

# Lecture #1 – Tuesday, September 9, 2003

## SETS

- non-example:  $A = \{\text{paintings that are beautiful}\}$
- example:  $A = \{\text{natural numbers divisible by 4}\}$

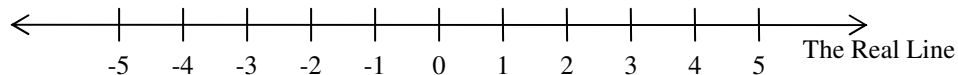
### Notation

- $4 \in A$  – “4 is in  $A$ ”
- $3 \notin A$  – “4 is not in  $A$ ”
- $B = \{\text{natural numbers divisible by 7}\}$ 
  - $A \cup B = \{\text{natural numbers divisible by 4 or 7}\}$  – “union of  $A$  and  $B$ ”  
 $= \{4, 7, 8, 12, 14, \dots\}$
  - $A \cap B = \{\text{natural numbers divisible by 4 and 7}\}$  – “intersection of  $A$  and  $B$ ”

## FACTS ABOUT REAL NUMBERS

- $\mathbf{N}$  = natural numbers =  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$
- $\mathbf{Z}$  = integers =  $\{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
- $\mathbf{Q}$  = rational numbers =  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$
- $\mathbf{R}$  = real numbers = all this and more (+ irrational numbers)

### Geometrically



- any point on the line represents a real number

### Intervals

- $[-1, 2] = \{x \in \mathbf{R} : -1 \leq x \leq 2\}$
- $(-1, 2) = \{x \in \mathbf{R} : -1 < x < 2\}$
- $[0, \infty)$

### Ordering (Inequalities)

- If  $a, b$  are real numbers, then exactly one of the following is true:  $\begin{cases} a < b \\ a = b \\ a > b \end{cases}$

### Important Properties

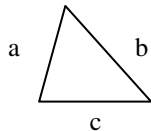
- If  $a < b$  and  $c > 0$ , then  $ac < bc$
- If  $a < b$  and  $c < 0$ , then  $ac > bc$

**Distance/Absolute Values**

- $|a|$  = distance from  $a$  to  $0 = \begin{cases} a, & \text{if } a \geq 0 \\ -a, & \text{if } a < 0 \end{cases}$
- $|a - b|$  = distance between  $a$  and  $b$

**Triangle Inequality**

- $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$
- analogous to triangle theorem from geometry



- $c \leq a + b$

**Lecture #2 – Thursday, September 11, 2003****TRIANGLE INEQUALITY**

- $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|, a, b \in \mathbf{R}$

**Proof (A Proof By Cases)**

- 1) If  $a, b$  both  $\geq 0$ 
  - Then  $a + b \geq 0$
  - $|a + b| = a + b = |a| + |b|$
- 2) If  $a > 0, b < 0, |a| \geq |b|$ 
  - Then  $a + b \geq 0$
  - $|a + b| = a + b$
  - $|a| + |b| = a - b$
  - Because  $b < 0$ , so  $a + b < a - b$
- 3) If
  - Then  $a + b \geq 0$
  - $|a + b| = a + b = |a| + |b|$
- 4)  $a > 0, b < 0, |a| < |b|$
- 5)
- 6)

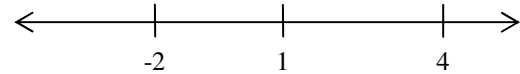
## REVIEW OF INEQUALITIES

Solve

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 2x+3 \leq 6 & -2x+3 \leq 5 \\
 2x \leq 3 & -2x \leq 2 \\
 1) \quad x \leq \frac{3}{2} & 2) \quad x \geq -1 \\
 & x \in [-1, \infty) \\
 x \in \left(-\infty, \frac{3}{2}\right] &
 \end{array}$$

$$3) \quad (x-1)(x-4)(x+2) > 0$$

Where is it = 0?  $x = 1, 4, -2$



$(x-1)$	-	-	+	+
$(x-4)$	-	-	-	+
$(x+2)$	-	+	+	+
Product	-	+	-	+
$\therefore x \in (-2, 1) \cup (4, \infty)$				

## Inequalities With Absolute Values

•  $|x| < \delta$

– it means that  $-\delta < 0 < \delta$   
 $x \in (-\delta, \delta)$

•  $|x-c| < \delta$

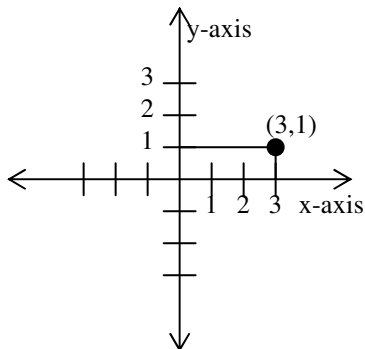
– it means that  $c - \delta < x < c + \delta$   
 $x \in (c - \delta, c + \delta)$

•  $|x-3| > 5$

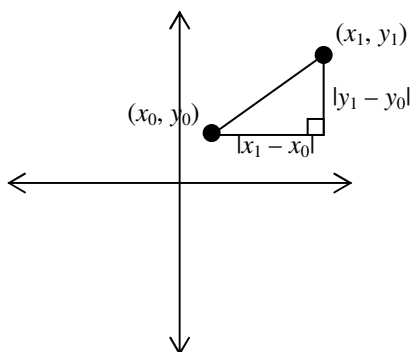
$x-3 > 5$   
 $x-3 < -5$   
 $\therefore (-\infty, -2) \cup (8, \infty)$

## COORDINATE GEOMETRY

### Rectangular Coordinates



## Pythagorean Theorem



$$d = \sqrt{|x_1 - x_0|^2 + |y_1 - y_0|^2}$$

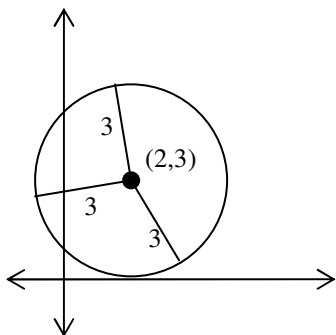
## Line Equations

- $y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$  – “point-slope” form
- $y = mx + b$  – “y-intercept” form
- $ax + by + c = 0$  – standard form
- If  $\begin{cases} y = m_1x + b_1 \\ y = m_2x + b_2 \end{cases}$ ,
  - Two lines are parallel if  $m_1 = m_2$
  - Two lines are perpendicular if  $m_1m_2 = -1$

