

MATH 421 Lecture Notes

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Properties of Real Number

Definition 1. Given any $a \in \mathbb{R}$, we define its absolute value to be

$$|a| = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } a \geq 0 \\ -a & \text{if } a < 0 \end{cases}$$

Theorem 2 (Triangular Inequality). Given $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, there holds

$$|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$$

Method of Proof

Direct proof

some statements can be shown to be true through a direct argument e.g. our proof of Theorem 1

Theorem 3. hello

Proof by induction

the aim is to proof that a statement is true for all rational number

- (i) Show the statement is true for $n = 1$
- (ii) Assume the statement is true for general $n \in \mathbb{N}$
- (iii) Using assumption (ii), prove the statement is true for $n + 1$
- (iv) Conclude your proof with a sentence like "by mathematical information, the result holds for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ "

Example 4. Show that $\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$

Theorem 5. Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then, there holds the formula

$$(1 + x)^n = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} x^j$$

1 Real Intervals

$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $a < b$, we denote $[a, b]$, the set of all \mathbb{R} between a and b (inclusive)

$$[a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq x \leq b\}$$

Similarly, we have

$$(a, b) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x < b\}$$

by convention, $(a, a) = \emptyset$, the empty set

$$(a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x \leq b\}$$

$$[a, b) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq x < b\}$$

Subset of this form are call **intervals**. We also adopt the notation

$$(\infty, a] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \leq a\}$$

$$(b, \infty) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x > b\}$$

We'll never write $[\infty, a]$, since $\pm\infty$ are **not** real numbers.

$[a, b], (a, b], [a, b), (a, b)$, they are **bounded**

Definition 6. A set $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is bounded below (respectively bounded above) if $\exists b \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $x \geq b \forall x \in B$ (respectively $x \leq b$ for all $x \in B$)

e.g. $\{0, 1, 50^{72}, -350\pi\}$ and $\left[-\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}, 3\right)$ are bounded while \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{N} are not bounded

e.g. $[-357, \infty)$ is bounded below but not above

Definition 7. Let $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be a subset that is bounded. We say that $b \in \mathbb{R}$ is the least upper bound of B (also call the supremum of B) if

- (i) b is an upper bound for B
- (ii) if b' is also an upper bound for B , then we have $b \leq b'$

We denote this least upper bound by $\sup B$

Remark 8. It is easy to see that for a set B bounded above, $\sup B$ is unique. To see this, suppose that both β_1 and β_2 are least upper bound for B . Then since β_2 is least upper bound and β_1 is an upper bound. We have $\beta_2 \leq \beta_1$. But also since β_1 is least upper bound and β_2 is a lower bound, we have $\beta_1 \leq \beta_2$. Hence $\beta_1 = \beta_2$.

We have the corresponding notation for lower bounds

Definition 9. Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be a subset bounded below. We say that $a \in \mathbb{R}$ is the greatest lower bound for A (also called the infimum of A) if

- (i) a is a lower bound for A
- (ii) if a' is also a lower bound for A , then $a' \leq a$

For $B = (-1, \infty)$, $\inf B = -1$.

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For $A = [2, 10) \cup (510, 511] \cup \{520\}$, $\inf A = 2$, $\sup A = 520$

Note that some sets contain their infimum/supremum while others do not. We note down a property of the real-numbers which we state but do not prove

Example. Prove that if $a = (0, 1)$, $\sup A = 1$

Proof. Notice that if $x \in A$ then $x < 1$, so 1 is an upper bound for A . Suppose for contradiction that $\sup A \neq 1$. Then we must have $\sup A < 1$ but $m = \frac{1}{2}(\sup A + 1) \in A$ but $m > \sup A$. So $\sup A$ is not an upper bound for A \square

2 Functions & Their Representation

A function is a “thing” that assigns a number to another number

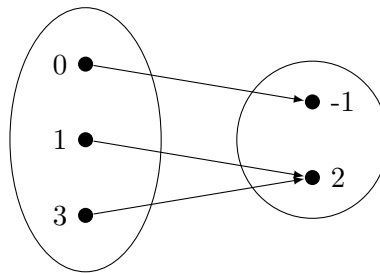
Example. the square function $x \mapsto x^2$

The way we represent this is by writing that f , the function such that $f(x) = x^2$, also written $f : x \mapsto x^2$

Example. We could also define a function, say g , that acts on $\{0, 1, 3\}$ and maps from elements of this set to $\{-1, 2\}$, for instance

$$g(0) = 1, \quad g(1) = 2, \quad g(3) = 2$$

One way of representing this is with the diagram



When defining a function f , we write $f : A \rightarrow B$, where A is domain and B is range

Example. Define the function $r : [-17, -\frac{\pi}{3}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by the explicit formula

$$r(x) = x^3, r : [-17, -\frac{\pi}{3}] \rightarrow [-17^3, -(\frac{\pi}{3})^3] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$$

2.1 Operation between functions

Suppose f_1, f_2 have the same domain A , then we can define a new function, say g , to take the values of the sum of f_1 and f_2 i.e., for $f_1 : A \rightarrow B$ and $f_2 : A \rightarrow B$ we define $g : A \rightarrow B'$ to be

$$g(x) = f_1(x) + f_2(x) \quad \forall x \in A$$

Note that B' might not be equal to B

Example. $f_1, f_2 : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $f_1(x) = x$, $f_2(x) = \frac{1}{2}x$, $g(x) = \frac{3}{2}x$ and $g : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, \frac{3}{2}]$

For ease of notation, we write g as $(f_1 + f_2)$

Similarly, we define the product function $(f_1 \cdot f_2)(x) = f_1(x) \cdot f_2(x) \forall x \in A$

Example. $f(x) = \log x$ for $x \geq 1$, $g(x) = 10x^2 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ To define $f + g$ and $f \cdot g$, we must to the smaller domain $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \geq 1\}$

2.2 Some examples of functions

Polynomials

Definition 10. $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a polynomial function, if $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\exists \{a_0, \dots, a_N\} \in \mathbb{R}^{N+1}$

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_Nx^N \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Rational function

Definition 11. We say that f is a rational function if for some polynomial functions $p : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $q : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$f(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus R_q$$

where $R_q = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : q(x) = 0\}$ is the set of roots of q

Construct functions

Definition 12. $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a constant function if $\exists c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x) = c \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

The identity

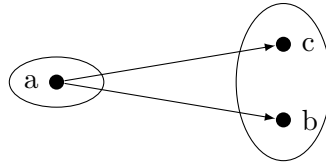
Definition 13. If $f(x) = x \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ then we say that f is the identity map.

2.3 Composition

Definition 14. Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$ be functions. We define the composition $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$ by $g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) \forall x \in A$

2.4 Formal definition

Definition 15. A function is a collection of pairs of points with the property if (a, b) and (a, c) belong to the collection, the $b = c$. The pairs of points are of the form $(a, f(a))$. The property in **Definition 15** ensure that we stay clear of a confusion of the sort $f(2) = 2$ and $f(2) = 3$, which would using the diagram representation.



NOT a function

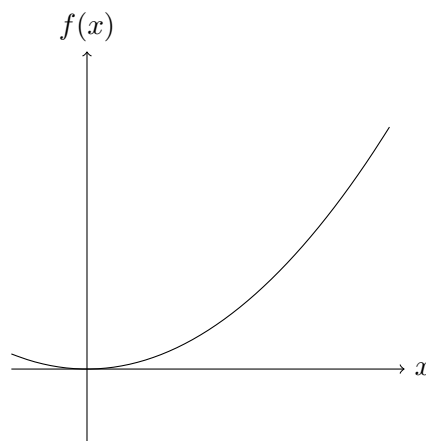
Definition 16. Let f be a function and denote by \mathcal{F} its collection of points. The domain of f , written $\text{dom}(f)$, is the set of all points a such that there exists some b for which $(a, b) \in \mathcal{F}$.

i.e., $\text{dom}(f) = \{a : \exists b \text{ for which } (a, b) \in \mathcal{F}\}$

Moreover, by **Definition 15** for each $a \in \text{dom}(f)$ there exists a unique b such that $(a, b) \in \mathcal{F}$

2.5 Graphs of functions

An intimate way to represent a function is by writing its coordinate pair on curves, i.e., drawing its graph



This diagram is representation of $\{(x, f(x)), x \in A\}$

Definition 17. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. We say f is **linear** if $\exists a \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$f(x) = ax, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Definition 18. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. We say f is **affine** if $\exists a \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$f(x) = ax + b, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Definition 19. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. We say f is **even** if $\exists a \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

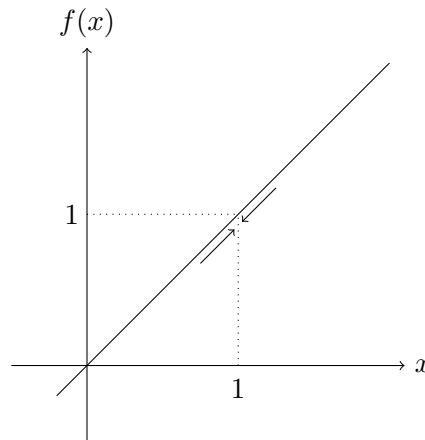
$$f(x) = f(-x), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Definition 20. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. We say f is **odd** if $\exists a \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

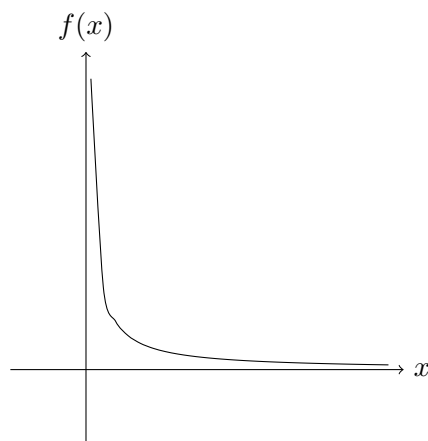
$$f(x) = -f(-x), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

2.6 What is limit

What is a limit? Intuitively, a function has a limit at a point x_* if the function values $f(x)$ “approach” this limit number as x gets closer to x_*



if $f(x) = x \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ that as x increases to 1



as $x \rightarrow \infty$, $f(x)$ goes arbitrary close to 0, as $x \rightarrow 0$, $f(x)$ “explodes” and has not limit

This idea of a function having a limit is also preserve for more basic objects, e.g., sequence
e.g., the sequence of points $\{0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \dots\}$ where the n^{th} element of the sequence may be written as $a_n = 1 - \frac{1}{n}$, converge to 1 as $n \rightarrow \infty$

definition of limit

Definition 21. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function and let $a, l \in \mathbb{R}$. We say that f approach the limit l near a if for all $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$0 < |x - a| < \delta \implies |f(x) - l| < \varepsilon$$

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

Some comments on **Definition 21**

- (i) δ is allowed to depend on ε, a, l
- (ii) “for all $\varepsilon > 0$ ” can be read as “given any $\varepsilon > 0$ ”

Example. Let $f(x) = cx$ for some $c \in \mathbb{R}$ we show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = c$

Proof. let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - c| &= |cx - c| \\ &= |c| \cdot |1 - x| \end{aligned}$$

So, letting $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon) = |c|^{-1} \cdot \varepsilon$, we get that

$$0 < |1 - x| < \delta \implies |f(x) - c| < \varepsilon$$

Since this hold for all $\varepsilon > 0$, we define $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = c$

□

Example. Let $g(x) = x \sin(\frac{1}{x})$ for some $x \in (0, \infty)$. Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = 0$

Proof. Indeed, let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. Notice that $|g(x)| = |x| \cdot |\sin(\frac{1}{x})| \leq |x|$

, thus, letting $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon$, we see that

$$0 < |x| < \delta \implies |g(x)| < \varepsilon$$

□

Definition 22. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and let $l \in \mathbb{R}$. We say that f approaches the limit l as x tends to infinity if: for all $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $R > 0$ such that

$$x > R \implies |f(x) - l| < \varepsilon$$

We write $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = l$ (R is allowed to depend on ε, l)

Example. let $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ for $x > 0$. We show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$

letting $R(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon^{-1}$, we see that $x > R \implies |f(x) - 0| < \varepsilon$

Definition 23. Let $l \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of real numbers. We say that a_n approaches the limit l as n tends to infinity if for all $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$n > N \implies |a_n - l| < \varepsilon$$

Write $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = l$

Example. For the sequence $\{0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \dots\}$ where $a_n = 1 - \frac{1}{n} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ we see that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 1$

Proof. Indeed, let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. Observe that $|a_n - 1| < \frac{1}{n}$, letting $N(\varepsilon) = \lceil \varepsilon^{-1} \rceil$, we see that, whenever $n > N$, $n > \varepsilon^{-1} \implies \frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon$ and $|a_n - 1| < \varepsilon$ for such n □

What does it mean to not have a limit?

what is no limit

Corollary 24. $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ does not approach the limit $l \in \mathbb{R}$ at the point $a \in \mathbb{R}$ if there exists some $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ such that for all $\delta > 0$ there exists $x_\delta \in \mathbb{R}$ for which there holds

$$|x_\delta - a| < \delta \text{ and } |f(x_\delta) - l| \geq \varepsilon_0$$

Example. We show that $f: (0,1) \rightarrow (0,\infty)$ has no limit at $x = 0$

Proof. We show that $\forall p \geq 0$, f does not approach the limit p at $x = 0$. Let $p \geq 0$ be given. We'll show that Corollary 24 holds with $\varepsilon_0 = 1$. Note that $|f(x) - p| = |\frac{1}{x} - p| = \frac{1}{x} - p$ provided $0 < x \leq \frac{1}{p}$. Also observe that $0 < x \leq \frac{1}{p+1} \implies \frac{1}{x} - p \geq p+1 - p = 1$. This given any $\delta > 0$, choosing $x_\delta = \min\{\frac{\delta}{2}, \frac{1}{p+1}\}$ we get $0 < x_\delta < \delta$ and by $|f(x_\delta) - p| \geq 1$. \square

Example. Let $f: (0,\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ $x \mapsto \sin(\frac{1}{x})$. We show f does not approach the value 0 as $x \rightarrow 0$.

