

Homework #10

Due Monday, October 20

Exercise 4.4.11. (Topological Characterization of Continuity) Let g be defined on all of \mathbb{R} . If B is a subset of \mathbb{R} , define the set

$$g^{-1}(B) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : g(x) \in B\}.$$

Show that g is continuous if and only if $g^{-1}(O)$ is open whenever $O \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is an open set.

Exercise 4.4.13. (Continuous Extension Theorem)

- (a) Show that a uniformly continuous function preserves Cauchy sequences; that is, if $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is uniformly continuous and $(x_n) \subseteq A$ is a Cauchy sequence, then show $(f(x_n))$ is a Cauchy sequence.
- (b) Let g be a continuous function on the open interval (a, b) . Prove that g is uniformly continuous on (a, b) if and only if it is possible to define values $g(a)$ and $g(b)$ at the endpoints so that the extended function g is continuous on $[a, b]$. (In the forward direction, first produce candidates for $g(a)$ and $g(b)$, and then show the extended g is continuous.)

Exercise 4.5.2. Provide an example of each of the following, or explain why the request is impossible

- (a) A continuous function defined on an open interval with range equal to a closed interval.
- (b) A continuous function defined on a closed interval with range equal to an open interval.
- (c) A continuous function defined on an open interval with range equal to an unbounded closed set different from \mathbb{R} .
- (d) A continuous function defined on all of \mathbb{R} with range equal to \mathbb{Q} .

Exercise 4.5.3. A function f is *increasing* on A if $f(x) \leq f(y)$ for all $x < y$ in A . Show that if f is increasing on $[a, b]$ and satisfies the intermediate value property (Definition 4.5.3), then f is continuous on $[a, b]$.

- Exercise 4.5.5.** (a) Finish the proof of the Intermediate Value Theorem using the Axiom of Completeness started previously.
- (b) Finish the proof of the Intermediate Value Theorem using the Nested Interval Property started previously.