

# Final Exam Practice Problems

**Problem 1.** Let the sequence  $(x_n)$  be defined as follows:  $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 2$  and  $x_{n+2} = \frac{1}{2}(x_n + x_{n+1})$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that  $1 \leq x_n \leq 2$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Problem 2.** Let  $S$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  that is bounded above. Prove that  $\sup S = -\inf\{-s : s \in S\}$ .

**Problem 3.** Find the infimum of the set  $A = \{1 + \frac{(\sin n)^2}{\sqrt{n}} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

**Problem 4.** Prove

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 + 1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 + 2}} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 + n}} \right) = 1.$$

**Problem 5.** Let  $(a_n)$  be a positive sequence such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} = 0$ . Prove that  $(a_n)$  is unbounded.

**Problem 6.** Assume that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = +\infty$ . Prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n}{n} = +\infty.$$

**Problem 7.** Suppose  $f(x)$  is a strictly increasing function on  $[a, b]$  and  $(x_n) \subset [a, b]$  is a sequence such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = f(a)$ . Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a$ .

**Problem 8.** \* Let  $f$  be a function defined on  $(0, 1)$  such that for any  $c \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(\frac{c}{n}) = 0$ . Can we conclude that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 0$ ?

**Problem 9.** Assume that the function  $f$  is continuous at 0 and  $f(0) > 0$ . Prove that there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $f(x) > 0$  for any  $|x| < \delta$ .

**Problem 10.** For any function  $f$ , we define  $w_a(\delta) = \sup\{|f(x) - f(y)| \mid |x - a| < \delta \text{ and } |y - a| < \delta\}$ . Prove that  $f$  is continuous at  $a$  if and only if  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} w_a(\delta) = 0$ .

**Problem 11.** Suppose there exists a constant  $L > 0$  such that for any  $x, y \in [a, \infty)$  we have

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq L|x - y|.$$

If  $a > 0$ , prove that  $\frac{f(x)}{x}$  is uniformly continuous on  $[a, \infty)$ .

**Problem 12.**

Let the function  $f$  be defined as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q}; \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{Q}. \end{cases}$$

Prove that  $f$  is differentiable at 0.

**Problem 13.** Suppose  $|f(x)|$  is differentiable at  $a$  and  $f(a) = 0$ , prove that  $f'(a) = 0$ .

**Problem 14.** Assume there exist constants  $M$  and  $a > 1$  such that for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq M|x - y|^a.$$

Prove that  $f$  is a constant.

**Problem 15.** Let  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be convex functions and  $f$  is increasing. Prove that  $f(g(x))$  is convex.

**Problem 16.** If  $f$  defined on  $[0, 1]$  is a continuous and  $\int_0^x f = \int_x^1 f$  for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Prove that  $f(x) = 0$  for any  $x \in [0, 1]$ .

## Problem 1

We prove by induction on  $n$ .

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ Base case : } \begin{array}{l} n=1, \quad x_1=1 \quad \text{and} \quad 1 \leq x_1 \leq 2 \\ n=2, \quad x_2=2 \quad \text{and} \quad 1 \leq x_2 \leq 2 \end{array}$$

$\textcircled{2}$  Inductive step : assume it is true for any  $1 \leq k \leq n$   
then  $1 \leq x_{n-1} \leq 2$  and  $1 \leq x_n \leq 2$ .

$$\text{Hence } 1 \leq x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n + x_{n-1}}{2} \leq 2.$$

Therefore it also holds for  $n+1$ . #

## Problem 2

Denote  $A = \sup S$  and  $B = \inf \{-s : s \in S\}$ . We need to show that  $A = -B$ .

By definition of  $\sup$ ,  $s \leq A$ ,  $\forall s \in S$

$$\Rightarrow -s \geq -A, \quad \forall s \in S$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \inf \{-s : s \in S\} \geq -A \quad \Rightarrow \quad A \geq -B \quad \textcircled{1}$$

By definition of  $\inf$

$$-s \geq B \quad \forall s \in S$$

$$\Rightarrow s \leq -B \quad \forall s \in S$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \sup S \leq -B \quad \textcircled{2}$$

Combining  $\textcircled{1}$  and  $\textcircled{2}$  we get  $A = -B$ . #

### Problem 3

First we notice that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{(\sin n)^2}{\sqrt{n}} = 0$

This is because

$$0 \leq \frac{(\sin n)^2}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 0$ , by squeeze theorem,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\sin n)^2}{\sqrt{n}} = 0$ .

