1. Let $f$ be a continuous function from $\mathbb{R}$ to $\mathbb{R}$, and suppose that for every $t>0$ the sequence $f(t), f(2 t), f(3 t), \ldots$ tends to 0 . Prove that $f(x) \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$.
2. (i) Find a sequence $\left[a_{1}, b_{1}\right],\left[a_{2}, b_{2}\right], \ldots$ of closed intervals in $\mathbb{R}$ of positive length whose union contains all rationals in $[0,1]$ and such that $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\left(b_{i}-a_{i}\right)<1$.
(ii) Let $\left[a_{1}, b_{1}\right],\left[a_{2}, b_{2}\right], \ldots$ be a sequence of closed intervals in $\mathbb{R}$ of positive length whose union contains all irrationals in $[0,1]$. Can we have $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\left(b_{i}-a_{i}\right)<1$ ?
3. Let $f$ be an infinitely-differentiable function from $\mathbb{R}$ to $\mathbb{R}$, such that for every $x$ there is an $n$ with all the derivatives $f^{(n)}(x), f^{(n+1)}(x), f^{(n+2)}(x), \ldots$ being zero. Must $f$ be a polynomial?
4. Show that $\mathbb{R}^{2}$ cannot be written as the disjoint union of (non-trivial) circles. What about $\mathbb{R}^{3}$ ?
5. (i) Does there exist a function from $\mathbb{R}$ to $\mathbb{R}$ which is continuous at precisely the rationals?
(ii) Does there exist a function from $\mathbb{R}$ to $\mathbb{R}$ which is continuous at precisely the irrationals?
6. We say that a function $f$ from $\mathbb{R}$ to $\mathbb{R}$ crosses the axis at a point $x$ if $f(x)=0$ but for any $\epsilon>0$ there exist $y$ and $z$ in $(x-\epsilon, x+\epsilon)$ with $f(y)>0$ and $f(z)<0$. Can a continuous function cross the axis at uncountably many places?
7. If $f$ is a polynomial of one real variable that is bounded below (on $\mathbb{R}$ ), explain why $f$ attains its minimum value. If $f$ is a polynomial of two real variables that is bounded below (on $\mathbb{R}^{2}$ ), must $f$ attain its minimum value?
8. Show that the set $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ of all functions from $\mathbb{R}$ to $\mathbb{R}$ bijects with the set $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ of all subsets of $\mathbb{R}$, and that the set of continuous functions from $\mathbb{R}$ to $\mathbb{R}$ bijects with $\mathbb{R}$. What about the sets of monotonic functions and of integrable functions?
9. A subset of $\mathbb{R}$ is perfect if it is closed and has no isolated points. Prove that every non-empty perfect set has cardinality that of $\mathbb{R}$, and that every closed set is the union of a perfect set and a countable set.
10. Construct a function from $\mathbb{R}$ to $\mathbb{R}$ that is infinitely differentiable, and which is identically 1 on $[-1,1]$ and identically 0 outside $(-2,2)$.
11. Let $f$ be a differentiable function from $\mathbb{Q}$ to $\mathbb{Q}$ such that $f^{\prime}=f$. Must $f$ be identically zero?