Proof. Indeed, for this case set $\varepsilon_0 = \frac{1}{2}$ and for every $\delta > 0$, set $x_\delta = \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n_\delta}$ where $n_\delta \in \mathbb{N}$ chosen sufficiently large such that $0 < x_\delta < \delta$. For instance, $n_\delta = \lceil \frac{\delta^{-1}}{2\pi} \rceil$ clarify that $x_\delta = \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n_\delta} < \frac{1}{2\pi n_\delta}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} n_\delta &\geq \frac{\delta^{-1}}{2\pi} \\ 2\pi n_\delta &\geq \delta^{-1} \\ \frac{1}{2\pi n_\delta} &\leq \delta \end{aligned}$$

Then, $0 < x_\delta < \delta$, and

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sin\left(\frac{1}{x_\delta}\right) \\ &= \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{x_\delta}\right) \\ &= \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

So, $|x_\delta - 0| < \delta$ and $|f(x_\delta) - 0| = 1 > \frac{1}{2} = \varepsilon_0$ (So, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) \neq 0$) \square

Example 25. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$ but f has no limit at any other point $a \neq 0$

Fact Given $s < t$ real numbers:

- (i) $\exists q \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $s < q < t$
- (ii) $\exists r \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ such that $s < r < t$

Proof. Fix $a > 0$ and let $l \in \mathbb{R}$ be arbitrary. There are 2 cases

1. Suppose $l = 0$ set $\varepsilon_0 = a$. Then, given $\delta > 0$ by Fact(i), $\exists x_\delta \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $a < x_\delta < a + \delta$ and thus $|x_\delta - a| < \delta$ and $|f(x_\delta) - l| = x_\delta > a = \varepsilon_0$ so $f(x) \not\rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow a$
2. Suppose $l \neq 0$ set $\varepsilon_0 = \frac{|l|}{2}$ then given any $\delta > 0$ by Fact(ii), $\exists x_\delta \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ such that $a < x_\delta < a + \delta$, $|x_\delta - a| < \delta$ and $|f(x_\delta) - l| = |l| > \frac{|l|}{2} = \varepsilon_0$ repeating the same strategy for $a < 0$ concludes the proof.

□

2.7 Identity of Limit

Theorem 26. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Suppose that for $\mu, \nu \in \mathbb{R}$ we have $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \mu$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \nu$ then $\mu = \nu$ (i.e., the limit is unique)

Proof. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. By the definition of the limit $\exists \delta_1 = \delta_1(\varepsilon, a, \mu) > 0$ such that $0 < |x - a| < \delta_1 \implies |f(x) - \mu| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ also $\exists \delta_2 = \delta_2(\varepsilon, a, \nu) > 0$ such that $0 < |x - a| < \delta_2 \implies |f(x) - \nu| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$. Letting $\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\} > 0$, we see that $|\mu - \nu| \leq |\mu - f(x)| + |f(x) - \nu|$, which provided $|x - a| < \delta$. Hence, $|\mu - \nu| < \varepsilon$ whenever $|x - a| < \delta$

We will show that $\mu - \nu = 0$. Suppose $\mu - \nu \neq 0$ then $|\mu - \nu| \geq 0$ but then, choosing $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}|\mu - \nu|$ we get $|\mu - \nu| < \frac{1}{2}|\mu - \nu|$

□

Theorem 27. Let $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Suppose that for $\mu, \nu \in \mathbb{R}$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \mu$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \nu$ then

- (a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f + g)(x) = \mu + \nu$
- (b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f \cdot g)(x) = \mu \cdot \nu$

Proof. We will prove each separately

- (a) Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. by the definition of limit, $\exists \delta_1 = \delta_1(\varepsilon, a, \mu) > 0$ such that $0 < |x - a| < \delta_1 \implies |f(x) - \mu| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ and $\exists \delta_2 = \delta_2(\varepsilon, a, \nu) > 0$ such that $0 < |x - a| < \delta_2 \implies |g(x) - \nu| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$. Let $\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$, provided $0 < |x - a| < \delta$,

and observe that

$$\begin{aligned} |(f+g)(x) - (\mu + \nu)| &= |(f(x) - \mu) + (g(x) - \nu)| \\ &\leq |f(x) - \mu| + |g(x) - \nu| \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

and $0 < |x - a| < \delta \implies |(f+g)(x) - (\mu + \nu)| < \varepsilon$

(b) Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given, and observe that

$$\begin{aligned} |(f \cdot g)(x) - (\mu\nu)| &= |(f(x)g(x) - \mu g(x)) + (\mu g(x) - \mu\nu)| \\ &\leq |g(x)| \cdot |f(x) - \mu| + |\mu| \cdot |g(x) - \nu| \end{aligned}$$

By the definition of limit $\exists \delta_g = \delta_g(\varepsilon, a, \nu) > 0$ such that $|g(x) - \nu| < \min\{\frac{\varepsilon}{2(1+|\mu|)}, 1\}$, whenever $0 < |x - a| < \delta_g$.

Note: whenever $0 < |x - a| < \delta_g$, we have

$$(i) \quad |g(x) - \nu| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2(1+|\mu|)} \quad \text{and} \quad |\mu| \cdot |g(x) - \nu| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$(ii) \quad |g(x) - \nu| < 1 \quad \text{and} \quad |g(x)| \leq |g(x) - \nu| + |\nu| < 1 + |\nu|$$

Again, by the definition of limit, $\exists \delta_f = \delta_f(\varepsilon, a, \mu, \nu) > 0$ such that

$$|x - a| < \delta_f \implies |f(x) - \mu| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2(1+|\nu|)}$$

then, we see that, for $\delta = \min\{\delta_f, \delta_g\}$ we have

$$|(f \cdot g)(x) - (\mu\nu)| < (1 + |\nu|) \frac{\varepsilon}{2(1+|\nu|)} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$$

□

2.8 Infremum / Supremum

Our objective is to give a sense of infimum/supremum as limits. For example, consider $[1, 2]$. This set has the property that for every $x \in [1, 2]$, there exists a sequence of points $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ belonging to $[1, 2]$ such that $x_n \rightarrow x$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Indeed, $x \in (1, 2)$, then for $M_x > 0$ sufficiently large. $x_n = x + \frac{1}{n \cdot M_x}$ is such that $x_n \in (1, 2)$ and $x_n \rightarrow x$. And for when $x \in \{1, 2\}$, we can build the sequences $x_n = \frac{1}{100n}$ or $x_n = 2 - \frac{1}{100n}$. This property also holds for $(1, 2)$, but also even though $1, 2 \notin (1, 2)$, there exists sequences $(y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(z_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that $y_n, z_n \notin (1, 2) \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $y_n \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $z_n \rightarrow 2$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

It turns out that the property of “having a sequence inside the set converging to this point” is a property that holds true for the inf and sup of any bounded set.

To this end, we prove the following lemma

Lemma 28. Let $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be a nonempty set bounded above. Then, given any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists some $b_\varepsilon \in B$ such that

$$\sup B - \varepsilon < b_\varepsilon (\leq \sup B)$$

Proof. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. Denote $\sup B$ by β . Suppose for contradiction that no such b_ε exists. Then for all $b \in B$, we must have $b \leq \beta - \varepsilon$ but then $\beta - \varepsilon$ is the least upper bound for B \square

An analogous argument prove

Lemma 29. Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be a nonempty set bounded below. Then, given any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists some $a_\varepsilon \in A$ such that

$$(\inf A \leq) a_\varepsilon < \inf A + \varepsilon$$

Corollary 30. Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be nonempty and bounded, then, $\exists (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $\exists (y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ for which $x_n, y_n \in A$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \inf A$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \sup A$

Proof. By Lemma 28 for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\exists y_n \in A$ such that $\sup A - \frac{1}{n} < y_n \leq \sup A$ and $|y_n - \sup A| < \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. So, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \sup A$. Also, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, by Lemma 29, $\exists x_n \in A$ such that $\inf A \leq x_n < \inf A + \frac{1}{n}$. i.e., $|x_n - \inf A| < \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. So, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \inf A$. \square

Lemma 31. Suppose A is non-empty and bounded below. Let B be the set of all lower bounds of A . Then $\inf A = \sup B$

Proof. There are 3 steps

Step 1 [B is nonempty] Since A is bounded below, there exists at least one lower bound, which belongs to B , so $B \neq \emptyset$

Step 2 [B is bounded above] Suppose for contradiction that B is not bounded above. Then given any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\exists x_n \in B$ such that $x_n \geq n$. Then by the definition of B , x_n is a lower bound for A for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Thus given any $a \in A$, we have $a \geq x_n \geq n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$. Here B is bounded above.

Step 3 [showing the equality]

(\leq) Let $\nu = \inf A$ and $\mu = \sup B$. Since ν is the infimum of A , ν is a lower bound for A . So $\nu \in B \implies \nu \leq \sup B = \mu$

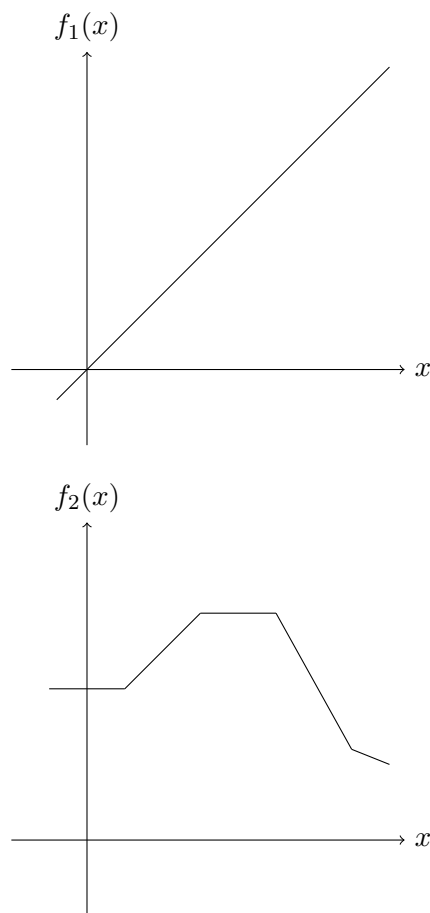
(\geq) Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be arbitrary. Then by **Lemma 28** $\exists b_\varepsilon \in B$ such that $\mu - \varepsilon < b_\varepsilon \leq \mu$. Hence, $\mu < \varepsilon + b_\varepsilon$. Now, let $a \in A$ be any point of A and observe that since $b_\varepsilon \in B$, $b_\varepsilon \leq a \implies \mu < \varepsilon + b_\varepsilon \leq \varepsilon + a$. i.e., $\mu < \varepsilon + a$ for all $a \in A$. i.e., $\mu - \varepsilon < a \forall a \in A$. So, $\mu - \varepsilon$ is a lower bound for $A \implies \mu - \varepsilon < \inf A = \nu$ i.e., $\mu < \nu + \varepsilon$, but $\varepsilon > 0$ was arbitrary $\implies \mu \leq \nu$

□

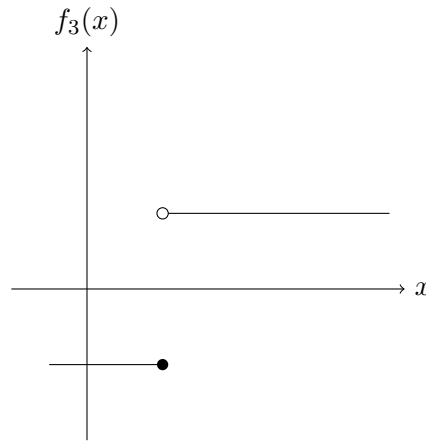
3 Continuous Function

What does it mean for a function to be continuous?

