

**Math 142A Homework Assignment 4**  
**Due Wednesday, November 8**

1. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous at  $x_0$  with  $f(x_0) > 0$ . Prove that there is a natural number  $n$  for which  $f(x) > 0$  for all  $x$  in the interval  $I := (x_0 - 1/n, x_0 + 1/n)$ .
2. A function  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be a *Lipschitz function* if there is a  $C \geq 0$  such that  $|f(u) - f(v)| \leq C|u - v|$  for all  $u, v$  in  $D$ . Prove that a Lipschitz function is continuous.
3. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  have the property that  $f(u + v) = f(u) + f(v)$  for all  $u$  and  $v$ .
  - (a) Let  $m := f(1)$ . Prove that  $f(x) = mx$  for all rational numbers  $x$ .
  - (b) Prove that if  $f$  is continuous, then  $f(x) = mx$  for all  $x$ .
4. Let  $S$  be a nonempty set of real numbers that is *not* sequentially compact. Prove that there is an unbounded sequence in  $S$  or there is a sequence in  $S$  that converges to a point  $x_0$  which is not in  $S$ .
5. Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous with  $f(0) > 0$  and  $f(1) = 0$ . Prove that there is an  $x_0$  in  $(0, 1]$  such that  $f(x_0) = 0$  and  $f(x) > 0$  for all  $x$  in  $[0, x_0)$ ; that is, there is a smallest point in the interval  $[0, 1]$  at which  $f$  attains the value 0.
6. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function whose image  $f(\mathbb{R})$  is bounded. Prove that there is a solution to the equation  $f(x) = x$ .
7. Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous. Given a natural number  $k$ , let  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  be points in  $[a, b]$ . Prove that there is a point  $z$  in  $[a, b]$  at which

$$f(z) = \frac{f(x_1) + \dots + f(x_k)}{k}.$$

[Note: As  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , this becomes the mean value theorem for integrals (Theorem 6.26).]

8. Given  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous such that  $f([0, 1]) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$ . Show that  $f$  is a constant function.
9. Let  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be uniformly continuous functions. Define the product function  $fg : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $(fg)(x) := f(x)g(x)$ .
  - (a) Show that  $fg$  need not be uniformly continuous.
  - (b) Prove that if  $f$  and  $g$  are also bounded, then  $fg$  is uniformly continuous.  
*Hint:* Write  $f(u)g(u) - f(v)g(v) = f(u)[g(u) - g(v)] + g(v)[f(u) - f(v)]$ .
10. A function  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called a *Lipschitz function* if there is a  $C \geq 0$  such that  $|f(u) - f(v)| \leq C|u - v|$  for all  $u, v \in D$ . Prove that if  $f$  is a Lipschitz function, then  $f$  is uniformly continuous.