

## HOMEWORK 8 – AP SOLUTIONS

### AP 1

(a) Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given, let  $\delta = \epsilon$ , then if  $|x - x_0| < \delta$ , then

$$|f(x) - f(x_0)| = ||x| - |x_0|| \leq |x - x_0| < \epsilon \checkmark$$

Hence  $f(x) = |x|$  is continuous

(b) **STEP 1:** Scratchwork

$$|f(x) - f(x_0)| = \left| \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x_0} \right| = \left| \frac{x_0 - x}{xx_0} \right| = \frac{|x - x_0|}{|x_0||x|}$$

Now if  $|x - x_0| < \frac{|x_0|}{2}$ , then

$$|x - x_0| \geq ||x| - |x_0|| \geq -(|x| - |x_0|) = |x_0| - |x|$$

And therefore

$$|x_0| - |x| < \frac{|x_0|}{2} \Rightarrow |x| > |x_0| - \frac{|x_0|}{2} = \frac{|x_0|}{2}$$

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Hence  $\frac{1}{|x|} < \frac{2}{|x_0|}$ , and therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(x_0)| &= \left( \frac{|x - x_0|}{|x_0|} \right) \left( \frac{1}{|x|} \right) \\ &\leq \left( \frac{|x - x_0|}{|x_0|} \right) \left( \frac{2}{|x_0|} \right) \\ &= |x - x_0| \left( \frac{2}{|x_0|^2} \right) \\ &< \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Which gives  $|x - x_0| = \frac{\epsilon|x_0|^2}{2}$

### STEP 2: Actual Proof

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given, let  $\delta = \min \left\{ \frac{|x_0|}{2}, \frac{\epsilon|x_0|^2}{2} \right\}$ , then if  $|x - x_0| < \delta$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(x_0)| &= \left( \frac{|x - x_0|}{|x_0|} \right) \left( \frac{1}{|x|} \right) \\ &\leq \left( \frac{|x - x_0|}{|x_0|} \right) \left( \frac{2}{|x_0|} \right) \\ &= |x - x_0| \left( \frac{2}{|x_0|^2} \right) \\ &< \left( \frac{\epsilon|x_0|^2}{2} \right) \left( \frac{2}{|x_0|^2} \right) \\ &= \epsilon \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0$

(c) **STEP 1:** Scratchwork

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f(x) - f(x_0)| &= |\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{x_0}| \\
 &= \left| (\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{x_0}) \left( \frac{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x_0}}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x_0}} \right) \right| \\
 &= \left| (\sqrt{x})^2 - (\sqrt{x_0})^2 \right| \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x_0}} \right| \\
 &= |x - x_0| \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x_0}} \right) \\
 &\leq |x - x_0| \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{x_0}} \right) \\
 &< \epsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

Which gives  $|x - x_0| < (\sqrt{x_0}) \epsilon$

**STEP 2:** Actual Proof

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given, let  $\delta = (\sqrt{x_0}) \epsilon$ , then if  $|x - x_0| < \delta$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f(x) - f(x_0)| &= |x - x_0| \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x_0}} \right) \\
 &\leq |x - x_0| \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{x_0}} \right) \\
 &< \frac{(\sqrt{x_0}) \epsilon}{\sqrt{x_0}} \\
 &= \epsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0$

## AP 2

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \in f^{-1}((7, 10)) &\Leftrightarrow f(x) \in (7, 10) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 7 < 3x + 7 < 10 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 0 < 3x < 3 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 0 < x < 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f^{-1}(U) = (0, 1)$ 

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \in f^{-1}((-1, 4)) &\Leftrightarrow f(x) \in (-1, 4) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow -1 < x^2 < 4 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow -2 < x < 2
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f^{-1}(U) = (-2, 2)$ 

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \in f^{-1}((0, 1)) &\Leftrightarrow f(x) \in (0, 1) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 0 < \sin(x) < 1 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow x \in \left(2\pi m, 2\pi m + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cup \left(2\pi m + \frac{\pi}{2}, (2m + 1)\pi\right), m \in \mathbb{Z}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$f^{-1}((0, 1)) = \bigcup_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \left(2\pi m, 2\pi m + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cup \left(2\pi m + \frac{\pi}{2}, (2m + 1)\pi\right)$$

## AP 3

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \in (g \circ f)^{-1}(U) &\Leftrightarrow (g \circ f)(x) \in U \\
 &\Leftrightarrow g(f(x)) \in U \\
 &\Leftrightarrow f(x) \in g^{-1}(U) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow x \in f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Suppose  $U$  is open, then since  $g$  is continuous,  $g^{-1}(U)$  is open, and hence, since  $f$  is continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$  is open, and therefore

$$(g \circ f)^{-1}(U) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) \text{ is open } \checkmark$$

Hence  $g \circ f$  is continuous □

## AP 4

First, let's show  $f$  is one-to-one. Suppose  $f(x) = f(y)$ , then  $f(f(x)) = f(f(y))$ , so  $f(f(f(x))) = f(f(f(y)))$ , hence  $x = y$  ✓

Now since  $f$  is continuous and one-to-one on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $f$  must be either increasing or decreasing.

But if  $f$  were decreasing, then if  $a < b$ , then  $f(a) > f(b)$  so  $f(f(a)) < f(f(b))$  and hence  $f(f(f(a))) > f(f(f(b)))$ , hence  $a > b \Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

Hence  $f$  is increasing.

Now suppose  $f(x) \neq x$ , then either  $f(x) < x$  or  $f(x) > x$ .

But if  $f(x) < x$ , then  $f(f(x)) < f(x)$  so  $f(f(f(x))) < f(f(x))$  and therefore  $x < f(f(x))$ , and so we get:

$$x < f(f(x)) < f(x) < x \Rightarrow \Leftarrow$$

And we get a similar contradiction if  $f(x) > x \Rightarrow \Leftarrow$ .

Therefore we must have  $f(x) = x$  for all  $x$

□

### AP 5

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} x \in f^{-1}(A \cup B) &\Leftrightarrow f(x) \in A \cup B \\ &\Leftrightarrow (f(x) \in A) \text{ or } (f(x) \in B) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (x \in f^{-1}(A)) \text{ or } (x \in f^{-1}(B)) \\ &\Leftrightarrow x \in f^{-1}(A) \cup f^{-1}(B) \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} x \in f^{-1}(A \cap B) &\Leftrightarrow f(x) \in A \cap B \\ &\Leftrightarrow (f(x) \in A) \text{ and } (f(x) \in B) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (x \in f^{-1}(A)) \text{ and } (x \in f^{-1}(B)) \\ &\Leftrightarrow x \in f^{-1}(A) \cap f^{-1}(B) \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}x \in f^{-1}(A^c) &\Leftrightarrow f(x) \in A^c \\ &\Leftrightarrow f(x) \notin A \\ &\Leftrightarrow \text{Not } (f(x) \in A) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \text{Not } (x \in f^{-1}(A)) \\ &\Leftrightarrow x \notin f^{-1}(A) \\ &\Leftrightarrow x \in (f^{-1}(A))^c\end{aligned}$$