

MA 101

Solution for Assignment 4

Question 1. Find the value of α such that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{2x^2 - \alpha x - 14}{x^2 - 2x - 3}$$

exists. Find the limit.

sol.

$$x^2 - 2x - 3 = (x + 1)(x - 3)$$

So the denominator contains exactly one factor $(x + 1)$

So in order that $\frac{2x^2 - \alpha x - 14}{x^2 - 2x - 3}$ has a limit as $x \rightarrow -1$, the only requirement is that:

$2x^2 - \alpha x - 14$ is divisible by $(x + 1)$

Let $f(x) = 2x^2 - \alpha x - 14$ This is divisible by $(x + 1)$ if and only if $f(-1) = 0$ Substituting $x = -1$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} f(-1) &= 2(-1)^2 - \alpha(-1) - 14 \\ &= 2 + \alpha - 14 \\ &= \alpha - 12 \end{aligned}$$

So we require $\alpha = 12$

With this value of α :

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 2x^2 - 12x - 14 = 2(x^2 - 6x + 7) = 2(x + 1)(x - 7) \\ \frac{2x^2 - 12x - 14}{x^2 - 2x - 3} &= \frac{2(x + 1)(x - 7)}{(x + 1)(x - 3)} = \frac{2(x - 7)}{x - 3} \end{aligned}$$

So:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{2x^2 - 12x - 14}{x^2 - 2x - 3} = \frac{2(x + 1)(x - 7)}{(x + 1)(x - 3)} = \frac{2(x - 7)}{x - 3} = 4$$

Question 2. Let $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x^2} = 5$. Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x} = 0$.

sol. we know

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} F(x) = A$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} G(x) = B$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} F(x) \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} G(x) = A \cdot B$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} F(x)G(x) = AB.$$

Let $F(x) = \frac{f(x)}{x^2}$ and $G(x) = x$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x^2} x = 5.0$$

$$\implies \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x} = 0.$$

Question 3. Let $f(x) = x$ if $x \in Q$ and $f(x) = 0$ if $x \in R \setminus Q$. Show that f is continuous at $x_0 = 0$. Also show that it is discontinuous at any other point.

Solution: Let x be any real number. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, \exists a rational number a_n and an irrational number b_n such that

$$x - \frac{1}{n} < a_n < x + \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{and} \quad x - \frac{1}{n} < b_n < x + \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_n - x| < \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{and} \quad |b_n - x| < \frac{1}{n} \quad \forall n$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$$

If f is continuous at x , we must have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(a_n) = f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(b_n)$$

But $f(a_n) = a_n$ and $f(b_n) = 0$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = f(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0$$

Thus 0 is the only possible point of continuity.

Now, we shall show that f is actually continuous at 0.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. Also $f(0) = 0$. For a rational number x , we have

$$|f(x) - f(0)| = |x - 0| = |x|$$

For an irrational number x , we have $|f(x) - f(0)| = |0 - 0| = |0|$

In either case, $|f(x) - f(0)| = |x| < \varepsilon$ whenever $|x| < \varepsilon$. Choose $\delta = \varepsilon$, then $|f(x) - f(0)| < \varepsilon$ whenever $|x| < \delta$

$\Rightarrow f$ is continuous at 0.

Question 4. Let $f(x) = 1$ if $x \in Q$ and $f(x) = -1$ if $x \in R \setminus Q$. Show that f is discontinuous at every point.

Solution: Let x be any real number, then either x is rational or x is irrational.

Case (i) When x is a rational number.

Since in any interval there lie infinitely many rationals as well as infinitely many irrationals, therefore, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, \exists an irrational number x_n such that

$$x - \frac{1}{n} < x_n < x + \frac{1}{n} \quad \Rightarrow \quad |x_n - x| < \frac{1}{n} \quad \forall n$$

\Rightarrow The sequence $\langle x_n \rangle$ converges to x .

