

MAT137

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# 1 Limit and Continuity

Let  $a, L \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $f$  be a function defined at least on an interval centered at  $a$ , except maybe at  $a$ .

**Theorem 1** ( $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$ )

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t.} \\ 0 < |x - a| < \delta \implies |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$$

**Theorem 2** ( $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \neq L$ )

$$\exists \varepsilon > 0 \text{ s.t. } \forall \delta > 0 \\ \exists x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } 0 < |x - a| < \delta \wedge |f(x) - L| \geq \varepsilon$$

**Theorem 3** ( $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  DNE)

$$\forall L \in \mathbb{R}, \exists \varepsilon > 0 \text{ s.t. } \forall \delta > 0 \\ \exists x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } 0 < |x - a| < \delta \wedge |f(x) - L| \geq \varepsilon$$

The formal definitons can be transferred to imply infinity, by removing absolute values.

## 1.1 Laws and Theorems

Let  $a, L \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $f, g, h$  be functions defined at least on an interval centered at  $a$ , except maybe at  $a$ .

### Theorem 4 (Limit Laws)

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{IF} & \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L \\ & \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = M \\ \text{THEN} & \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) + g(x)] = L + M \\ & \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)g(x)] = LM \\ & \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left[ \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{L}{M} \quad (M \neq 0) \end{array}$$

**WARNING:** Limit Laws only apply if the initial limits exist.

### Theorem 5 (The Squeeze Theorem)

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{IF} & \exists p > 0 \text{ s.t.} \\ & 0 < |x - a| < p \implies f(x) \leq h(x) \leq g(x) \\ \text{AND} & \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L \\ & \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = L \\ \text{THEN} & \lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) = L \end{array}$$

## 1.2 Continuity

Let  $a, L \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $f$  be a function defined at least on an interval centered at  $a$ , except maybe at  $a$ .

**WARNING:** If the function oscillates near  $a$ , then it is NOT continuous at  $a$ .

### Theorem 6 (Continuity)

We say  $f$  is continuous at  $a$  when

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

This means:

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists and is a number
2.  $f(a)$  is defined
3. The limit and the value is equal

### Theorem 7 (Alternative Definition of Continuity)

We say  $f$  is continuous at  $a$  when

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t.}$$

$$|x - a| < \delta \implies |f(x) - f(a)| < \varepsilon$$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$  means that:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x \text{ close to } a \\ x \neq a \end{array} \right\} \implies f(x) \text{ close to } L$$

$f$  is continuous at  $a$  means that:

$$\{ x \text{ close to } a \} \implies f(x) \text{ close to } f(a)$$

$f$  is continuous on the interval  $[a, b]$  means that:

1.  $\forall c \in (a, b)$ ,  $f$  is continuous at  $c$
2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = f(a)$
3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} f(x) = f(b)$

**Theorem 8 (The Main Continuity Theorem)**

Any function we can construct with sum, product, quotient, and **composition** of polynomials, roots, trigonometric functions, exponentials, logarithms, and absolute values is continuous **on its domain**.

**WARNING:** There is NO limit laws for composition, but the composition of continuous functions is still continuous.

### 1.3 About Composition of Functions

#### Theorem 9 (RIGHT)

- IF (1)  $f$  is continuous at  $a$   
 (2)  $g$  is continuous at  $f(a)$   
 THEN (3)  $g \circ f$  is continuous at  $a$
- (1) means  $x$  close to  $a \implies f(x)$  close to  $f(a)$   
 (2) means  $y$  close to  $f(a) \implies g(y)$  close to  $g(f(a))$

They can be concatenated.

#### Theorem 10 (WRONG)

- IF (1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$   
 (2)  $\lim_{y \rightarrow L} g(y) = M$   
 THEN (3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(f(x)) = M$
- (1) means  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x \text{ close to } a \\ x \neq a \end{array} \right\} \implies f(x) \text{ close to } L$   
 (2) means  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y \text{ close to } L \\ y \neq L \end{array} \right\} \implies g(y) \text{ close to } M$

They can NOT be concatenated, but can be fixed in two ways, either on  $f$  or  $g$ .

#### Theorem 11 (RIGHT)

- IF (1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$   
 $\exists p > 0$  s.t.  $0 < |x - a| < p \implies f(x) \neq L$   
 (2)  $\lim_{y \rightarrow L} g(y) = M$   
 THEN (3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(f(x)) = M$

By adding a hypothesis on  $f$ , we ensure that  $g$  has the behavior of approaching.

