

# Important Theorems

Introduction to Analysis

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## Chapter 5. Limit

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & , x \text{ irrational} \\ 1 & , x \text{ rational} \end{cases}$$

No matter what  $a$  is,  $f$  does not approach any number  $L$  near  $a$ .

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & , x \text{ rational} \\ 0 & , x \text{ irrational} \end{cases}$$

This function approaches 0 at 0 but does not approach any number  $a \neq 0$ .

**Definition.** The function  $f$  approaches the limit  $L$  near  $a$  means: for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is some  $\delta > 0$ , for all  $x$  if  $0 < |x - a| < \delta$ , then  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$ .

If it is NOT true: there is some  $\epsilon > 0$  such that for every  $\delta > 0$  there is some  $x$  which satisfies  $0 < |x - a| < \delta$  but not  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$ .

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## Chapter 6. Continuous Functions

Definition. The function  $f$  is continuous at  $a$  if

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

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x \sin(1/x) & , x \neq 0 \\ a & , x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$g(x)$  is continuous at 0.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin(1/x) & , x \neq 0 \\ a & , x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$f(x)$  is not continuous at 0 no matter what  $a$  is because  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  does not exist.

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} x & , x \text{ rational} \\ 0 & , x \text{ irrational} \end{cases}$$

$h(x)$  is not continuous at  $a$  if  $a \neq 0$  since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  does not exist.

**Theorem 1.** If  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous at  $a$ , then

(1)  $f + g$  is continuous at  $a$ .

(2)  $f \cdot g$  is continuous at  $a$ .

(3) if  $g(a) \neq 0$ , then  $\frac{1}{g}$  is continuous at  $a$ .

**Theorem 2.** If  $g$  is continuous at  $a$ , and  $f$  is continuous at  $g(a)$ , then  $f \circ g$  is continuous at  $a$ . (Notice that  $f$  is required to be continuous at  $g(a)$ , not  $a$ )

**Theorem 3.** Suppose  $f$  is continuous at  $a$ , and  $f(a) > 0$ . Then  $f(x) > 0$  for all  $x$  in some interval containing  $a$ ; more precisely, there is a number  $\delta > 0$  such that  $f(x) > 0$  for all  $x$  satisfying  $|x - a| < \delta$ . Similarly,  $f(a) < 0$ , then there is a number  $\delta > 0$  such that  $f(x) < 0$  for all  $x$  satisfying  $|x - a| < \delta$ .

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## Chapter 7. Three Hard Theorems

**Theorem 1.** If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and  $f(a) < 0 < f(b)$ , then there is some  $x \in [a, b]$  such that  $f(x) = 0$ .

**Theorem 2.** If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and  $f$  is bounded above on  $[a, b]$  that is there is some number  $N$  such that  $f(x) \leq N$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ .

**Theorem 3.** If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  then there is some number  $y \in [a, b]$  such that  $f(y) \geq f(x)$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ .

**Theorem 4.** If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and  $f(a) < c < f(b)$  (or  $f(a) > c > f(b)$ ) then there is some  $x$  in  $[a, b]$  such that  $f(x) = c$ .

**Theorem 5.** If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and  $f(a) > c > f(b)$  (or  $f(a) < c < f(b)$ ) then there is some  $x$  in  $[a, b]$  such that  $f(x) = c$ .

**Theorem 6.** If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , then  $f$  is bounded below on  $[a, b]$ , that is, there is some number  $N$  such that  $f(x) \geq N$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ .

**Theorem 7.** If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , then there is some  $y$  in  $[a, b]$  such that  $f(y) \leq f(x)$  for all  $x$  in  $[a, b]$ .

**Theorem 8.** Every positive number has a square root. In other words, if  $\alpha > 0$ , then there is some number  $x$  such that  $x^2 = \alpha$ .

**Theorem 9.** If  $n$  is odd, then any equation

$$x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0 = 0$$

has a root.