But $f(x_n) = -1$ for all n and $f(x) = 1$, so that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = -1 \neq f(x)$

$\therefore f$ is discontinuous at x , any rational number.

Case (ii) When x is an irrational number.

Since in any interval there lie infinitely many rationals as well as infinitely many irrationals, therefore, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, \exists a rational number x_n such that

$$x - \frac{1}{n} < x_n < x + \frac{1}{n} \Rightarrow |x_n - x| < \frac{1}{n} \quad \forall n$$

\Rightarrow The sequence $\langle x_n \rangle$ converges to x .

But $f(x_n) = 1$ for all n and $f(x) = -1$, so that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = 1 \neq f(x)$

$\therefore f$ is discontinuous at x , any irrational number.

Hence f is discontinuous for every real x .

Question 5. Give an example of a bounded function on $[-1, 1]$ which does not have a maximum or a minimum.

Solution:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & x \in (-1, 1) \\ 0 & x = 1, -1 \end{cases}$$

This function is bounded on $[-1, 1]$ does not have a maximum or a minimum.

Question 6. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfy $f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. If f is continuous at 0 then show that f is continuous at every point $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

Solution: Since f is continuous at 0, $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0+h) = f(0)$.

This gives $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [f(0) + f(h)] = f(0)$, i.e., $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(h) = 0$.

Let $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

Then $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(c+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [f(c) + f(h)] = f(c) + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(h) = f(c)$.

This proves that f is continuous at c . Since c is arbitrary, f is continuous at $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

Question 7. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be such that for every $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |x - y|$. Show that f is continuous for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Solution: Let x_0 be a real number and take $\epsilon > 0$. Then for $\delta = \epsilon$,

$$|x - x_0| < \delta \implies |f(x) - f(x_0)| < |x - x_0| < \delta = \epsilon$$

Implies $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = x_0$. Since x_0 is arbitrary, $f(x)$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} .

Question 8. Use properties of limit to evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{1 - \cos x}} \right)$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{1 - \cos x}} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin x \sqrt{1 + \cos x}}{\sqrt{1 - \cos x} \sqrt{1 + \cos x}} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin x \sqrt{1 + \cos x}}{\sin x} \right) \\ &= \sqrt{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Question 9. Use the definition to establish the continuity of the following functions: (i) $f(x) = x^2$ at $x = 3, x \in [0, 7]$ (ii) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ at $x = 1/2, x \in [0, 1]$ (iii) $f(x) = \sqrt{x}, x \geq 0$

Solution : (i) Take $\epsilon > 0$. Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
& |f(x) - f(3)| < \epsilon \\
& \text{if } |x^2 - 9| < \epsilon \\
& \text{i.e. if } |x - 3||x + 3| < \epsilon \\
& \text{i.e. if } 10|x - 3| < \epsilon \quad (\text{ Since } |x + 3| < 10 \ \forall \ x \in [0, 7]) \\
& \text{i.e. if } |x - 3| < \frac{\epsilon}{10}.
\end{aligned}$$

Denote $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{10}$. Then we have

$$|f(x) - f(3)| < \epsilon \text{ whenever } |x - 3| < \delta.$$

Therefore, the function $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 3$.

(ii) Take $\epsilon > 0$. Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
& |f(x) - f(1/2)| < \epsilon \\
& \text{if } |1/x - 2| < \epsilon \\
& \text{i.e. if } \frac{2}{x}|x - 1/2| < \epsilon
\end{aligned}$$

Take $\delta_1 > 0$ such that $|x - \frac{1}{2}| < \delta_1$ and $0 < \frac{1}{2} - \delta_1 < x < \frac{1}{2} + \delta_1$. Then we have $\frac{2}{x} < \frac{2}{\frac{1}{2} - \delta_1} = \frac{4}{1 - 2\delta_1}$ and so

$$\begin{aligned}
& |f(x) - f(1/2)| < \epsilon \\
& \text{if } |x - 1/2| < \frac{\epsilon(1 - 2\delta_1)}{4}
\end{aligned}$$

Denote $\delta_2 = \frac{\epsilon(1 - 2\delta_1)}{4}$ and let $\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$. Hence

$$|f(x) - f(1/2)| < \epsilon \text{ whenever } |x - 1/2| < \delta.$$

Therefore, the function $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 1/2$.