## Conic Sections

- $ax^2 + by^2 + cx + dy + e = 0$ ,  $a, b, c, d, e$  are constants
- Get ellipses, hyperbolas, parabolas

- $(x-2)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 9$   
 $\sqrt{(x-2)^2 + (y-3)^2} = 3$



## FUNCTIONS

- A rule (“black box”) that takes an input and produces a single output

**Examples**

- $f(x) = x^2$ 
  - Domain of  $f$  is the set of legitimate inputs –  $\text{domain}(f) = (-\infty, \infty)$
  - Range of  $f$  is the set of legitimate outputs –  $\text{range}(f) = [0, \infty)$
- $f(x) = \sqrt{9 - x^2}$ 
  - $\text{domain}(f) = [-3, 3]$
  - $\text{range}(f) = [0, 3]$

**Piecewise Defined Functions**

- $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$

**GRAPHS AND FUNCTIONS**

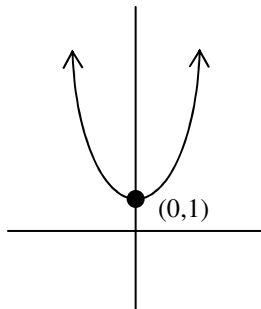
- $\text{graph}(f) = \{(x, y) : x \in \text{dom}(f), y = f(x)\}$

**Example**

$$f(x) = x^2 + 1$$

$$\text{domain}(f) = (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$\text{range}(f) = [1, \infty)$$

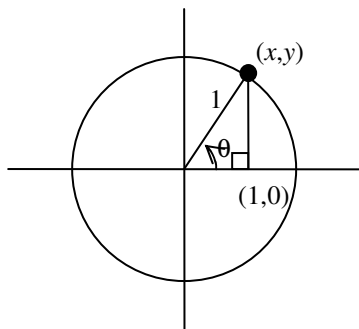
**SOME BASIC FUNCTIONS****Polynomials**

- $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$ 
  - $a_i$  are constants
  - $\text{domain}(f) = (-\infty, \infty)$

**Rational Functions**

- $f(x) = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ , where  $P, Q$  are polynomials
  - $\text{domain}(f) = \{x \in \mathbf{R} : Q(x) \neq 0\}$

## TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS



$$\sin \theta = y$$

$$\cos \theta = x$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{y}$$

$$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{x}{y}$$

### Example of a Trigonometric Identity

- $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$ , because  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

## COMBINING FUNCTIONS

- If  $f, g$  are functions
  - “sum” –  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$
  - “difference” –  $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$
  - “product” –  $(f \cdot g)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$
  - Warning: domain is  $\text{domain}(f) \cap \text{domain}(g)$

### Example

- Given  $f(x) = \sqrt{1+x}$  and  $f(x) = \sqrt{1+x}, g(x) = \sqrt{-x+5}$ 
  - $\text{domain}(f) = [-1, \infty)$
  - $\text{domain}(g) = (-\infty, 5]$
  - $\text{domain}(f + g) = [-1, 5]$

## COMPOSITION OF FUNCTIONS (TWO “BLACK BOXES” IN SUCCESSION)

- $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$
- Warning:  $f \circ g \neq g \circ f$

### Examples

- Given  $f(x) = x + 3$  and  $g(x) = x^2$ 
  - $(f \circ g)(x) = x^2 + 3$
  - $(g \circ f)(x) = (x + 3)^2$
  - $\text{domain}(f \circ g) = \{x \in \text{domain}(g) : g(x) \in \text{domain}(f)\}$
- Given  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-2}$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$ 
  - $\text{domain}(f \circ g) = [4, \infty)$

## Lecture #3 – Tuesday, September 16, 2003

### INTRODUCTION TO PROOFS: “PROOFS ARE YOUR FRIENDS”

#### Mathematical Rigor: To What End?

- Moral: Need rigor to obtain a correct, elegant solution which doesn't come from brute force

#### Proofs: To What End?

- Informally, a proof is a guarantee that a claim is true

#### Definitions

- Proposition – a sentence that is either true or false
- Theorem – a proposition that is guaranteed by a proof
- Proof – showing a theorem follows logically from the set of axioms – ex: B follows logically from A if B is true in all possible worlds where A is true

#### Examples

- 1) The acceleration of a rigid body is proportional to force applied.
  - False is real world
- 2) For all integers  $n$ , if  $n > 2$ , there are no positive integers  $a, b, c$  such that  $a^n + b^n = c^n$ 
  - True
- 3) For all non-negative integers  $n$ ,  $n^2 + n + 41$  is prime
  - False –  $n = 41$  would make it false (counterexample)

#### Notation

- $\forall$  – “for all” – universal quantifier
- $\exists$  – “there exist”, “for some” – existential quantifier

$P$	$Q$	$\neg Q$	$P \wedge Q$	$P \vee Q$	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$P \Leftrightarrow Q$	$\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$
		not $Q$	$P$ and $Q$	$P$ or $Q$	if $P$ , then $Q$	$P$ iff $Q$	
False	False	True	False	False	True	True	True
False	True	True	False	True	True	False	True
True	False	False	False	True	False	False	False
True	True	False	True	True	True	True	True

### I: PROOF BY ENUMERATION

#### Example 1

- Given: Roses are red and violets are blue.
- Prove: Roses are red.
- Proof: 4<sup>th</sup> line from the table ( $P \wedge Q$ )

#### Example 2

- Given: If it rains today, I'll eat my hat. It rains today.
- Prove: I'll eat my hat.

