

*This homework can be turned in until 3:00 PM on Thursday, September 15.*

**Problem 1** (Textbook problem 1.4.12a). Suppose that  $\lambda$  is the least upper bound of some set  $S$ , and that  $\lambda$  is *not* in  $S$ . Prove that  $\lambda$  is an accumulation point of  $S$ . [Hint: For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a point  $s \in S$  such that  $\lambda - \varepsilon < s < \lambda$ . Now use the definition of accumulation point to finish the proof.]

**Problem 2** (Textbook problems 1.4.9 and 1.4.10). **(a)** Prove lemma 1.4.5: If  $x$  is an accumulation point of a set  $S$  and if  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then there is an infinite number of points of  $S$  within distance  $\varepsilon$  of  $x$ . That is,  $(x - \varepsilon, x + \varepsilon) \cap S$  is infinite. [Hint: Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , suppose that there is only a finite number of points,  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k$ , of  $S$  within  $\varepsilon$  of  $x$ , but not equal to  $x$ . Let  $\varepsilon' = \min(|s_1 - x|, |s_2 - x|, \dots, |s_k - x|)$ . Now, show that no  $s \in S$  satisfies  $0 < |s - x| < \varepsilon'$ .] **(b)** Deduce that if  $S$  is a **finite** subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , then  $S$  has no accumulation points. [This is trivially a corollary of the lemma.]

**Problem 3.** Prove directly, using the (epsilon-delta) definition of limits, that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{2x+4}{7} = 2$ .

**Problem 4.** Show directly, without using the product rule for limits, that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x^3 = 27$ . (Note that  $a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$ .)

**Problem 5.** Suppose that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove directly, using the definition of limit, that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} cf(x) = cL$ . [Be careful:  $c = 0$  is a special case.]

**Problem 6** (Textbook problem 2.2.9). Suppose that  $f(x) \leq 0$  for all  $x$  in some open interval containing  $a$ , except possibly at  $a$ . Suppose that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$ . Show that  $L \leq 0$ . [Hint: Assume instead that  $L > 0$ . Let  $\varepsilon = L/2$  and derive a contradiction.] (Remark: A similar proof shows that if  $f(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x$  near  $a$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \geq 0$ , if the limit exists.)

**Problem 7.** This problem gives an alternative proof of the product rule.

- Suppose  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$ . Show directly from the definition of limit (without using the product rule) that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)^2 = L^2$ .
- Verify algebraically, by expanding the right-hand side, that  $ab = \frac{1}{4}((a+b)^2 - (a-b)^2)$ .
- Let's say that the sum, difference, and constant multiple rules for limits have already been proved, in addition to parts (a) and (b) of this problem. Using all that (and **not** the definition of derivative), prove the product rule for limits.