

PROBLEM SET NO. 3 (DUE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT  
4:00 PM)

WEDNESDAY 10-15

- **Problem 4:** (recommended)
  - (a) Suppose that  $f(x) \leq g(x)$  for all  $x$ . Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$ , provided that these limits exist.
  - (b) How could the hypotheses be weakened? *Hint:* The limit is a “local property.”
  - (c) If  $f(x) < g(x)$  for all  $x$ , does it necessarily follow that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) < \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$ ?
- **Problem 5:** Show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0$  if and only if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} |f(x)| = 0$ . Show that this isn't true for numbers other than 0.
- **Problem 6:** We define  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \infty$  to mean that for all  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|f(x)| > N$  whenever  $x$  satisfies  $0 < |x - x_0| < \delta$ . Show that
  - (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} 1/(x - 3)^2 = \infty$ .
  - (b) Prove that if for some  $c > 0$ ,  $|f(x)| > c$  for all  $x$ , and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) = 0$ , then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \infty .$$