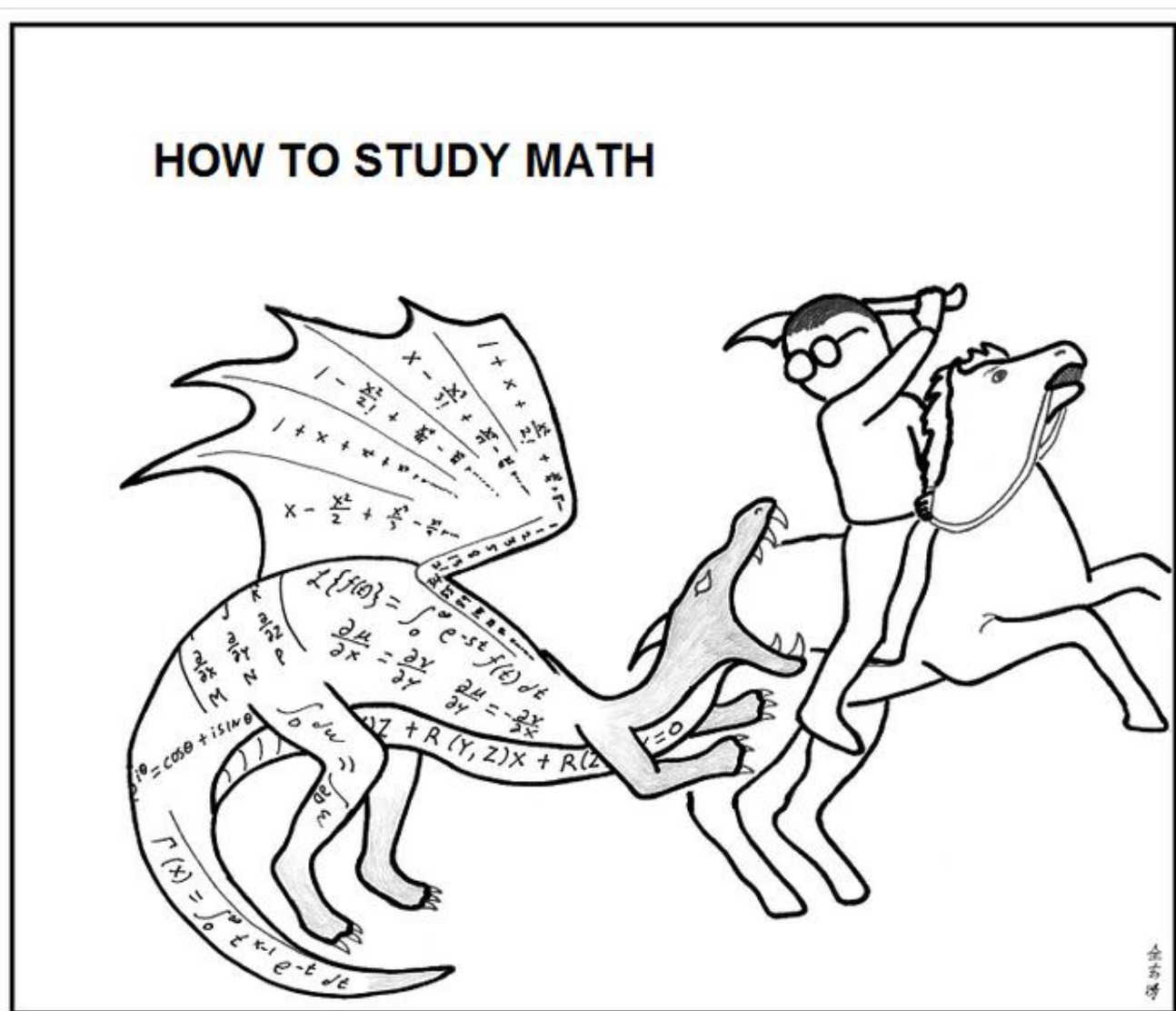


ABSTRUSE GOOSE



Don't just read it; fight it!

--- Paul R. Halmos

PART I Definitions and statements of theorems

PART II (Each of the following 14 assertions is false. Give an explicit counter-example to illustrate this.)

