MATH 221, Week 5

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1 Some Continuity

Consider the following functions:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x > 0 \\ -1 & x \le 0 \end{cases}$$

and $g(x) = x^2$. Which of the following are continuous and why? What does this illustrate about compositions of functions?

(a) g(x):

(c) $g \circ f(x)$:

(b) f(x):

(d) $f \circ g(x)$:

2 Trig Limits!

Evaluate the following limits assuming $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1$ and $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{1-\cos(\theta)}{\theta^2} = 1/2$. Double angle identities will be helpful...

(a) $\lim_{x\to\infty} \frac{\cos(x)}{x^2+1}$

(c) $\lim_{\theta \to 0} \sin(\theta) \cot(2\theta)$

(b) $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{\tan(2x)}{\tan(\pi x)}$

(d) $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{x+\tan(x)}{\sin(2x)}$

3 Derivatives!

Differentiate the following using the definition of the derivative:

(a)
$$f(x) = 1/x$$
 for $x \neq 0$

(b)
$$f(x) = \sqrt{x+3}$$

(c)
$$f(x) = 4 - \sqrt{x+3}$$

(d)
$$f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$$
 (this should look familiar)

(e)
$$f(x) = x^{2/3}$$