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $1 + \frac{(\sin n)^2}{\sqrt{n}} \geq 1$ . Therefore 1 is a lower bound of the set A. We claim that 1 is the greatest lower bound.

Suppose there exists  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that

$$1 + \frac{(\sin n)^2}{\sqrt{n}} \geq 1 + \varepsilon_0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

By the comparison property of limits,

$$1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{(\sin n)^2}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \geq 1 + \varepsilon_0$$

which is a contradiction! Therefore  $\inf A = 1$ . #

[ Alternatively, one can argue  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N \geq 1$  such that

$$1 \leq \frac{(\sin N)^2}{\sqrt{N}} + 1 < \varepsilon + 1$$

therefore by Lemma 2.3.4,  $1 = \inf A$ . ]

(for inf)

#### Problem 4

Notice that for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+n}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+i}} \leq \frac{1}{n},$$

therefore 
$$\frac{n}{\sqrt{n^2+n}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+1}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+n}} \leq \frac{n}{n} = 1.$$

Since 
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt{n^2+n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{n}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+0}} = 1,$$

by squeeze theorem, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+1}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+n}} \right) = 1. \quad \#$$

#### Problem 5

Since 
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} = 0,$$
 for  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}$ , there exists  $N$

such that for  $n > N$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right| < \frac{1}{2}.$$

Since  $a_n > 0$  for each  $n$ , we have

$$a_{n+1} > 2a_n \quad \text{for } n > N.$$

Therefore  $a_n > 2^{n-N} \cdot a_N$  for  $n > N$

We can conclude that  $a_n$  is unbounded because

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{n-N} \cdot a_N = +\infty. \quad \#$$

## Problem 6 First proof

To show  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_1 + \dots + a_n}{n} = +\infty$ , we need to show that for any  $A > 0$ , there exists  $N \geq 1$  such that when  $n > N$ ,

$$\frac{a_1 + \dots + a_n}{n} > A.$$

For any  $A > 0$ , because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = +\infty$ , there exists  $N_1 \geq 1$  such that  $a_n > 2A$  for  $n > N_1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore } \frac{a_1 + \dots + a_n}{n} &= \frac{a_1 + \dots + a_{N_1} + a_{N_1+1} + \dots + a_n}{n} \\ &> \frac{a_1 + \dots + a_{N_1} + (n - N_1) \cdot 2A}{n} \quad \text{if } n > N_1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Notice that } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_1 + \dots + a_{N_1} + (n - N_1) \cdot 2A}{n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2A + \frac{a_1 + \dots + a_{N_1} - 2N_1A}{n} \\ &= 2A > A \end{aligned}$$

Therefore by the property of limit, there exists  $N_2 \geq 1$  such that when  $n > N_2$ ,

$$\frac{a_1 + \dots + a_{N_1} + (n - N_1) \cdot 2A}{n} > A$$

Hence if we choose  $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$ , for  $n > N$  we have

$$\frac{a_1 + \dots + a_n}{n} > \frac{a_1 + \dots + a_{N_1} + (n - N_1) \cdot 2A}{n} > A. \quad \#$$

## Problem 6 Second proof

$\forall A > 0$ , we need to choose  $N$  such that  
 when  $n > N$ ,  $\frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n} > A$

① Since  $\lim x_n = +\infty$ , there exists  $N_1$  such that  
 when  $n > N_1$ ,  $x_n > 2A$ .

② Choose  $N_2$  such that  $N_2 > \frac{2N_1 A - (x_1 + \dots + x_{N_1})}{A}$ .

Then we choose  $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } n > N, \text{ then } \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_n}{n} &= \frac{(x_1 + \dots + x_{N_1}) + (x_{N_1+1} + \dots + x_n)}{n} \\ &> \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_{N_1} + (n - N_1)2A}{n} \\ &= A + \frac{nA - (2N_1 A - (x_1 + \dots + x_{N_1}))}{n} \\ &> A + \frac{N_2 A - (2N_1 A - (x_1 + \dots + x_{N_1}))}{n} > A + 0 = A \end{aligned}$$

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[ less informal proof:

$$\frac{x_1 + \dots + x_{N_1} + (n - N_1)2A}{n} > A$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_1 + \dots + x_{N_1} + (n - N_1)2A > nA$$

$$\Leftrightarrow nA > 2N_1 A - (x_1 + \dots + x_{N_1})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow n > \frac{2N_1 A - (x_1 + \dots + x_{N_1})}{A} ]$$

## Problem 7

We will prove by contradiction.

