

2) We prove part (A). The proof of (B) is similar. Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $f(c) > 0$ . Take  $\bar{\epsilon} = \frac{f(c)}{2}$ . Then  $\bar{\epsilon} > 0$ . Since  $f$  is continuous at  $c$  in  $I$  there exists a  $\bar{\delta} > 0$  such that:

$$|f(x) - f(c)| < \bar{\epsilon} \quad \text{provided} \quad |x - c| < \bar{\delta}, \quad x \in I.$$

Since  $x$  is an interior point of  $I$ , for some  $\delta > 0$ ,  $(x - \delta, x + \delta) \subseteq I$ . Without any loss of generality, we can assume  $\bar{\delta} \leq \delta$ . (If not, we replace  $\bar{\delta}$  with  $\min\{\bar{\delta}, \delta\}$ .) Thus we have:

$$|f(x) - f(c)| < \bar{\epsilon} \quad \text{provided} \quad |x - c| < \bar{\delta}. \quad (1)$$

(1) implies, in particular:

$$f(c) - \bar{\epsilon} < f(x) \quad \text{for} \quad x \in (c - \bar{\delta}, c + \bar{\delta}).$$

Since  $\bar{\epsilon} = \frac{f(c)}{2}$ , we obtain:

$$f(x) > \frac{f(c)}{2} > 0 \quad \text{for} \quad x \in (c - \bar{\delta}, c + \bar{\delta}).$$

Therefore, (A) holds with  $\epsilon_0 = \bar{\delta}$ .

$\nexists f(c) = 0$  we cannot conclude anything about the sign of  $f$  in a nbhd  $c$ .

3) Here we can use a direct proof or a proof by contradiction. Let's look at both.

A direct proof: We want to prove that  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Take an arbitrary  $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}$ . By Homework 5, Problem 3, we know that there exists a sequence of rationals convergent to  $\bar{x}$ :  $\{q_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ ,

$q_n \in \mathbb{Q}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q_n = \bar{x}$ . Since  $f$  is continuous, we obtain

by Heine's characterization of the limit that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(q_n) = f(\bar{x})$ .

But  $f(q_n) = 0$ . Thus,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(q_n) = 0 = f(\bar{x})$ . Since  $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}$  was arbitrary,

$f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

An alternative proof by contradiction: Suppose there exists  $c \in \mathbb{R}$

such that  $f(c) \neq 0$ . Suppose first that  $f(c) > 0$ . Then by Prop 6.1 there exists a nbhd  $(c - \epsilon_0, c + \epsilon_0)$  such that  $f(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in (c - \epsilon_0, c + \epsilon_0)$ .

Contradiction as by the density of rationals  $(c - \epsilon_0, c + \epsilon_0)$  contains rational numbers. We reason similarly in the case  $f(c) < 0$ .

By Prop 6.1, in some nbhd  $(c - \epsilon_0, c + \epsilon_0)$ ,  $f(x) < 0$  for all  $x \in (c - \epsilon_0, c + \epsilon_0)$ .

A contradiction as the nbhd contains rational numbers and  $f(q) = 0$  for all  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

4)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$  is defined in  $(0, +\infty)$ . Take an  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Take a  $p$  such that  $p > \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}$ . Then:

$$\left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} - 0 \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} < \varepsilon \text{ whenever } x > p \dots$$

Indeed,  $x > p$  gives  $x > \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}$  which in turn implies  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} < \varepsilon$ .

Thus, by Def HG.1,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} = 0$ .

5) We use Def HG.1. Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. As  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = L$ ,

$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} g(x) = M$ , there exist  $p_1 > a$ ,  $p_2 > a$  such that

$$|f(x) - L| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \text{ for } x \geq p_1 \quad (2)$$

$$|g(x) - M| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \text{ for } x \geq p_2. \quad (3)$$

Take  $p = \max\{p_1, p_2\}$ . Then for  $x \geq p$  (2) and (3) hold. We obtain:

$$|f(x) + g(x) - (L + M)| \leq |f(x) - L| + |g(x) - M| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon \text{ for } x \geq p. \quad (4)$$

Since  $\varepsilon$  was arbitrary,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} (f(x) + g(x)) = L + M$  by (4).

6) Def HG.2: Let  $f$  be defined in  $(-\infty, a)$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $L \in \mathbb{R}$ . We say that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = L$$

iff

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists p < a \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, a) \quad (x \leq p \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon)$$