Calculus Notes

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1 Limits

1.1 Precise Definition of a Limit

Standard Limit:

$$\lim_{x\to a} f(x) = L \quad \text{if} \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, \ \exists \delta > 0 \text{ such that } 0 < |x-a| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x)-L| < \varepsilon.$$

1.2 Precise Definition of One-Sided Limit

Right-Hand Limit:

$$\lim_{x \to a^+} f(x) = L \quad \text{if} \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, \ \exists \delta > 0 \text{ such that } 0 < x - a < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon.$$

Left-Hand Limit:

$$\lim_{x \to a^{-}} f(x) = L \quad \text{if} \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, \ \exists \delta > 0 \text{ such that } 0 < a - x < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon.$$

1.3 Precise Definition of Infinite Limit

Infinite Limit:

$$\lim_{x\to a} f(x) = \infty \quad \text{if} \quad \forall M>0, \ \exists \delta>0 \ \text{such that} \ 0<|x-a|<\delta \Rightarrow f(x)>M.$$

$$\lim_{x\to a} f(x) = -\infty \quad \text{if} \quad \forall M>0, \ \exists \delta>0 \ \text{such that} \ 0<|x-a|<\delta \Rightarrow f(x)<-M.$$

1.4 Precise Definition of a Limit at Infinity

Limit at Infinity:

$$\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x) = L \quad \text{if} \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, \ \exists M > 0 \text{ such that } x > M \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon.$$

$$\lim_{x \to -\infty} f(x) = L \quad \text{if} \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, \ \exists M > 0 \text{ such that } x < -M \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon.$$

1.5 Precise Definition of Infinite Limit at Infinity

Infinite Limit at Infinity:

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) = \infty$$
 if $\forall M > 0, \exists N > 0$ such that $x > N \Rightarrow f(x) > M$.

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) = -\infty \quad \text{if} \quad \forall M > 0, \ \exists N > 0 \text{ such that } x > N \Rightarrow f(x) < -M.$$

$$\lim_{x \to -\infty} f(x) = \infty \quad \text{if} \quad \forall M > 0, \ \exists N > 0 \text{ such that } x < -N \Rightarrow f(x) > M.$$

$$\lim_{x \to -\infty} f(x) = -\infty \quad \text{if} \quad \forall M > 0, \ \exists N > 0 \text{ such that } x < -N \Rightarrow f(x) < -M.$$

1.6 Limit Laws

Suppose that c is a constant and the limits $\lim_{x\to a} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x\to a} g(x)$ exist. Then

1.
$$\lim_{x \to a} c = c$$

$$2. \lim_{x \to a} x = a$$

3.
$$\lim_{x \to a} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = \lim_{x \to a} f(x) \pm \lim_{x \to a} g(x)$$

4.
$$\lim_{x \to a} [cf(x)] = c \lim_{x \to a} f(x)$$

5.
$$\lim_{x \to a} [f(x)g(x)] = \lim_{x \to a} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \to a} g(x)$$

6.
$$\lim_{x \to a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \to a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \to a} g(x)}, \text{ if } \lim_{x \to a} g(x) \neq 0$$

7.
$$\lim_{x \to a} [f(x)]^n = [\lim_{x \to a} f(x)]^n$$

8.
$$\lim_{x \to a} \sqrt[n]{f(x)} = \sqrt[n]{\lim_{x \to a} f(x)}$$

1.7 Relationship between the Limit and One-Sided Limits

$$\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = L \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \lim_{x \to a^{+}} f(x) = \lim_{x \to a^{-}} f(x) = L.$$

$$\lim_{x \to a^{+}} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \to a^{-}} f(x) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lim_{x \to a} f(x) \text{ does not exist.}$$

1.8 Comparison Theorem

If $f(x) \leq g(x)$ when x is near a, and $\lim_{x \to a} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \to a} g(x)$ exist, then

$$\lim_{x \to a} f(x) \le \lim_{x \to a} g(x).$$

1.9 Squeeze Theorem

If $f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$ when x is near a, and

$$\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = \lim_{x \to a} h(x) = L$$

then

$$\lim_{x \to a} g(x) = L.$$

1.10 Continuity

A function f(x) is **continuous at** x = a if and only if it satisfies **all** the following:

- (1) f(a) exists
- (2) $\lim_{x \to a} f(x)$ exists
- $(3) \quad \lim_{x \to a} f(x) = f(a)$

Otherwise, f(x) is discontinuous at x = a.

