

Homework Math 140

Lectures 5 and 6

Will be quizzed Thursday Feb 21

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Problem 1 (Textbook page 70, problems 11-32). Complete problem 6 from the previous homework, if you failed to do so last week.

Problem 2 (Textbook, page 91, problem 23-24). Find the (implied) domain of $f(x)$. Extend the definition of f at $x = 2$ to make f continuous at 2.

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

2. $f(x) = \frac{x^3 - 8}{x^2 - 4}$.

Problem 3 (Textbook, page 92, problem 41-43) Find the numbers x for which f is discontinuous. At which of these numbers is f continuous from the right, from the left, or neither?

$$1. f(x) = \begin{cases} 1+x^2 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ 2-x & \text{if } 0 < x \leq 2 \\ (x-2)^2 & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}.$$

$$3. \ f(x) = \begin{cases} x+2 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 2x^2 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 2-x & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$2. f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1 & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } 1 < x < 3 \\ \sqrt{x-3} & \text{if } x > 3 \end{cases}.$$

Problem 4 (Textbook, page 92, problem 46) Find the values of a and b that make f continuous everywhere.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-4}{x-2} & \text{if } x < 2 \\ ax^2 - bx + 3 & \text{if } 2 \leq x < 3 \\ 2x - a + b & \text{if } x \geq 3 \end{cases}.$$

Problem 5 (Textbook, page 92, problem 51-56) Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that there is a real number solution of the given equation in the specified interval.

- $x^4 + x - 3 = 0$ where $x \in (1, 2)$.

- $\sin x = x^2 - x$, where $x \in (1, 2)$.

- $\sqrt[3]{x} = 1 - x$ where $x \in (0, 2)$.

- $\cos x = x^3$, where $x \in \mathbb{R}$ (i.e., x is an arbitrary real number).

- $\cos x = x$, where $x \in (0, 1)$.

- $x^5 - x^2 + 2x + 3$, where $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Problem 6 (Textbook, page 93, problem 63-64) For which values of x is f continuous?

- $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is rational} \\ 1 & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$

- $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is rational} \\ x & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$

Problem 7 *This problem will not appear on the quiz, and might be slightly harder. For which values of x is f continuous?*

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{q^2} & \text{if } x \text{ is rational and } x = \frac{p}{q} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$$

where in the first item p, q are relatively prime integers (i.e., integers without a common divisor).