(iii) Take $\epsilon > 0$ and $c > 0$. We show that $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = c$. Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
& |f(x) - f(c)| < \epsilon \\
& \text{if } |\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{c}| < \epsilon \\
& \text{i.e. if } \left| \frac{x - c}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{c}} \right| < \epsilon \\
& \text{i.e. if } \frac{1}{\sqrt{c}}|x - c| < \epsilon \\
& \text{i.e. if } |x - c| < \epsilon\sqrt{c}.
\end{aligned}$$

Denote $\delta = \epsilon\sqrt{c}$. Then we have

$$|f(x) - f(c)| < \epsilon \text{ whenever } |x - c| < \delta.$$

Thus, the function $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = c$. Also,

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

which implies that f is continuous at 0 and therefore f is continuous at all points $c \geq 0$.

Question 10. Let $f(x) = \frac{x^2+2-6}{x-2}, x \neq 2$. Define $f(x)$ in a way such that it becomes continuous at $x = 2$.

Solution : $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 2$ if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = f(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x).$$

Now for $x \neq 2$, $f(x) = \frac{x^2+x-6}{x-2} = x+3$ and so $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = 5 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$. Thus if we define $f(x) = \frac{x^2+x-6}{x-2}$ for $x \neq 2$ and $f(x) = 5$ for $x = 2$ then $f(x)$ becomes continuous at $x = 2$.

Question 11 (a) Show that the functions $x^2, \frac{1}{x}, \frac{1}{x^2}, x > 0$ are continuous at any point $c \in \mathbb{R}$ but not uniformly.

Solution: Clearly, x^2 is a polynomial function and is continuous everywhere. The only points of discontinuity of the functions $\frac{1}{x}, \frac{1}{x^2}$ is the point 0. Thus, the functions $x^2, \frac{1}{x}, \frac{1}{x^2}, x > 0$ are continuous at any point $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

Let us consider $f(x) = x^2$. Let $\epsilon = 2$ and choose an arbitrary $\delta > 0$. Let n be a natural number such that $\frac{1}{n} < \delta$. Further, let $x = n + \frac{1}{n}$ and $y = n$. Then

$$|x - y| = \frac{1}{n} < \delta$$

while

$$|f(x) - f(y)| = (n + \frac{1}{n})^2 - n^2 = 2 + \frac{1}{n^2} > \delta$$

We conclude that $f(x) = x^2$ is not uniformly continuous on $[0, \infty)$. We know that, a uniformly continuous function maps a Cauchy sequence to another Cauchy sequence.

Now suppose $f : (0, \infty] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ is uniformly continuous on $(0, \infty]$. Then, consider the Cauchy sequence $S_n = \frac{1}{n}$ (we know this sequence is Cauchy since all convergent sequences are Cauchy and S_n converges to 0).

The theorem we just proved would imply that $f(S_n) = n$ is a Cauchy sequence in real line. This is a contradiction since the sequence of natural numbers is clearly not a Cauchy sequence. This completes the proof.

To show $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$ is not uniformly continuous on $(0, 1]$, we use the Sequential criterion for absence of Uniform Continuity. Let

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n}, b_n = \frac{1}{2n}$$

Then,

$$|a_n - b_n| = \frac{3}{4n^2} \rightarrow 0.$$

However,

$$|f(a_n) - f(b_n)| = |n^2 - 4n^2| = 3n^2 \geq 3.$$

Hence, f is not uniformly continuous on $(0, 1]$.

(b) Show that the function $x^2, x \in [-a, a], a > 0$ and functions $\frac{1}{x}, \frac{1}{x^2}, x \geq b > 0$ are uniformly continuous on respective domain.

