

# Meeting 14

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## Tangents and Secants

Last time: The Extreme Value Theorem  
# 1.)

### Proof of the boundedness Theorem

Statement: if  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ ,  
Then it is bounded on  $[a, b]$

Suppose  $f$  is not bounded above on the interval  $[a, b]$ . Then, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  
 $\exists x_n \in [a, b]$  s.t.  $f(x_n) > n$ . This defines a sequence  $(x_n)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Because  $[a, b]$  is bounded, the Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem implies that  $\exists$  a convergent subsequence  $(x_{n_k})$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , of  $(x_n)$ . Denote this limit by  $x$ . As  $[a, b]$  is closed, it contains  $x$ .  
 $x_{n_k}$  must be in  $[a, b]$

Because  $f$  is continuous at  $x$ , we know that  $f(x_{n_k})$  converges to the real number  $f(x)$   
(as  $f$  is sequentially continuous at  $x$ )



Dedekind-completeness  $\rightarrow$  Least upper bound

Idea

1) By way of contradiction, assume unbounded

2) Construct a sequence  $(x_n)$  s.t.

$$f(x_n) > n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

3) BW says  $\exists$  convergent

$$\text{sequence } x_{n_k} \rightarrow L$$

$$\text{so we expect } f(x_{n_k}) \rightarrow f(L)$$

4) But  $f(x_{n_k}) > n_k \geq k \quad \forall k$

~~which~~ which gives a contradiction



# EVT

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- 1.) Since  $f$  is bounded,  $\sup f = M$  exists
- 2.) construct  $M - \frac{1}{n} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$
- 3.) Since  $f$  is continuous  $\exists d_n \in [a, b]$   
Satisfying  $M - \frac{1}{n} < f(d_n)$
- 4.) This defines a sequence  $(d_n)$  with  
property  $M - \frac{1}{n} < f(d_n) \leq M$   
 $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$
- 5.)  $(d_n)$  is closed and bounded so  
 $\exists (d_{n_k})$  that is convergent to  $d \in [a, b]$

If all subsequences are monotonic and  
converges, ~~the~~ The Sequence  
converges

6.)  $f$  being continuous implies  
 $(f(d_{n_k})) \rightarrow f(L)$

7.) Since  $(f(d_n))$  is eventually monotonic  
we know  $(f(d_n)) \rightarrow M$



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8) We conclude the two sequences must be the same:  $f(L) = M$

#2)

a)

$$b) \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{d}{dx} x^2 = 2x$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 - x^2}{h}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (x+h)(x+h) \\ x^2 + 2xh + h^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 2xh + h^2 - x^2}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2xh + h^2}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 2x + h = 2x$$



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$$c) f(x) = x^\tau$$

$$f(x+h) = (x+h)^\tau$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^\tau - x^\tau}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{\tau} \binom{\tau}{k} x^{\tau-k} h^k - x^\tau}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{\tau} \binom{\tau}{k} x^{\tau-k} h^k - x^\tau}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \binom{\tau}{k} x^{\tau-k} h^k + x^\tau h^0 - x^\tau}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \binom{\tau}{k} x^{\tau-k} h^{k-1}$$

$$= \binom{\tau}{1} x^{\tau-1} h^{1-1} = \tau x^{\tau-1}$$



6)

$$\sum_{k=1}^T \binom{T}{k} x^{T-k} h^{k-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \binom{T}{1} x^{T-1} h^0 \\ & + \binom{T}{2} x^{T-2} h^1 \\ & + \binom{T}{3} x^{T-3} h^2 \\ & + \dots + \binom{T}{T} x^0 h^{T-1} \end{aligned}$$

#3

Function of  $x$   
vs

slope of a tangent line

derivative is a moving tangent

Like  $\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x$



$$\sin(x+\Delta x) = \sin(x)\cos(\Delta x) + \sin(\Delta x)\cos(x)$$

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)\cos(\Delta x) + \sin(\Delta x)\cos(x) - \sin(x)}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)\cos(\Delta x) + \sin(\Delta x)\cos(x) - \sin(x)}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \sin(x) \left[ \frac{\cos(\Delta x) - 1}{\Delta x} \right] +$$

$$\frac{\sin(\Delta x)\cos(x)}{\Delta x}$$

Small angle approx

$$= \cos(x)$$

$$\# \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = f'(a)$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(u+h) - f(u)}{(u+h) - u} \quad \leftarrow \begin{matrix} f(u) \\ \text{change of} \\ \text{variables} \end{matrix}$$

$$\text{is } (u+h=x) \text{ and } a=h$$

$$\rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

$$\begin{aligned} h &= x - u \\ 0 &= x - u \\ u &= x \\ \text{but } u &\neq a \\ x &\rightarrow a \end{aligned}$$



#5

Consider  $f(x) = |x|$

$f$  is continuous but we can show

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|x+h| - |x|}{h} = 1$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|x+h| - |x|}{h} = -1$$

So  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  Does not Exist

#6 Continuous :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$   
(at  $x=a$ )

Differentiable :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$   
(at  $x=a$ )

If I can show

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$$

The  $f(x)$  is continuous



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Differentiability is stronger  
than continuity

Class  $C^1 \subset C^0$

↑  
continuous  
function

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) - f(a) = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) - f(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \cdot \frac{x - a}{1}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x - a}{1}$$

$$= f'(a) \cdot 0$$

$$= 0$$

So differentiable and continuous