

## Exercises

3.4.0: True or False.

a. If  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $(0, \infty)$  and  $g$  is positive and bounded on  $(0, \infty)$ , then  $fg$  is uniformly continuous on  $(0, \infty)$ . False

$$\text{let } f(x) = x \text{ and } g(x) = 1$$

$$\text{if } x < 2 \text{ and } 2 \text{ if } x \geq 2$$

Then  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $(0, \infty)$  and  $g$  is positive and bounded.

But  $f(x)g(x)$  is not continuous at  $x=2$  so cannot be uniformly cont.

b. The function  $x \log\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  is uniformly continuous on  $(0, 1)$ . True

By l'hopital rule:

$$x \log\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0^+$$

By Thm 2  $\rightarrow x \log\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  is uniformly continuous.

c. The function  $\frac{\cos x}{mx+b}$  is uniformly continuous on  $(0, 1)$  for all nonzero  $m, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

False, let  $m = -b = 1$ . Then  $\frac{\cos x}{(mx+b)} \rightarrow \frac{\cos 1}{0^-} = -\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow 1^-$ .

So By Thm 3.2, this function cannot possibly be uniformly cont. on  $(0, 1)$ .

d. If  $f, g$  are uniformly continuous on an interval  $[a, b]$  and  $g(x) \neq 0$  for  $x \in [a, b]$ , then  $\frac{f}{g}$  is uniformly continuous on  $[a, b]$ . True.

$f$  and  $g$  are bounded on  $[a, b]$  By Extreme Value Thm.

since  $g(x) \neq 0$  it follows By the Intermediate Value Thm.

that either  $g(x) > 0$  or  $g(x) < 0 \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$ .

We may suppose  $g(x) > 0$  By extreme value Thm.

$$g(x) \geq \varepsilon_0 > 0 \quad \text{for } x \in [a, b].$$

Therefore  $\frac{f}{g}$  is uniformly continuous on  $[a, b]$  By 3.4.5(d).

3.4.1: using def. prove that each of the following functions is uniformly continuous on  $(0, 1)$ :

a.  $f(x) = x^2 + x$ .

given  $\varepsilon > 0$  and set  $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$

If  $x, a \in (0, 1)$  and  $|x - a| < \delta$  then  $|f(x) - f(a)|$

$$= |x^2 + x - a^2 - a|$$

$$= |(x^2 - a^2) + x - a|$$

$$= |(x - a)(x + a) + (x - a)|$$

$$= |x - a| |x + a + 1|$$

$$= |x - a| |1 + 1 + 1|$$

$$< \delta \cdot 3$$

$$< \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \cdot 3$$

$$< \varepsilon$$

b.  $f(x) = x^3 - x + 2$

given  $\epsilon > 0$  and set  $\delta = \epsilon/4$

If  $x, q \in (0, 1)$  and  $|x - q| < \delta$  then

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |x^3 - x + 2 - (q^3 - q + 2)| \\
 &= |x^3 - q^3 - x + q + 2 - 2| \\
 &= |(x - q)(x^2 + xq + q^2) - x + q| \\
 &= |x - q| |x^2 + xq + q^2 - 1| \\
 &\leq |x - q| (|x^2 + xq + q^2| + |-1|) \\
 &\leq |x - q| (|1 + 1 + 1| + 1) \\
 &< \delta \cdot 4 \\
 &< \frac{\epsilon}{4} \cdot 4 \\
 &< \epsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

c.  $f(x) = x \sin 2x$

given  $\epsilon > 0$  and set  $\delta = \epsilon/3$

If  $x, q \in (0, 1)$  and  $|x - q| < \delta$  then

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |x \sin 2x - q \sin 2q| \\
 &= |x \sin 2x - q \sin 2x + q \sin 2x - q \sin 2q| \\
 &\leq |x - q| |\sin 2x| + |q| |\sin 2x - \sin 2q| \\
 &\leq |x - q| \cdot 1 + 1 |\sin 2x - \sin 2q| \\
 &\leq |x - q| + 2 \left| \sin\left(\frac{2x - 2q}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{2x + 2q}{2}\right) \right|
 \end{aligned}$$