- Proof: 4<sup>th</sup> line from the table ( $P \Rightarrow Q$ )

## Lecture #4 – Thursday, September 18, 2003

### II: PROOF BY CONTRAPOSITIVE (“INDIRECT PROOF”)

#### Example 1

- If John is at work, then he’s logged in. ( $P \Rightarrow Q$ )
- If John is not logged in, then he’s not at work. ( $\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$ )
- Warning: Converse of  $P \Rightarrow Q$  is  $Q \Rightarrow P$
- Moral: Proving contrapositive is logically equivalent to proving the original statement

#### Example 2

Prove: For any integer  $n$ , if  $n^2$  is even, then  $n$  is even.

Proof:

- Reformulate: If  $n$  is odd, then  $n^2$  is odd.
- 1) If  $n$  is odd, then  $n = 2a + 1, a \in \mathbf{Z}$
- 2) If  $n = 2a + 1$ , then  $n^2 = (2a + 1)^2 = 4a^2 + 4a + 1 = 2(2a^2 + 2a) + 1$
- 3) Because  $a \in \mathbf{Z}$ ,  $2a^2 + 2a \in \mathbf{Z}$
- 4) Because  $2a^2 + 2a \in \mathbf{Z}$ ,  $n^2$  is odd

QED

#### Example of A Non-Proof

Prove: The “Theorem”  $1 = -1$

Proof:

- $1 = \sqrt{1} = \sqrt{(-1)(-1)} = \sqrt{-1} \cdot \sqrt{-1} = (\sqrt{-1})^2 = -1$  QED
- But  $\sqrt{a \cdot b} \neq \sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt{b}$  for all  $a$  and  $b$ !
- Moral: Justify each step.

#### Other Classical Errors

- Divide both sides of an equation by a variable –  $ax = bx \Rightarrow a = b$  – what if  $x = 0$ ?
- Divide both sides of an inequality by a variable –  $ax < bx \Rightarrow a < b$  – what if  $x \leq 0$ ?

### III: PROOF BY CONTRADICTION

- Want to show (WTS):  $P$
- Idea: Assume  $P$  is not true, then show that a contradiction occurs when combining it with the axioms.

#### Example

Prove:  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.

Proof:

- 1) Assume that  $\sqrt{2}$  is rational. That means  $\exists a, b \in \mathbf{Z}$  such that  $\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$ , where  $a, b$  have no common factors.
- 2) Then  $2 = \frac{a^2}{b^2}$ , so  $2b^2 = a^2$
- 3) That means  $a^2$  is even. So by theorem above,  $a$  is even.
- 4)  $a = 2k$  for some  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$ , so  $a^2 = 4k^2$ .
- 5) So  $2b^2 = 4k^2$ , so  $b^2 = 2k^2$ .
- 6) So  $b^2$  is even by theorem above.
- 7) 2 divides both  $a$  and  $b$ .
- 8) Contradiction:  $a, b$  have no common factors. Thus,  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.

- lemma(s) – smaller theorems used to prove bigger theorems

#### IV: PROVE BY CASES

- Warning: It only works if there are a finite number of cases.

##### Example

Prove: The Triangle Inequality  $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|, a, b \in \mathbf{R}$

Proof:

- Case 1:  $a, b \geq 0 \dots$
- Case 2:  $a, b < 0 \dots$
- Case 3:  $a \geq 0, b < 0, |a| \geq |b| \dots$
- Case 4:  $a \geq 0, b < 0, |a| < |b| \dots$

#### V: PROOF BY INDUCTION

- What do you do when there are infinitely many cases?
- Example: Universally quantified statements over  $\mathbf{N}$  – i.e. “for all  $n \in \mathbf{N} \dots$ ”

##### Principle of Induction

- If you can prove that: some property holds for  $n = 0$  (“base case”) and if the property holds for  $n = k$ , it holds for  $n = k + 1$  (“inductive step”), then the property holds for all  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ .

##### Example

Prove:  $\forall n \in \mathbf{N}, n^3 - n$  is divisible by 3.

Definition: For all  $a, b \in \mathbf{Z}$ , “ $a$  divides  $b$ ” ( $a \mid b$ ) iff  $\exists q \in \mathbf{Z}, b = a \cdot q$

Proof:

- “Base Case”: If  $n = 0$ , the  $0^3 - 0 = 0$ .  $3 \mid 0$  because  $0 = 3 \cdot 0$
- “Inductive Step”: Suppose it is true for  $n = k$  so  $3 \mid k^3 - k$  and  $k^3 - k = 3q$  for some  $q \in \mathbf{Z}$ .

- Now WTS:  $3 \mid (k+1)^3 - (k+1)$   
 $(k+1)^3 - (k+1)$   
 $= k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 - k - 1$   
 $= k^3 - k + 3k^2 + 3k$   
 $= 3k(k^2 + k)$

So, by definition of divisibility,  $3 \mid (k+1)^3 - (k+1)$   
 QED

### Non-Proof Example

“Theorem”: All iMacs are the same colour.

Prove: All  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ , a set of iMacs of size  $n$  is monochromatic.

Proof:

- “Base Case”:  $n = 1$ , then every set of one iMacs is one colour
- “Inductive Step”: Suppose true for  $n = k$ , WTS for  $n = k + 1$   
 Let  $S = \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{k+1}\}$   
 $S_1 = \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k\}$ ,  $S_2 = \{i_2, i_3, \dots, i_{k+1}\}$   
 $S_1 \cap S_2 = \{i_2, \dots, i_k\}$
- Since  $S_1, S_2$  are monochromatic and they intersect in  $S_1 \cap S_2$ , so  $S$  is monochromatic. So all iMacs are monochromatic.