Infinitely, this is some smoothness to the function i.g.,



But, on the other hand



is not continuous

3.1 Definition of Continuous Function

Definition 32. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. We say f is continuous at the point $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ if there holds $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0)$

Remark. For f to be continuous at $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$, we require

- (i) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ exists
- (ii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = f(x_0)$

Another way of writing Definition 32 is

Definition (32). f is continuous at x_0 if for all $\varepsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta = \delta(\varepsilon, x_0, f(x_0)) > 0$ such that

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

Example. f_3 is not continuous at the point $x = 1$.

Proof. Indeed, setting $\varepsilon_0 = 1$, we see that, given any $\delta > 0$, the point $x_\delta = 1 + \frac{\delta}{2}$ is such that $|x_\delta - 1| < \delta$ and $|f(x_\delta) - f(1)| = |1 - (-1)| = 2 > \varepsilon_0$ \square

Example. $f(x) = x^2$ is continuous.

Proof. Indeed, let $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ be any point and observe that

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(x_0)| &= |x^2 - x_0^2| \\ &= |(x + x_0)(x - x_0)| \\ &= |x + x_0| \cdot |x - x_0| \end{aligned}$$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. Now let $\delta = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{\varepsilon}{2(1+|x_0|)} \right\}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} |x + x_0| &= |x - x_0 + 2x_0| \\ &\leq |x - x_0| + 2|x_0| \\ &\leq 1 + 2|x_0| \end{aligned}$$

Then provided $|x - x_0| < \delta$ we get

$$|f(x) - f(x_0)| \leq (1 + 2|x_0|) \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{2(1 + |x_0|)} < \varepsilon$$

□

Example.

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

f is continuous at $x = 0$

Proof. Indeed, let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given and observe that

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(0)| &= |x| \cdot \left| \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \right| \text{ for } x \neq 0 \\ &\leq |x| \end{aligned}$$

So, letting $\delta(\varepsilon) = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$, we see that

$$|x - 0| < \delta \implies |f(x) - f(0)| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} < \varepsilon$$

□

3.2 Identity of Continuous Function

Lemma 33. Let $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous at $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

- (i) $f + g$ is continuous at a
- (ii) $f \cdot g$ is continuous at a

Proof. We will prove each separately

(i) let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. By the definition of continuous, $\exists \delta_f = \delta_f(\varepsilon, a) > 0$ such that

$$|x - a| < \delta_f \implies |f(x) - f(a)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

and, $\exists \delta_g = \delta_g(\varepsilon, a) > 0$ such that

$$|x - a| < \delta_g \implies |g(x) - g(a)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

So, letting $\delta = \min\{\delta_f, \delta_g\}$, suppose $|x - a| < \delta$, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) + g(x) - (f(a) + g(a))| &\leq |f(x) - f(a)| + |g(x) - g(a)| \\ &= \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \\ &= \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

(ii) let ε be given. Note that

$$|f(x)g(x) - f(a)g(a)| \leq |g(x)| \cdot |f(x) - f(a)| + |f(a)| \cdot |g(x) - g(a)|$$

Since g is continuous at a , $\exists \delta_g = \delta_g(\varepsilon, a) > 0$ such that

$$|x - a| < \delta_g \implies |g(x) - g(a)| < \min \left\{ 1, \frac{\varepsilon}{2(1 + |f(a)|)} \right\}$$

Then, provided $|x - a| < \delta_g$, we get

$$|g(x)| \leq \overbrace{|g(x) - g(a)|}^{<1} + |g(a)| < 1 + |g(a)|$$

Also, since f is continuous at a , $\exists \delta_f = \delta_f(\varepsilon, a) > 0$ such that

$$|x - a| < \delta_f \implies |f(x) - f(a)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2(1 + |g(a)|)}$$

Then, letting $\delta = \min\{\delta_f, \delta_g\}$, we see that whenever $|x - a| < \delta$, we have from

$$|f(x)g(x) - f(a)g(a)| < (1 + |g(a)|) \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2(1 + |g(a)|)} \right) + |f(a)| \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{2(1 + |f(a)|)} < \varepsilon$$

□

Lemma 34. Let $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous at $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous at $g(a)$. Then $f \circ g$ is continuous at a

Proof. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. Since f is continuous at $g(a)$, $\exists \delta_f = \delta_f(\varepsilon, a) > 0$ such that

$$|y - g(a)| < \delta_f \implies |f(y) - f(g(a))| < \varepsilon$$

Meanwhile, g is continuous at a , so $\exists \delta_g = \delta_g(\delta_f(\varepsilon, a), a) > 0$ such that

$$|x - a| < \delta_g \implies |g(x) - g(a)| < \delta_f$$

So, letting $\delta = \delta_g$, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} |x - a| < \delta &\implies |g(x) - g(a)| < \delta_f \\ &\implies |f(g(x)) - f(g(a))| < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 35. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous at a , and suppose $f(a) > 0$. Then $\exists \delta > 0$ such that $f(x) > 0 \forall x \in [a - \delta, a + \delta]$

Proof. Since f is continuous at a , $\exists \delta_f = \delta_f(a, \overbrace{f(a)}^{\varepsilon}) > 0$ such that

$$|x - a| < \delta_f \implies |f(x) - f(a)| < \overbrace{\frac{1}{2}f(a)}^{\varepsilon}$$

It follows that, for $x \in (a - \delta_f, a + \delta_f)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (f(x) - f(a)) + f(a) \\ &\geq f(a) - |f(x) - f(a)| \\ &> f(a) - \frac{1}{2}f(a) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}f(a) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

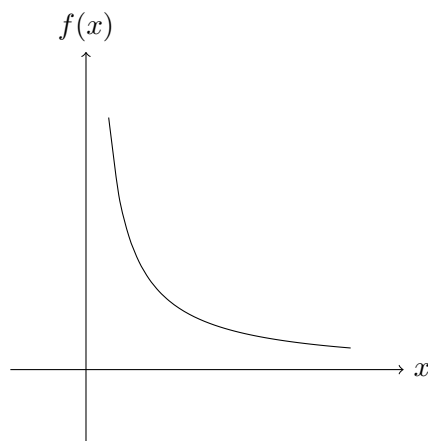
In turn, letting $\delta = \frac{1}{2}\delta_f$, we see that $f(x) > 0 \forall x \in [a - \delta, a + \delta]$

□

3.3 Definition of Left/Right Continuity

f continuous on (a, b) if f is continuous at x , for all $x \in (a, b)$. What does it mean for f to be continuous at on $[a, b]$? Should there be a difference between “continuous on (a, b) ” and “continuous on $[a, b]$ ”.

To gather intuition, let's look at $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ on $(0, 1)$ and $[0, 1]$.



It's clear that f is continuous at every point $a \in (0, 1)$ but $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ is not defined. So, it ought to not be continuous on $[0, 1]$. We make the following definition

Definition (32). Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $a < b$ be real numbers.

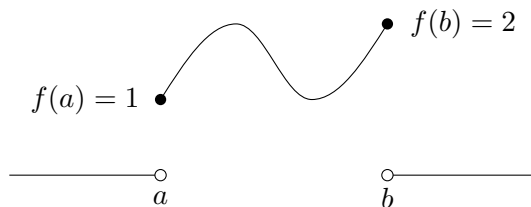
- (i) We say f is continuous on (a, b) if f is continuous at x for every $x \in (a, b)$
- (ii) We say f is continuous on $[a, b]$ if f is continuous on (a, b) and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = f(a)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} f(x) = f(b)$

We write $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$ to mean “The limit f as x tends to a from above” also written $\lim_{x \searrow a} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} f(x)$ to mean “The limit f as x tends to b from below” also written $\lim_{x \nearrow b} f(x)$

Definition (32). Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $a \in \mathbb{R}$

- (i) We write $\mu = \lim_{x \searrow a} f(x)$ if for all $\varepsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$ such that whenever $a < x < a + \delta$ we have $|\mu - f(x)| < \varepsilon$
- (ii) We write $\nu = \lim_{x \nearrow a} f(x)$ if for all $\varepsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$ such that whenever $a - \delta < x < a$ we have $|\nu - f(x)| < \varepsilon$

Example. Considered this graph



then, $\lim_{x \searrow a} f(x) = 1$ and $\lim_{x \nearrow b} f(x) = 2$ on the other hand $\lim_{x \nearrow a} f(x) = 0$ and $\lim_{x \searrow b} f(x) = 0$

Example. $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$ exists $\iff \lim_{x \nearrow x_0} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \searrow x_0} f(x)$ exists and are equal.

3.4 3 Hard Theorems

Theorem 36 (Intermediate Value Theorem). Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous on $[a, b]$ for $a < b$. Suppose $f(a) < 0 < f(b)$ Then $\exists \xi \in (a, b)$ such that $f(\xi) = 0$

Theorem 37. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous on $[a, b]$ for $a < b$. Then f is bounded above on $[a, b]$, i.e., $\exists M \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x) \leq M$ $x \in [a, b]$

Theorem 38. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous on $[a, b]$. Then $\exists \xi \in [a, b]$ such that $f(x) \leq f(\xi) \forall x \in [a, b]$ i.e., $f(\xi) = \sup\{f(x) : x \in [a, b]\}$ (we say that f achieves its supremum on $[a, b]$)

Lemma (35'). Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}$. Suppose $\lim_{x \nearrow b} f(x) = f(b) > 0$ Then $\exists \delta > 0$ such that $f(x) > 0$ for all $x \in (b - \delta, b)$

Proof. Directly from Definition 32(ii) (definition of $\lim_{x \nearrow b} f(x)$) such that

$$x \in (b - \delta, b) \implies |f(x) - f(b)| < \frac{1}{2}f(b)$$

Then for such $x \in (b - \delta, b)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (f(x) - f(b)) + f(b) \\ &\geq f(b) - \overbrace{|f(x) - f(b)|}^{< \frac{1}{2}f(b)} \\ &> \frac{1}{2}f(b) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for $x \in (b - \frac{\delta}{2}, b)$ we have $f(x) > 0$ □

Lemma (35''). Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}$. Suppose $\lim_{x \searrow a} f(x) = f(a) > 0$ Then $\exists \delta > 0$ such that $f(x) > 0$ for all $x \in (a, a + \delta)$

Proof Theorem 36. Define the set $A = \{x \in [a, b] : f(y) < 0 \forall y \in [a, x]\}$ Since $f(a) < 0$, so $a \in A$, so $A \neq \emptyset$ Also, using Lemma 35'' $\exists \delta_1 > 0$ such that $f(y) < 0 \forall y \in [a, a + \delta_1]$ so $a + \delta_1 \in A$, and by Lemma 35' $\exists \delta_2 > 0$ such that $f(y) > 0 \forall y \in [b - \delta_2, b]$ where

$b - \delta_2$ is an upper bound for A . So A is bounded above and $\sup A$ is well-defined. Let $\alpha = \sup A$. We already know that $\alpha \in (a, b)$ our aim is to show that $f(\alpha) \neq 0$. We proceed by contradiction:

Suppose for contradiction that $f(\alpha) \neq 0$. There are 2 possibilities

(i) $f(\alpha) < 0$

(ii) $f(\alpha) > 0$

Suppose (i) holds. Since $\alpha \in (a, b)$ and $f(\alpha) < 0$ by **Lemma 35**, $\exists \delta_3 > 0$ such that $f(y) < 0 \forall y \in [\alpha - \delta_3, \alpha + \delta_3]$. But then $\alpha + \delta_3 \in A$ and $\alpha + \delta_3 > \alpha$.

Suppose (ii) holds. Then since $\alpha \in (a, b)$, $f(\alpha) > 0$ and f is continuous. By **Lemma 35**, $\exists \delta_4 > 0$ such that $f(x) > 0 \forall x \in [\alpha - \delta_4, \alpha + \delta_4]$. But then $\alpha = \sup A$ by **Lemma 28** $\exists x_0 \in A$ such that $\alpha - \frac{\delta_4}{2} < x_0$. Thus $x_0 \in (\alpha - \frac{\delta_4}{2}, \alpha) \subseteq [\alpha - \delta_4, \alpha + \delta_4] \implies f(x_0) > 0$. But $x_0 \in A$ so $(f_x) < 0$. \square

Corollary 39. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous on $[a, b]$ and let $c \in \mathbb{R}$. Suppose $f(a) < c < f(b)$. Then $\exists \xi \in (a, b)$ such that $f(\xi) = c$.

