t \ge x$ . Let  $g(x) = \int_0^1 f(t)G(x,t)dt$ . Show that g''(x) exists for  $x \in (0,1)$  and equals f(x).

11. For positive x, define L(x) to be  $\int_1^x \frac{dt}{t}$ . Prove directly from this definition that the function L has the properties one normally expects of the logarithm function. In particular, prove that L(ab) = L(a) + L(b) for all positive a and b. If you adopted this as your fundamental definition of natural logarithms, then how would you define e?

12. For each non-negative integer n let  $I_n(\theta) = \int_{-1}^1 (1-x^2)^n \cos(\theta x) dx$ . Prove that  $\theta^2 I_n = 2n(2n-1)I_{n-1} - 4n(n-1)I_{n-2}$  for all  $n \ge 2$ , and hence that  $\theta^{2n+1}I_n(\theta) = n!(P_n(\theta)\sin\theta + Q_n(\theta)\cos\theta)$  for some pair  $P_n$  and  $Q_n$  of polynomials of degree at most 2n with integer coefficients.

Deduce that  $\pi$  is irrational.

13. Let f: [-1,1] be defined by  $f(x) = x \sin(1/x)$  when  $x \neq 0$  and f(0) = 0. Explain why f is integrable. Prove that there do not exist increasing functions g and h, defined on [-1,1], such that f(x) = g(x) - h(x) for every x.

14. Prove that if  $f:[0,1] \to \mathbb{R}$  is integrable, then f has infinitely many points of continuity.

15\*. Let  $f : [0,1] \to \mathbb{R}$  be a function that is differentiable everywhere (with right and left derivatives at the end points) with a derivative f' that is bounded. Must f' be integrable?

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