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FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DATA SCIENCE AND
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER

SMA 3301: REAL ANALYSIS I

DATE: APRIL 2024

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question *one* and any other *two* questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Let S be a non-empty subset of \mathbb{R} . Define the terms upper bound, lower bound, supremum and infimum of S (4 marks)
- b) Find the supremum, infimum, maximum and minimum of the following sets if they exist
- i. $s_1 = \left\{ (-1)^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$ (2 marks)
- ii. $s_2 = \left\{ r \in \mathbb{Q} : -1 \leq r \leq \sqrt{2} \right\}$ (2 marks)
- c) i. Define an open set (2 marks)
- ii. Prove that the intersection of a finite collection of open sets is open (5 marks)

d) State the definition of convergence of a sequence of real number $(a_n), n \in \mathbb{N}$ to a limit $a \in \mathbb{R}$, and use this definition to show that $\frac{2n}{n^2 + 1} \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ (7 marks)

e) i. Define conditional convergence of a sequence in \mathbb{R} (4 marks)

ii. Show that the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$ is conditionally convergent (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

a) i. Define continuity of a function $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (3 marks)

ii. Show that the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2}, & x \neq 2 \\ 4, & x = 2 \end{cases}$ is continuous at $x = 2$ (4 marks)

b) i. Show that the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2x^2 - 3x + 1}{x - 1}, & x \neq 1 \\ \frac{1}{5}, & x = 1 \end{cases}$ is discontinuous at $x = 1$ (4 marks)

ii. How should $f(x)$ in b(i) above be defined to make it continuous at $x = 1$? (3 marks)

c) i) Define uniform continuity of a function $f : s \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (2 marks)

ii) Prove that the function $f(x) = 2x$ is uniformly continuous on \mathbb{R} (4 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARK)

a) i. Define a Cauchy sequence (2 marks)

- ii. Show that the sequence $\left(\frac{1}{2^n}\right)$ is a Cauchy sequence (6 marks)
- b) i. Define the terms limit superior and limit inferior (2 marks)
- ii. Prove that a sequence (x_n) of real numbers converges if and only if limit superior and limit inferior are equal (6 marks)
- c) let $x = (0,1] \subset \mathbb{R}$. Using the sequence $x_n = \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$ in X show that not every Cauchy sequence is convergent (4 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) i. Define a closed set (2 marks)
- ii. Prove that a set $S \subset \mathbb{R}$ is closed if and only if s^c is open (6 marks)
- b) Prove that the union of any finite number of closed sets is closed (5 marks)
- c) i. Define a compact set in \mathbb{R} (3 marks)
- ii. let $H = [0, \infty]$. Show that H is not compact (4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Define the following
- i. Even number (1 mark)
- ii. Rational number (2 marks)
- iii. Interior point of a set S (2 marks)
- b) i. State the completeness axiom of the set \mathbb{R} of real numbers (2 marks)
- c) Prove that $\sqrt{3}$ is irrational (5 marks)
- d) Given that a and b are rationals with $b \neq 0$ and S is an irrational number such that $a - bs = t$. Prove that t is irrational. Hence show that $\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{\sqrt{3}+1}$ is irrational (8 marks)