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increasing/decreasing/monotone function

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**Definition** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , and let  $f$  be a function from  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then

1.  $f$  is *increasing* or *weakly increasing*, if  $x \leq y$  implies that  $f(x) \leq f(y)$  (for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $A$ ).
2.  $f$  is *strictly increasing* or *strongly increasing*, if  $x < y$  implies that  $f(x) < f(y)$ .
3.  $f$  is *decreasing* or *weakly decreasing*, if  $x \leq y$  implies that  $f(x) \geq f(y)$ .
4.  $f$  is *strictly decreasing* or *strongly decreasing* if  $x < y$  implies that  $f(x) > f(y)$ .
5.  $f$  is *monotone*, if  $f$  is either increasing or decreasing.
6.  $f$  is *strictly monotone* or *strongly monotone*, if  $f$  is either strictly increasing or strictly decreasing.

**Theorem** Let  $X$  be a bounded or unbounded open interval of  $\mathbb{R}$ . In other words, let  $X$  be an interval of the form  $X = (a, b)$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty, \infty\}$ . Further, let  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a monotone function.

1. The set of points where  $f$  is discontinuous is at most countable [?, ?].

Lebesgue  $f$  is differentiable almost everywhere ([?], pp. 514).

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