

HOMEWORK #6
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- (1) Let f be a function such that $|f(u) - f(v)| \leq \sqrt{|u - v|}$ for all points u and v in an interval $[a, b]$. Prove that f is continuous at each point of $[a, b]$. (This includes continuous from the right at a and from the left at b .)
- (2) Give an example of a function that is continuous at one point of an interval, and discontinuous at all other points of the interval, or prove that there is no such function.
- (3) Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function, and suppose that for all $\lambda, x \in \mathbb{R}$ we have $f(\lambda x) = \lambda f(x)$ (such a function f is called *homogeneous*). Prove that f is continuous at all points $a \in \mathbb{R}$.
- (4) Let (a_n) and (b_n) be two sequences of real numbers ($n \in \mathbb{N}$). Suppose that $a_n > 0$ for all n and that the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges, with sum a . For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, define the function $f_n : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < b_n \\ a_n & \text{if } x \geq b_n \end{cases} .$$

Now define $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x)$. Prove that:

- (i) $f(x)$ is defined for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.
- (ii) f is a nondecreasing function.
- (iii) f is discontinuous at all points in $A = \{b_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$.
- (iv) f is continuous at all points in $\mathbb{R} \setminus A$.