Solution: Let $x, y \in [-a, a]$. Note that

$$|x^2 - y^2| \leq |x + y||x - y| \leq 2a|x - y|.$$

So for preassigned $\epsilon > 0$, one can choose $\delta < \frac{\epsilon}{2a}$, such that,

$$|x - y| < \delta = \frac{\epsilon}{2a} \implies |x^2 - y^2| \leq \epsilon$$

Thus, $f(x) = x^2$ is uniformly continuous on $[-a, a]$.

A function f is said to be a Lipschitz function on an interval I , if there exists a positive real number k such that

$$|f(x_2) - f(x_1)| \leq k|x_2 - x_1|$$

for all $x, x_1 \in I$.

We know that if for an interval I , $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a Lipschitz function on I , then f is uniformly continuous on I . Let $I = [b, \infty)$. Then,

$$\left| \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y} \right| = \left| \frac{y - x}{xy} \right| = \frac{|x - y|}{|xy|} \leq \frac{1}{b^2}|x - y|$$

and,

$$\left| \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{y^2} \right| = \left| \frac{y^2 - x^2}{x^2y^2} \right| = \frac{|x^2 - y^2|}{|x^2y^2|} \leq \frac{1}{|xy^2 + yx^2|}|x - y| \leq \frac{1}{2b^3}|x - y|$$

(Since, $x \geq b \implies \frac{1}{x} \leq \frac{1}{b}$.) Thus, both $\frac{1}{x}$ and $\frac{1}{x^2}$ are Lipschitz functions on $[b, \infty)$, and hence uniformly continuous.

(c) Show that $\sin x, \cos x, |x|$ are continuous at every point $c \in \mathbb{R}$

Solution: Let $\epsilon > 0$ and $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. Now,

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(y)| &< \epsilon \\ \implies |\sin x - \sin y| &< \epsilon \\ \implies \left| 2 \cos \frac{x+y}{2} \sin \frac{x-y}{2} \right| &< \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

But,

$$\left| 2 \cos \frac{x+y}{2} \sin \frac{x-y}{2} \right| \leq \left| 2 \sin \frac{x-y}{2} \right|$$

It suffices to show that

$$\left| 2 \sin \frac{x-y}{2} \right| \leq \epsilon, \text{ when } |x - y| < \delta,$$

for some $\delta > 0$.

Now,

$$|x - y| < \delta \implies \left| \frac{x - y}{2} \right| < \delta.$$

Now,

$$\left| 2 \sin \frac{x-y}{2} \right| \leq \left| 2 \frac{x-y}{2} \right| < 2\delta$$

Choosing $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{2}$, we have:

$$|x - y| < \delta \implies |\sin x - \sin y| < \epsilon.$$

This proves that $\sin x$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} . Similarly, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} |\cos x - \cos y| &= \left| 2 \sin \frac{x+y}{2} \sin \frac{x-y}{2} \right| \\ &\leq 2 \left| \sin \frac{x-y}{2} \right| \\ &\leq 2 \left| \frac{x-y}{2} \right| \\ &\leq |x - y| \\ &< \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

if we choose $\epsilon = \delta$. This proves that $\cos x$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} .

For the function $f(x) = |x|$, let $\epsilon > 0$ and c be any arbitrary real number. Then,

$$|x - c| < \epsilon$$

for all

$$|x - c| < \delta = \epsilon.$$

Thus, $|x|$ is continuous at c . Since c is an arbitrary real number, hence, $|x|$ is continuous at all reals.

Question 12. Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function. Show that $\exists x_0 \in [0, 1]$ such that $f(x_0) = \frac{1}{3} \left(f\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \right)$.

Question 13 Let $p(y)$ be a polynomial

$$p(y) = a_n y^n + a_{n-1} y^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 y + a_0.$$

Suppose n is even ($n \neq 0$), $a_n = 1$, $a_0 = -1$. Show that $p(y)$ has at least two real roots.

