

TITLE

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1. Consider $f(x) = \frac{x+3}{x^2-9}$

(a) Show that f is continuous for $x = 4$

Proof. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given, consider $\delta = \min(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$
Then $\forall x \neq 3, -3$ with $0 < |x - 4| < \delta$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| f(x) - f(4) \right| &= \left| \frac{x+3}{x^2-9} - \frac{7}{7} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{x-3} - \frac{x-3}{x-3} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{4-x}{x-3} \right| \\ &= \frac{|4-x|}{|x-3|} \\ &< \delta \frac{1}{|x-3|} \\ &< 2\delta \\ &= \varepsilon \end{aligned} \quad (\text{Note})$$

Note:

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{2} &< x - 4 < \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{7}{2} &< x < \frac{9}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} &< x - 3 < \frac{3}{2} \\ |x - 3| &= x - 3 > \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

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(b) Show that f is continuous for $x \in (-3, 3)$

Proof. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given, and $c \in (-3, 3)$
Consider $\delta = \min(\frac{3-c}{2}, \frac{\varepsilon(3-c)^2}{2})$

Then $\forall x \in (-3, 3)$ with $0 < |x - c| < \delta$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f(x) - f(c)| &= \left| \frac{x+3}{x^2-9} - \frac{c+3}{c^2-9} \right| \\
 &= \left| \frac{1}{x-3} - \frac{1}{c-3} \right| \\
 &= \left| \frac{c-3-x+3}{(x-3)(c-3)} \right| \\
 &= \frac{|c-x|}{|x-3||c-3|} \\
 &< \delta \frac{1}{|x-3||c-3|} \\
 &= \delta \frac{1}{(3-x)(3-c)} \quad (x \in (-3, 3) \text{ and } c \in (-3, 3)) \\
 &< \frac{2\delta}{(3-c)^2} \quad (\text{Note}) \quad = \varepsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

Note:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |x - c| &< \frac{3 - c}{2} \\
 \frac{c - 3}{2} &< x - c < \frac{3 - c}{2} \\
 \frac{3c - 3}{2} &< x < \frac{c + 3}{2} \\
 \frac{3c - 9}{2} &< x - 3 < \frac{c - 3}{2} \\
 \frac{9 - 3c}{2} &> 3 - x > \frac{3 - c}{2} \\
 3 - x &> \frac{3 - c}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

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2. Consider $f(x) = \frac{5x+1}{x-3}$

(a) how that f is continuous for $x = 4$

Proof. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given, consider $\delta = \min(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\varepsilon}{32})$

Then $\forall x \neq 3$ with $0 < |x - 4| < \delta$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f(x) - f(4)| &= \left| \frac{5x+1}{x-3} - 21 \right| \\
 &= \left| \frac{5x+1}{x-3} - \frac{21x-63}{x-3} \right| \\
 &= \left| \frac{-16x+64}{x-3} \right| \\
 &= 16 \frac{|4-x|}{|x-3|} \\
 &< 16\delta \frac{1}{|x-3|} \\
 &< 32\delta \quad \text{(Note)} \\
 &= \varepsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

Note:

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\frac{1}{2} &< x - 4 < \frac{1}{2} \\
 \frac{1}{2} &< x - 3 < \frac{3}{2} \\
 |x - 3| &= x - 3 > \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

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(b) Show that f is continuous for $x \in (4, \infty)$

Proof. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given, and $c \in (4, \infty)$

Consider $\delta = \min(1, \frac{\varepsilon(c-3)(c-4)}{16})$

Then $\forall x \in (4, \infty)$ with $0 < |x - c| < \delta$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f(x) - f(c)| &= \left| \frac{5x+1}{x-3} - \frac{5c+1}{c-3} \right| \\
 &= \left| \frac{5xc - 15x + c - 3 - 5xc + 15c - x + 3}{(x-3)(c-3)} \right| \\
 &= \left| \frac{16c - 16x}{(x-3)(c-3)} \right| \\
 &= 16 \frac{|x-c|}{|x-3||c-3|} \\
 &< \frac{16\delta}{c-3} \cdot \frac{1}{|x-3|} \\
 &< \frac{16\delta}{(c-3)(c-4)} \quad \text{(Note)} \\
 &= \varepsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

Note:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |x - c| &< 1 \\
 -1 &< x - c < 1 \\
 c - 1 &< x < c + 1 \\
 c - 4 &< x - 3 < c - 2 \\
 |x - 3| = x - 3 &> c - 4 \quad (c > 4)
 \end{aligned}$$