**Theorem 10.** If  $n$  is even and  $f(x) = x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$ , then there is a number  $y$  such that  $f(y) \leq f(x)$  for all  $x$ .

**Theorem 11.** Consider the equation

$$x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0 = c \quad (*)$$

and suppose  $n$  is even. Then there is a number  $m$  such that  $(*)$  has a solution for  $c \geq m$  and has no solution for  $c < m$ .

## Chapter 8. Least Upper Bounds

**Theorem 1.** If  $f$  is continuous at  $a$ , then there is a number  $\delta > 0$  such that  $f$  is bounded above on the interval  $(a - \delta, a + \delta)$ .

**Theorem 3.** For any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is natural number  $n$  with  $\frac{1}{n} < \epsilon$ .

## Chapter 9. Derivative

**Definition.** The function  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$  if

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

exists.

**Theorem 1.** If  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$ , then  $f$  is continuous at  $a$ .

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(a+h) - f(a) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} \cdot h \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h \\ &= f'(a) \cdot 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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## Chapter 10. Differentiation

**Theorem 1.** If  $f$  is constant function,  $f(x) = c$ , then  $f'(a) = 0$  for all numbers  $a$ .

**Theorem 2.** If  $f$  is identity function,  $f(x) = x$ , then  $f'(a) = 1$  for all numbers  $a$ .

**Theorem 3.** If  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable at  $a$ , then  $f + g$  is also differentiable at  $a$  and

$$(f + g)'(a) = f'(a) + g'(a)$$

**Theorem 4.** If  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable at  $a$ , then  $f \cdot g$  is also differentiable at  $a$ , and

$$(f \cdot g)'(a) = f'(a) \cdot g(a) + f(a) \cdot g'(a)$$

**Theorem 5.** If  $g(x) = cf(x)$  and  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$ , then  $g$  is differentiable at  $a$ , and

$$g'(a) = c \cdot f'(a)$$

**Theorem 6.** If  $f(x) = x^n$  for some natural number  $n$ , then

$$f'(a) = na^{n-1} \text{ for all } a$$

**Theorem 7.** If  $g$  is differentiable at  $a$ , and  $g(a) \neq 0$ , then  $1/g$  is differentiable at  $a$  and

$$\left(\frac{1}{g}\right)'(a) = \frac{-g'(a)}{[g(a)]^2}$$

**Theorem 8.** If  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable at  $a$  and  $g(a) \neq 0$ , then  $f/g$  is differentiable at  $a$  and

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(a) = \frac{g(a) \cdot f'(a) - f(a) \cdot g'(a)}{[g(a)]^2}$$

**Theorem 9.** If  $g$  is differentiable at  $a$ , and  $f$  is differentiable at  $g(a)$ , then  $f \circ g$  is differentiable at  $a$ , and

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

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## Chapter 11. Significance of The Derivative

**Theorem 1.** Let  $f$  be any function defined on  $(a, b)$ . If  $x$  is a maximum (or a minimum) point for  $f$  on  $(a, b)$  and  $f$  is differentiable at  $x$ , then  $f'(x) = 0$ .

**Theorem 2.** If  $x$  is a local maximum or minimum for  $f$  on  $(a, b)$  and  $f$  is differentiable at  $x$ , then  $f'(x) = 0$ .

**Definition.** A **critical point** of a function  $f$  is a number  $x$  such that

$$f'(x) = 0$$

The number  $f(x)$  itself is called a critical value of  $f$ .

Note: In order to locate the maximum and minimum of  $f$  three kinds of points must be considered:

1. The critical points of  $f$  in  $[a, b]$ .
2. The end points  $a$  and  $b$ .
3. Points  $x$  in  $[a, b]$  such that  $f$  is NOT differentiable at  $x$ .

**Intermediate Value Theorem.** If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and  $c$  is any number between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ , then there is at least one  $x$  in  $[a, b]$  such that  $f(x) = c$ .

**Theorem 3. (Rolle's Theorem)** If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$  and  $f(a) = f(b)$ , then there is a number  $x$  in  $(a, b)$  such that  $f'(x) = 0$ .

