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Lipschitz function

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Let $W \subseteq X \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ and $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. Then f is continuous on W if there exists an $M \in \mathbb{R}$ such that, for all $x, y \in W$, $x \neq y$

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq M|x - y|$$

If $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a < b$ and $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Lipschitz on (a, b) , then f is absolutely continuous on $[a, b]$.

Example: Is

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}, \quad x \in [0, 1]$$

a Lipschitz function.

We need to estimate the constant M .

$$|f(x) - f(y)| = \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} \right| = \left| \frac{\sqrt{y} - \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{xy}} \right| = \left| \frac{x - y}{\sqrt{xy}(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})} \right| = \frac{1}{|\sqrt{xy}(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})|} |x - y|.$$

It follows that

$$M = \frac{1}{|\sqrt{xy}(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})|}$$

and $f(x)$ is not Lipschitz at $x = 0$.