

4.2.5 Let f and g be functions defined on the domain $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, and assume $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = M$ for some limit point c of A .

- (a) Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x) + g(x)] = L + M$, assuming theorem 4.2.3 and the algebraic limit theorem for sequences.

Since both f and g converge at c , then by theorem 4.2.3 for any sequence which converges to c , x_n , $\lim f(x_n) \rightarrow L$, $\lim g(x_n) \rightarrow M$. Therefore by the algebraic limit theorem for sequences, $f(x_n) + g(x_n) \rightarrow L + M$. Therefore using the converse of theorem 4.2.3, this implies that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x) + g(x)] = L + M$

- (b) Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x) + g(x)] = L + M$, without assuming theorem 4.2.3.

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Since f converges at c then there exists $\delta_1 > 0$ such that $|x - c| < \delta_1$ implies $|f(x) - L| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$. Similarly since g converges at c there exists $\delta_2 > 0$ such that $|x - c| < \delta_2$ implies $|g(x) - M| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$. Therefore, if we let $\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$ then $|x - c| < \delta$ implies

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) + g(x) - (L + M)| &= |(f(x) - L) + (g(x) - M)| \\ &\leq |f(x) - L| + |g(x) - M| && \text{triangle inequality} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} && \text{convergence definitions} \\ &= \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)g(x) = LM$, assuming theorem 4.2.3 and the algebraic limit theorem for sequences.

Since both f and g converge at c , then by theorem 4.2.3 for any sequence which converges to c , x_n , $\lim f(x_n) \rightarrow L$, $\lim g(x_n) \rightarrow M$. Therefore by the algebraic limit theorem for sequences, $f(x_n)g(x_n) \rightarrow LM$. Therefore using the converse of theorem 4.2.3, this implies that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)g(x) = LM$

- (d) Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)g(x) = LM$, without assuming theorem 4.2.3.

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Since f converges at c then there exists $\delta_1 > 0$ such that $|x - c| < \delta_1$ implies $|f(x) - L| < \frac{\epsilon}{2|M|}$. Note that by manipulating $|f(x) - L| < \frac{\epsilon}{2|M|}$ and applying the reverse triangle inequality we find that $|f(x)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2|M|} + |L|$. Let $B = \frac{\epsilon}{2|M|} + |L|$. Similarly since g converges at c then there exists $\delta_2 > 0$ such that $|x - c| < \delta_2$ implies $|g(x) - M| < \frac{\epsilon}{2|B|}$. Therefore, if we let $\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$ then $|x - c| < \delta$ implies

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x)g(x) - LM| &= |f(x)g(x) - Mf(x) + Mf(x) - LM| \\ &= |f(x)(g(x) - M) + M(f(x) - L)| \\ &\leq |f(x)(g(x) - M)| + |M(f(x) - L)| && \text{triangle inequality} \\ &= |f(x)||g(x) - M| + |M||f(x) - L| && \text{definition of absolute value} \\ &< |B||g(x) - M| + |M||f(x) - L| \\ &< |B|\frac{\epsilon}{2|B|} + |M|\frac{\epsilon}{2|M|} \\ &= \epsilon \end{aligned}$$