

"Calculus: Early Transcendentals" Notes

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TODO: binomial theorem, cosh sinh, complete the square, difference of squares, partial fractions, 2.3 epsilon delta proofs

Chapter 2: Limits and continuity

1.1 Rates of change and tangent lines to curves

Definition 1.1 (Average rate of change). The average rate of change of $y = f(x)$ with respect to x over the interval $[x_1, x_2]$ is

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{f(x_1 + h) - f(x_1)}{h}, \quad h \neq 0.$$

Definition 1.2 (Secant line). A line joining two points of a curve is called a secant line.

Remark. The average rate of change of f from x_1 to x_2 is the slope of the secant line between these points.

1.2 Limit of a function and limit laws

Definition 1.3 (Limit). Let $f(x)$ be defined on an open interval about c . We say that the limit of $f(x)$ as x approaches c is the number L , and write

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

if for every number $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$0 < |x - c| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \epsilon.$$

Definition 1.4 (Limit laws). If L, M, c, k are real numbers and $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = M$, then

$$\text{Sum Rule:} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) + g(x)) = L + M$$

$$\text{Difference Rule:} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) - g(x)) = L - M$$

$$\text{Constant Multiple Rule:} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (k \cdot f(x)) = k \cdot L$$

$$\text{Product Rule:} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) \cdot g(x)) = L \cdot M$$

$$\text{Quotient Rule:} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{L}{M}, \quad M \neq 0$$

$$\text{Power Rule:} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x)]^n = L^n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Q}^+$$

If n is even, we assume that $f(x) \geq 0$ for x in an interval containing c .

Theorem 1.5. If $P(x)$ is some polynomial $a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} P(x) = P(c).$$

Theorem 1.6. If $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$ are polynomials and $Q(c) \neq 0$, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} = \frac{P(c)}{Q(c)}.$$

Theorem 1.7 (Sandwich theorem). Suppose that $g(x) \leq f(x) \leq h(x)$ for all x in some open interval containing c , except possibly at $x = c$ itself. Suppose also that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} h(x) = L.$$

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

1.3 One-sided limits

Definition 1.8 (Right limit). Assume the domain of f contains an interval (c, d) to the right of c . We say that $f(x)$ has a right-handed limit L at c and write

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

if for all $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$c < x < c + \delta \implies |f(x) - L| < \epsilon.$$

1.4 Continuity

Definition 1.9 (Continuity). Let c be a real number that is in the interval of the domain of a function f . f is continuous at c if

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

f is right-continuous at c if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = f(c).$$

f is left-continuous at c if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x) = f(c).$$

Remark. If a function is not continuous at a point c of its domain, we say that f is discontinuous at c , and that f has a discontinuity at c .

Proposition 1.10 (Continuity test). A function $f(x)$ is continuous at a point $x = c$ iff it meets the following three conditions:

- (a) $f(c)$ exists.
- (b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ exists.
- (c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$.

Definition 1.11 (Continuous function). A function is continuous if it is continuous at every point in its domain.

Theorem 1.12. *If the function f and g are continuous at $x = c$, then the following algebraic combination are continuous at $x = c$.*

$$\begin{aligned} &f + g \\ &f - g \\ &k \cdot f, \quad k \in \mathbb{R} \\ &f \cdot g \\ &f/g, \quad g(c) \neq 0 \\ &f^n, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}^+ \\ &f^{1/n}, \quad \text{if defined on an interval containing } c. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1.13. *If $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = b$ and g is continuous at the point b , then*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(f(x)) = g(b).$$

Theorem 1.14 (Intermediate value theorem for continuous functions). *If f is a continuous function on a closed interval $[a, b]$, and if y_0 is any value between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$, then $y_0 = f(c)$ for some $c \in [a, b]$.*

1.5 Limits involving infinity

Definition 1.15 (Limits approaching infinity). We say that $f(x)$ has the limit L as x approaches infinity and write

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

if, for all $\epsilon > 0$ there exists M such that for all x in the domain of f

$$x > M \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \epsilon$$

Theorem 1.16. *Theorem 1.4 applies to limits that approach infinity.*

Definition 1.17 (Horizontal asymptote). A line $y = b$ is a horizontal asymptote of a graph of a function $y = f(x)$ if either

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = b \text{ or } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = b.$$

Definition 1.18 (Infinite limits). We say that $f(x)$ approaches infinity as x approaches c and write

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

if for every number $B > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$0 < |x - c| < \delta \Rightarrow f(x) > B.$$

Definition 1.19. A line $x = a$ is a vertical asymptote of the graph of a function $y = f(x)$ if either

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \pm\infty \text{ or } \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = \pm\infty.$$

2 Chapter 3: Derivatives

2.1 Tangent lines and the derivative

Definition 2.1 (Tangent line). The slope of the curve $y = f(x)$ at the point $P(x_0, f(x_0))$ is the number

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h},$$

provided the limit exists. The tangent line to the curve at P is the line through P with this slope.

Definition 2.2 (Derivative). The derivative of a function f at a point x_0 , denoted $f'(x_0)$, is

$$f'(x_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h},$$

provided this limit exists.

Definition 2.3 (Differentiability). A function $y = f(x)$ is differentiable on an open interval if it has a derivative at each point of the interval. It is differentiable on a closed interval $[a, b]$ if it is differentiable on the interior (a, b) and if the right/left hand limits of the derivative exist on the left/right side of the interval respectively.

Theorem 2.4. *If f has a derivative at $x = c$, then f is continuous at $x = c$.*

3 Chapter 10: Parametric equations

3.1 Parametrizations of plane curves

Definition 3.1 (Parametric curve). If x and y are given as functions of t

$$x = f(t), \quad y = g(t),$$

over an interval I of t -values, then the set of points $(x, y) = (f(t), g(t))$ is a parametric curve. These equations are called parametric equations for the curve.

Remark. The variable t is a parameter for the curve, and its domain I is the parameter interval. When we give parametric equations for a curve, we say that we have parameterized the curve. The equations and interval together constitute a parametrization of the curve.

3.2 Calculus with parametric curves

Remark. A parametrized curve $x = f(t)$ and $y = g(t)$ is differentiable at t if f and g are differentiable at t .

4 Multiple integrals

4.1 Double integrals over rectangles

Theorem 4.1 (Fubini's theorem). *Let $f(x, y)$ be continuous on a region R .*

(a) *If R is defined by $a \leq x \leq b$, $g_1(x) \leq y \leq g_2(x)$, with g_1 and g_2 continuous on $[a, b]$, then*

$$\iint_R f(x, y) dA = \int_a^b \int_{g_1(x)}^{g_2(x)} f(x, y) dy dx.$$

Proposition 4.2. The area of a closed, bounded plane region R is

$$A = \iint_R dA.$$

5 Line integrals

5.1 Line integrals

Definition 5.1 (Path independence). Let \mathbf{F} be a vector field defined on an open region D in space, and suppose that for any two points A and B in D the line integral $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ along a path C from A to B in D is the same over all paths from A to B . Then the integral $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ is path independent in D and the field \mathbf{F} is conservative in D .

Theorem 5.2 (Fundamental theorem of line integrals). *Let C be a smooth curve joining the point A to the point B in the plane or in space and parametrized by $\mathbf{r}(t)$. Let f be a differentiable function with a continuous gradient vector $\mathbf{F} = \nabla f$ on a domain D containing C . Then*

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = f(B) - f(A).$$