**Theorem 4. (The Mean Value Theorem)** If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable  $(a, b)$  then there is a number  $x$  in  $(a, b)$  such that

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

**Corollary 1.** If  $f$  is defined on interval and  $f'(x) = 0$  for all  $x$  in the interval, then  $f$  is constant on the interval.

**Corollary 2.** If  $f$  and  $g$  are defined on the same interval, and  $f'(x) = g'(x)$  for all  $x$  in the interval, then there is some number  $c$  such that  $f = g + c$ .

**Corollary 3.** If  $f'(x) > 0$  for all  $x$  in an interval, then  $f$  is increasing on the interval; if  $f'(x) < 0$  for all  $x$  in the interval, then  $f$  is decreasing on the interval.

**Theorem 5.** Suppose  $f'(a) = 0$ . If  $f''(a) > 0$ , then  $f$  has a local minimum at  $a$ ; if  $f''(a) < 0$ , then  $f$  has a local maximum at  $a$ .

**Theorem 6.** Suppose  $f''(a)$  exists. If  $f$  has a local minimum at  $a$ , then  $f''(a) \geq 0$ ; if  $f$  has a local maximum at  $a$ , then  $f''(a) \leq 0$ .

**Theorem 7.** Suppose that  $f$  is continuous at  $a$ , and that  $f'(x)$  exists for all  $x$  in some interval contain  $a$ , except perhaps for  $x = a$ . Suppose, moreover, that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f'(x)$  exists. Then  $f'(a)$  also exists, and

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

**Theorem 8. (The Cauchy Mean Value Theorem)** If  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , then there is a number  $x$  in  $(a, b)$  such that

$$[f(b) - f(a)]g'(x) = [g(b) - g(a)]f'(x)$$

**Theorem 9. (L'Hopital Rule)** Suppose that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0$$

and suppose that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f'(x)/g'(x)$  exists. Then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)/g(x)$  exists and

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

## Chapter 12. Inverse Function

**Definition.** A function is **one-one** if  $f(a) \neq f(b)$  whenever  $a \neq b$ .

**Definition.** For any function  $f$ , the inverse of  $f$ , denoted by  $f^{-1}$ , is the set of all pairs  $(a, b)$  for which the pair  $(b, a)$  is in  $f$ .

**Theorem 1.**  $f^{-1}$  is a function if and only if  $f$  is one to one.

**Theorem 2.** If  $f$  is continuous and one-one on an interval, then  $f$  is either increasing or decreasing on that interval.

**Theorem 3.** If  $f$  is continuous and one-one on an interval, then  $f^{-1}$  is also continuous.

**Theorem 4.** If  $f$  is continuous one-one function defined on an interval and  $f'(f^{-1}(a)) = 0$ , then  $f^{-1}$  is *not* differentiable at  $a$ .

**Theorem 5.** Let  $f$  be a continuous one-one function defined on an interval, and suppose that  $f$  is differentiable at  $f^{-1}(b)$ , with the derivative  $f'(f^{-1}(b)) \neq 0$ . Then  $f^{-1}$  is differentiable at  $b$ , and

$$(f^{-1})'(b) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(b))}$$

## Chapter 13. Integrals

**Definition.** Let  $a < b$ . A **partition** of the interval  $[a, b]$  is a finite collection of points on  $[a, b]$ , one of which is  $a$  and one of which is  $b$ .

**Definition.** Suppose  $f$  is bounded on  $[a, b]$  and  $P = \{t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n\}$  is a partition of  $[a, b]$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned} m_i &= \inf\{f(x) : t_{i-1} \leq x \leq t_i\} \\ M_i &= \sup\{f(x) : t_{i-1} \leq x \leq t_i\} \end{aligned}$$

The lower sum of  $f$  for  $P$  denoted by

$$L(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i(t_i - t_{i-1})$$

The upper sum of  $f$  for  $P$  denoted by

$$U(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^n M_i(t_i - t_{i-1})$$

**Lemma.** If  $Q$  contains  $P$ , ( $P \subseteq Q$ ), then

$$\begin{aligned} L(f, P) &\leq L(f, Q) \\ U(f, P) &\geq U(f, Q) \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1.** Let  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  be partitions of  $[a, b]$  and let  $f$  be a function which is bounded on  $[a, b]$ . Then  $L(f, P_1) \leq U(f, P_2)$ .

