

## Week 1— Summary — Real Numbers, Limits and Continuous Functions

1. \*Let  $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  be the natural numbers,  $\mathbb{Z} = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots\}$  be the integers.
2. \*Let  $\mathbb{Q}$  be the rationals. If  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $x = n/m$ , for  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $m \neq 0$ . There are a countable number of rationals.
3. \*Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the reals. There are an uncountable number of reals. Each real number has a decimal representation (possibly two)
4. Some axioms of real numbers:
  - (a)  $(x + y) + z = x + (y + z) \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$  (additive associativity)
  - (b)  $0 + x = x + 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$  (additive identity)
  - (c)  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $x + y = 0$  (additive inverse)
  - (d)  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x + y = y + x$  (additive commutativity)
  - (e)  $(xy)z = x(yz) \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$  (multiplicative associativity)
  - (f)  $1x = x \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$  (multiplicative identity)
  - (g)  $\forall x \neq 0, \exists y$  such that  $yx = 1$  (multiplicative inverse)
  - (h)  $xy = yx \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  (multiplicative commutativity)
  - (i)  $x(y + z) = xy + xz \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$  (distributivity)
5. Completeness axiom of reals:
  - (a) \*Every non-empty set of reals which is bounded from above has a least upper bound. We denote the least upper bound of a set  $S$  by  $\sup(S)$ , which stands for the supremum of  $S$ . If  $S$  is unbounded from above, then we say that  $\sup(S) = \infty$ .
  - (b) \*Similarly, every non-empty set  $S$  which is bounded from below has a greatest lower bound,  $\inf(S)$ , which stands for the infimum of  $S$ . If  $S$  is unbounded from below, then we say that  $\inf(S) = -\infty$ .
6. Properties of the reals
  - (a) Triangle inequality: For real numbers,  $|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$  and  $|x - y| \geq |x| - |y|$ .
  - (b) Archimedean property: If  $0 < x < 1/n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $x = 0$
  - (c) Density of rationals within the reals: For all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $|q - x| < \varepsilon$ .
  - (d) Between two distinct rationals, there is a real. Between two distinct reals, there is a rational.
7. \*The sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges if  $\exists a \in \mathbb{R}$  such that for all  $\varepsilon > 0 \exists N$  such that  $n \geq N \Rightarrow |x_n - a| < \varepsilon$ . We say that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a$ .
8. \*A bounded monotonic sequence converges.

9. \*The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N$  such that  $m, n \geq N \Rightarrow |x_m - x_n| < \varepsilon$ .
10.  $\mathbb{R}$  is complete: If  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence of  $\mathbb{R}$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  converges to an element of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
11. Let  $x = \{x_n\}$  be a sequence. A subsequence of  $x$  is obtained by keeping (in order) an infinite number of the items  $x_n$  and discarding the rest. Two ways to denote a subsequence are  $x_{(n)}$  and  $x_{n_k}$ .
12. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence. The number  $x$  is an accumulation point (or point of accumulation) of the sequence if  $\forall \varepsilon$  there are infinitely many  $n$  such that  $|x_n - x| < \varepsilon$ .
13. \*Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem: Every bounded sequence of real numbers has a convergent subsequence.
14. (a) \* $\limsup\{x_n\}$  is defined as supremum of the accumulation points of  $\{x_n\}$ . An alternative way to think about it is through  $\limsup\{x_n\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{m \geq n} x_m$ .  
(b) \* $\liminf\{x_n\}$  is defined analogously.
15. \*Let  $f$  be a function defined on  $S \subset \mathbb{R}$ . The limit of  $f(x)$  as  $x$  approaches  $a$  exists if there exists an  $L$  such that for all  $\varepsilon$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$  for  $x \in S$ . We write such a limit as  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$ .
16. Limits commute with addition, multiplication, division, and non-strict inequalities
  - (a) If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a}(cf)(x) = c \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  for any real  $c$ .
  - (b) If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a}(f + g)(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$  if both limits on the right exist.
  - (c) If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a}(fg)(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$  if both limits on the right exist.
  - (d) If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a}(f/g)(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) / \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$  if both limits on the right exist and the limit of  $g$  is nonzero.
  - (e) If  $f(x) \leq g(x)$  for all  $x$  sufficiently close to  $a$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$ , provided both limits on the right exist.
17. The function  $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous at  $a$  if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$ .
18. The function  $f$  is continuous on the set  $S$  if  $f$  is continuous at every point in  $S$ .
19. The composition of two continuous functions is continuous.
20. Intermediate value theorem: Let  $f$  be continuous on  $[a, b]$ . For any  $y$  satisfying  $f(a) < y < f(b)$  or  $f(b) < y < f(a)$ , there exists an  $x \in (a, b)$  such that  $f(x) = y$ .
21. \*The function  $f$  is uniformly continuous on the set  $S$  if for all  $\varepsilon$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|x - y| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$ . Notice that the dependence of  $\delta$  on  $\varepsilon$  does not depend on the position within the set. That is what makes it uniform.
22. \*A continuous function on a closed, bounded interval is uniformly continuous.