Solution 13: $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} p(y)$ is positive. Since a_n is positive and n is even, therefore the leading term will dominate. Similarly $\lim_{y \rightarrow -\infty} p(y)$ is also positive. Hence there are two points a, b such that $a < 0 < b$ with $p(a) > 0$ and $p(b) > 0$. Hence by the intermediate value theorem, there must be at least one root in each of the disjoint intervals $(a, 0)$ and $(0, b)$ making for at least two distinct roots.

Question 14. Compute the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(x^2 - x^3 \sin \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) \right)$.

Solution: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^2 - x^3 \sin \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)$ put $x = \frac{1}{y}$ then $x \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow y \rightarrow 0$ on substituting we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{y^2} - \frac{1}{y^3} \sin y \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{y - \sin y}{y^3} \left[\frac{0}{0} \text{ form} \right] \end{aligned}$$

on applying L'Hospital Rule

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 + \cos y}{3y^2} \left[\frac{0}{0} \text{ form} \right]$$

on applying L'Hospital Rule

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin y}{6y} \quad \left[\frac{0}{0} \text{ form} \right]$$

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$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos y}{6} = \frac{1}{6}$$

Question 15. Let $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous functions such that $f(a) \neq g(a)$ for some $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Show that \exists a $\delta > 0$ such that $f(x) \neq g(x), \forall x$ such that $|x - a| < \delta$.

Solution: Let $h(x) = f(x) - g(x)$ since f and g are continuous and hence h is also continuous. Also,

$$f(a) \neq g(a) \Rightarrow h(a) \neq 0$$

Now, without loss of generality let us assume that $h(a) > 0$ and since h is continuous at a so for $\epsilon = \frac{h(a)}{2} \quad \exists \quad \delta > 0$ such that

$$|h(x) - h(a)| < \epsilon \text{ whenever } |x - a| < \delta$$

$$\Rightarrow -\epsilon < h(x) - h(a) < \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-h(a)}{2} + h(a) < h(x) < \frac{h(a)}{2} + h(a)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{h(a)}{2} < h(x) < \frac{3h(a)}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow h(x) > \frac{h(a)}{2} > 0 \text{ whenever } |x - a| < \delta$$

$$\Rightarrow h(x) \neq 0 \text{ whenever } |x - a| < \delta$$

Question 16. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function with $f(0) = -2, f(1) = 3$.

Let $S = \{x \in [0, 1] | f(x) = 0\}$

(a) Show that S is non empty.

(b) Let β be the supremum of the set S . Show that $\beta \in (0, 1)$.

(c) Show that $f(\beta) = 0$.

Solution: Since f is a continuous function and $f(0) = -2, f(1) = 3$. Therefore, there exists some points for which $f(x) = 0$, which implies S is a non-empty set. ((a) Proved)

Since S is subset of $(0, 1)$ (By definition of f , it is clear that $\{0, 1\}$ does not belongs to S . Since S is bounded and non-empty. Therefore, supremum of set S , $\beta \in (0, 1)$. Moreover infimum of set S also. ((b) Proved)

Since S is collection of all x such that $f(x) = 0$ and $x \in [0, 1]$. But it is also given that $f(0, 1) \neq 0$. Since f is a continuous function, therefore pre-image of a closed set is also closed. Therefore, S is a closed set. Hence $\beta \in S$. Therefore, $f(\beta) = 0$. ((b) Proved)

Question 17. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous at $c \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $|f|$ is continuous at c . Give an example to show that the reverse is not true.

Solution:

$|f| : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by $|f|(x) = |f(x)|, x \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$||f|(x) - |f|(c)| = ||f(x)| - |f(c)|| \leq |f(x) - f(c)|$$

Let us choose $\epsilon > 0$.

Since f is continuous at c , there exists a positive δ such that

$$|f(x) - f(c)| < \epsilon \text{ for all } x \in N(c, \delta) \cap \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\text{Therefore } ||f|(x) - |f|(c)| < \epsilon \text{ for all } x \in N(c, \delta) \cap \mathbb{R}.$$

This shows that $|f|$ is continuous at c .