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(c) Show that f is continuous for $x \in (3, \infty)$

Proof. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given, and $c \in (3, \infty)$

Consider $\delta = \min\left(\frac{c-3}{2}, \frac{\varepsilon(c-3)^2}{32}\right)$

Then $\forall x \in (3, \infty)$ with $0 < |x - c| < \delta$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f(x) - f(c)| &= \left| \frac{5x+1}{x-3} - \frac{5c+1}{c-3} \right| \\
 &= \left| \frac{16c-16x}{(x-3)(c-3)} \right| \\
 &= 16 \frac{|x-c|}{|x-3||c-3|} \\
 &< \frac{16\delta}{c-3} \cdot \frac{1}{|x-3|} \\
 &< \frac{32\delta}{(c-3)^2} \\
 &= \varepsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

Note:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |x - c| &< \frac{c-3}{2} \\
 \frac{3-c}{2} &< x - c < \frac{c-3}{2} \\
 \frac{3+c}{2} &< x < \frac{3c-3}{2} \\
 \frac{c-3}{2} &< x - 3 < \frac{3c-9}{2} \\
 |x - 3| = x - 3 &> \frac{c-3}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

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(d) Show that f is continuous for $x \in (-\infty, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$

Proof. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given, and $c \in (-\infty, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$

Consider $\delta = \min\left(\frac{|c-3|}{2}, \frac{\varepsilon|c-3|(6-2c-|c-3|)}{32}\right)$

Then $\forall x \in (-\infty, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$ with $0 < |x - c| < \delta$

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(c)| &= \left| \frac{5x+1}{x-3} - \frac{5c+1}{c-3} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{16c-16x}{(x-3)(c-3)} \right| \\ &= 16 \frac{|x-c|}{|x-3||c-3|} \\ &< \frac{16\delta}{|c-3|} \cdot \frac{1}{|x-3|} \\ &< \frac{32\delta}{|c-3|(6-2c-|c-3|)} \\ &= \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Note:

$$\begin{aligned} |x-c| &< \frac{|c-3|}{2} \\ -\frac{|c-3|}{2} &< x-c < \frac{|c-3|}{2} \\ \frac{2c-|c-3|}{2} &< x < \frac{2c+|c-3|}{2} \\ \frac{2c-6-|c-3|}{2} &< x-3 < \frac{2c-6+|c-3|}{2} \end{aligned}$$

If $c > 3$ and $x > 3$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2c-6-|c-3|}{2} &> 0 \\ 2c-6-(c-3) &> 0 \\ c-3 &> 0 \\ c &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

If $c < 3$ and $x < 3$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-2c+6+|c-3|}{2} &> 3-x > \frac{6-2c-|c-3|}{2}, \text{ so} \\ \frac{6-2c-|c-3|}{2} &> 0 \\ 6-2c-(3-c) &> 0 \\ 3-c &> 0 \\ 3 &> c \end{aligned}$$

so $|x-3| = 3-x > \frac{6-2c-|c-3|}{2}$ ■

3. Prove that $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ is continuous at a , where $a \in [0, \infty)$

Proof. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given, and $a \in [0, \infty)$

Case 1: $a > 0$

Consider $\delta = \min(\frac{a}{2}, \frac{\varepsilon(\sqrt{a}+\sqrt{2a})}{\sqrt{2}})$

Then $\forall x \in [0, \infty)$ where $0 < |x - a| < \delta$

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(a)| &= |\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{a}| \\ &= |\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{a}| \cdot \frac{|\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{a}|}{|\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{a}|} \\ &= \frac{|x - a|}{|\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{a}|} \\ &= \delta \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{a}} \\ &< \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{\frac{a}{2}} + \sqrt{a}} \\ &= \frac{\delta\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{2a}} \\ &= \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Note:

$$\begin{aligned} |x - a| &< \frac{a}{2} \\ -\frac{a}{2} &< x - a < \frac{a}{2} \\ \frac{a}{2} &< x < \frac{3a}{2} \\ \sqrt{\frac{a}{2}} &< \sqrt{x} < \sqrt{\frac{3a}{2}} \\ \sqrt{x} &> \sqrt{\frac{a}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Case 2: $a = 0$

Consider $\delta = \varepsilon^2$

Then $\forall x$ with $0 < |x| < \delta$

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(a)| &= |\sqrt{x}| \\ &< \sqrt{\delta} \\ &= \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

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