

MA 109 : Calculus-I D1 T4, Tutorial 2

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Questions to be Discussed

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 - 7 - Proof using $\epsilon - n_0$ definition (Optional, Discussed last time)
 - 10 - Proof of Even-odd convergence (Optional, Talked about last time)
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 - 15 - Check differentiability of a function
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 - 3 - Intermediate Value Property (IVP) and Rolle's Theorem
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7. If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L \neq 0$, show that there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$|a_n| \geq \frac{|L|}{2} \quad \text{for all } n \geq n_0.$$

Let us choose $\epsilon = \frac{|L|}{2}$. Why is this a valid choice of ϵ ?)

By hypothesis, there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$ whenever $n \geq n_0$.

$$\begin{aligned} |a_n - L| &< \epsilon & \forall n \geq n_0 \\ \implies ||a_n| - |L|| &< \epsilon & \forall n \geq n_0 \\ \implies -\epsilon < |a_n| - |L| &< \epsilon & \forall n \geq n_0 \\ \implies |L| - \epsilon &< |a_n| & \forall n \geq n_0 \\ \implies \frac{|L|}{2} &< |a_n| & \forall n \geq n_0 \end{aligned}$$

10. To show:

$\{a_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is convergent $\iff \{a_{2n}\}_{n \geq 1}$ and $\{a_{2n+1}\}_{n \geq 1}$ converge to the same limit.

Proof. (\implies) Let $b_n := a_{2n}$ and $c_n := a_{2n+1}$. We are given that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$. We must show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n$.

Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. By hypothesis, there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$ for $n \geq n_0$.

Note that $2n > n$ and $2n + 1 > n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Thus, we have that

$|b_n - L| < \epsilon$ and $|c_n - L| < \epsilon$ for all $n \geq n_0$.

Thus, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = L$. ■

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(\Leftarrow) Let (b_n) and (c_n) be as defined before. We are given that

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = L$. We must show that (a_n) converges.

Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. By hypothesis, there exists $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$|b_n - L| < \epsilon \text{ for all } n \geq n_1 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{and } |c_n - L| < \epsilon \text{ for all } n \geq n_2. \quad (2)$$

Choose $n_0 = \max\{2n_1, 2n_2 + 1\}$.

Let $n \geq n_0$ be even. Then, $n \geq 2n_1$ or $n/2 \geq n_1$ and $a_n = b_{n/2}$. By (1), we have it that $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$.

Similarly, let $n \geq n_0$ be odd. Then, $n \geq 2n_2 + 1$ or $(n-1)/2 \geq n_2$ and $a_n = c_{(n-1)/2}$.

By (2), we have it that $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$.

Thus, we have shown that $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$ whenever $n \geq n_0$. This is precisely what it means for (a_n) to converge to L . ■

13. (ii) The function is continuous everywhere.

Proof. For $x \neq 0$, it simply follows from the fact that product and composition of continuous functions is continuous.

To show continuity at $x = 0$:

Let (x_n) be any sequence of real numbers such that $x_n \rightarrow 0$. We must show that $f(x_n) \rightarrow 0$.

Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given.

Observe that $|f(x_n) - 0| = \left| x_n \sin \left(\frac{1}{x_n} \right) \right| \leq |x_n|$.

Now, we shall use the fact $x_n \rightarrow 0$. By this hypothesis, there must exist $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|x_n| = |x_n - 0| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq n_1$.

Choosing $n_0 = n_1$, we have it that $|f(x_n) - 0| \leq |x_n| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq n_0$. ■

15. For $x \neq 0$, it simply follows from the fact that product and composition of differentiable functions is differentiable.

To show differentiable at $x = 0$ and evaluating $f'(0)$

$$f'(0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^2 \sin(1/h)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h \sin(1/h)$$

$$|f'(0)| \leq \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} |h| = 0 \implies f'(0) = 0$$

We can compute $f'(x) = 2x \sin(1/x) - \cos(1/x)$ for $x \neq 0$ and $f'(0) = 0$.
 f' is not continuous as limit at $x = 0$ is not defined (Why?).

18. Given: $f(x + y) = f(x)f(y)$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. (1)

Let $x = y = 0$. This gives us that $f(0) = (f(0))^2$.

Thus, $f(0) = 0$ or $f(0) = 1$.

Case 1. $f(0) = 0$.

Substitute $y = 0$ in (1). Thus, $f(x) = f(0)f(x) = 0$.

Therefore, f is identically 0 which means it's differentiable everywhere with derivative 0.

Verify that $f'(c) = f'(0)f(c)$ does hold for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. (We did not need to use the fact that f is differentiable at 0, it followed from definition.)

Case 2. $f(0) = 1$.

As f is differentiable at 0, we know that:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0 + h) - f(0)}{h} = f'(0) \implies \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h) - 1}{h} = f'(0). \quad (2)$$

Now, let us show that f is differentiable everywhere.

Let $c \in \mathbb{R}$. We must show that the following limit exists:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h}$$

Using (1), we can write the above expression as:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c)f(h) - f(c)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c)(f(h) - 1)}{h} = f(c) \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h) - 1}{h}.$$

By (2), we know that the above limit exists. Thus, we have it that f is differentiable at c for every $c \in \mathbb{R}$. Moreover, $f'(c) = f'(0)f(c)$.

(Optional) We have gotten that the derivative of f is a scalar multiple of f . Use this to conclude.

3. Part 1. We will first show the existence of such an $x_0 \in (a, b)$.

Proof. $I := [a, b]$ is an interval and f is continuous. Thus, f has the intermediate value property on I . Thus, the range $J := f(I)$ must be an interval. As $f(a)$ and $f(b)$ are of different signs, 0 lies between them. As $f(a), f(b) \in J$ and J is an interval, we have it that $0 \in J = f(I)$. Thus, $0 = f(x_0)$ for some $x_0 \in I = (a, b)$. ■

Part 2. Now we will show the uniqueness of x_0 . Assume that there exists $x_1 \in (a, b)$ such that $f(x_1) = 0$. We may assume that $x_0 < x_1$.

Now, we know the following:

- (i) f is continuous on $[x_0, x_1]$,
- (ii) f is differentiable on (x_0, x_1) , and
- (iii) $f(x_0) = f(x_1)$.

Thus, by Rolle's Theorem, there exists $x_2 \in (x_0, x_1)$ such that $f'(x_2) = 0$. But this contradicts the hypothesis that $f'(x) \neq 0$ for all $x \in (a, b)$. ■

5. To prove that $|\sin a - \sin b| \leq |a - b|$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.

Case 1. $a = b$. Trivial.

Case 2. $a \neq b$. Without loss of generality, we can assume that $a < b$.

As $f(x) := \sin(x)$ is continuous and differentiable on \mathbb{R} , there exists $c \in (a, b)$ such

that $f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$. (By MVT)

Also, we know that $|f'(c)| = |\cos c| \leq 1$.

Thus, we have it that $\left| \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} \right| \leq 1$.

This is equivalent to what we wanted to prove. ■

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