

First, notice that it is enough to show the result for  $f$  (since  $f^{-1}$  will also be strictly monotonic and onto; also, it is clear that  $f$  will be injective, which proves the existence of  $f^{-1}$ ). We can assume  $f$  is strictly increasing.

Now assume  $f$  has got a discontinuity at point  $x \in U$ . There is some  $\epsilon > 0$  such that for every  $\eta > 0$ , you can find  $y$  with  $0 < y - x < \eta$  and  $f(y) - f(x) > \epsilon$ , or equivalently  $f(y) > \epsilon + f(x)$ . Since  $f$  is strictly increasing, this implies that this inequality holds for every  $y > x$ , meaning  $f$  will never take any value in  $]f(x), f(x) + \epsilon[$ , and hence cannot be onto. Absurd.