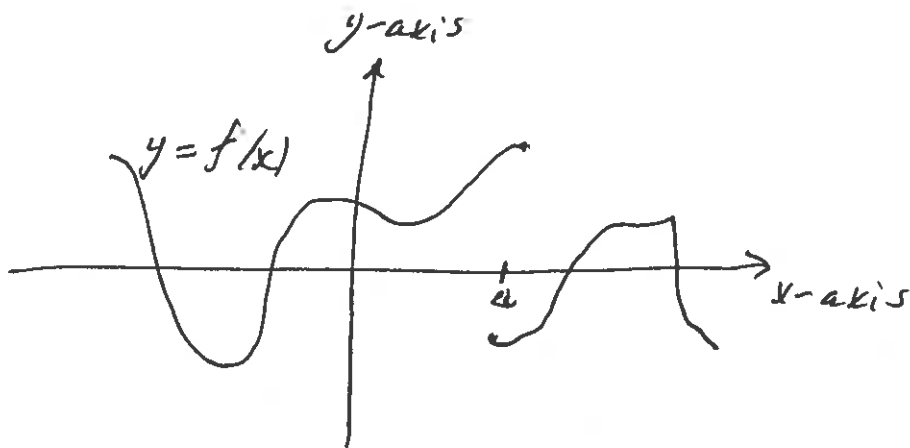


A function  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $a$  if it doesn't jump at  $x=a$ , i.e.

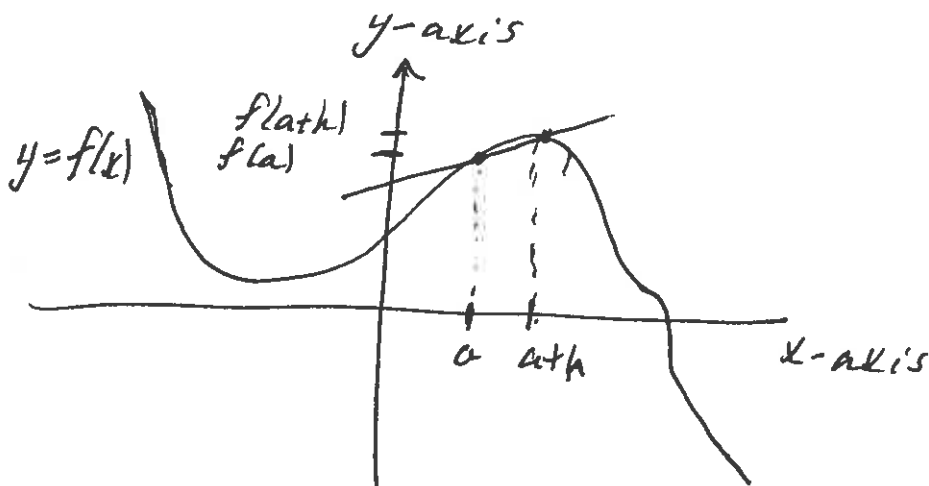
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$$



Not continuous at  $x=a$

The differential of  $f$  at  $x=a$  is

$$\left. \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x=a} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$



$$\frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = \frac{\text{change in } f}{\text{change in } x} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$$

= slope of line connecting  $(a, f(a))$  and  $(a+h, f(a+h))$

# Continuity Theorems

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Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function.

The function  $f$  is continuous if  $f$  satisfies:

if  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  then  $f$  is continuous at  $a$ .

(Addition theorem). Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be functions and let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

If  $f$  is continuous at  $a$  and  
 $g$  is continuous at  $a$

then  $f+g$  is continuous at  $a$ .

(Scalar multiplication theorem) Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function and let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$

If  $f$  is continuous at  $a$  ~~and~~ then

$cf$  is continuous at  $a$

(Multiplication theorem) Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  
 $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be functions and let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

If  $f$  is continuous at  $a$  and  
 $g$  is continuous at  $a$

then

$fg$  is continuous at  $a$ .

(Composition of functions theorem)

Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be functions and let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

If  $f$  is continuous at  $a$  and  
 $g$  is continuous at  $f(a)$

then  $g \circ f$  is continuous at  $a$ .

