Homework 9: Continuity

1. §5.2, #4, 18.

2. Suppose that f, g, h are three functions which are defined on (a, b) and continuous at $c \in (a, b)$.

   (a) Prove that if $f(c) \neq 0$, then there exists a neighborhood U of c such that $f(x) \neq 0$ for every $x \in U$.

   (b) Prove that if $g(c) \neq h(c)$, then there exists a neighborhood U of c such that $g(x) \neq h(x)$ for every $x \in U$. (Hint: consider the function $p(x) = g(x) - h(x)$, and apply part (a)).

3. Let D be a subset of $\mathbb{R}$ containing 0, and let $f : D \to \mathbb{R}$ be bounded on D (i.e., $f(D)$ is a bounded subset of $\mathbb{R}$). Define a new function $g : D \to \mathbb{R}$ by $g(x) = xf(x)$.

   (a) Use the definition of continuity to prove that g is continuous at $x = 0$.

   (b) Suppose $c \neq 0$. Prove that g is continuous at c if and only if f is continuous at c. (Hint: Use a theorem on continuity.)