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- Define the  $f_n(x) = \frac{1}{10^n} \{10^n x\}$  where  $\{x\}$  is the distance from  $x$  to the nearest integer  $|x - \lfloor x \rfloor|$ .

Notice that for  $n=1$ , distance is maximized at  $0.05 + 0.1n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ; we then notice that since

$$\{10^n x\} \leq 1 \text{ then}$$

$$f_n(x) \leq \frac{1}{10^n}$$

but  $\frac{1}{10^n}$  has a convergent sum, thus by Weierstrass  $f_n(x)$  has a convergent sum. Thus I turn see that

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n(x) \text{ is continuous,}$$

- We are asked to prove the following:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{10^n} \{10^n x\} \text{ is continuous everywhere and differentiable nowhere}$$

We have shown in the previous bullet that  $f(x)$  is continuous, thus we only need to prove this is differentiable nowhere. Consider some  $a$  s.t.  $0 < a \leq 1$ , and  ~~$a = 0.9$~~   $a$  has decimal expansion

$$a = 0.a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots$$

Then, let some  $h_m = 10^{-m}$  if  $a_m \neq 4, 9$ , or if  $a_m = 4, 9$ , let  $h_m = 10^{-m}$ . Then see that the definition of differentiability

$$\frac{f(a+h_m) - f(a)}{h_m}$$

can be written as

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{10^{m+n}} (\{10^{n+m} (a+h_m)\} - \{10^{n+m} a\})$$

We see that, for  $n > m$ , the terms in the parentheses cancel since  $10^n h_m$  will be an integer and the other 2 terms cancel.

In the case of  $n < m$ , we can see that

$$10^n a = \text{integer} + 0.a_{n+1} a_{n+2} a_{n+3} \dots a_m \dots$$

and

$$10^n(a + h_m) = \text{integer} + 0.a_{n+1} \dots (a_m \pm 1) \dots$$

by our choice for  $h_m$ , we now propose that

$$0.a_{n+1} a_{n+2} \dots a_m \leq \frac{1}{2} \quad (1)$$

and likewise

$$0.a_{n+1} \dots (a_m \pm 1) \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

by our choice of  $h_m$ . This then allows us to see that

$$\{10^n(a + h_m)\} - \{10^n a\} = \pm 10^{n-m}$$

given (1), thus for  $n > m$

$$10^{m-n} (\{10^n(a + h_m)\} - \{10^n a\}) = \pm 1; \text{ then we see that}$$

$$\frac{f(a + h_m) - f(a)}{h_m}$$

is a sum of  $m-1$  integers which are  $\pm 1$ , which then allows us to see that the sequence of the derivatives at  $a$  cannot converge since it is built out of odd and even integers.