QED

- But the “Inductive Step” fails for  $n = 2$

## VI: STRONG INDUCTION

- Same as Induction, except  $n = k$  is replaced with “if the property holds for  $n \leq k \dots$ ”

### Example (Half of “Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic”)

Prove: Any natural number  $n$ , for  $n > 1$ , can be written as a product of primes

Proof (Attempt with Induction):

- “Base Case”:  $n = 2$ .  $n$  is a prime.
- “Inductive Step”: Suppose that  $n = k$ ,  $k$  can be written as a product of primes, WTS for  $n = k + 1$   
 STUCK – primes that divide  $k$  don’t divide  $k + 1$

Proof (Attempt with Strong Induction):

- “Base Case”:  $n = 2$ .  $n$  is a prime.
- “Inductive Step”: Suppose that  $n \leq k$ ,  $k$  can be written as a product of primes, WTS for  $n = k + 1$ 
  - Case 1:  $n = k + 1$  is prime.
  - Case 2:  $n = k + 1$  is not prime, so  $\exists a, b \in \mathbf{N}, 1 < a, b < k + 1$  so that  $k + 1 = a \cdot b$ . Because  $a, b \leq k$ , so  $a \cdot b$  can be written as a product of primes. Therefore,  $k + 1$  is a product of primes
  - Therefore, by strong induction, it is true for all  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ .

QED

# Lecture #5 – Tuesday, September 23, 2003

## WHY CALCULUS?

- Basically, because the study of natural phenomena involves:
  - rates of change
  - non-linear phenomena – calculus allows for linear approximation

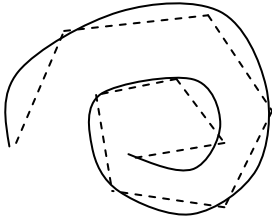
## LIMITS

### Basic Idea

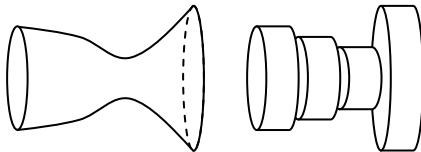
- 1) A (precise) way to take successive approximations and get an exact answer
- 2) Start with things you can easily compute (ex: lengths of line segments, area or rectangles) and build up to computations for more complicated objects

### Pictures

- 1) Length of a (non-linear) curve:



- 2) Volume of a solid:

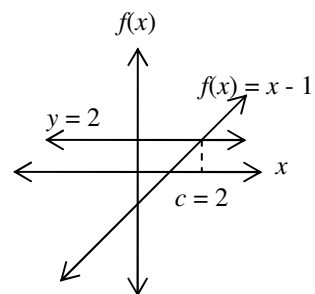


### The Question

What happens to a function value  $f(x)$  as  $x$  approaches a fixed number  $c$ ?

### Example

- $f(x) = x - 1$   
 $c = 2$
- The function value then approaches  $1 - \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x - 1) = 1$



### Notation

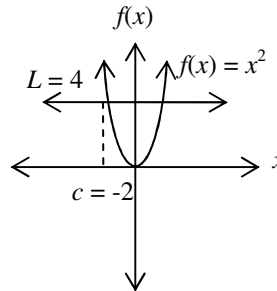
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$$

**Definition (Attempt 1)**

- $f(x)$  gets closer to  $L$  as  $x$  gets close  $c$

**Example**

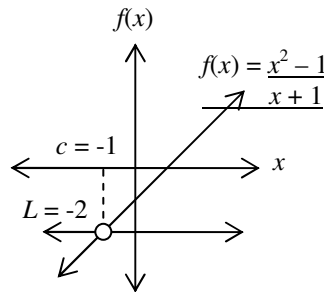
- $f(x) = x^2$   
 $c = -2$

**Technical Note**

Doesn't matter whether the function is defined at  $x = c$  or not – ask only about values of  $x$  close to  $c$ , but not equal  $c$

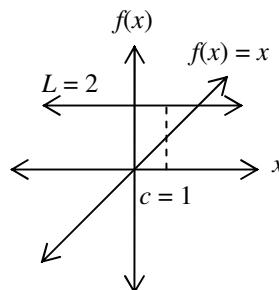
**Example**

- $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 1}{x + 1}$   
 $c = -1$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x + 1} = -2$

**Example**

Why is something not the limit?

- $f(x) = x$   
 $c = 1$   
 $L = 2$

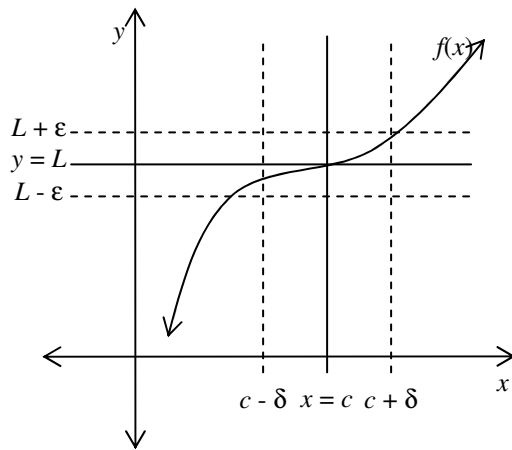


$x$	$ f(x) - 2 $
1.5	0.499
1.25	0.249
1.1	0.099

- What went wrong?  $|f(x) - 2| > 0.5$  if  $|x - 1| < 0.5$

**Definition (Attempt 2)**

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$  if no matter what distance  $\epsilon$  (on y-axis) I pick, if I say  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$ , then you should be able to find another distance  $\delta$  (on x-axis) so that you can guarantee that if  $|x - c| < \delta$ , then  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$



## Lecture #6 – Thursday, September 25, 2003

### LIMITS (CONTINUED)

#### Definition (Attempt 3 and Final): Epsilon-Delta Definition of Limits

- Let  $f(x)$  be defined in some interval of the form  $(c - p, c) \cup (c, c + p)$  for some  $p > 0$
- We say  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$  if for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exist a  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $|x - c| < \delta$  then  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$  –  
 $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  such that  $|x - c| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \epsilon$

#### Example

$$f(x) = 2x + 1$$

$$c = 1$$

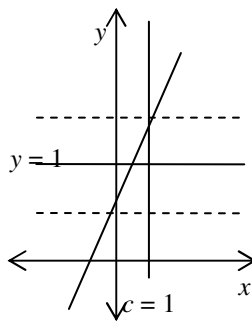
$$L = 3$$

$$|(2x + 1) - 3| < 1$$

$$|2x - 2| < 1$$

$$2|x - 1| < 1$$

$$|x - 1| < \frac{1}{2}$$



If $\epsilon$ is equal to...	Can choose $\delta$ to be...
$\epsilon = 1$	$\delta = \frac{1}{2}$
$\epsilon = \frac{1}{10}$	$\delta = \frac{1}{20}$
Any $\epsilon$	$\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{2}$