Suppose  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \neq a$ , then there exists  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$

and a subsequence  $(x_{n_k}) \subset [a, b]$  such that  $|x_{n_k} - a| > \varepsilon_0$ ,

in particular  $x_{n_k} > a + \varepsilon_0$ .

Since  $f$  is a strictly increasing function,

$$(*) \quad f(x_{n_k}) > f(a + \varepsilon_0) \quad \forall k \geq 1.$$

Because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n)$  exists,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(x_{n_k}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = f(a).$$

From (\*) we know that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(x_{n_k}) \geq f(a + \varepsilon_0).$$

In particular this implies that

$$f(a) \geq f(a + \varepsilon_0).$$

But this contradicts with the fact that  $f$  is strictly increasing. Therefore our assumption is wrong and we

must have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a$ .

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## Problem 8

We cannot conclude that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 0$ .

Here is the construction of a counter-example.

Because  $(0,1)$  is uncountable, we can choose a number  $b \in (0,1)$  such that  $\forall k \geq 1, b^k \notin \mathbb{Q}$ .

(For example  $b$  can be chosen to be any transcendental number like  $\frac{1}{e}$  or  $\frac{1}{\pi}$ ).

Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = b^k \text{ for some } k \geq 1 \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$

We will show that  $f(x)$  satisfies

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \forall c \in (0,1), \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f\left(\frac{c}{n}\right) = 0$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) \neq 0$$

$\textcircled{1}$  Let  $c \in (0,1)$  be any real number, then there is at most one integer  $n$  such that  $\frac{c}{n} = b^k$  for some  $k \geq 1$ .

Suppose this is not true and there exists  $n_1, n_2$  such that

$$\frac{c}{n_1} = b^{k_1}, \quad \frac{c}{n_2} = b^{k_2} \quad \text{and } k_2 > k_1.$$

$$\Rightarrow b^{k_1} \cdot n_1 = b^{k_2} \cdot n_2 \quad \Rightarrow b^{k_2 - k_1} = \frac{n_1}{n_2} \in \mathbb{Q}$$

This contradicts the choice of  $b$ .

Therefore for  $n$  large enough,  $\frac{c}{n}$  is not equal to any  $b^k$ .

By the definition of  $f$ , we have  $f(\frac{c}{n}) = 0$ .

Thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(\frac{c}{n}) = 0$ .

② We will prove  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) \neq 0$  by contradiction.

Suppose  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 0$ , then for any sequence  $x_n$

such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$ , we must have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = 0$ .

Let  $x_n = b^n$  since  $b < 1$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b^n = 0$ .

But  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(b^n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 = 1 \neq 0$

Therefore  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) \neq 0$ .

The conclusion is that  $f$  is a counterexample.  $\neq$

9)  $f$  continuous at  $0$ ,  $f(0) > 0$ . Want  $\delta$  s.t.  $f(x) > 0$   
 $\forall |x| < \delta$

Say  $f(0) = a > 0$ . Note that  $\varepsilon := \frac{a}{2} > 0$ . Since  $f$   
is continuous at  $0$ ,  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $\forall |x-0| < \delta$ , we  
have  $|f(x) - a| < \varepsilon$ . That is,  $\forall |x| < \delta$ ,  $|f(x) - a| < \frac{a}{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow -\frac{a}{2} < f(x) - a < \frac{a}{2}$  so  $\underbrace{0 < \frac{a}{2} < f(x)} < \frac{3a}{2}$ .

So  $f(x) > 0 \quad \forall |x| < \delta$  as desired

(we will reference this argument later in a more general  
setting. The content is the same, just with " $\delta$ " replaced  
by " $\varepsilon$ ")

10.  $w_a(\delta) := \sup \{ |f(x) - f(y)| : |x-a| \leq \delta, |y-a| \leq \delta \}$ ,  
want  $f$  cts at  $a \Leftrightarrow \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} w_a(\delta) = 0$ .