1.11 Properties of Continuous Functions

If f(x) and g(x) are continuous at x = a and c is a constant, then the following functions are also continuous at x = a:

1. f + g

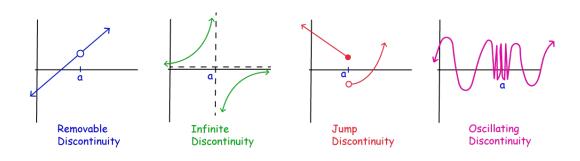
2. f - g

3. *cf*

4. fg

5. $\frac{f}{g}$ if $g(a) \neq 0$

1.12 Types of Discontinuity



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1.13 Limits of Continuous Functions

If f(x) is continuous at b and $\lim_{x\to a} g(x) = b$, then

$$\lim_{x \to a} f(g(x)) = f(\lim_{x \to a} g(x)) = f(b).$$

If g is continuous at a and f is continuous at g(a), then the composite $f \circ g$ is continuous at a.

1.14 Intermediate Value Theorem

If f is continuous on a closed interval [a, b], then for any N between f(a) and f(b),

$$\exists c \in [a, b] \text{ such that } f(c) = N$$

1.15 Asymptotes

Vertical Asymptote: x = a is a vertical asymptote if

$$\lim_{x \to a^{\pm}} f(x) = \pm \infty.$$

Horizontal Asymptote: y = L is a horizontal asymptote if

$$\lim_{x \to +\infty} f(x) = L.$$

For $f(x) = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$, compare degrees of P and Q:

$$\deg P < \deg Q \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = 0.$$

$$\deg P = \deg Q \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = \frac{\text{leading coef. of } P}{\text{leading coef. of } Q}.$$

 $\deg P > \deg Q \implies \text{no horizontal asymptote.}$

Oblique Asymptote: y = mx + b is an oblique asymptote if

$$\lim_{x \to +\infty} \left(f(x) - (mx + b) \right) = 0.$$

For a rational function $f(x) = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$, if $\deg P = \deg Q + 1$, then f(x) has an oblique asymptote. Find it by polynomial long division:

$$f(x) = D(x) + \frac{R(x)}{Q(x)}$$
, as $x \to \pm \infty$, $f(x) \approx D(x)$.

Curvilinear Asymptote: y = g(x) is a curvilinear asymptote if

$$\lim_{x \to \pm \infty} (f(x) - g(x)) = 0,$$

where g(x) is any non-linear function.

1.16 Common Limits

Assume a > 0 in the following.

$$1. \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\sin ax}{bx} = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$2. \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\tan ax}{bx} = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$3. \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} = 0$$

$$4. \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

5.
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{e^{ax} - 1}{x} = a$$

6.
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{a^x - 1}{x} = \ln a$$

7.
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \left(1 + \frac{k}{x} \right)^{mx} = e^{mk}$$

8.
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x} = 1$$

9.
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\log_a(1+x)}{x} = \log_a e$$

10.
$$\lim_{x \to 0^+} x^x = 1$$

11.
$$\lim_{x \to 0^+} x^a \ln x = 0$$

$$12. \lim_{x \to +\infty} x^{-a} \ln x = 0$$

2 Derivatives

2.1 Derivative at a Point

The **derivative** of f(x) at x = a is the **instantaneous rate of change** at that point:

$$f'(a) = \frac{df}{dx}\Big|_{x=a} = \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = \lim_{x\to a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x-a}.$$

2.2 Derivative as a Function

The derivative of a function f(x) at a point x is defined as the limit

$$f'(x) = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}.$$

2.3 Differentiability

A function f(x) is **differentiable** at x = a if its derivative f'(x) exists. That is:

$$f(x)$$
 is differentiable at $x = a \iff$ The limit $\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$ exists.

2.4 Differentiability Implies Continuity

If f(x) is differentiable at x = a, then it is continuous at x = a:

f differentiable at $a \implies f$ continuous at a.

However, the converse is false:

f continuous at $a \implies f$ differentiable at a.