Proof. Define $g(x) = f(x) - c$ and apply **Theorem 36** to g . \square

Example 40. Let $f(x) = x^4 + x - 3 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$. **Fact:** all polynomials are continuous $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$. A nice application of the Intermediate Value Theorem is to find roots of continuous functions. We can see by plugging in that

$$f(1) = 1 + (-1) - 3 = -3$$

$$f(2) = 16 + 2 - 3 = 15$$

IVT $\implies \exists x_0 \in (1, 2)$ such that $f(x_0) = 0$. This at least lets us estimate where roots are.

Example 41. Let $f(x) = x^4 + x - 3 + \tan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$ (continuous on $(-\pi, \pi)$)

$$f(-1) = -3 - \tan\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) < 0$$

$$f(2) = 15 - \tan\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) > 0$$

IVT $\implies \exists x_0 \in (-1, 2)$ such that $f(x_0) = 0$.

What is it useful for? If we look at the set $f([a, b]) = \{f(x) : x \in [a, b]\}$ and **Theorem 37** tell us that set is bounded. Since the set is bounded, it has a supremum. You can think of this as “local max” of f on the interval $[a, b]$.

Before proving **Theorem 37**, let's look at one of its consequences.

Corollary 42. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous on $[a, b]$. Then f is bounded below on $[a, b]$, i.e., $\exists m \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $m \leq f(x) \forall x \in [a, b]$

Proof. Since f is continuous, so is $(-f)$. Now apply Theorem 37 to $-f$. $\exists M \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $-f(x) \leq M \forall x \in [a, b]$ then, $f(x) \leq -M \forall x \in [a, b]$ \square

Takeaway: If f is continuous on $[a, b]$, then f is bounded above + below on $[a, b]$

To prove Theorem 37, we'll need a few Lemmas.

Lemma 43. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous at $a \in \mathbb{R}$, then $\exists \delta > 0$ such that f is bounded above on the interval $[a - \delta, a + \delta]$

Proof. Since f is continuous at a , $\exists \delta = \delta(a, \overbrace{1}^{\varepsilon})$ such that $|x - a| < \delta \implies |f(x) - f(a)| < 1$ This for such x we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(x) - f(a) + f(a) \\ &\leq |f(x) - f(a)| + |f(a)| \\ &< 1 + |f(a)| \end{aligned}$$

For x satisfying $|x - a| < \delta$, we have $f(x) < 1 + f(a)$.

In particular, $f(x) < 1 + f(a) \forall x \in [a - \frac{\delta}{2}, a + \frac{\delta}{2}]$ \square

Lemma. (43') Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function and $b \in \mathbb{R}$. Suppose $\lim_{x \nearrow b} f(x) = f(b)$. Then $\exists \delta > 0$ such that f is bounded above on $[b - \delta, b]$

Proof. By Definition 32'', $\exists \delta = \delta(b, 1)$ such that

$$0 < |x - b| < \delta \implies |f(x) - f(b)| < 1$$

Therefore, for such x ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(x) - f(b) + f(b) \\ &\leq |f(x) - f(b)| + |f(b)| \\ &< 1 + |f(b)| \end{aligned}$$

$f(x) < f(b) + 1 \forall x \in [b - \frac{\delta}{2}, b]$ \square

Lemma. (43'') Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function and $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Suppose $\lim_{x \searrow a} f(x) = f(a)$. Then $\exists \delta > 0$ such that f is bounded above on $[a, a + \delta]$

Proof Theorem 37. As in the proof of Theorem 36, consider the set

$$A = \{x \in [a, b] : f \text{ is bounded above on } [a, x]\}$$

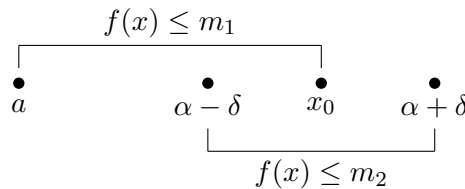
Since $a \in A$, we know $a \neq \emptyset$. Moreover, the point b is an upper bound for A , so $\sup A = \alpha$ exists.

Our objective is to show that $\alpha = b$.

Suppose for contradiction that $\alpha < b$. (Note that we must have $a < \alpha$. We can't have $a > \alpha$ since $a \in A$. and $\sup A \geq a$. If $\alpha = a$, then $A = \{a\}$, but we know from Lemma 43'' that $\exists \delta > 0$ such that $[a, a + \delta] \subseteq A$)

By assumption $a < \alpha < b$ and so Lemma 43 $\implies \exists \delta > 0$ such that f is bounded on $[\alpha - \delta, \alpha + \delta]$. Let's say $f(x) \leq m_2$ on this interval $[\alpha - \delta, \alpha + \delta]$.

By Lemma 28 (Alternate definition of supremum) $\exists x_0 \in A$ such that $\alpha - \delta < x_0 \leq \alpha$. f is bounded above on $[a, x_0]$ (by the definition of A). say $f(x) \leq m_1$ on $[a, x_0]$



Thus, $f(x) \leq \max\{m_1, m_2\} \forall x \in [a, \alpha + \delta]$ We deduce that $\alpha + \delta \in A$ and $\alpha + \delta > \alpha = \sup A$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha = b &\iff \sup A = b \\ &\implies f \text{ is bounded above on } [a, b] \text{ for every } x < b \quad \textcircled{1} \end{aligned}$$

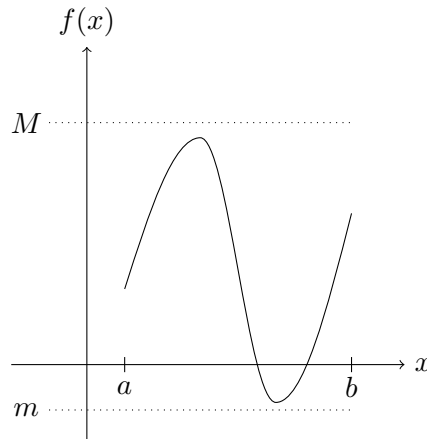
Finally, using continuity at the point b by Lemma 43' $\exists \delta' > 0$ such that f is bounded on $[b - \delta', b]$ $\textcircled{2}$.

Hence, choosing $x = b - \delta'$ in $\textcircled{1}$, $\exists M$ such that $f(x) \leq M, \forall x \in [a, b - \delta']$. and by $\textcircled{2}$, $\exists M_2$ such that $f(x) \leq M_2, \forall x \in [b - \delta', b]$. So, $f(x) \leq \max\{M, M_2\} \forall x \in [a, b]$. \square

Summarize steps:

- (i) define a good set A
- (ii) show $b = \sup A$
- (iii) show $b \in A$

The picture is



Whenever f is continuous on $[a, b]$, $\exists M > m$ such that $m \leq f(x) \leq M \forall x \in [a, b]$

Note: We must be careful about being continuous on $[a, b]$, and not just (a, b) . Indeed, $f: (0, 1) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$, $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$, f is continuous on (\tilde{x}, ∞) for every $\tilde{x} > 0$, but it is not continuous on $[0, \infty)$.

Question: does there exist $\xi_1, \xi_2 \in [a, b]$ such that

$$f(\xi_1) = \inf_{[a, b]} f \text{ and } f(\xi_2) = \sup_{[a, b]} f$$

Answer: Yes

Later on, when we discuss differentiability, if sup/inf is achieved in (a, b) , then $f' = 0$ at such points. This we will prove later.

Proof of Theorem 38. We already know from Theorem 37 that f is bounded on $[a, b]$, i.e., the set $B = f([a, b]) = \{f(x) : x \in [a, b]\}$ is bounded. This set is nonempty and so $\beta = \sup B$ is well-defined; Since $\beta \geq f(x) \forall x \in [a, b]$ it suffices to show that $\exists \xi \in [a, b]$ such that $f(\xi) = \beta$.

Suppose for contradiction that this is not the case, i.e., $\beta \neq f(y) \forall y \in [a, b]$. Then the function $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, defined by $g(x) = \frac{1}{\beta - f(x)} \forall x \in [a, b]$, is well-defined and g is continuous on $[a, b]$ by virtue of Lemma 33

Since g is continuous, by Theorem 37 $\implies g$ is bounded above on $[a, b]$. However, by Lemma 28, given any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\exists x_n \in [a, b]$ such that

$$\beta - \frac{1}{n} < f(x_n) \leq \beta \implies g(x_n) \geq \frac{1}{\beta - (\beta - \frac{1}{n})} = n$$

Hence given any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\exists x_n \in [a, b]$ such that $g(x_n) \geq n$ and therefore g is unbounded on $[a, b]$. \square

We've actually proved

Corollary 44. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous on $[a, b]$. Then $\exists \xi \in [a, b]$ such that $f(\xi) = \sup\{f(x) : x \in [a, b]\}$ (we often write with the shorthand $\sup_{[a,b]} f$)

Corollary 45. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous on $[a, b]$. Then $\exists \xi \in [a, b]$ such that $f(\xi) = \inf\{f(x) : x \in [a, b]\}$

Proof. Apply Corollary 44 to the function $-f$ and use the result $\inf B = -\sup(-B)$. \square

3.5 Usage of 3 Hard Theorem

Example 46. Suppose f, g are continuous on $[a, b]$ and $f(a) < g(a)$ and $f(b) > g(b)$. Then $\exists x \in [a, b]$ such that $f(x) = g(x)$ (in actual fact, $x \in (a, b)$)

Proof. define $h(x) = f(x) - g(x)$. Then h is continuous on $[a, b]$, $h(a) < 0 < h(b)$ so from Theorem 36, $\exists \xi \in (a, b)$ such that $h(\xi) = 0 \implies f(\xi) = g(\xi)$ \square

Example 47. Suppose $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous on $[0, 1]$ and suppose $0 \leq f(x) \leq 1 \forall x \in [0, 1]$. Then $\exists x_0 \in [0, 1]$ such that $f(x_0) = x_0$ (we can imagine that f cross $y = x$)

Proof. Note that if $f(0) = 0$ or if $f(1) = 1$, then we are done. Suppose that $f(0) \neq 0$ and $f(1) \neq 1$ then $0 < f(0)$ and $f(1) < 1$. Let $g(x) = x - f(x)$. Then, $g(0) = 0 - f(0) < 0$ and $g(1) = 1 - f(1) > 0$. So, g is continuous and $g(0) < 0 < g(1)$, where Theorem 36 $\exists x_0 \in [0, 1]$ such that $g(x_0) = 0$ and hence $x_0 = f(x_0)$ \square

Example 48. There are 3 sub-examples here:

- (a) Suppose $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies $|f(x)| \leq |x|$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then f is continuous at 0
- (b) There exists a function which satisfies the assumption of a.) but is not continuous at any other points other than $x = 0$
- (c) Suppose g is continuous at 0 and $g(0) = 0$ and suppose $|f(x)| \leq |g(x)| \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then f is continuous at 0.

Proof. We will prove each separately:

- (a) The inequality implies $f(0) = 0$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given, then the inequality show that

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

so letting $\delta = \varepsilon$, we see that

$$|x - 0| < \delta \implies |f(x) - f(0)| < \varepsilon$$

so f is continuous at 0

- (b)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

Then $|f(x)| \leq |x| \forall x$ but f is not continuous at any points other than 0

- (c) Since $g(0) = 0$, we immediately get $f(0) = 0$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. Since g is continuous at 0, $\exists \delta = \delta(\varepsilon, 0) > 0$ such that

$$|x - 0| < \delta \implies |g(x) - g(0)| \leq \varepsilon$$

but then, in view of the bound $|f(x)| \leq |g(x)| \forall x$, we see that

$$|x - 0| < \delta \implies |f(x) - f(0)| = |f(x)| \leq |g(x)| = |g(x) - g(0)| < \varepsilon$$

□

Example 49. This exercise is here to help us gain more familiarity with limits– it's not concern with continuous functions per se.

- (i) Let $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and suppose $f(x) \leq g(x) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ and suppose $\mu := \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x), \nu := \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$ Show that $\mu \leq \nu$
- (ii) Now suppose $f(x) < g(x) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$. Does this guarantee $\mu < \nu$?

Proof. We will prove each separately:

- (i) Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. Then $\exists \delta_1 = \delta_1(\varepsilon, a, \mu) > 0$ and $\exists \delta_2 = \delta_2(\varepsilon, a, \nu) > 0$ such that

$$|x - a| < \delta_1 \implies |f(x) - \mu| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2},$$

$$|x - a| < \delta_2 \implies |g(x) - \nu| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

Set $\delta := \min(\delta_1, \delta_2)$ Then, provided $|x - a| < \delta$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nu - \mu &= (\nu - g(x)) + (g(x) - f(x)) + (f(x) - \mu) \\ &\geq \underbrace{g(x) - f(x)}_{\geq 0} - \underbrace{|\nu - g(x)|}_{< \frac{\varepsilon}{2}} - \underbrace{|\mu - f(x)|}_{< \frac{\varepsilon}{2}} \\ &> -\varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

So, $\nu - \mu > -\varepsilon$ for all $\varepsilon > 0 \implies \nu - \mu \geq 0$

- (ii) NO: Suppose $f(x) = 0$ and $g(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |x| < 1 \\ \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } |x| \geq 1 \end{cases}$

Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) = 0$

□

Example 50. Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) & \text{for } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$

- (a) Show that f is not continuous on $[-1, 1]$
 (b) Show that f satisfies the conclusion of Theorem 36 (IVT)

Proof.

