

*This homework is due on Monday, October 17.*

**Problem 1.** Let  $(M, d)$  be a metric space, and let  $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be two functions from  $M$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  (where  $\mathbb{R}$  has its usual metric). Let  $a \in M$ . Suppose  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous at  $a$ . Show that the function  $f + g$  is continuous at  $a$ , where  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$  for  $x \in M$ . [Hint: Just imitate the proof for functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .]

**Problem 2.** Let  $X$  be any set. Consider the metric space  $(X, \delta)$  where  $\delta$  is the discrete metric,  $\delta: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $\delta(a, b) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } a = b \\ 1 & \text{if } a \neq b \end{cases}$ . Suppose that  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  is a **convergent** sequence in the metric space  $(X, \delta)$ . Show that there is a number  $N$  such that  $x_N = x_{N+1} = x_{N+2} = \dots$ . (We say that the sequence is “eventually constant.”) [Hint: The number is the limit of the sequence.]

**Problem 3.** Let  $(M, d)$  be a metric space and let  $X \subseteq M$ . The closure,  $\overline{X}$  of  $X$  can be defined as the set containing all the points of  $X$  plus all the accumulation points of  $X$ . Show that the closure of  $X$  can be characterized as follows: For  $z \in M$ ,  $z \in \overline{X}$  if and only if there is a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of points of  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = z$ . [Hint: Treat separately the cases where  $z \in X$  and where  $z$  is an accumulation point of  $X$ .]

**Problem 4** (From textbook problem 3.1.3a). Even though  $|x|$  is not differentiable at 0, show that the function  $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}x|x|$  is differentiable at 0, and show that  $g'(x) = |x|$  for all  $x$ . (Thus,  $|x|$  has antiderivative  $\frac{1}{2}x|x|$ .)

**Problem 5** (Textbook problem 3.3.10). A **fixed point** of a function is a point  $d$  such that  $f(d) = d$ . Suppose that  $f$  is differentiable everywhere and that  $f'(x) < 1$  for all  $x$ . Show that there can be at most one fixed point for  $f$ . [Hint: Suppose that  $a$  and  $b$  are two fixed points of  $f$ . Apply the Mean Value Theorem to obtain a contradiction.]

**Problem 6** (From textbook problem 3.3.2). Recall that  $f$  satisfies a Lipschitz condition if there is a constant  $M$  such that  $|f(b) - f(a)| \leq M|b - a|$  for all  $a, b$ . Problem #9 on Homework #4 proved that any function that satisfies a Lipschitz condition is uniformly continuous. Let  $f$  be a function that is differentiable on some interval  $I$  (not necessarily bounded or closed), and suppose  $f'(x) \leq M$  for all  $x$ , where  $M$  is some constant. Use the Mean Value Theorem to prove that  $|f(b) - f(a)| \leq M|a - b|$  for all  $a, b$ . Conclude that  $f$  is uniformly continuous.