

# ① Infinitesimal quantity

$x_0 \geq 0$

$$\sin x \sim x$$

$$\arcsin x \sim x$$

$$\tan x \sim x$$

$$\arctan x \sim x$$

$$1 - \cos x \sim \frac{1}{2}x^2$$

$$\ln(x+1) \sim x$$

$$e^x - 1 \sim x$$

$$a^x - 1 \sim x \ln a$$

$$\sqrt[n]{1+x} - 1 \sim \frac{1}{n}x$$

② Squeeze theorem  $f(x) \leq h(x) \leq g(x)$ ,  $\lim f(x) = \lim g(x) = A \Rightarrow h(x) = A$

$$\textcircled{3} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x = e$$

## Continuous function

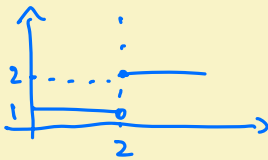
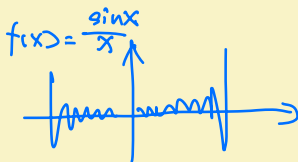


dom  $f \geq (x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta)$

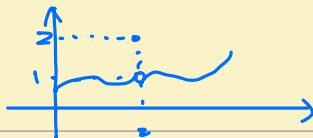
Defn: (continuous function) Suppose that  $f(x)$  is defined on  $(x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta)$  with  $\delta > 0$ . If

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

then we say that  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0$ .



$$f(x) = 2$$



$$f(x) = 2 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 1$$

Note: We have 3 requirements for the continuity definition.

①  $f$  is defined at  $x_0$

②  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$  exists.

③  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0)$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{2} \end{array} \right\} \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} x\right)$$

Defn ( $\epsilon$ - $\delta$  definition for continuous function) For any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

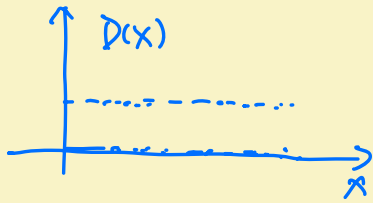
there exists  $\delta > 0$ , such that  $|x - x_0| < \delta$ , we have

$$|f(x) - f(x_0)| < \epsilon$$

$\Rightarrow$  ①  $f$  is defined at  $x_0$

②  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$  exists

$$\textcircled{3} \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0)$$



E.g.  $D(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \text{ is rational} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$

define  $f(x) = x \cdot D(x)$  is continuous at  $x=0$

for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , take  $\delta = \varepsilon$ , then we have

$$|f(x) - f(0)| = |x \cdot D(x) - 0| \leq |x - 0| < \varepsilon$$

$$f(0) = 0 \cdot 1 = 0 \quad |x \cdot D(x)| \leq |x| \cdot |D(x)| \leq |x| \cdot 1 \quad |D(x)| \leq 1$$

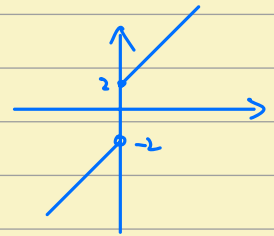
**Defn: (Left and right continuity)** If a function  $f$  is defined on  $(x_0 - \delta, x_0]$ , we say  $f$  is left-continuous if

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

$[x_0, x_0 + \delta)$ , we say  $f$  is right-continuous if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^+} f(x) = f(x_0)$$

E.g.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+2 & x \geq 0 \\ x-2 & x < 0 \end{cases}$



Then, A function  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0$  if and only if  $f$  is both left continuous and right continuous at  $x_0$ .

E.g.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 2 = f(0)$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = 0 \neq f(0)$  f is not continuous

## Discontinuous function

If a function  $f$  satisfies one of the following:

①  $f$  is not defined at  $x_0$ .

②  $f$  has no limit at  $x_0$

③  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) \neq f(x_0)$

## Removable discontinuity (可去间断点)

E.g.  $f(x) = |\operatorname{sgn}(x)|$

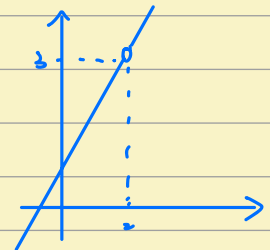


$$\operatorname{sgn}(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & x < 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \\ 1 & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} |\operatorname{sgn}(x)| & x \neq 0 \\ 1 & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