- (a) for every $\delta > 0$, $n_\delta := \max\left(\left\lceil \frac{1}{2\pi}\delta^{-1} \right\rceil, 1\right) \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n_\delta} < \delta \text{ and } x_\delta := \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n_\delta}$$

we get $0 < x_\delta < \delta$ and

$$|f(x_\delta) - f(0)| = \left| \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n_\delta\right) \right| = 1$$

so, for all $\delta > 0$, $\exists x_\delta$ such that $0 < x_\delta < \delta$ and $|f(x_\delta) - f(0)| = 1$, so f is not continuous at 0.

- (b) f is not continuous at 0, however f is continuous on $(-1, 0)$ and on $(0, 1]$ and so Theorem 36 holds on any interval of the form $[-1, y]$ and $[x, 1]$ for $y < 0$ and $x > 0$

It remains to check that

*Suppose $a > 0$ and $f(a) > 0$. Then, for every $c \in [0, f(a)]$, $\exists \xi_c \in [0, a]$ such that $f(\xi_c) = c$

Note that $f(a) \leq 1$, Indeed $\xi = \frac{1}{\arcsin(c)}$ is such that

$$\begin{aligned} f(\xi) &= c \\ \sin\left(\frac{1}{\xi}\right) &= \sin(\arcsin(c)) \end{aligned}$$

So the only remaining issue is that we do not necessarily have $\xi \in [0, a]$.

To this end, notice that, for every $N \in \mathbb{N}$, $\xi = \frac{1}{2\pi N + \arcsin(c)}$ also satisfies $f(\xi) = c$ and hence, choosing N sufficiently large such that $\frac{1}{2\pi N + \arcsin(c)} \leq a$, we have that $\xi = \frac{1}{2\pi N + \arcsin(c)}$ is a point that verifies *

□

Example 51. Suppose $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are continuous, and $f(x)^2 = g(x)^2 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f(x) \neq 0$. Then either

$$(i) \ f(x) = g(x) \ \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$(ii) \ f(x) = -g(x) \ \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

i.e., f cannot ‘jump’ between $\pm g$.

Proof. Suppose for contradiction that $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(a) = g(a)$ and $f(b) = -g(b)$ \circledast and wlog (without loss of generality), assume $a < b$. Since $f(x) \neq 0 \forall x$, we also assume wlog $f(a) < 0$. Then it can’t be the case that $f(b) > 0$. Indeed, if this were the case, then by Theorem 36, $\exists \xi \in (a, b)$ such that $f(\xi) = 0$, which contradicts $f(x) \neq 0 \forall x$.

Hence $f(a) < 0$ and $f(b) < 0$.

Then, $\circledast \implies g(a) < 0$ and $g(b) > 0$, so Theorem 36 $\implies \exists \zeta \in (a, b)$ such that $g(\zeta) = 0$. But then $f(\zeta) = 0$, which is again a contradiction. □

Example 52. Suppose $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous and such that $f(x)^2 = x^2 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then, either $f(x) = x \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$, or $f(x) = -x \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$, or $f(x) = |x| \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. It suffices to show that

$$(A) \text{ for } x < 0, \text{ either: } f(x) = x \ \forall x < 0, \text{ or } f(x) = -x \ \forall x < 0$$

$$(B) \text{ for } x > 0, \text{ either: } f(x) = x \ \forall x > 0, \text{ or } f(x) = -x \ \forall x > 0$$

We only prove (B), as the proof for (A) is identical.

Suppose for contradiction $\exists 0 < a < b$ such that (wlog) $f(a) = -a$ and $f(b) = b$. Then, observe that $f(a) < 0$, while $f(b) > 0$.

Thus, Theorem 36 $\implies \exists \xi \in (a, b)$ such that $f(\xi) = 0$. But, $(f(\xi))^2 = \xi^2 > a^2 > 0$ □

Example 53. Suppose f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and $f(x) \in \mathbb{Q} \forall x \in [a, b]$. Then, f is a constant function, i.e., $\exists q \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $f(x) = q \forall x \in [a, b]$.

Proof. Suppose for contradiction that f is not constant, i.e., $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(a) < f(b)$ and wlog $a < b$. Since between any 2 real numbers, there exists an irrational number, it follows that there exists $c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ such that $f(a) < c < f(b)$.

Then, from IVT, $\exists \xi_c \in (a, b)$ such that $f(\xi_c) = c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$. □

Example 54. Suppose f is continuous on $[0, 1]$ and $f(0) = f(1)$. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ be arbitrary. Then, $\exists x_* \in [0, 1]$ such that $f(x_*) = f(x_* + \frac{1}{n})$.

Proof. Define $g : [0, 1 - \frac{1}{n}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $g(x) := f(x) - f(x + \frac{1}{n})$.

Suppose for contradiction that $g(x) \neq 0 \forall x \in [0, 1 - \frac{1}{n}]$. By cty (using Theorem 36), we must have either $g(x) > 0$ or $g(x) < 0 \forall x \in [0, 1 - \frac{1}{n}]$.

Wlog, assume $g(x) > 0 \forall x \in [0, 1 - \frac{1}{n}]$. Then, $f(x) > f(x + \frac{1}{n}) \forall x \in [0, 1 - \frac{1}{n}]$. It follows that, by setting $x = 0$, $f(0) > f(\frac{1}{n})$, but also by setting $x = \frac{1}{n}$,

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) &> f\left(\frac{2}{n}\right), \dots, f\left(\frac{m}{n}\right) > f\left(\frac{m+1}{n}\right) \quad \forall m \in \left\{0, \dots, \frac{n-1}{n}\right\} \\ \implies f(0) &> f\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) > f\left(\frac{2}{n}\right), \dots, f\left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right) > f(1) \\ \implies f(0) &> f(1) \end{aligned}$$

but we assumed $f(0) = f(1)$, which is a contradiction. \square

Example 55. Suppose $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi(x)}{x^n} = 0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\phi(x)}{x^n}$. Then,

- (a) if n is odd, $\exists x_* \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $(x_*)^n + \phi(x_*) = 0$
- (b) if n is even, $\exists y \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $(y)^n + \phi(y) \leq x^n + \phi(x) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

Proof. Define $\psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $\psi(x) := x^n + \phi(x) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ and note that ψ is also continuous on \mathbb{R} .

- (a) Since n is odd, $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\psi(x)}{|x|^n} = -1 + \underbrace{\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\phi(x)}{|x|^n}}_{=0}$ and similarly $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\psi(x)}{|x|^n} = 1$.

Note that $x \mapsto \frac{\psi(x)}{|x|^n}$ is continuous on any interval excluding 0.

Then, since $\frac{\psi(x)}{|x|^n}$ is continuous on $(-\infty, 0)$, $\exists R_1 = R_1(\frac{1}{2}) > 0$ such that

$$x < -R_1 \implies \left| \frac{\psi(x)}{|x|^n} - (-1) \right| < \frac{1}{2}$$

i.e., for $x < -R_1$, we have $\frac{\psi(x)}{|x|^n} < (-1) + \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}$.

$$\implies \psi(x) < -\frac{1}{2}|x|^n \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

i.e., for all $x < -R_1$, we have $\psi(x) < 0$ \circledast .

Similarly, $\exists R_2 = R_2(\frac{1}{2}) > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} x > R_2 &\implies \left| \frac{\psi(x)}{|x|^n} - 1 \right| < \frac{1}{2} \\ &\implies \psi(x) > \frac{1}{2}|x|^n \quad \forall x > R_2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\psi(x) > 0$ for all $x > R_2$ \circledast \circledast .

By \circledast and $\circledast\circledast, \exists a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ($a < b$) such that

$$\psi(a) < 0 < \psi(b)$$

Then since ψ is continuous, by Theorem 36 $\implies \exists x_* \in (a, b)$ such that $\psi(x_*) = 0$, i.e., $x_*^n + \phi(x_*) = 0$.

□

Example 56.

Example 57.

Example 58.

Example 59. Suppose f is continuous and $\circledast \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$, and $f(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then, $\exists x_* \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x) \leq f(x_*) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. Let $\mu := \max_{y \in [-1, 1]} f(y)$, by \circledast , $\exists R_1, R_2 > 0$ such that

$$x < -R_1 \implies 0 < f(x) < \frac{1}{2}\mu$$

$$x > R_2 \implies 0 < f(x) < \frac{1}{2}\mu$$

Hence $0 < f(x) < \frac{1}{2}\mu$ for all $|x| \in \mathbb{R} := \max\{R_1, R_2\}$. and meanwhile $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} f(x) \geq$

$$\sup_{x \in [-1, 1]} f(x) = \mu.$$

$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} f(x)$ is well-defined Since $\sup_{[-R, -R]} f$ is well-defined and achieved by Theorem and $|f(x)| < \frac{1}{2}\mu$ for $|x| > R$.

$$+\infty > \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} f(x) \geq \max_{x \in [-R, R]} f(x) \geq \mu > \sup_{|x| > R} f(x)$$

It follows that $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} f(x) = \sup_{x \in [-R, R]} f(x)$ ($\mathbb{R} = \underbrace{\{x : |x| \leq R\}}_{=[-R, R]} \cup \{x : |x| > R\}$)

Since f is continuous, it achieves its boundes by Theorem 38 $\implies \exists x_* \in [-R, R]$ such that $f(x_*) = \sup_{[-R, R]} f = \sup_{\mathbb{R}} f$. \square

Example 60. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

$$f(x) = (\sin x)^2 + (\sin(x + (\cos x)^7))^2$$

Then, $\exists c > 0$ such that $f(x) \geq c \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. Observe that $f(x) \geq 0$ for all x and $A := \{f(x) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is bounded below by 0.

Define $c := \inf A$ is well-defined.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x + 2\pi) &= (\sin(x + 2\pi))^2 + \sin(\overbrace{(x + 2\pi) + (\cos(x + 2\pi))^7}^{=x+2\pi+(\cos x)^7})^2 \\ &= (\sin x)^2 + \sin(x + (\cos x)^7)^2 \\ &= f(x) \end{aligned}$$

f is 2π -periodic, $\implies c = \inf A = \inf\{f(x) : x \in [0, 2\pi]\}$

Since f is continuous, Theorem 38 $\implies \exists x_* \in [0, 2\pi]$ such that $f(x_*) = c$.

Suppose for contradiction that $c = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \implies f(x_*) &= 0 \\ \implies \underbrace{(\sin x_*)^2}_{=0} + \underbrace{(\sin(x_* + (\cos x_*)^7))^2}_{=0} &= 0 \\ \implies x_* &\in \{0, \pi, 2\pi\} \text{ but then } \cos x_* \in \{1, -1\} \\ \implies x_* + (\cos x_*)^7 &\in \{1, \pi - 1, 2\pi + 1\} \\ \implies \sin(x_* + (\cos x_*)^7) &\in \{\sin(1), \sin(\pi - 1)\} \text{ neither of which are } 0 \end{aligned}$$

\square

3.6 Uniform Continuity

Finally, we look at uniform continuity

Definition 61. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. We say f is uniformly continuous on an interval A if for all $\varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0$ such that

$$|x - y| < \delta \text{ and } x, y \in A \implies |f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$$

KEY: δ is not depend on a specific point.

Example. $f(x) = x$ is uniformly continuous on \mathbb{R} . Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given then letting $\delta = \varepsilon$, we see that

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

Example. $f(x) = x^2$ is not uniformly continuous on \mathbb{R} .

Fix $\varepsilon > 0$ and recall from Lecture 10 that

$$|f(x) - f(x_0)| = |x^2 - x_0^2| = |x - x_0||x + x_0|$$

and so we need $\delta = \min\left(1, \frac{\varepsilon}{1+2|x_0|}\right)$ to have $|x - x_0| < \delta \implies |f(x) - f(x_0)| < \varepsilon$.

We see that δ depends on specific point x_0 .

This is only an indication that f is not uniformly continuous – not a proof yet.