**Definition.** A function  $f$  which is bounded on  $[a, b]$  is **integrable** on  $[a, b]$  if  $P$  is a partition of  $[a, b]$  and

$$\sup\{L(f, P)\} = \inf\{U(f, P)\}$$

In this case, this common **number** is called the **integral** of  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  and is denoted by

$$\int_a^b f$$

**Theorem 2.** If  $f$  is bounded on  $[a, b]$ , then  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$  if and only if for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a partition  $P$  of  $[a, b]$  such that

$$U(f, P) - L(f, P) < \epsilon$$

**Theorem 3.** If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  then  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$ .

**Theorem 4.** Let  $a < c < b$ . If  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$ , then  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, c]$  and on  $[c, b]$ . Conversely, if  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, c]$  and on  $[c, b]$  then  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$ . Finally if  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$  then

$$\int_a^b f = \int_a^c f + \int_c^b f$$

**Theorem 5.** If  $f$  and  $g$  are integrable on  $[a, b]$ , then  $f + g$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$  and

$$\int_a^b (f + g) = \int_a^b f + \int_a^b g$$

**Theorem 6.** If  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$ , then for any number  $c$ , the function  $cf$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$  and

$$\int_a^b cf = c \cdot \int_a^b f$$

**Theorem 7.** Suppose  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$  and that

$$m \leq f(x) \leq M \text{ for all } x \in [a, b]$$

Then

$$m(b - a) \leq \int_a^b f \leq M(b - a)$$

**Theorem 8.** If  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$  and  $F$  is defined on  $[a, b]$  by

$$F(x) = \int_a^x f$$

then  $F$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ .

## Chapter 14. The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

**Theorem 1.** If  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$  and define  $F$  on  $[a, b]$  by

$$F(x) = \int_a^x f$$

If  $f$  is continuous at  $c$  in  $[a, b]$ , then  $F$  is differentiable at  $c$ , and

$$F'(c) = f(c)$$

**Corollary.** If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and  $f = g'$  for some function  $g$ , then

$$\int_a^b f = g(b) - g(a)$$

**Theorem 2.** If  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$  and  $f = g'$  for some function  $g$ , then

$$\int_a^b f = g(b) - g(a)$$

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## Chapter 15. The Trigonometric Functions

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**Definition.**

$$\pi = 2 \cdot \int_{-1}^1 \sqrt{1-x^2} dx$$

**Definition.** If  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$  then

$$A(x) = \frac{x\sqrt{1-x^2}}{2} + \int_x^1 \sqrt{1-t^2} dt$$

**Definition.** If  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ , then  $\cos(x)$  is the unique number in  $[-1, 1]$  such that

$$A(\cos(x)) = \frac{x}{2}$$

and

$$\sin(x) = \sqrt{1 - \cos(x)^2}$$

**Theorem 1.** If  $0 < x < \pi$ , then

$$\cos'(x) = -\sin(x)$$

$$\sin'(x) = \cos(x)$$

**Theorem 2.** If  $x \neq k\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then

$$\sec'(x) = \sec(x) \tan(x)$$

$$\tan'(x) = \sec(x)^2$$

If  $x \neq k\pi$ , then

$$\csc'(x) = -\csc(x) \cot(x)$$

$$\cot'(x) = -\csc(x)^2$$

**Theorem 3.** If  $-1 < x < 1$ , then

$$\arcsin'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\arccos'(x) = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

Moreover, for all  $x$  we have

$$\arctan'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

**Lemma.** Suppose  $f$  has a second derivative everywhere and that

$$f'' + f = 0$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$f'(0) = 0$$

Then  $f = 0$ .