**Theorem 12 (RIGHT)**

IF (1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$   
(2)  $g$  is continuous at  $L$   
THEN (3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(f(x)) = M$

By adding a hypothesis on  $g$ , we don't care if  $g$  has the behavior of approaching.

## 1.4 Discontinuity

**Theorem 13 (Removable Discontinuity)**

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists, but is not equal to  $f(a)$ .

Intuitively, removable discontinuity looks like a hole and can be fixed.

**Theorem 14 (Non-removable Discontinuity)**

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  does not exist.



## 1.5 EVT and IVT

### Theorem 15 (Maximum)

$$\exists c \in I \text{ s.t. } \forall x \in I, f(x) \leq f(c)$$

### Theorem 16 (The Extreme Value Theorem)

IF  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$   
THEN  $f$  has a maximum and minimum on  $[a, b]$

### Theorem 17 (The Intermediate Value Theorem)

IF  $f(a) < M < f(b)$   
 $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$   
THEN  $\exists c \in (a, b)$  s.t.  $f(c) = M$

This means that  $f$  takes all the values between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ .

## 2 Derivatives

### Theorem 18 (Derivative)

$$f'(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a + h) - f(a)}{h} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$f$  is differentiable at  $a$  when this limit exists.

### Theorem 19 (Tangent Line)

1. through the point  $(a, f(a))$
2. with slope  $f'(a)$

$$y = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a)$$

### Theorem 20 (Vertical Tangent Line)

$f$  is continuous at  $a$

$$f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = \pm\infty$$

**WARNING:** The vertical tangent line is NOT vertical asymptote.

## 2.1 Differentiation

If  $f, g$  are both differentiable:

### Theorem 21 (Differentiation Rules)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}[c] &= 0 & \frac{d}{dx}[x^c] &= cx^{c-1} \\ (f+g)' &= f' + g' & (cf)' &= cf' \\ (f \cdot g)' &= f'g + fg' & \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' &= \frac{f'g - fg'}{g^2}\end{aligned}$$

PROOF (THE PRODUCT RULE)

$$h'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{h(x) - h(a)}{x - a} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)g(x) - f(a)g(a)}{x - a} \quad (1)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)g(x) - f(a)g(x) + f(a)g(x) - f(a)g(a)}{x - a} \quad (2)$$

We can prove the Power Rule by induction.

### Theorem 22 (Differentiable implies Continuous)

If  $f$  is differentiable at  $c$ , then  $f$  is continuous at  $c$ .

We can find functions that are continuous but not differentiable.

The  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$  may not exist (the function is not differentiable) for several reasons:

1. because the side limits are different (CORNER)
2. because the limit is  $\pm\infty$  (VERTICAL TANGENT)

### Theorem 23

If  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $a$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f'(x) = \pm\infty \implies \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = \pm\infty$$

**WARNING:** The first method is to use differentiation rules, while the second is to use the definition of derivative.

## 2.2 Higher-order Derivatives

**Theorem 24 (Lagrange Notation)**

The  $n$ -th derivative of  $f$  is

$$f^{(n)}$$

**Theorem 25 (Leibnitz Notation)**

The  $n$ -th derivative of  $y$  with respect to  $x$  is

$$\frac{d^n y}{dx^n}$$

## 2.3 The Chain Rule

### Theorem 26

IF  $g$  is differentiable at  $a$   
     $f$  is differentiable at  $g(a)$   
THEN  $f \circ g$  is differentiable at  $a$   
 $(f \circ g)'(a) = f'(g(a))g'(a)$

PROOF (WRONG)

$$(f \circ g)'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(g(x)) - f(g(a))}{x - a} \quad (1)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left[ \frac{f(g(x)) - f(g(a))}{g(x) - g(a)} \cdot \frac{g(x) - g(a)}{x - a} \right] \quad (2)$$

**WARNING:** For this to work, we must ensure that:

$$\exists p > 0 \text{ s.t. } 0 < |x - a| < p \implies g(x) \neq g(a)$$

PROOF (RIGHT) Define

$$u = g(x)$$

$$y = f(u) = f(g(x))$$

Then

$$(f \circ g)'(a) = f'(g(a))g'(a)$$

can be written as

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

## 2.4 Implicit Differentiation

Consider an equation involving two variables  $x, y$  that defines  $y$  implicitly:

$$F(x, y) = 0$$

To find the derivative of  $y$  with respect to  $x$ , denoted as  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ , we differentiate each side of the equation with respect to  $x$ , treating  $y$  as a function of  $x$ .

$$\frac{dF}{dx} = \frac{dF}{dx} \Big|_{\text{terms involving } x} + \frac{dF}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{\text{terms involving } y} = 0$$