(Power theorem) Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  and let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- (1)  $x^n$  is continuous at  $a$ .
- (2) If  $a \neq 0$  then  $x^{-n}$  is continuous at  $a$ .
- (3)  $x^0$  is continuous at  $a$ .

(Exponential theorem) Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- (1)  $e^x$  is continuous at  $a$ .
- (2)  $\sin x$  is continuous at  $a$
- (3)  $\cos x$  is continuous at  $a$
- (4)  $\sinh x$  is continuous at  $a$
- (5)  $\cosh x$  is continuous at  $a$

(Division theorem) Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be functions and let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

If  $f$  is continuous at  $a$  and  
 $g$  is continuous at  $a$  and  
 $g(a) \neq 0$

then

$\frac{f}{g}$  is continuous at  $a$ .

Example 1.14 Let  $f(x) = \frac{\log x + \sin x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$  A. Pauer

For which values of  $x$  is  $f$  continuous?

Solution  $\sin x$  is continuous for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $\log x$  is continuous for  $x \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$

$\sqrt{x^2 - 1}$  is continuous for  $x^2 \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 1}$ .

$\sqrt{x^2 - 1} \neq 0$  if  $x^2 \in \mathbb{R}_{>1}$ .

$\therefore f(x) = (\log x + \sin x) \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$  is continuous for  
 $x^2 \in \mathbb{R}_{>1}$ .

Since  $\{x^2 \in \mathbb{R} \mid x^2 \in \mathbb{R}_{>1}\} = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \in \mathbb{R}_{>1}\}$

$\cup \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \in \mathbb{R}_{<-1}\}$

then

$f(x) = (\log x + \sin x) \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$  is continuous for

$x \in \mathbb{R}_{<-1} \cup \mathbb{R}_{>1}$ .

Example 1.15 Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  and

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$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 - cx + 8, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R}_{\leq 1} \\ x^2 + 2cx + 2, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R}_{> 1} \end{cases}$$

For which values of  $c$  is  $f$  continuous?

Solution: Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

If  $x \in \mathbb{R}_{\leq 1}$  then  $f(x) = x^3 - cx + 8$  and

$x^3 - cx + 8$  is a polynomial and is continuous.

If  $a \in \mathbb{R}_{> 1}$  then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} x^2 + 2cx + 2$

$$= a^2 + 2ca + 2 = f(a)$$

and so  $f(x)$  is continuous for  $a \in \mathbb{R}_{> 1}$ .

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 1 \\ x \in \mathbb{R}_{< 1}}} f(x) = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 1 \\ x \in \mathbb{R}_{< 1}}} x^3 - cx + 8 = 1^3 - c \cdot 1 + 8 = 9 - c$$

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 1 \\ x \in \mathbb{R}_{> 1}}} f(x) = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 1 \\ x \in \mathbb{R}_{> 1}}} x^2 + 2cx + 2 = 1^2 + 2c \cdot 1 + 2 = 3 + 2c$$

$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$  exists only if  $9 - c = 3 + 2c$

$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$  exists if  $3c = 6$ .

If  $c = 2$  then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 9 - 2 = 7 = 1^3 - c \cdot 1 + 8 = \overset{f(1)}{9 - 2} = 7$   
and  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 1$ .

If  $c \neq 2$  then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$  does not exist and  $f$  is not continuous at  $x = 1$ .

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Example 1.16 Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sin(e^{-x})$ .

Solution Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^x = 0$  then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sin(e^{-x}) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \sin y = 0.$$
Example 1.20 Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 2x = 2$ .

Prove To show: If  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}$  then there exists  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

if  $d(x, 1) < \delta$  then  $d(f(x), 2) < \varepsilon$ .

Assume  $\varepsilon = 10^{-k}$ .Let  $\delta = 10^{-(k+1)}$ .To show: If  $d(x, 1) < \delta$  then  $d(f(x), 2) < \varepsilon$ .Assume  $d(x, 1) < \delta$ .

$$\text{So } |x - 1| < 10^{-(k+1)} = \frac{1}{10} 10^{-k}$$

To show:  $d(f(x), 2) < \varepsilon$ .

$$d(f(x), 2) = |f(x) - 2| = |2x - 2| = 2|x - 1|$$

$$< 2 \frac{1}{10} 10^{-k} < \frac{1}{5} \varepsilon < \varepsilon.$$