Masters & Ph.D. Qualifying Exam

May 26, 2016, 12:00-6:00p.m., Avery Hall 347

• Work 5 questions out 6. • Each problem is worth 20 points.

Parts of each problem don't necessarily carry the same weight, and they can be unrelated.
 Do not interpret a problem in such a way that it becomes trivial.
 Write on one side of the paper only and hand your work in order.

(1) Consider the function: $f(x) = \frac{x}{1-x^2}, x \in (0,1).$

(a) By using the ε-δ definition of the limit only, prove that f is continuous on (0, 1). (Note: You are not allowed to trivialize the problem by using properties of limits).
(b) Is f uniformly continuous on (0, 1)? Justify your answer.

(2) Let $\{a_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ be a bounded sequence of real numbers and E be given by:

 $E := \Big\{ s \in \mathbb{R} : \text{ the set } \{ k \in \mathbb{N} : a_k \ge s \} \text{ has at most finitely many elements} \Big\}.$ Prove that $\limsup_{k \to \infty} a_k = \inf E.$

- (3) Assume (X, d) is a compact metric space.
 (a) Prove that X is both complete and separable.
 (b) Suppose {x_k}_{k=1}[∞] ⊂ X is a sequence such that the series ∑_{k=1}[∞] d(x_k, x_{k+1}) is convergent. Prove that the sequence {x_k}_{k=1}[∞] converges in X.
- (4) Suppose that $f : [0,2] \to \mathbb{R}$ is continuous on [0,2], differentiable on (0,2), and such that f(0) = f(2) = 0, f(c) = 1, for some $c \in (0,2)$. Prove that there is an $x \in (0,2)$ such that |f'(x)| > 1.
- (5) Let f_n(x) = n^βx (1 x²)ⁿ, x ∈ [0, 1], n ∈ N.
 (a) Prove that {f_n}_{n=1}[∞] converges point-wise on [0, 1] for every β ∈ ℝ.
 (b) Show that the convergence in part (a) is uniform on [0, 1] for all β < 1/2, but not uniform for any β ≥ 1/2.
- (6) (a) Suppose f: [-1,1] → ℝ is a bounded function that is continuous at 0. Let α(x) = -1 for x ∈ [-1,0] and α(x) = 1 for x ∈ (0,1]. Prove that f ∈ ℝ(α)[-1,1], i.e., f is Riemann integrable with respect to α on [-1,1], and ∫¹₋₁ fdα = 2f(0).
 (b) Let g: [0,1] → ℝ be a continuous function such that ∫¹₀ g(x)x^{3k+2} dx = 0, for all k = 0, 1, 2, ···. Prove that g(x) = 0 for all x ∈ [0,1].