#### Technical Note

- Warning: The limit of the function at  $x = c$  can be different from the function value  $f(c)$
- A limit exists exactly when both left hand side and right hand side limits exist and they are equal
- Another way that limits might not exist – ex:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}, c = 0$

**Definition**

Left hand limit:

- Assume  $f$  is defined on some interval  $(c-p, c)$  for  $p > 0$
- Then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x) = L$  if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  such that  $c - \delta < x < c \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$

Right hand limit:

- Assume  $f$  is defined on some interval  $(c, c+p)$  for  $p > 0$
- Then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = L$  if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  such that  $c < x < c + \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$

**Example**

Prove (using  $\varepsilon$ - $\delta$ ) that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^2 = 4$

- Let  $\varepsilon > 0$
- Want:  $|x^2 - 4| < \varepsilon$  – our task is to find a  $\delta$  so that  $|x - 2| < \delta$  then  $|x^2 - 4| < \varepsilon$  holds
- Algebra:  $(x^2 - 4) = (x + 2)(x - 2)$
- Trick: From now on, assume we'll take  $\delta < 1$   
That means we can assume  $|x - 2| < 1$  so  $1 < x < 3$
- That means  $\frac{|x+2|}{|x+2|} < \frac{|x|+2}{|x+2|}$ , so  $|x^2 - 4| = |x+2||x-2| < 5|x-2|$
- Choose  $\delta = \min\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{5}, 1\right)$
- Check: If  $\delta < \frac{\varepsilon}{5}$ , then  $|x^2 - 4| < 5|x-2| < 5\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{5}\right) < \varepsilon$   
Q.E.D.

**Example**

Prove:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \sqrt{x} = 2$

- Want: For  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $|\sqrt{x} - 2| < \varepsilon$  for small enough  $|x - 4|$
- By the properties of the square root function, we already know  $\delta < 4$  – so  $0 < x < 8$
- Algebra:  $(x - 4) = (\sqrt{x} + 2)(\sqrt{x} - 2)$   
 $|x - 4| = |\sqrt{x} + 2||\sqrt{x} - 2|$
- $2 < |\sqrt{x} + 2|$  because  $x > 0$

- $|\sqrt{x} - 2| < \frac{1}{2}|x - 4|$
- Choose:  $\delta = \min(4, 2\epsilon)$
- Check: If  $|x - 4| < \delta$ , then  $|\sqrt{x} - 2| < \frac{1}{2}|x - 4| < \frac{1}{2}(2\epsilon) = \epsilon$   
Q.E.D

### Example

Prove:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{x^2} = \frac{1}{4}$

- Want: For  $\epsilon > 0$ , want  $\left| \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{4} \right| < \epsilon$  for  $x$  close enough to 2 (ie:  $|x - 2|$ )
- We already know  $\delta < 2$ ,  $0 < x < 4$
- Algebra:  $\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{4 - x^2}{4x^2} = \frac{(2+x)(2-x)}{4x^2}$
- $\left| \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{4} \right| = \left| \frac{(2+x)(2-x)}{4x^2} \right| = \frac{|(2+x)(2-x)|}{|4x^2|} = \frac{|(2+x)|}{|4x^2|} |x - 2|$
- Make additional requirement:  $\delta < 1$ , so  $1 < x < 3$
- $|2+x| < 2+|x| < 2+3 < 5$   
 $\left| \frac{1}{4x^2} \right| < \frac{1}{4}$  because  $x > 1$
- Therefore,  $\frac{|(2+x)|}{|4x^2|} < \frac{5}{4}$
- So  $\left| \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{4} \right| < \frac{5}{4}|x - 2|$
- Choose  $\delta = \min\left(1, \frac{4}{5}\epsilon\right)$
- Check: If  $|x - 2| < \delta$ , then  $\left| \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{4} \right| < \frac{5}{4}|x - 2| < \epsilon$

# Lecture #7 – Tuesday, September 30, 2003

## COMPUTATIONS WITH LIMITS

### Building Blocks

- 1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} x = c$
- 2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} |x| = 0$
- 3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} k = k$

### Theorem 1

- If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = M$ 
  - $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) + g(x)) = L + M$
  - $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (\alpha f(x)) = \alpha \cdot L$
  - $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) \cdot g(x)) = L \cdot M$

### Proof 1

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we want to find  $\delta > 0$  so that if  $|x - c| < \delta$  then  $|f(x) + g(x) - (L + M)| < \varepsilon$

- Algebra:  $|f(x) + g(x) - L - M| = |(f(x) - L) + (g(x) - M)| \leq |f(x) - L| + |g(x) - M|$
- We know that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = M$
- If  $|f(x) - L| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$  and  $|g(x) - M| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ , then we're in business!
- For  $\frac{\varepsilon}{2} > 0$ , we can find  $\delta_1$  so that  $|f(x) - L| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$  if  $|x - c| < \delta_1$ , and we can find  $\delta_2$  so that  $|g(x) - M| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$  if  $|x - c| < \delta_2$
- To make sure both are true, we pick  $\delta = \min(\delta_1, \delta_2)$
- Check: If  $|x - c| < \delta \leq \delta_1, \delta_2$ , then  $|f(x) + g(x) - (L + M)| \leq |f(x) - L| + |g(x) - M| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$

Q.E.D.

### Corollaries (theorems that follows (almost) immediately)

- 1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) - g(x)) = L - M$
- 2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (\alpha_1 \cdot f_1(x) + \alpha_2 \cdot f_2(x) + \dots + \alpha_n \cdot f_n(x)) = \alpha_1 L_1 + \alpha_2 L_2 + \dots + \alpha_n L_n$  if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f_i(x) = L_i$
- 3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f_1(x) \cdot f_2(x) \cdot \dots \cdot f_n(x)) = L_1 \cdot L_2 \cdot \dots \cdot L_n$
- 4) If  $P(x) = \text{polynomial} = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} P(x) = P(c) = a_n (c)^n + a_{n-1} (c)^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$

### Example

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 2x^2 + 10x = 28$

- Now what happens if the polynomial is in the denominator?