Example: let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \in \mathbb{Q}, \\ -1, & x \in \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}. \end{cases}$$

Then $|f| : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by $|f|(x) = 1, x \in \mathbb{R}$. Here $|f|$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} but f is not continuous on \mathbb{R} .

Question 18. A real function f is continuous on $[0, 2]$ and $f(0) = f(2)$. Prove that there exists at least a point c in $[0, 1]$ such that $f(c) = f(c + 1)$.

Solution: Case 1: $f(0) = f(1)$ then $c = 0, 1$.

Case 2: If $f(0) \neq f(1)$, consider g on $[0, 1]$ defined by $g(x) = f(x) - f(x + 1)$.

$$g(0) = f(0) - f(1)$$

$$g(1) = f(1) - f(2) = f(1) - f(0) \text{ (Since } f(0) = f(2))$$

So g changes sign over the interval $[0, 1]$ and g is continuous because f is continuous. Now by the **intermediate value theorem** there exists a number $c \in [0, 1]$ such that $g(c) = 0$, so $f(c) - f(c + 1) = 0$ and we have $f(c) = f(c + 1)$

Question. (19) (i) Give an example of a function f which satisfies the initial value problem I.V.P on a closed and bounded interval $[a, b]$, but is not continuous on $[a, b]$

Solution: Consider an I.V.P

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2, y(0) = 1.$$

$$\text{Take } f = y = \frac{1}{1-x} \text{ in } [0, 1]$$

which is not continuous on $[0, 1]$ but satisfies above I.V.P.

Question. (19) (ii) Give an example of a function f which is monotone increasing on a closed and bounded interval $[a, b]$ but does not satisfy the I.V.P on $[a, b]$.

Solution:- Consider an I.V.P

$$\frac{df}{dx} = e^x, f(0) = 2.$$

Take $f(x) = e^x$, which is monotonic increasing on $[0, 2]$ but does not satisfy above I.V.P on $[0, 2]$.

Solution 19 If we consider I.V.P as Intermediate value property, then

Intermediate value property: For any function f that's continuous over the interval $[a, b]$, the function will take any value between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$ over the interval. It means that for any value M between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$ there is a value c in $[a, b]$ for which $f(c) = M$

(19)(i)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right), & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$f : [-1, 1] \rightarrow [-1, 1]$$

Discontinuous at $x = 0$, but takes every value between $[-1, 1]$

(19)(ii)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 4, & x = 1 \end{cases}$$

Which is monotonic increasing and bounded but does not satisfy intermediate value property as there is no point $x \in [0, 1]$ s.t. $f(x) = 3$ (where $0 \leq 3 \leq 4$)

Question 20. Let $f : [0, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 0, \\ x \sin \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x} \cos \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

Is f continuous?

Solution: Here we use below theorem

Theorem: If $f(x)$ is continuous at x if and only if $x_n \rightarrow 0 \implies f(x_n) \rightarrow f(0)$

We choose $x_n = \frac{1}{2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}}$

Then $x_n \rightarrow 0$

$$f(x_n) = \left(\frac{1}{2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}}\right) \sin 2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4} - \left(2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \cos 2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

$$= 0 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

$$= \infty$$

that is limit not exist

$\implies f(x)$ is not continuous at $x = 0$.

Question 21. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$, satisfy $f(x + y) = f(x)f(y) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$. Suppose f is continuous at $x = 0$. Show that f is continuous at all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Solution: Since $f(x)$ is continuous at 0, $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0 + h) = f(0)$.

This gives $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [f(0) + f(h)] = f(0)$ that is $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(h) = 0$

Let $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\text{Then } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(c + h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [f(c) + f(h)] = f(c) + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(h) = f(c)$$

This proves that f is continuous at c . Since c is arbitrary, f is continuous at every c in \mathbb{R} .