2.5 Properties of Derivatives

Let f(x) and g(x) be differentiable functions. Then the following rules hold:

$$(1) \quad \frac{d}{dx}(c) = 0.$$

$$(2) \quad \frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}.$$

(3)
$$\frac{d}{dx}[cf(x)] = c[\frac{d}{dx}f(x)].$$

(4)
$$\frac{d}{dx}[f(x) \pm g(x)] = \frac{d}{dx}f(x) \pm \frac{d}{dx}g(x).$$

(5)
$$\frac{d}{dx}[f(x)g(x)] = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x).$$

(6)
$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{g(x)^2}.$$

(7)
$$\frac{d}{dx}[f(g(x))] = f'(g(x))g'(x).$$

2.6 Table of Derivatives

$$(\sin x)' = \cos x \qquad (\arcsin x)' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}} \qquad (e^x)' = e^x$$

$$(\cos x)' = -\sin x \qquad (\arccos x)' = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}} \qquad (a^x)' = a^x \ln a$$

$$(\tan x)' = \sec^2 x \qquad (\arctan x)' = \frac{1}{1 + x^2} \qquad (\log_a x)' = \frac{1}{x \ln a}$$

$$(\cot x)' = -\csc^2 x \qquad (\arccos x)' = -\frac{1}{1 + x^2} \qquad (\ln x)' = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$(\sec x)' = \sec x \tan x \qquad (\arcsin x)' = \frac{1}{1 + x^2} \qquad (\log_a x)' = \frac{1}{x \ln a}$$

$$(\cot x)' = -\csc^2 x \qquad (\arccos x)' = -\frac{1}{1 + x^2} \qquad (|x|)' = \frac{x}{|x|}$$

$$(\csc x)' = -\csc x \cot x \qquad (\arccos x)' = -\frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2 - 1}} \qquad (x^x)' = x^x(1 + \ln x)$$

2.7 Absolute and Local Extrema

Let f be defined on a domain D, and let $c \in D$.

- Absolute Maximum: f(c) is an absolute maximum if $f(c) \ge f(x)$, $\forall x \in D$.
- Absolute Minimum: f(c) is an absolute minimum if $f(c) \le f(x)$, $\forall x \in D$.
- Local Maximum: f(c) is a local maximum if $\exists \delta > 0$ such that $f(c) \geq f(x)$, $\forall x \in (c \delta, c + \delta)$.
- Local Minimum: f(c) is a local minimum if $\exists \delta > 0$ such that $f(c) \leq f(x)$, $\forall x \in (c \delta, c + \delta)$.

2.8 Extreme Value Theorem

If f is continuous on a closed interval [a, b], then f attains an absolute maximum and an absolute minimum on [a, b]:

$$\exists c, d \in [a, b] \text{ such that } f(c) \leq f(x) \leq f(d), \ \forall x \in [a, b].$$

2.9 Critical and Stationary Points

Let f be defined on an interval I and $c \in I$.

- Critical Point: c is a critical point of f if either
 - 1. f'(c) = 0, or
 - 2. f'(c) does not exist
- Stationary Point: c is a stationary point of f if f'(c) = 0.

Note: Every stationary point is a critical point, but not conversely.

2.10 Rolle's Theorem

Let f satisfy all conditions:

- 1. f is continuous on [a, b].
- 2. f is differentiable on (a, b).
- 3. f(a) = f(b).

Then, there exists at least one $c \in (a, b)$ such that f'(c) = 0.

2.11 Mean Value Theorem

Let f satisfy all conditions:

- 1. f is continuous on [a, b].
- 2. f is differentiable on (a, b).

Then, there exists at least one $c \in (a, b)$ such that:

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

Note: Rolle's Theorem is a special case of the Mean Value Theorem where f(a) = f(b).

2.12 Increasing/Decreasing Test

Let f be differentiable on an interval I. Then, for all $x \in I$:

- 1. If f'(x) > 0, then f is strictly increasing on I.
- 2. If f'(x) < 0, then f is strictly decreasing on I.
- 3. If f'(x) = 0, then f is constant on I.

2.13 First Derivative Test

Let c be a critical point of a differentiable function f(x), meaning f'(c) = 0 or f'(c) does not exist. Then:

- 1. If f'(x) changes from positive to negative at x = c, then f(c) is a **local maximum**.
- 2. If f'(x) changes from negative to positive at x = c, then f(c) is a **local minimum**.
- 3. If f'(x) does not change sign at x = c, then f(c) is **neither** a local maximum nor a local minimum.

2.14 Concavity and Inflection Points

Concave up \iff Curve lies above all of its tangent lines.