$|\sin x| \leq |x|$

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 $|\sin(x - q)| \leq |x - q|$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq |x - q| + 2 |\sin(x - q)| |\cos(x + q)| \\
 &\leq |x - q| + 2 |x - q| \cdot 1 \\
 &< 3 |x - q| \\
 &< 3 \delta \\
 &< \epsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

3.4.2: prove that each of the following functions is uniformly continuous on  $(0,1)$ .

a.  $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$

By L'Hopital Rule:  $\frac{\sin x}{x} \rightarrow 1$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$  so

$f$  is uniformly continuous on  $(0,1)$  By Thm 1.

b.  $f(x) = x \cos \frac{1}{x^2}$ .

By squeeze Thm,  $x \cos \frac{1}{x^2} \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$  so

$f$  is uniformly continuous on  $(0,1)$  By Thm 1.

c.  $f(x) = x \log x$ .

By L'Hopital Rule,  $x \log x \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$  so  $f$  is uniformly conti. on  $(0,1)$  By Thm 1.

d.  $f(x) = (1-x^2)^{\frac{1}{x}}$ .

By L'Hopital Rule,  $(1-x^2)^{\frac{1}{x}} \rightarrow 1$  as  $x \rightarrow 0^+$  so  $f$  is uniformly conti. on  $(0,1)$  By Thm 1.

3.4.3: Assuming  $\sin x$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ , find all real  $\alpha$  s.t.  $x^\alpha \sin(\frac{1}{x})$  is uniformly continuous on the open interval:

If  $\alpha > 0$  then  $|x^\alpha \sin \frac{1}{x}| \leq x^\alpha \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow 0^+$ , if  $\alpha > 0$ .

Thus,  $x^\alpha \sin \frac{1}{x}$  is uniformly continuous on  $(0,1)$  for all  $\alpha > 0$ .

If  $\alpha \leq 0$  and  $x_n = \frac{1}{(2n+1)\pi}$  then  $x_n^\alpha \sin(\frac{1}{x_n}) = (-1)^n x_n^\alpha$  DNC as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

i.e.,  $x^\alpha \sin(\frac{1}{x})$  has no limit as  $x \rightarrow 0^+$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Therefore,  $x^\alpha \sin(\frac{1}{x})$  uniformly continuous on  $(0,1)$  since  $\alpha > 0$

3.4.4: a. suppose that  $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous and that there is an  $L \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $f(x) \rightarrow L$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . prove that  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $[0, \infty)$ .

given  $\varepsilon > 0$  and choose  $N$  so large that  $x \geq N$  implies  $|f(x) - L| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$ .

By Thm,  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $[0, N]$ .

Thus, there is a  $\delta > 0$  s.t.  $|x - y| < \delta$  and  $x, y \in [0, N]$  implies

$$|f(x) - f(y)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}.$$

let  $x, y \in [0, \infty)$  and suppose  $|x - y| < \delta$ . If  $x, y \in [0, N]$ , then

$$|f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon.$$

If both  $x, y \notin [0, N]$  then  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |f(x) - L| + |f(y) - L|$

$$< \frac{2\varepsilon}{3} < \varepsilon.$$

If one of the pair  $x, y$  belongs to  $[0, N]$  and the other does not

$\leadsto$  If  $x \in [0, N]$  and  $y \notin [0, N]$ , then  $|x - N| \leq |x - y| < \delta$

Thus,  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |f(x) - f(N)| + |f(N) - L| + |f(y) - L|$

$$< \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} = \varepsilon. \quad \square$$

b. prove that  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1}$  is uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

since  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $f(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

so  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $[0, \infty)$  by part a.

But  $f(-x) = f(x)$ , Hence,  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  by symmetry.