( $\Rightarrow$ ): Suppose  $f$  is cts at  $a$ . Want to show  
that  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists \gamma > 0$  s.t.  $\forall 0 < \delta < \gamma$ , we

have  $w_a(\delta) < \varepsilon$ . Since  $w_a(\delta)$  is the sup of a  
set, that means we want  $\gamma$  s.t.  $\forall 0 < \delta < \gamma$ ,  $\varepsilon$   
is an upper bound for  $\{ |f(x) - f(y)| : |x-a| \leq \delta, |y-a| \leq \delta \} =: S_a(\delta)$ .

Since  $f$  is cts at  $a$ ,  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $\forall z$  s.t.

$|z-a| < \delta$ , we have  $|f(z) - f(a)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ . Now, for  $\delta < \gamma$ ,  
 $x, y$  s.t.  $|x-a| \leq \delta$ ,  $|y-a| \leq \delta$ . Then  $|x-a| \leq \delta < \gamma$   
so  $|f(x) - f(a)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$  and  $|f(y) - f(a)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ .  $|y-a| \leq \delta < \gamma$

$\Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| = |f(x) - f(a) + f(a) - f(y)| \leq |f(x) - f(a)| + |f(y) - f(a)|$   
 $< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$ . So  $\varepsilon$  is a strict upper bound for  $S_a(\delta)$   
and so  $w_a(\delta) < \varepsilon$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ): Suppose  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} w_a(\delta) = 0$ . Want:  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  
whenever  $|z-a| < \delta$ , have  $|f(z) - f(a)| < \varepsilon$ . Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ .  
we know (hypothesis)  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t. whenever  $0 < \delta < \gamma$  we have

$\varepsilon$  is a strict upper bound for  $S_a(\delta)$ . Now for any  $z$  s.t.  $\delta = |z-a| < \delta$ , we have (since  $|a-a| = 0 < \delta$ ) that  $|f(z) - f(a)| \in S_a(\delta)$ , so  $|f(z) - f(a)| < \varepsilon$ .

(1)  $\exists L > 0$  s.t.  $\forall x, y \in [a, \infty)$ , we have

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq L|x-y|, \quad \forall a > 0.$$

want:  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$  s.t. whenever  $|x-y| < \delta$ ,  $\left| \frac{f(x)}{x} - \frac{f(y)}{y} \right| < \varepsilon$ .

Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Let  $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon a^2}{2La + |f(a)|}$  (Note: this is  $> 0$ ).

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{f(x)}{x} - \frac{f(y)}{y} \right| &= \left| \frac{yf(x) - xf(y)}{xy} \right| = \frac{|yf(x) - yf(y) + yf(y) - xf(y)|}{|xy|} \\ &\leq \frac{|y(f(x) - f(y))| + |f(y)(x-y)|}{|xy|} = \frac{|y||f(x) - f(y)| + |f(y)||x-y|}{|xy|} \\ &\leq \frac{|y|L|x-y| + |f(y)||x-y|}{|xy|} = |x-y| \left( \frac{L|y|}{|xy|} + \frac{|f(y)|}{|xy|} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Need to do something about  $f(y)$ : See how far  $f$  can move

$$\begin{aligned} |f(y)| &= |f(y) - f(a) + f(a)| \leq |f(y) - f(a)| + |f(a)| \leq L|y-a| + |f(a)| \\ &\stackrel{(y \geq a)}{=} L(y-a) + |f(a)| \stackrel{(\text{iso})}{\leq} Ly + |f(a)| \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } \left| \frac{f(x)}{x} - \frac{f(y)}{y} \right| \leq |x-y| \left( \frac{L}{x} + \frac{Ly}{xy} + \frac{|f(a)|}{xy} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= |x-y| \left( \frac{2L}{x} + \frac{|f(a)|}{xy} \right) \leq |x-y| \left( \frac{2L}{a} + \frac{|f(a)|}{a^2} \right) = |x-y| \left( \frac{2La + |f(a)|}{a^2} \right) \\ &< \delta \left( \frac{2La + |f(a)|}{a^2} \right) = \varepsilon. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

$x, y \geq a$  so  $| \cdot |$  can be dropped

$$12) \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

Need to examine  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - 0}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x}$

$$\frac{f(x)}{x} \stackrel{=}{=} \begin{cases} x & x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases} \quad \text{for } x \neq 0$$

This is a piecewise function whose pieces have the same limit, (0), at 0,

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

13) Suppose  $|f(x)|$  is differentiable at  $a$  with  $f(a) = 0$ . Show that  $f'(a) = 0$ .