E.g.  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{x - 2}$

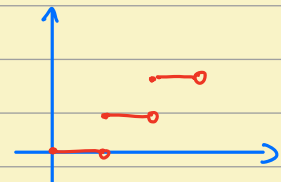
$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{x - 2} & x \neq 2 \\ 3 & x = 2 \end{cases}$$



## Jump discontinuity (跳跃间断点)

E.g.  $f(x) = [x]$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^+} f(x)$$



Type I discontinuity: Removable discontinuity & Jump discontinuity  
Both left and right limits exist

Type II discontinuity: At least one-side limit does not exist

E.g.:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$      $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$      $D(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \text{ is rational} \\ 0 & x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$

### Continuous function on an Interval

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**Defn:** A function  $f$  is said to be continuous on  $[a, b]$ , if  $f$  is continuous at every point on  $(a, b)$ , and  $f$  is right/left continuous at  $a/b$ .

### Properties of continuous function

**Thm (Boundedness)** Suppose that  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , then  $f$  is bounded.

E.g.:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  is not bounded at  $(0, 1)$

**Thm (Boundedness)** Suppose that  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0$ , then there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $f$  is bounded on  $(x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta)$ .

**Thm (保号性)** Suppose that  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0$ , if  $f(x_0) > 0$ , then there exists  $\delta > 0$ , such that  $f(x) > 0$ , for any  $x \in (x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta)$ .

**Thm (Arithmetic operation)** Suppose that  $f, g$  are continuous at  $x_0$ , then

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>① <math>f \pm g</math></li><li>② <math>f \cdot g</math></li><li>③ <math>f/g, g(x_0) \neq 0</math></li></ul> | } | are continuous at $x_0$ . |
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$$g(f(x)) = g \circ f(x)$$

**Thm (Composite function)** Suppose  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0$ , and  $g$  is continuous at  $u_0$ , with  $u_0 = f(x_0)$ . then  $g(f(x))$  is continuous at  $x_0$ .

Proof: Since  $g$  is continuous at  $u_0$ .

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta_1 > 0, \text{ such that } |u - u_0| < \delta_1 \Rightarrow |g(u) - g(u_0)| < \varepsilon.$$

Since  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0$ .

$$\forall \delta_1 > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \text{ such that } |x - x_0| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(x_0)| < \delta_1,$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \text{ such that } |x - x_0| < \delta \Rightarrow |g \circ f(x) - g \circ f(x_0)| < \varepsilon.$$

Note:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(f(x)) = g\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)\right) = g\left(f\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} x\right)\right)$

E.g.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \sin(1-x^2) = \sin\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (1-x^2)\right) = \sin 0 = 0$

**Defn (Maximum, minimum)** Suppose that  $f$  is defined on an interval  $I$ , if there exists  $x_0 \in I$ , such that for any  $x \in I$ , we have

$$f(x_0) \geq f(x) \quad (\text{max})$$

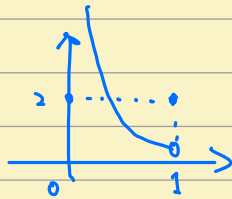
then we say  $f$  has maximum on  $I$ , and the maximum of  $f$  on  $I$  is  $f(x_0)$

$$f(x_0) \leq f(x)$$

then we say  $f$  has minimum on  $I$ , and the minimum of  $f$  on  $I$  is  $f(x_0)$

E.g.:  $f(x) = x$  has no maximum or minimum on  $(0, 1)$

E.g.:  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} & x \in (0, 1) \\ 2 & x = 0 \text{ or } x = 1 \end{cases}$   $f(x)$  is defined on  $[0, 1]$



$[a, b]$  + continuity  
 $\updownarrow$   
 bounded

**Thm (Boundedness)** Suppose  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , then  $f$  is bounded on  $[a, b]$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $f$  is continuous, but is not bounded  $[a, b]$ . there exists  $\{x_n\} \subset [a, b]$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = +\infty$ . since  $[a, b]$  is closed, we have that there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  such that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k} = x_0$$

since  $x_{n_k} \in [a, b]$ , we have  $x_0 \in [a, b]$ , since  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $x_0$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) \neq +\infty$ . contradiction. Hence  $f(x)$  is bounded.

**Thm (Minimum - Maximum theorem)** Suppose that  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , then  $f$  has maxima and minima on  $[a, b]$ .

