

7. TRUE or FALSE

- a) If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ exists and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$ does not exist, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x) + g(x))$ does not exist.

TRUE, because if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x) + g(x))$ were to exist then

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x) + g(x) - f(x)) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x) + g(x)) - \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)\end{aligned}$$

would also exist.

- b) If neither $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ nor $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$ exists, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x) + g(x))$ does not exist.

FALSE. Neither $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 1/x$ nor $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (-1/x)$ exist, but $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} ((1/x) + (-1/x)) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 0 = 0$ exists.

- c) If f is continuous at a , then so is $|f|$.

TRUE. For any two real numbers u and v we have

$$||u| - |v|| \leq |u - v|.$$

This follows from

$$\begin{aligned}|u| &= |u - v + v| \leq |u - v| + |v|, \quad \text{and} \\ |v| &= |v - u + u| \leq |v - u| + |u| = |u - v| + |u|.\end{aligned}$$

Now we have

$$||f(x)| - |f(a)|| \leq |f(x) - f(a)|$$

so the left side approaches zero whenever the right side does. This happens when $x \rightarrow a$ by the continuity of f at a .

- d) If $|f|$ is continuous at a , then so is f .

FALSE. The function $f(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$ is discontinuous at $x = 0$, but $|f(x)| = 1$ everywhere, and so is continuous at $x = 0$.

- e) If $f(x) < g(x)$ in an interval around a and if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = M$ both exist, then $L < M$.

FALSE. Let $g(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$ and let $f(x) = -g(x)$. Then $f(x) < g(x)$ for all x , but $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x)$. (Note: under the given conditions, it is TRUE that $L \leq M$, but not necessarily true that $L < M$.)