Suppose  $f'(a) \neq 0$ , then  $|f'(a)| = L > 0$ .  $f(a) = 0$  l.c.t.s

Since  $| \cdot |$  is c.t.s,  $|f'(a)| = \left| \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{x-a} \right| \stackrel{\downarrow}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left| \frac{f(x)}{x-a} \right|$

we will show that  $|f|$  is not diff'ble at  $a$ . well,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{|f(x)| - |f(a)|}{x - a} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{|f(x)|}{x - a}$$

Consider sequences  $(x_n) := (a + \frac{1}{n})$   
 $(y_n) := (a - \frac{1}{n})$

If the above limit exists, both sequences must give the same result.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|f(x_n)|}{x_n - a} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|f(x_n)|}{\frac{1}{n}} = \left| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x_n)}{\frac{1}{n}} \right| = |f'(a)| = L > 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|f(y_n)|}{y_n - a} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|f(y_n)|}{-\frac{1}{n}} = - \left| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(y_n)}{\frac{1}{n}} \right| = -|f'(a)| = L < 0.$$

So  $|f|$  is not differentiable at  $a$ .

14)  $\exists M, a > 1$  s.t.  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq M|x-y|^a$$

Show  $f$  is const.

we will show that  $f$  is diff'ble at every  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  and that  $f'(c) = 0$ . Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\left| \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x-c} \right| = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \left| \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x-c} \right| \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{M|x-c|^a}{|x-c|} = M \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{|x-c|^a}{|x-c|}$$

Since  $a > 1$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{|x-c|^a}{|x-c|} = 0$  so  $\left| \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x-c} \right| \leq M \cdot 0 = 0$

so  $f$  is differentiable at  $c$  and  $f'(c) = 0$ . This holds  $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}$ , so  $f$  is constant.

15) Let  $f(x), g(x)$  convex,  $f$  increasing. Prove  $f(g(x))$  is convex.

Let  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$  want

$$f(g((1-t)x_1 + tx_2)) \leq (1-t)f(g(x_1)) + tf(g(x_2))$$

well,  $g$  is convex, so  $g((1-t)x_1 + tx_2) \leq (1-t)g(x_1) + tg(x_2)$

$f$  is increasing so  $f(g((1-t)x_1 + tx_2)) \leq f(\underbrace{(1-t)g(x_1)}_{y_1} + \underbrace{tg(x_2)}_{y_2})$

$f$  is convex, so  $f((1-t)y_1 + ty_2) \leq (1-t)f(y_1) + tf(y_2)$   
 $= (1-t)f(g(x_1)) + tf(g(x_2))$  as desired.

16)  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is cts,  $\int_0^x f = \int_x^1 f \quad \forall x \in [0, 1]$ . want  $f(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in [0, 1]$ .

Note that  $\forall x \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\int_0^1 f = \int_0^x f + \int_x^1 f$  (Thm 7.2.13)

Now,  $\int_0^x f + \int_x^1 f = 0$ , so  $\int_0^x f = -\int_x^1 f = \int_x^0 f$ . setting  $x=0 \Rightarrow \int_0^1 f = 0$ .

$\int_0^x f = \int_x^0 f = -\int_0^x f \Rightarrow \int_0^x f = 0 \quad \forall x \in [0, 1]$ . ( $\int_0^0 f = 0$  by def)

For  $x, y \in [0, 1]$ ,  $x < y$ , we have  $\int_0^x f = 0 = \int_0^y f$

and  $\int_x^y f = \int_0^y f - \int_0^x f = 0$ . Finally, for  $c \in [0, 1]$  if

$f(c) > 0$ , by problem 9,  $\exists a, b \in [0, 1]$  s.t.  $f(x) > 0 \forall x \in [a, b]$

$\Rightarrow \int_a^b f > 0$ , but this is a contradiction.

if  $f(c) < 0$ , then  $-f(c) > 0$  so  $-\int_a^b f > 0$  (where  $a, b$  are as above)

so  $\int_a^b f < 0$ , but this is a contradiction.

so  $f(c) = 0$ . This holds  $\forall c \in [0, 1]$ , since  $c$  was arbitrary. □