Concave down \iff Curve lies below all of its tangent lines.

Inflection point \iff Point where **concavity changes**.

2.15 Concavity Test

Let f(x) be twice differentiable on interval I. Then:

- If $f''(x) > 0 \ \forall x \in I \implies f(x)$ is **concave up** on I.
- If $f''(x) < 0 \ \forall x \in I \implies f(x)$ is **concave down** on I.

2.16 Second Derivative Test

Let c be a critical point of f where f(c) = 0. If f''(c) exists, then:

1. If f''(c) > 0, f(x) is **concave up** at c, so f(c) is a **local minimum**.

Local Maximum at $c \iff f'(c) = 0$ and f''(c) < 0

2. If f''(c) < 0, f(x) is concave down at c, so f(c) is a local maximum.

Local Minimum at $c \iff f'(c) = 0$ and f''(c) > 0

3. If f''(c) = 0 or **does not exist**, the test is **inconclusive**—use the First Derivative Test instead.

2.17 L'Hôpital's Rule

Let f(x) and g(x) be differentiable on an open interval containing a (except possibly at a). If

$$\lim_{x\to a} f(x) = \lim_{x\to a} g(x) = 0 \text{ or } \lim_{x\to a} f(x) = \lim_{x\to a} g(x) = \pm \infty$$

then

$$\lim_{x \to a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \to a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}.$$

2.18 Indeterminate Forms

The following symbols are "indeterminate":

$$\frac{0}{0} \qquad \frac{\infty}{\infty} \qquad 0 \cdot \infty \qquad \infty - \infty \qquad 1^{\infty} \qquad 0^{\infty}$$

 ∞^0

Warning: The following symbols are not indeterminate:

$$\frac{1}{0}$$
 $\frac{\infty}{0}$ $\frac{1}{\infty}$ $1 \cdot \infty$ $\infty + \infty$ $1 + \infty$ 0^{∞}

3 Integrals

3.1 Antiderivatives

A function F(x) is an **antiderivative** (or primitive function) of f(x) on an interval I if:

$$F'(x) = f(x), \ \forall x \in I.$$

3.2 Indefinite Integrals

The **indefinite integral** (or general antiderivative) of a function f(x) is the family of all its antiderivatives:

$$\int f(x)dx = F(x) + C$$

where F(x) is any antiderivative of f(x) and C is an arbitrary constant.

3.3 Riemann Sum

Let f(x) be a function defined on a closed interval [a, b], and let the interval be partitioned into n subintervals by inserting n-1 points $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{n-1}$ such that:

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n = b$$

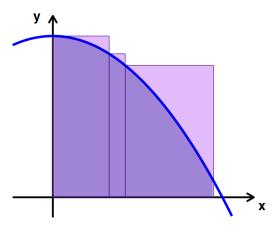
where the subintervals $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$ have length $\Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1}$. For each subinterval $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$, let x_i^* be an **arbitrary sample point** within the interval. Then, a **Riemann sum**, which **approximates** the area under the curve f(x) over [a, b], is defined as:

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*) \Delta x_i, \quad x_i^* \in [x_{i-1}, x_i].$$

3.4 Partitions of an Interval

Uniform subdivisions

Nonuniform subdivisions



Comparison of uniform and non-uniform partitions of an interval (generated using R).

A partition of [a, b] divides it into n subintervals:

$$P = \{a = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n = b\}$$

Each subinterval has width:

$$\Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1}.$$

• Uniform Partition: All subintervals have the same width:

$$\Delta x_i = \Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}, \quad \forall i.$$

• Non-Uniform Partition: Subintervals have different widths, and Δx_i varies for each i.

3.5 Types of Riemann Sums

The type of Riemann sum depends on how the sample points x_i^* are chosen within each subinterval $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$.