**Theorem 4.** Suppose  $f$  has a second derivative everywhere and that

$$f'' + f = 0$$

$$f(0) = a$$

$$f'(0) = b$$



Then  $f = b \cdot \sin + a \cdot \cos$

**Theorem 5.** If  $x$  and  $y$  are any two numbers, then

$$\sin(x + y) = \sin(x) \cos(y) + \cos(x) \sin(y)$$

$$\cos(x + y) = \cos(x) \cos(y) - \sin(x) \sin(y)$$

## Chapter 20. Approximation By Polynomial Functions

**Theorem 1.** Suppose that  $f$  is a function for which

$$f'(a), f''(a), \dots, f^{(n)}(a)$$

all exist. Let

$$a_k = \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!}, 0 \leq k \leq n$$

and define

$$P_{n,a}(x) = a_0 + a_1(x - a) + \dots + a_n(x - a)^n$$

Then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - P_{n,a}(x)}{(x - a)^n} = 0$$

**Theorem 2.** Suppose that

$$f'(a) = \dots = f^{(n-1)}(a) = 0$$

$$f^{(n)}(a) \neq 0$$

- (1) If  $n$  is even and  $f^{(n)}(a) > 0$ , then  $f$  has a local minimum at  $a$ .
- (2) If  $n$  is even and  $f^{(n)}(a) < 0$ , then  $f$  has a local maximum at  $a$ .
- (3) If  $n$  is odd, then  $f$  has neither a local maximum nor a local minimum at  $a$ .

**Definition.** Two functions  $f$  and  $g$  are equal up to order  $n$  at  $a$  if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - g(x)}{(x - a)^n} = 0$$

**Theorem 3.** Let  $P$  and  $Q$  are two polynomials in  $(x - a)$ , of degree  $\leq n$ , and suppose that  $P$  and  $Q$  are equal up to order  $n$  at  $a$ . Then  $P = Q$ .

**Corollary.** Let  $f$  be  $n$  times differentiable at  $a$ , and suppose that  $P$  is a polynomial in  $(x - a)$  of degree  $\leq n$ , which equals  $f$  up to order  $n$  at  $a$ . Then  $P = P_{n,a,f}$ .

**Lemma.** Suppose that the function  $R$  is  $(n + 1)$  times differentiable on  $[a, b]$ , and

$$R^{(k)} = 0 \text{ for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Then for any  $x$  in  $(a, b]$  we have

$$\frac{R(x)}{(x - a)^{n+1}} = \frac{R^{(n+1)}(t)}{(n + 1)!} \text{ for some } t \text{ in } (a, x)$$

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## Chapter 22. Infinite Sequence

**Definition.** An **infinite sequence** of real numbers is a function whose domain is  $\mathbb{N}$ .

**Definition.** A sequence  $(a_n)$  converges to  $L$  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a natural number  $N$  such that, for all natural number  $n$ ,

$$\text{if } n > N \text{ then } |a_n - L| < \epsilon$$

**Theorem 1.** Let  $f$  be a function defined in an open interval containing  $c$ , except perhaps at  $c$  itself, with

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$$

Suppose  $(a_n)$  is a sequence such that

- (1) Each  $a_n$  is in the domain of  $f$
- (2) Each  $a_n \neq c$
- (3)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = c$

Then the sequence  $(f(a_n))$  satisfies

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

Conversely if this is true for every sequence  $(a_n)$  satisfying the above conditions, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$$

**Theorem 2.** If  $(a_n)$  is nondecreasing and bounded above, then  $(a_n)$  converges. Similar statement is true if  $(a_n)$  is nonincreasing and bounded below.