3.4.5: suppose that  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , that  $E$  is a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , and that  $f, g: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are uniformly continuous on  $E$ .

a. prove that  $f+g$  and  $\alpha f$  are uniformly continuous on  $E$ .

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\delta > 0$  s.t.  $x, y \in E$  and

$$|x-y| < \delta \text{ imply } |f(x)-f(y)| \text{ and } |g(x)-g(y)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |(f+g)(x) - (f+g)(y)| \leq |f(x)-f(y)| + |g(x)-g(y)|$$

$$< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$< \varepsilon \quad \square$$

$\alpha f$  similar.

b. suppose that  $f, g$  bounded on  $E$ . prove that  $fg$  is uniformly continuous on  $E$ .

let  $M = \sup \{1 + |f(x)| + |g(x)| : x \in E\}$ , then  $M > 0$  and both

$|f(x)|$  and  $|g(x)|$  are less than  $M$  for  $x \in E$ .

given  $\varepsilon > 0$  choose  $\delta > 0$  s.t.  $x, y \in E$  and  $|x-y| < \delta$  imply

$$|f(x)-f(y)| \text{ and } |g(x)-g(y)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2M}$$

$$\text{if } |(fg)(x) - (fg)(y)| \leq |g(y)| |f(x)-f(y)| + |f(x)| |g(x)-g(y)|$$

$$< M \frac{\varepsilon}{2M} + M \frac{\varepsilon}{2M}$$

$$= \varepsilon \quad \square$$

3.4.5. c. Show that there exists functions  $f, g$  uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $fg$  is not uniformly continuous.

Let  $f(x) = x = g(x)$ . Then  $f$  and  $g$  are uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

But  $(fg)(x) = x^2$  is not uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

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d. Suppose that  $f$  is bounded on  $E$  and that there is a positive constant  $\varepsilon_0$  s.t.  $g(x) \geq \varepsilon_0$  for all  $x \in E$ . Prove that  $\frac{f}{g}$  is uniformly continuous on  $E$ .

If  $g(x) \geq \varepsilon_0 > 0$ , then  $\frac{1}{g}$  is continuous on  $E$  and bounded by  $\frac{1}{\varepsilon_0}$ .

Moreover, since  $g$  is uniformly continuous:

$$\left| \frac{1}{g(x)} - \frac{1}{g(y)} \right| = \frac{|g(x) - g(y)|}{|g(x)g(y)|} \leq \varepsilon_0^{-2} |g(x) - g(y)|,$$

$\frac{1}{g}$  is uniformly continuous on  $E$ . Hence by b,  $\frac{f}{g} := f\left(\frac{1}{g}\right)$  is uniformly cont on  $E$ .

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e. Show that there exist function  $f, g$  uniformly continuous on the interval  $(0, 1)$ , with  $g(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in (0, 1)$ , s.t.  $\frac{f}{g}$  is not uniformly continuous on  $(0, 1)$ .

Let  $f(x) = x$  and  $g(x) = x^2$ . Then  $f$  and  $g$  are uniformly continuous on  $(0, 1)$ .

But  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  is not uniformly continuous on  $(0, 1)$ .

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3.4.6: a. Let  $I$  be a bounded interval. Prove that if  $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is uniformly continuous on  $I$  then  $f$  is bounded on  $I$ .

Suppose  $I$  has endpoints  $a, b$ . By Thm

there is a continuous function  $g$  on  $[a, b]$  s.t.  $f(x) = g(x)$  for all  $x \in I$ .

By extreme value thm,  $g$  is bounded on  $[a, b]$ .

Therefore,  $f$  is bounded on  $I \subset [a, b]$ .

3.4.6. b. prove that a maybe false if  $I$  is unbounded or if  $f$  is merely continuous.

$f(x) = x$  is uniformly continuous on  $[0, \infty)$  But not bounded there.

$f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  is continuous on  $(0, 1)$  But not bounded there either.