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Tutorial 9

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PP: let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given and let  $x, y \in [1, \infty)$ . Then  $\frac{1}{x}, \frac{1}{y} \leq 1$ .

$$\left| \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y} \right| = \left| \frac{y-x}{xy} \right| \leq |y-x| \left| \frac{1}{x} \right| \left| \frac{1}{y} \right| \leq |y-x|.$$

So taking  $\delta = \varepsilon$ , if  $x, y \in A$  with  $|x-y| < \delta$ , then

$$\left| \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y} \right| \leq |y-x| < \varepsilon.$$

Showing  $f$  is not uniformly continuous on  $(0, +\infty)$ . WTS  $\exists \varepsilon_0 > 0$  s.t. for all  $\delta > 0$ , we can find  $x_0, y_0 \in (0, +\infty)$  s.t.  $|x_0 - y_0| < \delta$  but

$$|f(x_0) - f(y_0)| \geq \varepsilon_0.$$

Let's take  $\varepsilon_0 = 1$ . Then for all  $\delta > 0$ , by AP., there is a  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $\frac{1}{N} < \delta$ . So taking  $x_0 = \frac{1}{N}$ ,  $y_0 = \frac{1}{2N}$ .

$$|x_0 - y_0| = \left| \frac{1}{N} - \frac{1}{2N} \right| = \frac{1}{2N} < \delta$$

but  $|f(x_0) - f(y_0)| = \left| \frac{1}{1/N} - \frac{1}{1/(2N)} \right| = N \geq 1 = \varepsilon_0.$

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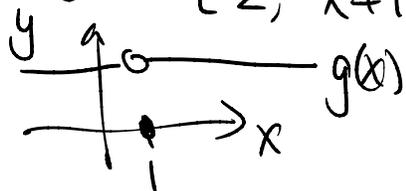
**Pf:** a). Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since  $g$  is cts at  $b$ ,  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t. for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $|x - b| < \delta$ , then  $|g(x) - g(b)| < \varepsilon$ .

Moreover since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f = b$  for  $\varepsilon' = \delta$ , we can find  $\delta' > 0$  such that if  $0 < |x - c| < \delta'$ , then  $|f(x) - b| < \varepsilon' = \delta$ .

So replacing  $x$  with  $f(x)$  above, we obtain for  $0 < |x - c| < \delta'$ ,

$$|f(x) - b| < \delta \Rightarrow |g(f(x)) - g(b)| < \varepsilon.$$

b)  $g(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x=1 \\ 2, & x \neq 1. \end{cases} \quad f(x) = x+1.$



then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f = 1.$

But we'll show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g \circ f \neq (g \circ f)(0).$

$$(g \circ f)(0) = g(f(0)) = g(1) = 0.$$

Let  $(x_n)$  be any sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $x_n \neq 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_n \rightarrow 0$

$$\text{Then } (g \circ f)(x_n) = g(f(x_n)) = g(x_n + 1) \equiv 2.$$

$$\text{So } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (g \circ f)(x) = 2 \neq 0 = (g \circ f)(0).$$

4. Suppose  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous function such that  $f([0, 1]) \subset \mathbb{Q}$ . Show that  $f$  is a constant function.

Pf: Suppose  $f$  is not constant. Then there exist  $x_1, x_2 \in [0, 1]$   
 s.t.  $f(x_1) < f(x_2)$ . By density of  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , there  
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 $\mathbb{Q}$   $\mathbb{Q}$  is an  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  s.t.  $f(x_1) < \alpha < f(x_2)$ .

Then IVT tells us that there is a  $c \in [0, 1]$  s.t.

$f(c) = \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  a contradiction.  $\square$