

**Problem 1.** Prove that  $\sin x$  is continuous on  $\mathbf{R}$ .

*Proof.* Fix a point  $c \in \mathbf{R}$ . Pick an arbitrary  $\epsilon > 0$ . We are interested to make the distance  $|f(x) - f(c)|$  as small as we please. Let's explore the expression  $|f(x) - f(c)|$ . We have:

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(c)| &= |\sin(x) - \sin(c)| \\ &= 2 \left| \cos\left(\frac{x+c}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{x-c}{2}\right) \right| \\ &\leq 2 \left| \sin\left(\frac{x-c}{2}\right) \right| \quad \{\because |\cos \theta| \leq 1\} \end{aligned}$$

If we replace the expression  $|f(x) - f(c)|$  by an upper bound in the inequality  $|f(x) - f(c)| < \epsilon$ , we strengthen the condition we are interested to prove. So, let's show that:

$$2 \left| \sin\left(\frac{x-c}{2}\right) \right| < \epsilon \quad (1)$$

The Maclaurin's series expansion for  $f(x) = \sin(x - c)$  is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(x - c) &= (x - c) - \frac{(x - c)^3}{3!} + \frac{(x - c)^5}{5!} - \dots + \\ &= (x - c) - \left[ \frac{(x - c)^3}{3!} - \frac{(x - c)^5}{5!} + \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

Assume that  $\delta < 1$ .

If  $(x - c) \geq 0$ , then  $\sin(x - c) \leq (x - c) \leq |x - c|$ .

If  $(x - c) < 0$ , then  $\sin(x - c) \geq (x - c)$ . Therefore,  $\sin(x - c) \geq -|x - c|$ .

Consequently,

$$-(|x - c|) \leq \sin(x - c) \leq (|x - c|)$$

So,  $|\sin(x - c)| \leq |(x - c)|$ .

So, if we replace  $\left| \sin\left(\frac{x-c}{2}\right) \right|$  by its upper bound  $\left| \frac{x-c}{2} \right|$ , we again strengthen the condition we want to prove. Therefore, we must prove that:

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \left| \frac{x - c}{2} \right| &< \epsilon \\ \iff \left| \frac{x - c}{2} \right| &< \frac{\epsilon}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Pick  $\delta < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ . Then,  $|x - c| < \delta$  implies that  $|(x - c)/2| < \delta$ . This in turn would mean  $|f(x) - f(c)| < \epsilon$ . Consequently,  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $c \in \mathbf{R}$ . As the choice of  $\delta$  does not depend on the point  $c$ ,  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $\mathbf{R}$ . ■