

M 365C  
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MIDTERM 2 SAMPLES

**True or False.** Whichever way you think it goes, sketch a proof in a few lines. You may freely use any result we proved in class, or any result proved in Rudin. Throughout, let  $X$  and  $Y$  denote metric spaces.

1. If  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ , and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is any function, then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = f(x)$ .
2. Suppose  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are both continuous,  $f(a) > g(a)$  and  $f(b) < g(b)$ . Then there exists some  $x \in [a, b]$  such that  $f(x) = g(x)$ .
3. If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable at  $a$  and has  $f'(a) > 0$ , then there exists some  $x \in (a, b)$  such that  $f(x) > f(a)$ .
4. If  $\sum a_n$  converges and  $\{b_n\}$  is bounded, then  $\sum a_n b_n$  converges.
5. If  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, the set  $E = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid f(x)^3 > 2\}$  is open.
6. If  $f : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded and continuous, then it is uniformly continuous.
7. Let  $E = \{1/n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{0\} \subset \mathbb{R}$ . Every function  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous.
8. If  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, and  $f(x) = x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $f(x) = x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .
9. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous, and  $E \subset X$  is open, then  $f(E) \subset Y$  is open.
10. If  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(a_n)$  is convergent.
11. Suppose given  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that there is no  $x$  with  $f(x) = 0$ . Define  $g(x) = f(x)^2$ . Suppose  $g$  is differentiable. Then  $f$  is also differentiable.
12. Suppose  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has  $f'(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $f(0) = 0$ . Then  $f(x) = x$ .
13. The function  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = x^3$  is uniformly continuous.
14. Suppose given two functions  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , such that  $f(x) = g(x)$  except for countably many points  $x$ . Suppose  $f$  is Riemann integrable. Then  $g$  is also Riemann integrable and  $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b g(x) dx$ .

**Extra problem.** Suppose  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous. Define a new function  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $g(x) = f(3x)$ . Prove carefully that  $g$  is continuous. Use only the definition of continuity.



1. **False.** For example, we could take  $X = Y = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x_n = 1/n$ ,  $x = 0$ , and

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \neq 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

2. **True.** Apply the Intermediate Value Theorem to  $h(x) = f(x) - g(x)$ : it has  $h(a) < 0$ ,  $h(b) > 0$ , so at some  $x \in [a, b]$  it must have  $h(x) = 0$ .

3. **True.** Since  $f'(a) > 0$  we have  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} > 0$ . Thus there exists some neighborhood  $N$  of  $a$  such that  $x \in N \implies \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} > 0$ . For any  $x \in (a, b)$  with  $x \in N$ , we have  $x > a$ , and  $\frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} > 0$ , so  $f(x) - f(a) > 0$ , i.e.  $f(x) > f(a)$ .

4. **False.** Consider the sequence  $a_n = (-1)^n \frac{1}{n}$ ,  $b_n = (-1)^n$ . Then  $\sum a_n$  converges but  $\sum a_n b_n$  does not.

5. **True.** Since  $f$  is continuous,  $h = f^3$  is also continuous. The set  $E$  is  $h^{-1}((2, \infty))$ , and  $(2, \infty)$  is an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Thus  $E$  is the of the form  $h^{-1}(U)$  where  $h$  is continuous and  $U$  open. Thus  $E$  is open.

6. **False.** This one is tricky. Consider the function  $f(x) = \cos(1/x)$ . This function is defined and continuous on  $(0, 1)$ . However, for any  $\delta$ , there exist  $x, y$  with  $|x - y| < \delta$  but  $f(x) = -1$ ,  $f(y) = 1$ . (Take  $x = \frac{1}{2\pi n}$ ,  $y = \frac{1}{2\pi(n+1)}$ , for large enough  $n$ .) Thus if we pick  $\epsilon = 1$ , there is no  $\delta$  for which  $|x - y| < \delta \implies |f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$ .

7. **False.** For example, we could take

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \neq 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

8. **True.**  $\mathbb{Q}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ , so for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  there is a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  where all  $x_n \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $x_n \rightarrow x$ . Then  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$ . But  $f(x_n) = x_n$ , so this says  $x_n \rightarrow f(x)$ . By uniqueness of the limit, then  $f(x) = x$ .

9. **False.** Say  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a constant function. Then for any open subset  $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(E)$  consists of just a single point, so  $f(E)$  is not open.

10. **False.** Say  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $f(x) = 1$ . Then suppose  $\sum a_n$  is any convergent series. Then  $b_n = f(a_n)$  is just the constant sequence  $b_n = 1$ . For  $\sum b_n$  to be convergent we would need  $b_n \rightarrow 0$ , which the constant sequence  $b_n = 1$  certainly doesn't satisfy.

11. **False.** Say

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } x \leq 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

Then  $f(x)$  is not continuous and hence not differentiable, but  $f(x)^2$  is the constant function 1, which is differentiable.

12. **True.** Consider the function  $g(x) = f(x) - x$ . This function has  $g'(x) = f'(x) - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0$ . Thus  $g$  is a constant function,  $g(x) = c$ . So  $f(x) = x + c$ . Plugging in  $x = 0$  we get  $f(0) = c$ . But we know  $f(0) = 0$ , so this says  $c = 0$ , i.e.  $f(x) = x$ .
13. **True.** Any continuous function on a compact set is uniformly continuous.
14. **False.** Say  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x$ . This is Riemann integrable. Say

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q}, \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

Then  $g(x)$  differs from  $f(x)$  only when  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ . But  $g(x)$  is not Riemann integrable (as we have shown in class).

**Extra problem.** Fix  $p \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . Since  $f$  is continuous at  $3p$ , there exists some  $\delta'$  for which

$$|y - 3p| < \delta' \implies |f(y) - f(3p)| < \epsilon$$

Now, take  $\delta = \delta'/3$ , so  $\delta' = 3\delta$ . Now suppose  $x$  is arbitrary. Plugging in  $y = 3x$  in the above implication gives

$$|3x - 3p| < 3\delta \implies |f(3x) - f(3p)| < \epsilon$$

i.e.

$$|x - p| < \delta \implies |g(x) - g(p)| < \epsilon$$

This shows that  $g$  is continuous at  $p$ . But  $p$  was arbitrary, so  $g$  is continuous.