

Mathematics 3790H – Analysis I: Introduction to analysis

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Assignment #8

Due on Friday, 14 March, 2014.

Consider the following condition which a function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ might satisfy at some point $a \in \mathbb{R}$:

(\star) $f(q_n) \rightarrow f(a)$ for every sequence $\{q_n\}$ such that $q_n \rightarrow a$ and $q_n \in \mathbb{Q}$ for all n .

Note that this is a modification of the sequential definition of continuity of a function at a point.

1. Either show that $f(x)$ satisfies (\star) if and only if $f(x)$ is continuous at a , or find a counterexample to this assertion. [10]