

HOMEWORK #7  
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- (1) Suppose that  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a function, and that  $c \in (a, b)$ . Prove that if the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{(x - c)^2}$$

exists then  $f$  is continuous at  $c$ .

- (2) Suppose that  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous function so that for all  $p \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [a, b]$   $f(p) = 0$ . Prove that  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ .
- (3) (a) Suppose that  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow [a, b]$  is a function so that for all  $x, y \in [a, b]$  with  $x \neq y$  we have

$$|f(x) - f(y)| < |x - y|$$

Prove that  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ .

- (b) Let  $f$  be as in Part (a). Prove that there is a point  $c \in [a, b]$  so that  $f(c) = c$ . (Such a point  $c$  is called a *fixed point* of  $f$ .)
- (c) Let  $f$  be as in Part (a). Prove that  $f$  has exactly one fixed point.
- (d) Give an example of a function  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  so that for all  $x, y \in [0, 1]$  we have

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |x - y|$$

but so that  $f$  has more than one fixed point.

- (4) Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$ . Prove that

- (a)  $f$  is continuous on  $(a, \infty)$  if  $a \geq 0$ .
- (b) If  $a > 0$  then  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $(a, \infty)$ .
- (c)  $f$  is not uniformly continuous on  $(0, \infty)$ .