The negation of Definition 61

Definition (61'). $\exists \varepsilon_0 > 0$ such that for all $\delta > 0$ there exist corresponding $x_\delta, y_\delta \in A$ such that

$$|x_\delta - y_\delta| < \delta \text{ and } |f(x_\delta) - f(y_\delta)| \geq \varepsilon_0$$

Proof of Example . Let $\varepsilon_0 = 1$. Observe that for $x > y > 0$,

$$|f(x) - f(y)| = x^2 - y^2 = (x + y)(x - y)$$

For each $\delta > 0$ choose $y_\delta = \delta^{-1}$ and $x_\delta = \delta^{-1} + \frac{\delta}{2}$

Then, $x_\delta + y_\delta = 2\delta^{-1} + \frac{\delta}{2} > 2\delta^{-1}$ and $|x_\delta - y_\delta| = \frac{\delta}{2} < \delta$.

Hence, $|x_\delta - y_\delta| < \delta$ and also

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x_\delta) - f(y_\delta)| &= (x_\delta + y_\delta)(x_\delta - y_\delta) \\ &= \left(2\delta^{-1} + \frac{\delta}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{\delta}{2} \\ &= 1 + \frac{\delta^2}{4} \\ &> 1 = \varepsilon_0 \end{aligned}$$

□

Remark. $x \mapsto x^2$ is uniformly continuous on $[-1, 1]$, even though it is not uniformly continuous on \mathbb{R} .

Example 62. Let $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$, $x \mapsto x^{\frac{1}{2}}$. Then f is uniform continuous on $[0, \infty)$.

Proof. Let $x, y \in [0, \infty)$ and wlog assume $x > y$. Notice that

$$\oplus |f(x) - f(y)| = \sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y} \stackrel{\oplus}{\leq} \sqrt{x - y}$$

Hence, given any $\varepsilon > 0$, $|x - y| < \varepsilon^2 \stackrel{\oplus}{\implies} |f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$.

proof of \oplus : let $a > b \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} (\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b})^2 &= a + b \underbrace{-2\sqrt{a}\sqrt{b}}_{< -2\sqrt{b}\sqrt{b} = -2b} \\ &\leq a - b \\ \implies \sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b} &\leq \sqrt{a - b} \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 63. If f is continuous on $[a, b]$, then f is uniformly continuous on $[a, b]$.

The choice of the interval A matters on the Definition 61.

Proof. We first make the following definition

For $\varepsilon > 0$, we say that g is ε -good on $[a, b]$ if $\exists \delta = \delta(\varepsilon)$ such that for all $y, z \in [a, b]$,

$$|y - z| < \delta \implies |g(y) - g(z)| < \varepsilon$$

We want to prove that f is ε -good on $[a, b]$ for every $\varepsilon > 0$.

For each $\varepsilon > 0$, define

$$A_\varepsilon := \{x \in [a, b] : f \text{ is } \varepsilon\text{-good on } [a, x]\}$$

Then, $A_\varepsilon \neq \emptyset$ since $a \in A_\varepsilon$, and A_ε is certainly bounded above by b . Hence, $\sup A_\varepsilon$ is well-defined and we set $\alpha_\varepsilon := \sup A_\varepsilon$.

Fix $\varepsilon > 0$. Our aim is to prove that $\alpha_\varepsilon = b$. Suppose for contradiction $\alpha_\varepsilon < b$. Since f is continuous at α_ε , $\exists \delta_0 = \delta_0(\varepsilon, \alpha_\varepsilon)$ such that

$$|y - \alpha_\varepsilon| < \delta_0 \implies |f(y) - f(\alpha_\varepsilon)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

Hence if both $y, z \in [\alpha_\varepsilon - \delta_0, \alpha_\varepsilon + \delta_0]$ there holds

$$|y - \alpha_\varepsilon| < \delta_0 \implies |f(y) - f(\alpha_\varepsilon)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$|z - \alpha_\varepsilon| < \delta_0 \implies |f(z) - f(\alpha_\varepsilon)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

So, triangle inequality gives $|f(y) - f(z)| < \varepsilon$.

This, f is ε -good on $[\alpha_\varepsilon - \delta_0, \alpha_\varepsilon + \delta_0]$. Also since $\alpha_\varepsilon = \sup A_\varepsilon$, it is also clear (from Lemma 28) that f is ε -good on $[a, \alpha_\varepsilon - \delta_0]$.

Claim: f is ε -good on $[a, \alpha_\varepsilon + \delta_0]$.

We will prove this claim later. Assuming it holds, we get that f is ε -good on $[a, \alpha_\varepsilon + \delta_0] \implies \alpha_\varepsilon + \delta_0 \in A_\varepsilon$ but $\alpha_\varepsilon + \delta_0 > \alpha_\varepsilon = \sup A_\varepsilon$.

Hence, $\alpha_\varepsilon = b$. We now show that $b \in A$. Since f is continuous at b , $\exists \delta_1 = \delta_1(\varepsilon, b)$ such that

$$b - \delta_1 < y \leq b \implies |f(y) - f(b)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

So we again see that f is ε -good on $[b - \delta_1, b]$. But f is also ε -good on $[a, b - \delta_1]$. Since $b - \delta_1 \in A$ by Lemma 28. So, using the claim again we get that $b \in A_\varepsilon$. \square

proof of Claim. Since f is continuous at $\alpha_\varepsilon - \delta_0$, $\exists \delta_2 = \delta_2(\varepsilon, \alpha_\varepsilon - \delta_0)$ such that

$$(\dagger \dagger \dagger) |x - (\alpha_\varepsilon - \delta_0)| < \delta_2 \implies |f(x) - f(\alpha_\varepsilon - \delta_0)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

Meanwhile, f is ε -good on $[a, \alpha_\varepsilon - \delta_0]$, so $\exists \delta_3 = \delta_3(\varepsilon)$ such that

$$x, y \in [a, \alpha_\varepsilon - \delta_0], |x - y| < \delta_3 \implies |f(x) - f(y)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}(\dagger)$$

and similarly, $\exists \delta_4 = \delta_4(\varepsilon)$ such that

$$x, y \in [\alpha_\varepsilon - \delta_0, \alpha_\varepsilon + \delta_0], |x - y| < \delta_4 \implies |f(x) - f(y)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}(\dagger \dagger)$$

Now, choose any $x, y \in [a, \alpha_\varepsilon + \delta_0]$. If x, y both belong either to $[a, \alpha_\varepsilon - \delta_0]$ or to $[\alpha_\varepsilon - \delta_0, \alpha_\varepsilon + \delta_0]$, then there is nothing to show (by $\dagger, \dagger \dagger$). The final possibility is $x \in [a, \alpha_\varepsilon - \delta_0]$ and $y \in [\alpha_\varepsilon - \delta_0, \alpha_\varepsilon + \delta_0]$.

In this case, let $\delta := \min(\delta_2, \delta_3, \delta_4)$ and observe that

$$\begin{aligned} |x - y| < \delta &\overset{\text{since } y > x}{\implies} 0 \leq y - x < \delta \\ &\implies 0 \leq (y - (\alpha_\varepsilon - \delta_0)) + ((\alpha_\varepsilon - \delta_0) - x) < \delta \\ &\implies |y - (\alpha_\varepsilon - \delta_0)| < \delta \\ &\implies |f(y) - f(\alpha_\varepsilon - \delta_0)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}(\dagger \dagger \dagger) \text{ and } |f(x) - f(\alpha_\varepsilon - \delta_0)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \\ &\implies |f(y) - f(x)| < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\delta = \min(\delta_2(\varepsilon, \alpha_\varepsilon - \delta_0(\varepsilon, \alpha_\varepsilon)), \delta_3(\varepsilon), \delta_4(\varepsilon))$.

δ only depends on $\varepsilon, \alpha_\varepsilon$, and since α_ε only depends on ε , we define that δ only depends on ε , as required. \square

Example 64.

- (i) $f(x) = \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ is continuous and bounded on $(0, 1]$ however it is not uniformly continuous on $(0, 1]$.
- (ii) $f(x) = \sin(e^x)$ is continuous and bounded on $[0, \infty)$ however it is not uniformly continuous on $[0, \infty)$.

Proof.

- (i) Fix any $\delta > 0$ and let $x_\delta = \frac{1}{2\pi n_\delta}$ and $y_\delta = \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n_\delta}$, where $n_\delta \in \mathbb{N}$ is to be chosen. Notice that

$$0 < x_\delta - y_\delta = \frac{\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n_\delta - 2\pi n_\delta}{2\pi n_\delta \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n_\delta\right)} = \frac{1}{4n_\delta \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n_\delta\right)}$$

thus, by choosing n_δ large enough,

$$\frac{1}{4n_\delta \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n_\delta\right)} < \delta$$

and thus $|x_\delta - y_\delta| < \delta$, and yet $|f(x_\delta) - f(y_\delta)| = 1$

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

- (ii) Fix any $\delta > 0$ and let $x_\delta = \log\left(2\pi n_\delta + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$, $y_\delta = \log(2\pi n_\delta)$ where n_δ is to be chosen. Observe that

$$0 < x_\delta - y_\delta = \log\left(1 + \frac{1}{4n_\delta}\right)$$

Since $\log : [1, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is continuous at 1, and $\log(1) = 0$, $\exists n_\delta \in \mathbb{N}$ sufficiently large such that

$$0 < \log\left(1 + \frac{1}{4n_\delta}\right) < \delta$$

Thus, $|x_\delta - y_\delta| < \delta$ and yet $\left| \underbrace{f(x_\delta)}_{\sin\left(2\pi n_\delta + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)=1} - \underbrace{f(y_\delta)}_{\sin(2\pi n_\delta)=0} \right| = 1$.

So, f is not uniformly continuous on $[0, \infty)$. \square

This concludes our section on continuity. We are now ready to look at differentiation.

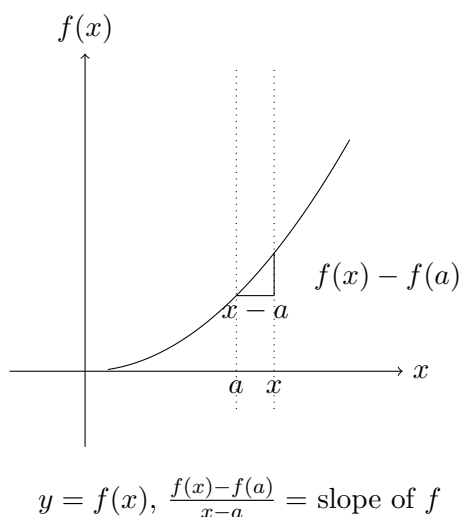
4 Differentiation

Office hours on Monday

1. Office hour 6.pm to 7.pm on Monday
2. can meet before 8:50 am Monday in my office Van Vleck 613 (send an email on sunday)

Consider a function defined on an interval I , with real values. $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Definition. f is differentiable at the point $a \in I$ if the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)-f(a)}{x-a}$ exists, then we call this limit the derivative $f'(a)$



Computation of some derivatives

Example.

- (i) $f(x) = c$ (c is some fixed point) we get $f'(a) = 0$ for all a ,

$f(x) = f(a) = 0$ for all x , $\frac{f(x)-f(a)}{x-a} = 0 \implies f$ is differentiable and $f'(a) = 0$ for all a

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)-f(a)}{x-a} = f'(x)$ is equivalent with saying $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h)-f(a)}{h} = f'(a)$

(ii) $f(x) = x$, then

$$\frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = \frac{a+h-a}{h} = 1$$

(written $f'(x) = 1$)

(iii) $f(x) = x^2$, then fix a ,

$$\frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = \frac{(a+h)^2 - a^2}{h} = \frac{a^2 + 2ah + h^2 - a^2}{h} = 2a + h$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 2a + h = 2a$$

(iv) $f(x) = |x|$, We should examine the differentiability of f at $\underline{a=0}$

$$\frac{f(0+h) - \overbrace{f(0)}^{=0}}{h} = \frac{|h|}{h} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } h > 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } h < 0 \end{cases}$$

The limit does not exist, and thus f is not differentiable at 0.

(v) $f(x) = \sqrt{|x|}$, f is not differentiable at 0 because $f(0) = 0$ and $\frac{f(0+h)-f(0)}{h} = \frac{\sqrt{|h|}}{h}$, this limit also does not exist

Examine differentiability and derivative of $f(x) = \sqrt{|x|}$ at $x = a, a > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} &= \frac{\sqrt{|a+h|} - \sqrt{|a|}}{h} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{a+h} - \sqrt{a}}{h} \\ &= \frac{a+h-a}{\sqrt{a+h} + \sqrt{a}} \cdot \frac{1}{h} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{a+h} + \sqrt{a}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a}} \end{aligned}$$

(vi) $f(x) = x^n$

$$\frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = \frac{(a+h)^n - a^n}{h} = n \cdot a^{n-1}$$

4.1 Basic fact about differentiation

Continuity is necessary (but not sufficient) for differentiation

Theorem. If $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable at a the f is continuous at a .

