



**Why**

What is the natural generalization of a smooth function to functions defined on sets of  $\mathbf{R}^k$ .<sup>1</sup>

**Definition**

Let  $U \subset \mathbf{R}^d$  be an open set (see Real Open Sets). A function  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is *smooth* if all its partial derivatives exists and are continuous.

More generally, let  $X \subset \mathbf{R}^d$ . A function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is *smooth* if there exists an open set  $U \subset \mathbf{R}^d$  and a smooth  $F : U \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  so that  $F(x) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in U \cap X$ .

**Example**

The identity map is smooth. In other words, let  $f : \mathbf{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be so that  $X \subset \mathbf{R}^d$ . Then  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  s

**Properties**

**Proposition 1.** *The composition of two smooth functions is smooth.*

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<sup>1</sup>Future editions will expand.



