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**Proposition 1.** *Suppose  $I$  is an open interval on  $\mathbb{R}$ , and  $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is differentiable at  $x \in I$ . Then  $f$  is continuous at  $x$ . Further, if  $f$  is differentiable on  $I$ , then  $f$  is continuous on  $I$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $x \in I$ . Let us show that  $f(y) \rightarrow f(x)$ , when  $y \rightarrow x$ . First, if  $y \in I$  is distinct to  $x$ , then

$$f(x) - f(y) = \frac{f(x) - f(y)}{x - y}(x - y).$$

Thus, if  $f'(x)$  is the derivative of  $f$  at  $x$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{y \rightarrow x} f(x) - f(y) &= \lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{f(x) - f(y)}{x - y}(x - y) \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{f(x) - f(y)}{x - y} \lim_{y \rightarrow x} (x - y) \\ &= f'(x) \cdot 0 \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

where the second equality is justified since both limits on the second line exist. The second claim follows since  $f$  is continuous on  $I$  if and only if  $f$  is continuous at  $x$  for all  $x \in I$ .  $\square$