1. Arbitrary-Point Rule: $x_i^* \in [x_{i-1}, x_i] \to \text{General Riemann Sum}$

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*) \Delta x_i, \quad \Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1}.$$

Uniform Partition: If all subintervals have equal width $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$, then $x_i^* \in [x_{i-1}, x_i] = [a + (i-1)\Delta x, a + i\Delta x]$ or $x_i^* = a + (i-1+c)\Delta x$, where $c \in [0, 1]$ determines its position within the subinterval:

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n f(a + (i-1+c)\Delta x)\Delta x = \sum_{i=1}^n f(a + (i-1+c)\frac{(b-a)}{n})\frac{b-a}{n}.$$

- Uses arbitrary sample points x_i^* .
- 2. Left Rule: $x_i^* = x_{i-1} \to \text{Left Riemann Sum}$

$$S_{\text{left}} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(x_{i-1}) \Delta x_i.$$

Uniform Partition: c = 0

$$S_{\text{left}} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(a + (i-1)\Delta x)\Delta x.$$

- Underestimates for increasing functions, overestimates for decreasing functions.
- 3. Right Rule: $x_i^* = x_i \to \text{Right Riemann Sum}$

$$S_{\text{right}} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(x_i) \Delta x_i$$

Uniform Partition: c=1

$$S_{\text{right}} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(a + i\Delta x) \Delta x.$$

• Overestimates for increasing functions, underestimates for decreasing functions.

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4. Midpoint Rule: $x_i^* = \frac{x_{i-1} + x_i}{2} \rightarrow \text{Midpoint Riemann Sum}$

$$S_{\text{mid}} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} f\left(\frac{x_{i-1} + x_i}{2}\right) \Delta x_i.$$

Uniform Partition: $c = \frac{1}{2}$

$$S_{\text{mid}} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(a + (i - \frac{1}{2})\Delta x)\Delta x.$$

- Tends to give better approximations than left or right sums.
- 5. Upper Rule: $x_i^* = \arg\sup_{x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]} f(x) \to \text{Upper Riemann Sum (or Upper Darboux Sum)}$

$$S_{\text{upper}} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sup_{x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]} f(x) \Delta x_i.$$

- Always **overestimates** the integral.
- 6. Lower Rule: $x_i^* = \arg\inf_{x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]} f(x) \to \text{Lower Riemann Sum}$ (or Lower Darboux Sum)

$$S_{\text{lower}} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \inf_{x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]} f(x) \Delta x_i.$$

• Always underestimates the integral.

3.6 Definite Integral

The **definite integral** of a function f(x) over the interval [a, b] is defined as the limit of a Riemann sum:

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(x_{i}^{*}) \Delta x_{i}$$

where:

- [a, b] is divided into n subintervals.
- $\Delta x_i = x_i x_{i-1}$ is the width of the *i*-th subinterval.
- x_i^* is any sample point in the *i*-th subinterval.

3.7 Properties of Definite Integrals

Let f(x) and g(x) be integrable functions on [a,b] and c be a constant. Then:

$$(1) \quad \int_a^b c \, dx = c(b-a).$$

$$(2) \qquad \int_a^a f(x) \, dx = 0.$$

(3)
$$\int_{b}^{a} f(x) dx = -\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx.$$

(4)
$$\int_a^b cf(x) dx = c \int_a^b f(x) dx.$$

(5)
$$\int_{a}^{b} [f(x) \pm g(x)] dx = \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx \pm \int_{a}^{b} g(x) dx.$$

(6)
$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = \int_{a}^{c} f(x) dx + \int_{c}^{b} f(x) dx.$$

(7)
$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \le \int_a^b g(x) dx \quad \text{if } f(x) \le g(x) \text{ on } [a, b].$$

(8)
$$\left| \int_a^b f(x) \, dx \right| \le \int_a^b |f(x)| \, dx.$$

(9)
$$m(b-a) \le \int_a^b f(x) \, dx \le M(b-a)$$
 if $m \le f(x) \le M$ on $[a,b]$.

3.8 Net and Total Area

Let f(x) be integrable on [a, b]. Define:

- A_1 = area of region where f(x) > 0 (area above x-axis).
- A_2 = area of region where f(x) < 0 (area below x-axis).

Then:

• Net Area:

$$\int_a^b f(x) \, dx = A_1 - A_2.$$

• Total Area:

$$\int_{a}^{b} |f(x)| \ dx = A_1 + A_2.$$

3.9 Fundamental Theorem of Calculus. Part 1

Let f be a continuous on [a, b]. Define the function

$$F(x) = \int_{a}^{x} f(t) dt.$$

Then:

$$F'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\int_a^x f(t) dt \right] = f(x), \quad \forall x \in (a, b).$$

3.10 Fundamental Theorem of Calculus. Part 2

If f is continuous on [a, b] and F'(x) = f(x), then

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) \, dx = F(b) - F(a) = F(x) \Big|_{a}^{b} = F(x) \Big|_{a}^{b}.$$