Reminder If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} F(x) = l$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} G(x) = m$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} F(x)G(x) = lm$

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} F(x) = l$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} G(x) = m$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{F(x)}{G(x)} = \frac{l}{m}$ or not? Yes if $m \neq 0$

Proof. We know that $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h)-f(a)}{h} = f'(a)$

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

this is continuity of f at a

Another argument : for sufficiently small h , $|f(a+h) - f(a)| \leq C|h|$ □

4.2 Sum Rule

Theorem. Let $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $a \in I$ assume that f and g are differentiable at a . Then $f+g$, $(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)|_{x=a}$ is differentiable and its derivative $f'(a) + g'(a)$ (The derivative of the sum is the sum of the derivatives)

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(f+g)(a+h) - (f+g)(a)}{h} &= \frac{f(a+h) + g(a+h) - (f(a) + g(a))}{h} \\ &= \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} + \frac{g(a+h) - g(a)}{h} \end{aligned}$$

As $h \rightarrow 0$ this has limit $f'(a) + g'(a)$ □

4.3 Product Rule

Theorem. Let $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $a \in I$ assume that f and g are differentiable at a . the $f \cdot g$ is differentiable at a

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

Proof.

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

By theorem about products and of limits, and the continuity of g at a , we get

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

□

Theorem. Let $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $a \in I$ is differentiable at a , and if $g(a) \neq 0$ then $\frac{1}{g}$ is differentiable at a and

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

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\frac{1}{g(a+h)} - \frac{1}{g(a)}}{h} &= \frac{g(a) - g(a+h)}{g(a+h)g(a)} \cdot \frac{1}{h} \\ &= \frac{1}{g(a+h)g(a)} \cdot (-1) \frac{g(a+h) - g(a)}{h} \\ &\rightarrow \frac{1}{(g(a))^2} \cdot (-1)g'(a) \end{aligned}$$

□

4.4 Quotient Rule

Theorem. Let $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $a \in I$ assume f and g are differentiable at a , and if $g(a) \neq 0$ then $\frac{f}{g}$ is differentiable at a and

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

Proof. Combine the theorems about products and reciprocals of differentiable function

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(a) &= \left(f \cdot \frac{1}{g}\right)'(a) \\
&= f'(a) \cdot \frac{1}{g(a)} + f(a) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{g}\right)'(a) \\
&= \frac{f'(a)}{g(a)} + f(a) \left(-\frac{g'(a)}{g(a)^2}\right) \\
&= \frac{f'(a)g(a) - f(a)g'(a)}{g(a)^2}
\end{aligned}$$

□

Example.

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\frac{\sin x}{\cos x}\right)' &= \frac{\sin'(x) \cos(x) - \cos' x \sin x}{(\cos x)^2} \\
&= \frac{(\cos x)^2 - (-\sin^2 x)}{(\cos x)^2} \\
&= \frac{1}{(\cos x)^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Example. $f(x) = x^n$ then $f'(x) = nx^{n-1}$ *Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
f_0(x) &= 1, f'_0(x) = 0 \\
f_1(x) &= x, f'_1(x) = 1 \\
f_1(x) &= x^2, f'_2(x) = 2x
\end{aligned}$$

We want to show this formula for a given n , assuming that we already know it for $n = 1$. In other words, the formula $f'_{n-1}(x) = (n-1)x^{n-2}$, $n \geq 2$, implies the formula for f_n

Induction step:

$$f_n(x) = x^n = \underbrace{x^{n-1}}_{f_{n-1}} \cdot \underbrace{x}_{f_1}$$

By using Product Rule, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
f'_n(x) &= f'_{n-1}(x)f_1(x) + f_{n-1}(x)f'_1(x) \\
&= (n-1)x^{n-2} \cdot x + x^{n-1} \cdot 1 \\
&= nx^{n-1}
\end{aligned}$$

□

Example.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (fg)'' &= (f'g + fg')' \\
 &= (f'g)' + (fg')' \\
 &= f''g + f'g' + f'g' + fg'' \\
 &= f''g + 2f'g' + fg''
 \end{aligned}$$

$(fg)''' = f'''g + 3f''g' + 3f'g'' + fg'''$ and can be written as $(fg)^{(3)}$

$$(fg)^{(n)}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} f^{(k)}(x) g^{(n-k)}(x)$$

As the analogy

$$(a+b)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^k b^{n-k}$$

We will not talk much about higher derivative in this class

4.5 Chain Rule

Let $\zeta(x) = f(g(x))$. Assume that g is defined on an interval containing a , and g is differentiable at a . Let f be defined in an interval that contain the range (image) of g , and let f be differentiable at $g(a)$. then, $\zeta = f \circ g$ is differentiable at a and

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

Example.

$$F(x) = (x^3 + 7x^2 + 1)^8$$

Fix a point a , what $F'(a)$

Let $F(x) = f(g(x))$, $g(x) = x^3 + 7x^2 + 1$ and $f(w) = w^8$

First, calculate f' and g'

$$f'(w) = 8w^7$$

$$g'(x) = 3x^2 + 14x$$

Then calculate $F'(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F'(x) &= f'(g(x))g'(x) \\
 &= 8(g(x))^7 \cdot (3x^2 + 14x) \\
 &= 8(x^3 + 7x^2 + 1)^7 \cdot (3x^2 + 14x)
 \end{aligned}$$

Attempt to prove the chain rule

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\zeta(a+h) - \zeta(a)}{h} &= \frac{f(g(a+h)) - f(g(a))}{h} \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{f(g(a+h)) - f(g(a))}{g(a+h) - g(a)}}_{\rightarrow f'(g(a))} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{g(a+h) - g(a)}{h}}_{\rightarrow g'(a)}\end{aligned}$$

But $g(a+h) - g(a)$ might be equal to 0, So, we can't use this method to prove the chain rule. \square

Theorem (Decomposition theorem for differentiation). The function f is differentiable at a (with derivative $f'(a)$) if and only if there is another function u with the same domain as f , so that u is continuous at a and

$$f(x) = f(a) + (x - a)u(x)$$

Then

$$u(a) = f'(a)$$

Proof. Assume that f is differentiable at a , $f'(a)$ is the derivative

$$u(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} & \text{if } x \neq a \\ f'(a) & \text{if } x = a \end{cases}$$

(u depends on a but a is fixed)

u is continuous at a because $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = f'(a) = u(a)$

Suppose that

$$\zeta(x) = f(g(x)) \implies \zeta'(a) = f'(g(a))g'(a)$$

Assumption

- (1) g is differentiable at a
- (2) f is differentiable at $g(a)$

we can write

$$g(x) = g(a) + (x - a)u(x) *$$

where u is continuous at a , $g'(a) = u(a)$, and

$$f(y) = f(g(a)) + (y - g(a))v(y) **$$

where v is continuous at $g(a)$, $v(g(a)) = f'(g(a))$

Goal is to find a function w continuous at a such that

$$\zeta(x) = \zeta(a) + (x - a)w(x)$$

with $w(a) = f'(g(a))g'(a)$

from **,

$$f(g(x)) = f(g(a)) + (g(x) - g(a)) \underbrace{v(g(x))}_{\text{cts at } a}$$

from *,

$$f(g(x)) = f(g(a)) + (x - a) \underbrace{u(x)v(g(x))}_{\text{cts at } a}$$

Then, we get

$$w(x) := u(x)v(g(x))$$

and

$$w(a) = u(a)v(g(a)) = g'(a)f'(g(a))$$

□

4.6 Geometric meaning of Differentiation

Theorem. Let f be defined on an interval I and let a be a point in the interior of this interval.

Assume:

1. f has a maximum at a
2. f is differentiable at a

Then, $f'(a) = 0$

formally f has a maximum in I at a , means $f(x) \leq f(a)$ for all $x \in I$ (Also works for min in place of max)

Proof. We know by the assumption $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = f'(x)$ exists.

1. If $x > a$ then $f(x) \leq f(a) \implies \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \leq 0$ (slope of right side ≤ 0)
2. If $x < a$ then $f(x) \leq f(a)$ but now $x - a < 0$, $\frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \geq 0$ (slope of left side ≥ 0)

So, $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$ has to be ≥ 0 and ≤ 0 , so it must be 0.

□

4.7 Mean-Value Theorem

Theorem (Mean-value theorem). Let f be defined on $[a, b]$ and f continuous in $[a, b]$ and differentiable in (a, b) . Then there is a $\xi \in (a, b)$ such that

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

Proof. First step in the proof is a special case where $f(a) = f(b)$ (then there is a $\xi \in (a, b)$ such that $f'(\xi) = 0$)

1. if f has a max and a min at the endpoint, f is constant and therefore $f'(\xi) = 0$ for all $\xi \in (a, b)$
2. if f has a maximum and a minimum in (a, b) , then we know already, at such a point, the derivative is 0, so at that point $\xi \implies f'(\xi) = 0$

This particular case is called “*Rolle’s theorem*”

Consider

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

Then, $g(a) = 0$ and $g(b) = 0$ and g is continuous in (a, b)

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

Apply “*Rolle’s theorem*” to g on (a, b) , we get a $\xi \in (a, b)$ such that $g'(\xi) = 0$ □

Aforementioned theorem can be written as

$$f(b) - f(a) = f'(\xi)(b - a)$$

4.8 Application of the Mean-Value Theorem

Example. Prove $|\sin x| \leq |x|$

Proof. We know that $\sin 0 = 0$ and $\sin' x = \cos x$

$$\sin x = \sin x - \underbrace{\sin 0}_{=0} = \sin'(\xi)(x - 0)$$

where ξ is between 0 and x

$$\begin{cases} 0 < \xi < x & \text{if } x > 0 \\ x < \xi < 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

So, $\sin x = (\cos \xi)x$, where $-1 \leq \cos \xi \leq 1 \implies |\cos \xi| \leq 1$

Therefore,

$$|\sin x| = |\cos \xi| \cdot |x| \leq |x|$$

□

Example. Can we get an estimate for $\cos x - 1$ where x is small?

$$\cos x - 1 = \cos x - \cos 0 = \cos'(\xi)(x - 0) = (-\sin \xi)x$$

We get $|\cos x - 1| \leq |x|$

Can do better

$$\begin{aligned} |\cos x - 1| &\leq |(\sin \xi)| \cdot |x| \text{ for } \xi \text{ between } 0 \text{ and } x \\ &\leq |\xi| \cdot |x| \leq |x|^2 \end{aligned}$$

for $|x| < 1$ this is a better estimate than the previous one

Theorem. If f is differentiable on (a, b) and if $f'(x) = 0$ for all $x \in (a, b)$ then f is constant.

Proof. take $x_1 < x_2$, both in the interval and apply the MVT

$$f(x_2) - f(x_1) = f'(\xi)(x_2 - x_1), \quad x_1 < \xi < x_2$$

we know $f'(\xi) = 0 \implies f(x_2) - f(x_1) = 0 \implies f(x_2) = f(x_1)$

So, f is constant function

□

Example. for a differential equation

Q: Find $f(x)$ (differentiable, for $x > 0$) such that

$$xf'(x) = f(x)$$

Proof. By guessing $f(x) = x$ is a solution because $f'(x) = 1, x \cdot 1 = x$

In fact, for any constant C , $f(x) = Cx$ is a solution.