### Example

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{2x^2 + 1} = \frac{1}{9}$

### Theorem 2

- If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = M, M \neq 0$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{1}{g(x)} = \frac{1}{M}$ 
  - Proof: For  $\varepsilon > 0$  we want  $\delta > 0$  so that  $\left| \frac{1}{g(x)} - \frac{1}{M} \right| < \varepsilon$
  - Algebra:  $\left| \frac{1}{g(x)} - \frac{1}{M} \right| = \left| \frac{M - g(x)}{g(x)M} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{g(x)M} \right| |g(x) - M|$
  - Choose  $\delta_1$  so that  $|g(x) - M| < \frac{|M|}{2}$ . If  $x$  is in the region, then

$$\left| \frac{1}{g(x)M} \right| |g(x) - M| < \left| \frac{g(x) - M}{\frac{|M|^2}{2}} \right| = \frac{2}{|M|^2} |g(x) - M|$$

- If I choose  $\delta_1$  so that  $|g(x) - M| < \left( \frac{|M|^2}{2} \right) \varepsilon$ 

$$\left| \frac{1}{g(x)} - \frac{1}{M} \right| < \frac{1}{\frac{|M|^2}{2}} |g(x) - M|$$
- Check: If  $|x - c| < \delta$ , then
 
$$< \frac{1}{\frac{|M|^2}{2}} \cdot \varepsilon \frac{|M|^2}{2} = \varepsilon$$

## Lecture #8 – Thursday, October 2, 2003

### Examples

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{1}{2x^2 + 1} = \frac{1}{19}$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{1}{x^3} = -1$

### Theorem 3

- If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = M, M \neq 0$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{L}{M}$

- Proof:  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = f(x) \cdot \frac{1}{g(x)}$ 

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{1}{g(x)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{1}{g(x)}$$

$$= L \cdot \frac{1}{M} = \frac{L}{M}$$

**Example**

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x^2 + x}{x^2 - 3} = \frac{10}{1} = 10$
- The hard case: What happens if the denominator approaches 0?

**Example**

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{x-1}$  DNE
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1} = 2$

**Theorem 4**

- If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L, L \neq 0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = 0$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  does not exist
  - Proof: By contradiction
    - Suppose  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = M$ 

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \cdot g(x)$$
    - Then 
$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \left( \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)$$

$$= M \cdot 0 = 0$$
    - Contradiction because  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \neq 0$ . So  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  DNE.

**Moral**

If you're asked to do a limit computation  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ , you should proceed in several steps:

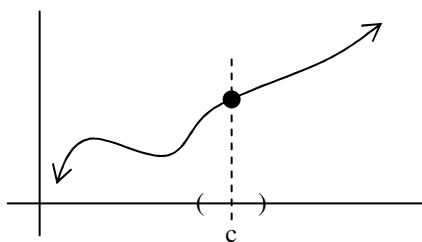
- 1) See if the denominator is equal to 0.
- 2) If NO, plug it in at  $x = c$ . Done.  
If YES, check if numerator limit is 0.
- 3) If NO, then the limit does not exist. Done.  
If YES, do algebra to simplify the expression and go back to Step 1.

**Example**

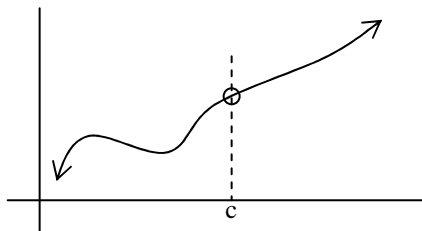
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x-2}{\sqrt{x}-2}$  DNE (by Theorem 4)
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2+4}{x+2} = 2$

**CONTINUITY****Idea**

- A function is continuous if you can draw the graph “without lifting your pencil”

**Example****Definition**

- Suppose  $f$  is defined on  $(c-p, c+p)$ . The function  $f$  is continuous at  $c$  if:
  - The limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  exist
  - the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$
- How can a function not be continuous?
  - Case A: The limit exist, but  $\neq f(c)$
  - Case B: The limit doesn't exist

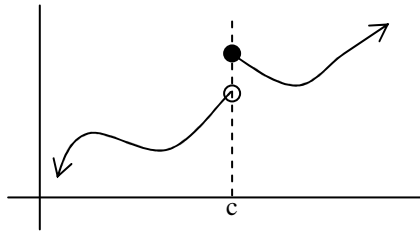
**Example of Case A**

- “removable discontinuity”

**Example of Case B – “Essential Discontinuity”**

- Different ways it could happen

- The one-side limits exist, but they don't agree



- One of the side limits exist, but only one

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \leq 0 \\ \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right), & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

- Neither of the one sided limits exist

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \in \mathbf{Q} \\ 1, & x \notin \mathbf{Q} \end{cases}$$

### Examples

- Functions that are continuous:
  - Polynomials:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} P(x) = P(c)$
  - Absolute value (by Building Blocks):  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} |x| = |c|$
  - Square root:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \sqrt{x} = \sqrt{c}$  for  $c > 0$

### Theorem 1

- If  $f$  and  $g$  are both continuous at  $c$ , then  $f + g$ ,  $f - g$ ,  $\alpha f$ ,  $f \cdot g$ ,  $\frac{f}{g}$  if  $g(c) \neq 0$  are continuous.