**Lemma.** Any sequence  $(a_n)$  contains a subsequence which is either nondecreasing or nonincreasing.

**Definition.** A sequence  $(a_n)$  is a **Cauchy Sequence** if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a natural number  $N$  such that for all  $m, n$ ,

$$\text{if } m, n > N \text{ then } |a_n - a_m| < \epsilon$$

**Theorem 3.** A sequence  $(a_n)$  converges if and only if it is a Cauchy Sequence.

**Monotone Subsequence Theorem** If  $X = (x_n)$  is a sequence of real numbers then there is a monotone subsequence.

**Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem** A bounded sequence of real numbers has a convergent subsequence.

**Theorem** Let  $X = (x_n)$  be a bounded sequence of real numbers and let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  have the property that every convergent subsequence of  $X$  converges to  $x$ , then the sequence  $X$  converges to  $x$ .

## Chapter 18. The Logarithm and Exponential Functions

**Definition.**

$$\log(x) = \int_1^x \frac{1}{t} dt$$

**Theorem 1.** If  $x, y > 0$ , then  $\log(xy) = \log(x) + \log(y)$ .

**Corollary 1.** If  $n$  is natural number and  $x > 0$ , then

$$\log(x^n) = n \log(x)$$

**Corollary 2.** If  $x, y > 0$ , then

$$\log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log(x) - \log(y)$$

**Definition.** The exponential function,  $\exp$  is defined as  $\log^{-1}$ .

**Theorem 2.** For all number  $x$ ,

$$\exp'(x) = \exp(x)$$

**Theorem 3.** If  $x$  and  $y$  are any two numbers, then

$$\exp(x + y) = \exp(x) \cdot \exp(y)$$

**Definition.**  $e = \exp(1)$

**Definition.** If  $a > 0$ , for any real number  $x$ ,

$$a^x = e^{x \log(a)}$$

**Theorem 4.** If  $a > 0$ , then

$$(1) (a^b)^c = a^{bc} \text{ for } b, c$$

$$(2) a^1 = a \text{ and } a^{x+y} = a^x \cdot a^y \text{ for } x, y.$$

**Theorem 5.** If  $f$  is differentiable and

$$f'(x) = f(x) \text{ for all } x$$

then there is a number  $c$  such that

$$f(x) = ce^x \text{ for all } x$$

*Proof.* Let  $g(x) = \frac{f(x)}{e^x}$ . This is permissible since  $e^x \neq 0$  for all  $x$ . Then

$$g'(x) = \frac{e^x f'(x) - f(x)e^x}{(e^x)^2} = \frac{e^x[f(x) - f(x)]}{e^{2x}} = 0$$

Therefore there is a number  $c$  such that

$$g(x) = \frac{f(x)}{e^x} = c \text{ for all } x$$

□

**Theorem 6.** For any natural number  $n$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{x^n} = \infty$$

*Proof.* The proof consists of several steps:

- (1)  $e^x > x$  for all  $x$ , and consequently  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^x = \infty$  (this may be considered to be the case  $n = 0$ ). To prove this statement (which is clear for  $x \leq 0$ ) it suffices to show that

$$x > \log(x) \text{ for all } x > 0$$

If  $x < 1$ , this is clearly true, since  $\log(x) < 0$ . If  $x > 1$ , then  $x - 1$  is an upper sum for  $f(t) = \frac{1}{t}$  on  $[1, x]$  so  $\log(x) < x - 1 < x$ .

- (2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{x} = \infty$   
To prove this, note that

$$\frac{e^x}{x} = \frac{e^{x/2} \cdot e^{x/2}}{\frac{x}{2} \cdot 2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{e^{x/2}}{x/2} \right) \cdot e^{x/2}$$

By (1), the expression in parentheses is greater than 1, and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{x/2} = \infty$ ; this shows that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{x} = \infty$ .

- (3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{x^n} = \infty$   
Note that

$$\frac{e^x}{x^n} = \frac{(e^{x/n})^n}{(x/n)^n \cdot n^n} = \frac{1}{n^n} \cdot \left( \frac{e^{x/n}}{x/n} \right)^n$$

The expression in parentheses becomes arbitrarily large, by (2), so the  $n$ th power certainly becomes arbitrarily large.

□