Show that for an arbitrary solution g , $g'(x) = \frac{g(x)}{x}$ for $x > 0$ try to show that $\frac{g(x)}{x}$ is constant

To do this, show that the derivative of $\frac{g(x)}{x}$ is zero

$$\frac{g(x)}{x} = \frac{g'(x)x - g(x) \cdot 1}{x^2} = 0, \text{ since } g \text{ satisfies the differential equation}$$

So, $\frac{g(x)}{x}$ is constant

□

Example.

$$xf'(x) = af(x)$$

Cx^a is a solution

Proof. Conjecture: All solutions are of the form $f(x) = Cx^a$

Let g be a solution of the equation, we have $xf'(x) = ag(x)$ Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{g(x)}{x^a} \right)' &= \frac{g'(x)x^a - g(x)ax^{a-1}}{x^{2a}} \\ &= \frac{x^{a-1}}{x^{2a}} \cdot \underbrace{(g'(x)x - ag(x))}_{=0} \end{aligned}$$

So, $\frac{g(x)}{x^a}$ is constant, so $g(x) = Cx^a$ for some C □

Theorem. If f, f' are differentiable on (a, b) if $f'(c) = 0$ and $f''(x) > 0$ for all x in (a, b) then f has a minimum at c

Proof. To do this, we want to check that f is strictly increasing for $x > c$ and strictly decreasing for $x < c$

We do this by checking $f'(x) < 0, x < c$ and $f'(x) > 0, x > c$

$$f''(x) > 0 \implies f' \text{ is increasing (strictly) on } (a, b)$$

$$f'(c) = 0 \implies f'(x) > 0, x > c \text{ and } f'(x) < 0, x < c$$

□

4.9 Inverse Function

one-to-one (injective)

f is one-to-one if $x_1 \neq x_2$ implies that $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$

Example.

$$\begin{aligned} f : (1, 2) &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\mapsto x^2 \end{aligned}$$

Show that f is one-to-one

Proof. proof by contradiction

$$x_1^2 = x_2^2 \text{ and } x_1, x_2 \in (1, 2)$$

$$\sqrt{x_1^2} = x_1, \sqrt{x_2^2} = x_2 \implies x_1 = x_2 \quad \square$$

Example.

$$\begin{aligned} f : (-5, 5) &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\mapsto x^2 \end{aligned}$$

Show that f is not one-to-one

$$\textit{Proof. } 2^2 = (-2)^2, x_1 = 2, x_2 = -2 \implies x_1^2 = x_2^2 \quad \square$$

onto (surjective)

f is “onto” means that every element in B is a value $f(x)$ for some $x \in A$

Every function is onto if the target space is equal to the range of f

one-to-one and onto (bijective)

If a function is both one-to-one and onto (injective and surjective)

$f : A \rightarrow B$ bijective mean that for ever $x \in A$ there is exactly one $y \in B$ such that $y = f(x)$ and for every $y \in B$ there is exactly one x , such that $y = f(x)$ we say

$$x = f^{-1}(y) \iff y = f(x)$$

We pronounce f^{-1} as “f inverse”

Theorem. If f is strictly increasing on $[a, b]$ and continuous then $f[a, b] \rightarrow [f(a), f(b)]$ is bijective and f has an inverse function

$$f^{-1}[f(a), f(b)] \rightarrow [a, b]$$

$$y \mapsto x$$

As the result, we get $f(f^{-1}(y)) = y$ and $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$

If f and f^{-1}

$$f : [a, b] \rightarrow [f(a), f(b)]$$

$$f^{-1} : [f(a), f(b)] \rightarrow [a, b]$$

are both differentiable, what is the relation between the derivatives

Apply Chain rule on $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$ then $(f^{-1})'(f(x))f'(x) = 1$

Apply Chain rule on $f(f^{-1}(y)) = y$ then $f'(f^{-1}(y))(f^{-1})'(y) = 1$

if and only if $y = f(x)$ and $x = f^{-1}(y)$

Theorem. If f is increasing or decreasing on some interval then it has an inverse function f^{-1}

Proof. If f and f^{-1} are differentiable then we may get a formula for $(f^{-1})'$ from the chain rule applied to $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$

The chain rule given us

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

Derivative of f^{-1} , evaluated at $f(x)$

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

□

Theorem. Let f be (strictly) increasing on $[a, b]$ and $f'(x_0)$ exists for $x_0 \in (a, b)$ and $f'(x_0) \neq 0$ then f^{-1} is differentiable at $f(x_0)$ and $(f^{-1})'(f(x_0)) = \frac{1}{f'(x_0)}$

Proof. Recall

$$f'(x_0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0}$$

If $f(x) = y$ then

$$\frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0} = \frac{y - f(x_0)}{f^{-1}(y) - x_0} = \frac{1}{\frac{f^{-1}(y) - f^{-1}(f(x_0))}{y - f(x_0)}}$$

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow f(x_0)} \frac{f^{-1}(y) - f^{-1}(f(x_0))}{y - f(x_0)} = (f^{-1})'(f(x_0))$$

if that limit exists

We know that $f'(x_0) = c > 0$ and $\frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0} \rightarrow C$ There exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0} > \frac{C}{2} \text{ for } |x - x_0| < \delta$$

$$\frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0} < 2C \text{ for } |x - x_0| < \delta$$

$$f(x) - f(x_0) \text{ is between } \frac{C}{2}(x - x_0) \text{ and } 2C(x - x_0)$$

$$x - x_0 \text{ is between } \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{2C} \text{ and } \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{\frac{C}{2}}$$

Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{y \rightarrow f(x_0)} \frac{f^{-1}(y) - f^{-1}(f(x_0))}{y - f(x_0)} &= \lim_{y \rightarrow f(x_0)} \frac{1}{\frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0}} \\ &= \frac{1}{f'(x_0)} \end{aligned}$$

□

Example. For $x > 0$, $f(x) = x^n$, $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ and $f^{-1} : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ The inverse function f^{-1} is called nth to of

$$f'(x) = nx^{n-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (f^{-1})'(y) &= \frac{1}{f'(x)} \Big|_{x=f^{-1}(y)} \\ &= \frac{1}{nx^{n-1}} \Big|_{x=f^{-1}(y)} \\ &= \frac{1}{n(\sqrt[n]{y^{n-1}})} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{y}} \sqrt[n]{y} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \frac{1}{y} \sqrt[n]{y} \end{aligned}$$

Example. $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = \tan x$ where $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$

$f(x)$ is well-defined whenever $x \neq \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(\cos x) \cos x - \sin x(-\sin x)}{(\cos x)^2} = \frac{1}{(\cos x)^2}$$

$\tan : (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}) \mapsto (-\infty, \infty)$ and we found that \tan is increasing $\tan' x = \frac{1}{(\cos x)^2} > 0$

What is $(\tan^{-1})'(y)$

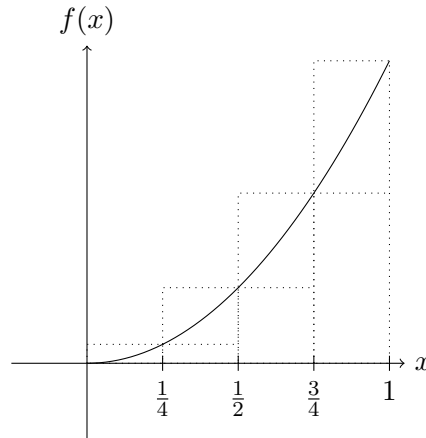
$$\begin{aligned} (f^{-1})'(y) &= \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(y))} \\ &= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\cos^2(f^{-1}(y))}} \\ &= (\cos(f^{-1}(y)))^2 \\ &= (\cos(\tan^{-1}(y)))^2 \\ &= (\cos(\arctan(y)))^2 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\frac{1}{(\cos x)^2} = 1 + (\tan x)^2 \implies (\cos x)^2 = \frac{1}{1 + (\tan x)^2}$$

$$(\cos(\arctan(y)))^2 = \frac{1}{1 + (\tan(\arctan y))^2} = \frac{1}{1 + y^2}$$

5 Integration



$$f(x) = x^2 \text{ defined on } [0, 1]$$

1. Given an interval $[a, b]$ and a function f defined by $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, assume that f is bounded (there is an M such that $|f(x)| \leq M$ for all $x \in [a, b]$)

Definition. A partition of $[a, b]$ is a finite collection of distinct numbers in $[a, b]$. which contains the end point a and b .

We can order these

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_N = b$$

Are finement \tilde{P} of partition P , is a partition which contains P

Definition (Lower Riemann Sum).

$$L(f, P) = \sum_{j=1}^N (x_j - x_{j-1}) \cdot m_j$$

$$m_j = \inf_{x_{j-1} \leq t \leq x_j} f(t)$$

Lower Riemann sum, given f , and $P = \{x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_N\}$, \inf is the greatest lower bound for f on $[x_{j-1}, x_j]$, m_j is the greatest lower bound for f on the partition $[x_{j-1}, x_j]$

Definition (Uower Riemann Sum).

$$U(f, P) = \sum_{j=1}^N (x_j - x_{j-1}) \cdot M_j$$

$$M_j = \sup_{x_{j-1} \leq t \leq x_j} f(t)$$

where sup is the least upper bound, M_j is the least upper bound

the example $[a, b] = [0, 1]$

$$P = \left\{ 0, \frac{1}{N}, \frac{2}{N}, \dots, \frac{N}{N} = 1 \right\}$$

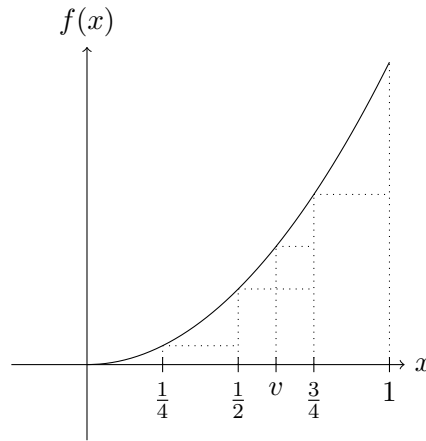
where $x_j = \frac{j}{N}, 0 \leq j \leq N$

$$\begin{aligned} L(f, P) &= \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{N} \left(\frac{j-1}{N} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{N^3} \sum_{j=1}^N (j-1)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{N^3} (0^2 + 1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + (N-1)^2) \\ U(f, P) &= \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{N} \left(\frac{j}{N} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{N^3} \sum_{j=1}^N (j)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{N^3} (1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + N^2) \end{aligned}$$

What happens with $L(f, P)$ if we refine the partition?

What happens with $U(f, P)$ if we refine the partition?

Proposition: if P, \tilde{P} are partitions $P \subset \tilde{P}$ then $L(f, P) \leq L(f, \tilde{P})$ and $U(f, P) \geq U(f, \tilde{P})$



$$f(x) = x^2 \text{ defined on } [0, 1]$$

If we refine the partition by adding a point $\tilde{P} = P \cup \{v\}$

The key for the proof $x_{j-1}, x_j \in P$ take a new partition point v between x_{j-1} and x_j

$$\begin{aligned} (x_j - x_{j-1}) \inf_{x_{j-1} \leq t \leq x_j} f(t) &= (x_j - v) \inf_{x_{j-1} \leq t \leq x_j} f(t) + (v - x_{j-1}) \inf_{x_{j-1} \leq t \leq x_j} f(t) \\ &\leq (x_j - v) \inf_{v \leq t \leq x_j} f(t) + (v - x_{j-1}) \inf_{x_{j-1} \leq t \leq v} f(t) \end{aligned}$$

Theorem. Let f be a bounded function on $[a, b]$. Then

$$\sup_P L(f, P) \leq \inf_P U(f, P)$$

where \sup_P is supremum over all partition and \inf_P is infimum over all partitions.

Definition. Given the theorem, we say that f is integrable (or Riemann integrable) if

$$\sup_P L(f, P) = \inf_P U(f, P)$$

Proof.

(i) If P_1, P_2 are two partitions then

$$L(f, P_1) \leq U(f, P_2)$$

Key: Take a refinement P of both P_1, P_2 where $P \supset P_1 \cup P_2$ then

$$L(f, P_1) \leq L(f, P) \leq U(f, P) \leq U(f, P_2)$$

- (ii) Conjecture: $U(f, P_2)$ is an upper bound for all $L(f, P)$ where P is any partition so the least upper bound for the $L(f, P)$ cannot exceed $U(f, P)$ that means

$$\sup_P L(f, P) \leq U(f, P_2)$$

for any fixed partition

For all partition P_2 , the number $\sup_P L(f, P)$ is a lower bound for $U(f, P_2)$. The greatest lower bound for the $U(f, P_2)$ cannot be smaller than $\sup_P L(f, P)$

$$\implies \sup_P L(f, P) \leq \inf_P U(f, P)$$

□

Example.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational on } [0, 1] \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is rational on } [0, 1] \end{cases}$$

Take any partition $P = \{0 = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n = 1\}$ on $[x_{j-1}, x_j]$

$$\inf_{[x_{j-1}, x_j]} f = 0 \text{ and } \sup_{[x_{j-1}, x_j]} f = 1$$

$$L(f, P) = \sum_{j=1}^N (x_j - x_{j-1}) \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$U(f, P) = \sum_{j=1}^N (x_j - x_{j-1}) \cdot 1 = 1$$

So this function is not integrable

Example.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 < x < \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$P = \left\{ 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1 \right\}, \inf_{[0, \frac{1}{2}]} f = 0, \sup_{[0, \frac{1}{2}]} f = 1$$

$$L(f, P) = 0 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$U(f, P) = 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

We pick new points

$$x_0 = 0, x_1 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{N}, x_2 = \frac{1}{2}, x_3 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}L(f, P) &= \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{N}\right) \cdot 0 + \frac{1}{N} \cdot 0 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 = \frac{1}{2} \\U(f, P) &= \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{N}\right) \cdot 0 + \frac{1}{N} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{N} \\ \sup L(f, P) &\geq \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } \inf U(f, P) \leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{N} \\ \implies \sup L(f, P) &= \inf U(f, P) = \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Example. Define on $[0, 1]$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational} \\ \frac{1}{q} & \text{if } x \text{ is rational, } x = \frac{p}{q} \text{ in lowest term} \end{cases}$$

Question: Is f integrable on $[0, 1]$?

Answer: Yes, and the integral is 0