### Example

- $h(x) = \sqrt{x} + 3|x| + \frac{1}{x+1}$  is continuous at any  $x > 0$

### Another Definition For Continuity

- $f$  is continuous at  $c$  if  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists \delta > 0$  such that if  $|x - c| < \delta$  then  $|f(x) - f(c)| < \epsilon$

### Theorem 2

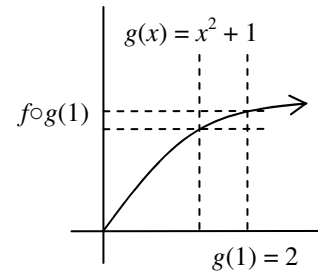
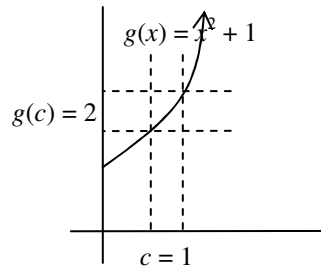
- If  $g(x)$  is continuous at  $c$  and  $f$  is continuous at  $g(c)$ , then  $f \circ g$  is continuous at  $c$

**Example**

$$g(x) = x^2 + 1$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$$

$$f \circ g = \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$$



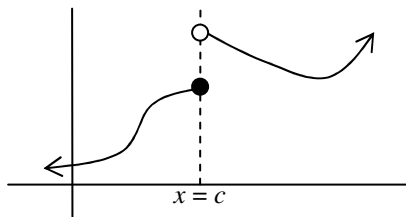
- Proof: Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We want to find  $\delta > 0$  so that if  $|x - c| < \delta$  then  $|f(g(x)) - f(g(c))| < \varepsilon$ 
  - Do one function at a time
  - Choose  $\delta_1 > 0$  so that if  $|t - g(c)| < \delta_1$ , then  $|f(t) - f(g(c))| < \varepsilon$  because  $f$  is continuous at  $g(c)$
  - Choose  $\delta > 0$  so that if  $|x - c| < \delta$ , then  $|g(x) - g(c)| < \delta_1$  because  $g$  is continuous at  $c$
  - Check: If  $|x - c| < \delta$  then  $|g(x) - g(c)| < \delta_1$  then  $|f(g(x)) - f(g(c))| < \varepsilon$

**Example**

- If  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ ,  $g(x) = x^2 + 1$ ,  $h(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  (continuous,  $c \neq 0$ )  
 $k(x) = h \circ g \circ f(x)$
- $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}$  is also continuous for any  $c$

**Detecting Discontinuities**

- Definition:  $f$  is continuous from the left if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x) = f(c)$ ;  $f$  is continuous from the right if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = f(c)$

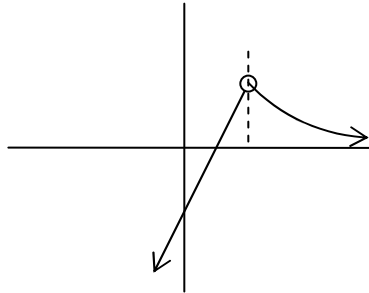
**Another Way To Say A Function Is Continuous**

- $f$  is continuous at  $x = c$  iff
  - $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$  exists and is equal to  $f(c)$
  - $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$  exists and is equal to  $f(c)$

**Example**

Determine the discontinuities of the function:

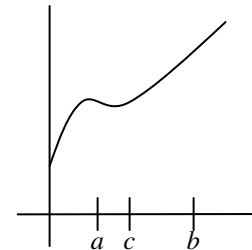
$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 2x-1 & \text{if } x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 1 \\ \frac{1}{x^2} & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$



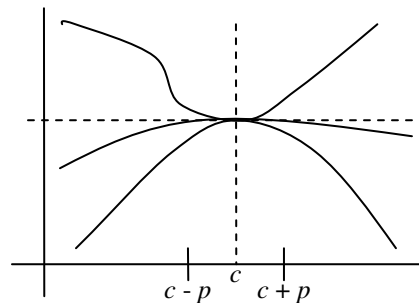
- Certainly the function is continuous at any point in  $(-\infty, 1)$  or any point in  $(1, \infty)$ . So the only point in question is  $c = 1$ .
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} 2x - 1 = 1$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1}{x^2} = 1$  which is not equal to  $g(1) = 0$ . So this function is not continuous.  $c = 1$  is removable discontinuity.

**Last Definition (For Now) For Continuity Of Functions**

- Let  $(a, b)$  be an interval where  $f$  is defined.
- Definition:  $f$  is continuous on  $(a, b)$  if  $f$  is continuous at every point  $c$  in  $(a, b)$
- Let  $[a, b]$  be an interval where  $f$  is defined.
- Definition:  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  if  $f$  is continuous on  $(a, b)$  and it's continuous from the right at  $a$  and continuous from the left at  $b$

**Lecture #9 – Tuesday, October 7, 2003****THEOREM “THE PINCHING THEOREM”**

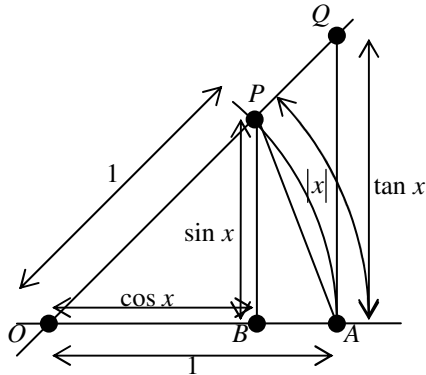
- Let  $p > 0$ . Suppose that for all  $x$  such that  $0 < |x - c| < p$ , we have  $h(x) \leq f(x) \leq g(x)$ .
- If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} h(x) = L = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$



- Proof: Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Want:  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$  for  $|x - c|$  small enough.
  - Choose  $\delta_1$  so that  $|h(x) - L| < \epsilon$  if  $|x - c| < \delta_1 \Rightarrow L - \epsilon < h(x) < L + \epsilon$
  - Choose  $\delta_2$  so that  $|g(x) - L| < \epsilon$  if  $|x - c| < \delta_2 \Rightarrow L - \epsilon < g(x) < L + \epsilon$
  - If we choose  $\delta = \min(\delta_1, \delta_2)$ , then  $L - \epsilon < h(x) \leq f(x) \leq g(x) < L + \epsilon \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \epsilon$   
Q.E.D.