**Proof:** Write  $\sup_{x \in [a, b]} f(x) = M$

To prove  $\exists \xi \in [a, b]$  such that  $f(\xi) = M$ . Suppose by contradiction that  $f(x) < M$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . Let

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{M - f(x)} \quad x \in [a, b]$$

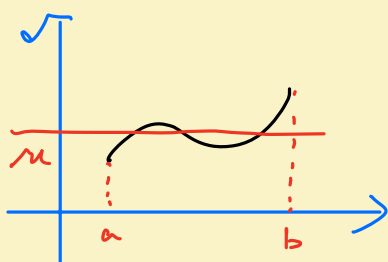
by the continuity of  $g(x)$ , we have  $g(x)$  is bounded above.

$$0 < g(x) = \frac{1}{M - f(x)} \leq G$$

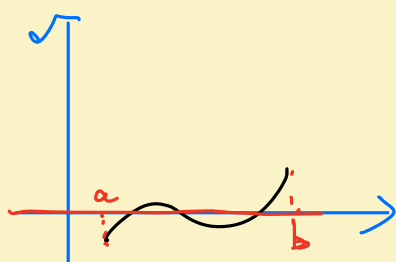
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{M - f(x)} \leq G \Rightarrow f(x) \leq M - \frac{1}{G}$$

Since  $M$  is the supremum of  $f$  on  $[a, b]$ , there is a contradiction as we obtained  $f(x) \leq M - \frac{1}{G}$  on  $[a, b]$ . Then there exists  $\xi \in [a, b]$  such that  $f(\xi) = M$ .

$$f(x) = x \quad (0, 1)$$



**Thm (Intermediate value theorem, 介值定理)** Suppose  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , and  $f(a) \neq f(b)$ . If  $\mu$  is a value such that  $f(a) < \mu < f(b)$  ( $f(b) < \mu < f(a)$ ), then there exists  $x_0 \in (a, b)$  such that  $f(x_0) = \mu$ .



**Corollary (Existence of a root, 根的存在性)** Suppose  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , such that  $f(a) < 0$  and  $f(b) > 0$  (or, say,  $f(a) > 0$  and  $f(b) < 0$ ), then there exists  $x_0 \in (a, b)$  such that  $f(x_0) = 0$ .

**Proof:** We define two sequences:  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{b_n\}$ .

①  $a_1 := a$  and  $b_1 := b$

② If  $f(\frac{a_n + b_n}{2}) \geq 0$ , let  $a_{n+1} = a_n$  and  $b_{n+1} = \frac{a_n + b_n}{2}$

③ If  $f(\frac{a_n + b_n}{2}) < 0$ , let  $a_{n+1} = \frac{a_n + b_n}{2}$  and  $b_{n+1} = b_n$

**Fact:** ① if  $a_n < b_n$ , then  $a_{n+1} < b_{n+1}$ . that is  $a_n < b_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

②  $\{a_n\}$  is monotonically increasing, and  $\{b_n\}$  is monotonically decreasing.

③ Both  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{b_n\}$  are bounded.

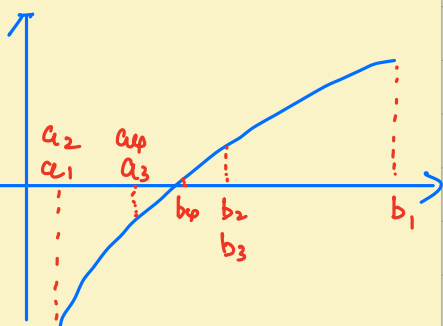
By the monotone convergence theorem, both  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{b_n\}$  converge.

Suppose  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = c$   $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = d$

$$b_{n+1} - a_{n+1} = \begin{cases} \text{case ②} & \frac{a_n + b_n}{2} - a_n = \frac{b_n - a_n}{2} \\ \text{case ③} & b_n - \frac{a_n + b_n}{2} = \frac{b_n - a_n}{2} \end{cases} = \frac{b_n - a_n}{2}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} b_{n+1} - a_{n+1} &= \frac{1}{2} (b_n - a_n) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 (b_{n-1} - a_{n-1}) \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} (b_1 - a_1) = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} (b - a) \end{aligned}$$



$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} (b-a) = 0$$

That is

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = x_0 \in (a, b)$$

and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(b_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(a_n) = 0$

by the fact that  $f(b_{n+1}) \geq 0$  and  $f(a_{n+1}) \leq 0$ . That is  $f(x_0) = 0$

**Thm (Continuity of the inverse function, 反函数连续性)**

Suppose that  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ . if  $f$  is strictly monotonic, then its inverse function  $f^{-1}$  is a continuous function on  $[f(a), f(b)]$  (or  $[f(b), f(a)]$ ).

