Calculus

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For all lovers of mathematics.

Introduction

Calculus is the study of continuous change established by Issac Newton (1643–1727) and Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz (1646–1716) in the 17th century. Single variable calculus studies derivatives and integrals of functions of one variable and their relationship stated by the fundamental theorem of calculus.

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$$

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1 Functions and Limits

1.1 The Limit of a Function

1.1.1 Functions

A function $f: X \mapsto Y$ is a rule that assigns each element x in set X to exactly one element y in set Y. We have a formal definition of a function.

Definition 1.1. A function f is a binary relation R between domain X and codomain Y that satisfies:

• R is a subset of the Cartesian product of X and Y.

$$R \subset \{(x,y) \mid x \in X, y \in Y\}$$

• For every x in X, there exists a y in Y such that (x, y) is in R.

$$\forall x \in X, \exists y \in Y, (x, y) \in R$$

• If (x, y) and (x, z) are in R, then y = z.

$$(x,y) \in R \land (x,z) \in R \implies y = z$$

1.1.2 Intuitive Definition of a Limit

Newton and Leibniz introduced a working definition of a limit. Let f(x) be a function defined on some open interval that contains the number a, except possibly at a itself.

Definition 1.2. The **limit** of f(x) as x approaches a equals L if we can make f(x) arbitrarily close to L by taking x sufficiently close to a from the left and the right but $x \neq a$.

$$\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = L$$

Definition 1.3. The **left-hand limit** of f(x) as x approaches a from the left equals L if we can make f(x) arbitrarily close to L by taking x sufficiently close to a where x < a.

$$\lim_{x \to a^{-}} f(x) = L$$

Definition 1.4. The **right-hand limit** of f(x) as x approaches a from the right equals L if we can make f(x) arbitrarily close to L by taking x sufficiently close to a where x > a.

$$\lim_{x \to a^+} f(x) = L$$

The limit **exists** if the left-hand limit and the right-hand limit of f(x) as x approaches a equal L, otherwise the limit **does not exist**.

$$\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = L \iff \lim_{x \to a^{-}} f(x) = \lim_{x \to a^{+}} f(x) = L$$

1.2 The Precise Definition of a Limit

1.2.1 Epsilon-Delta Definition of a Limit

Augustin-Louis Cauchy (1789–1857) and **Karl Weierstrass** (1815–1897) developed a rigorous definition of a limit.

Definition 1.5.

$$\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = L$$

if for every number $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a number $\delta > 0$ such that

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

Definition 1.6.

$$\lim_{x \to a^{-}} f(x) = L$$

if for every number $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a number $\delta > 0$ such that

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

Definition 1.7.

$$\lim_{x \to a^+} f(x) = L$$

if for every number $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a number $\delta > 0$ such that

$$a < x < a + \delta \implies |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$$

Problem 1.1. Prove that

$$\lim_{x \to 3} (4x - 5) = 7$$

Solution. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given, we want to find a number $\delta > 0$ such that

$$0 < |x-3| < \delta \implies |(4x-5)-7| < \varepsilon$$

We simplify to get |(4x - 5) - 7| = |4x - 12| = 4|x - 3| so we have

$$4|x-3| < \varepsilon \iff |x-3| < \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$$

Let $\delta = \varepsilon/4$, we have

$$0 < |x - 3| < \frac{\varepsilon}{4} \implies 4|x - 3| < \varepsilon \implies |(4x - 5) - 7| < \varepsilon$$

Therefore, by the definition of a limit,

$$\lim_{x \to 3} (4x - 5) = 7$$

Problem 1.2. Prove that

$$\lim_{x \to 3} x^2 = 9$$

Solution. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given, we want to find a number $\delta > 0$ such that

$$0 < |x - 3| < \delta \implies |x^2 - 9| < \varepsilon$$

We simplify to get

$$|x^2 - 9| = |x + 3| |x - 3| < \varepsilon$$

Let C be a positive constant such that

$$|x+3| |x-3| < C |x-3| < \varepsilon \iff |x-3| < \frac{\varepsilon}{C}$$

Since we are interested only in values of x that are close to 3, it is reasonable to assume that |x-3| < 1 such that |x+3| < 7 so C = 7. Let $\delta = \min\{1, \varepsilon/7\}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< |x-3| < 1 \iff |x+3| < 7 \\ 0 &< |x-3| < \frac{\varepsilon}{7} \iff 7 |x-3| < \varepsilon \\ |x+3| |x-3| &< 7 |x-3| < \varepsilon \implies |x^2-9| < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, it is proved that

$$\lim_{x \to 3} x^2 = 9$$

Problem 1.3. Prove that

$$\lim_{x \to 0^+} \sqrt{x} = 0$$

Solution. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given, we want to find a number $\delta > 0$ such that

$$0 < x < \delta \implies |\sqrt{x} - 0| < \varepsilon$$

We simplify to get $\sqrt{x} < \varepsilon \iff x < \varepsilon^2$. Let $\delta = \varepsilon^2$, so we have

$$0 < x < \varepsilon^2 \implies |\sqrt{x} - 0| < \varepsilon$$

Therefore, it is proved that

$$\lim_{x \to 0^+} \sqrt{x} = 0$$

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