

**MAT 319**  
**Homework 11**  
**due Wednesday, April 27**

**Question 1.** This is a question about limits.

Fix  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $(a, b)$  be an interval containing  $x_0$ , and suppose that  $f(x)$  is defined for all  $x \in (a, b)$ ,  $x \neq x_0$ .

(a) Prove that if  $f(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ ,  $x \neq x_0$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) \geq 0$ .

(b) Prove that if  $f(x) \leq 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ ,  $x \neq x_0$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) \leq 0$ .

(c) Give an example of a function  $f_1$  such that  $f_1(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ ,  $x \neq x_0$  but  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f_1(x) = 0$ , and also of function  $f_2$  such that  $f_2(x) < 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ ,  $x \neq x_0$  but  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f_2(x) = 0$ .

**Question 2.** In class, we showed that if the function  $f$  increases on  $(a, b)$ , then  $f'(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ .

Use the same strategy to show that if  $f$  decreases on  $(a, b)$  then  $f'(x) \leq 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ .

Give an example of a function  $f$  that *strictly* decreases on  $(a, b)$  but  $f'(x_0) = 0$  for some  $x_0 \in (a, b)$ .

In this question, all functions we consider are assumed to be differentiable on their domain.

Please also do questions **28.2**, **28.4**, **28.8**, **28.14**.