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You must write in complete sentences and justify all of your work. Do 3 of the 4 problems below. All 3 problems that you do will be equally weighted.

1. Let $f: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be uniformly continuous and assume that $g: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is another function such that there exists a $K > 0$ with

$$|g(x) - g(y)| \leq K|f(x) - f(y)|$$

for all $x, y \in (a, b)$. Show that g is uniformly continuous.

Solution: Fix $\epsilon > 0$. Since f is uniformly continuous there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that if $x, y \in (a, b)$ and $|x - y| < \delta$ then $|f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon/K$. Then

$$|g(x) - g(y)| \leq K|f(x) - f(y)| < K(\epsilon/K) = \epsilon$$

so g is uniformly continuous.

2. Define functions $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

and

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ x^2 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

For both functions either find the derivative at 0 (with proof) or show that it doesn't exist.

Solution: The derivative $f'(0)$ exists if the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0}$$

exists. To check this we evaluate the left and right-handed limits and see if they are equal. First the left-handed limit it

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{0}{x} = 0.$$

The right-handed limit is

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x}{x} = 1.$$

As the right and left-handed limits aren't the same the derivative doesn't exist.

We similarly check the left and right hand limits of

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x) - f(0)}{x - 0}$$

exists. The left-handed limit is

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{0}{x} = 0.$$

The right-handed limit is

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x^2}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x = 0.$$

As the right and left-handed limits are both 0 we have $g'(0) = 0$.

3. Let $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function that is differentiable on $(0, 1)$. Assume that $f(0) = 1$ and $f'(x) > -1$ for all $x \in (0, 1)$. Show that $f(x) > 0$ for all $x \in [0, 1]$.

Solution: For all $x \in (0, 1]$ there exists a $c \in (0, x)$ such that

$$\frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = f'(c)$$

and therefore

$$\frac{f(x) - 1}{x} > -1.$$

Rearranging we have $f(x) > -1(x) + 1 \geq 0$ since $x \leq 1$.

4. Define $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 1/2 \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq 1/2 \end{cases}$$

and define partitions $P_n = \{0 < \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n} < \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{n} < 1\}$. Calculate $U(f, P_n)$ and $L(f, P_n)$. Is f integrable? Make sure to justify your answer.

Solution: The upper sum is

$$U(f, P_n) = 0((1/2 - 1/n) - 0) + 1(2/n) + 1(1 - (1/2 + 1/n)) = 1(1/2 + 1/n)$$

and the lower sum is

$$L(f, P_n) = 0((1/2 - 1/n) - 0) + 0(2/n) + 1(1 - (1/2 + 1/n)) = 1(1/2 - 1/n).$$

As $n \rightarrow \infty$ we have $U(f, P_n) - L(f, P_n) = 2/n \rightarrow 0$ so f is integrable.