1. If $H: (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is continuous, then H is unbounded.
2. If $G: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is discontinuous at every $x \in \mathbf{R}$, then G^2 is discontinuous at every $x \in \mathbf{R}$.
3. There does not exist a function $g: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ that is discontinuous *only* at every $x \in \mathbf{N}$.
4. There does not exist a function $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ that is continuous *only* at every $x \in \mathbf{N}$.

5. If $G: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is continuous then the set $S = \{x \in [0, 1]: G(x) = 0\}$ is either uncountable or finite (possibly empty).
6. Let $I = (0, 1)$. There does not exist a function $g: I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ such that $g(I)$ is a compact interval of positive length.
7. If two functions, $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ and $g: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ satisfy the conditions that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 4, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} g(x) = 5$$

and f is continuous at $x = 3$,

$$\text{then } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} g \circ f(x) = 5.$$

8. If $F: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is continuous and $\{x_n\} \subset [0, 1]$ is a sequence for which $F(x_n)$ converges then $\{x_n\}$ must converge.
9. If $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ satisfies the Intermediate Value Property on $[a, b]$, then f is continuous on $[a, b]$.
10. Let $F: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be continuous and let $A, B \subseteq \mathbf{R}$. Then $F(A \cap B) = F(A) \cap F(B)$.
11. If S and T are sequentially compact subsets of \mathbf{R} , then $A \setminus B = \{x \in S \mid x \notin T\}$ is sequentially compact.
12. Let $G: (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a continuous function and let $\{a_n\} \subset (0, 1)$ be a Cauchy sequence. Then $\{G(a_n)\}$ is a Cauchy sequence.
13. Let $h: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a function that achieves a maximum value on the interval $[0, 1]$. Then the function $F(x) = (h(x))^2$ also achieves a maximum value on the interval $[0, 1]$.
14. Let $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ and $g: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ each have a jump discontinuity at $x = 5$. Then $f + g$ has a jump discontinuity at $x = 5$.

PART III

Instructions: Select any 3 of the following 4 problems. You may answer all 4 to obtain extra credit.

1. Let $I = [a, b]$ be a compact interval. Prove that I is sequentially compact.
2. Using only the definition of limit, prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{5 - x}{x^2 + 1} = 5$.
3. Let $G: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a uniformly continuous function and let $\{x_n\} \subset (a, b)$ be a Cauchy sequence. Prove that $\{G(x_n)\}$ is a Cauchy sequence.
4. Let $f(x) = \int_{\pi}^{4\pi} \frac{\sin xt}{t} dt$ be defined on \mathbf{R} and let $x_0 \in \mathbf{R}$. Prove, using the definition of continuity, that f is continuous at $x = x_0$.

(Hint: You may use, without proof, the lemma for bounding $|\sin A - \sin B|$.)

PART IV

Instructions: Select any 4 of the following 5 problems. You may answer all five to obtain extra credit.

1. State and prove the Squeeze Theorem for functions.

2. Let $g(x) = \int_0^2 \frac{t^3}{1+x^2t^5+x^4t^9} dt$. Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x)$ exists and find its value.
Hint: Use the squeeze theorem.
3. Let f and g be uniformly continuous functions on \mathbf{R} , and let a and b be constants. Prove that the linear combination, $h = af + bg$, is also uniformly continuous on \mathbf{R} .
4. Let $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a function that satisfies the condition that, for any compact interval I , $f(I)$ is a compact interval. Note that we are *not* assuming f to be continuous.
- Prove that, on any compact interval, f achieves a maximum value.
 - Prove that on any compact interval, f satisfies the Intermediate Value Property.
5. Let $G: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be continuous. We know from the Boundedness Theorem that $\alpha = \sup G([0, 1])$ exists. Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of points in $[0, 1]$ satisfying
- $$G(a_n) > \alpha - 1/n \text{ for all integers } n \geq 0.$$
- Must it follow that $\{a_n\}$ converge? Explain!
 - Suppose that $a_n \rightarrow p$. Prove that $G(p) = \alpha$.

We are usually convinced more easily by reasons we have found ourselves than by those which occurred to others.

- Blaise Pascal

This isn't right; this isn't even wrong.

- Wolfgang Pauli (1900-1958), upon reading a young physicist's paper