## APPLICATION: SINE AND COSINE

## First A Figure



- First task: Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin x = 0$  (1)
  - Proof: From the figure, for  $x$  small enough  $|\sin x| < |x|$ 
    - So in fact,  $-x < \sin x < x$  for  $x$  small
    - So by Pinching Theorem,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (-x) = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (x) = 0$ , so  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin x = 0$   
Q.E.D.
- Because (by Pythagorean Theorem)  $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$ ,  $\cos x = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 x}$  for  $x$  small
- So because of the theorem about composing continuous functions,
 
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 x} = \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 - \sin^2 x)} = 1 \quad (\text{because } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin x = 0)$$
- Therefore,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos x = 1$  (2)
- Now what about  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \sin x = \sin c \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \cos x = \cos c \end{array} \right\}$  sine and cosine are continuous
  - Proof of (3):
    - $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \sin x$  is the same as  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sin(c + h)$
    - Now, we can use the addition formulas:  $\sin(c + h) = \sin c \cosh + \cos c \sinh$
    - $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sin(c + h) = (\sin c) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \cosh + (\cos c) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sinh$   

$$= \sin c$$

Q.E.D.

## Lecture #10 – Thursday, October 9, 2003

- In fact, all the trigonometric functions are continuous (where defined): this follows from the theorem about quotients of continuous functions being continuous.

## TWO MORE IMPORTANT LIMITS

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$  (1) and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} = 0$  (2)
- Note: For both of these, if you “plug in”, you get “ $\frac{0}{0}$ ” – need a subtler argument

### Proof of (1)

- Refer to Figure
- Area of  $\triangle OBP = \frac{1}{2}(\sin x)(1) = \frac{\sin x}{2}$
- Area of sector  $OAP = \frac{x}{2}$
- Area of  $\triangle OAQ = \frac{\tan x}{2}$
- $\frac{\sin x}{2} < \frac{x}{2} < \frac{\tan x}{2} \Rightarrow \sin x < x < \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \Rightarrow \frac{\sin x}{x} < 1 < \frac{\sin x}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos x}$
- Two inequalities:  $\frac{\sin x}{x} < 1$  and  $1 < \frac{\sin x}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos x}$   
 $\cos x < \frac{\sin x}{x}$
- So  $\cos x < \frac{\sin x}{x} < 1$  – true for  $x$  “small” and  $x > 0$  or  $x < 0$
- By Pinching Theorem, we can conclude that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$  because  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos x = 1$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 1 = 1$ .  
Q.E.D.

### Proof of (2)

- $\frac{1 - \cos x}{x} = \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} \cdot \frac{1 + \cos x}{1 + \cos x} = \frac{1 - \cos^2 x}{x(1 + \cos x)} = \frac{\sin^2 x}{x(1 + \cos x)} = \frac{\sin x}{x} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{(1 + \cos x)}$
- Therefore  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{(1 + \cos x)} = 0$   
Q.E.D.
- In fact,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(ax)}{ax} = 1$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(ax)}{ax} = 0$

### Examples of Application

- 1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(5x)}{4x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(5x)}{4x} \cdot \frac{5}{5} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(5x)}{5x} \cdot \frac{5}{4} = \frac{5}{4} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(5x)}{5x} = \frac{5}{4}$
- 2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x^2 + x}{\sin x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(2x+1)}{\sin x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sin x} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (2x+1) = \frac{1}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x}} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (2x+1) = 1$

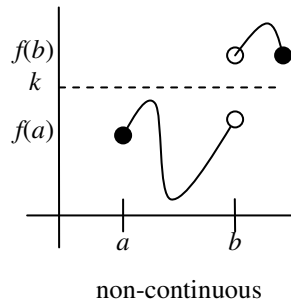
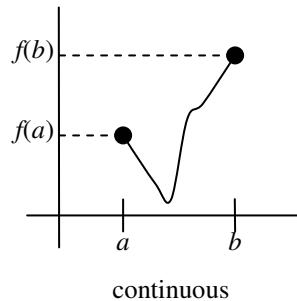
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 3) \quad &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 \cos x + x^2 \cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{\sin^2 x} \cdot \cos x + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{\sin^2 x} \cdot \cos^2 x \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{x}{\sin x} \right)^2 \cos x + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{x}{\sin x} \right)^2 \cos^2 x = 2
 \end{aligned}$$

## TWO VERY IMPORTANT THEOREMS ABOUT CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

- Intermediate Value Theorem
- Extreme Value Theorem
- Understanding of the proof is going to require the Least Upper Bound Axioms

### Idea For Intermediate Value Theorem (IVT)

- A continuous function has a graph which is “an unbroken curve”

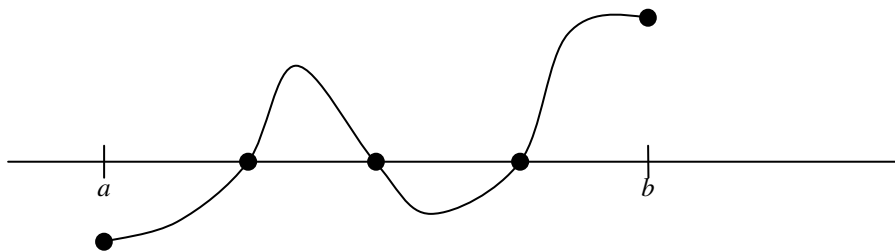


## THEOREM: INTERMEDIATE VALUE THEOREM

- If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and  $k$  is any number between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ , then there is a value  $c$ ,  $a < c < b$  so that  $f(c) = k$

### Application

- Locating the zeros of a function
- Suppose  $f$  so continuous on  $[a, b]$  and  $f(a) < 0$  and  $f(b) > 0$ , then there is a solution  $c$  to  $f(c) = 0$  solution between  $a$  and  $b$  (by IVT)



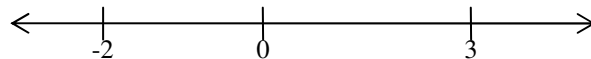
**Example**

$$f(x) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}x\right) - x^2 \text{ on } [0,1]$$

- Evaluate at  $x=0$ :  $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot 0\right) - (0)^2 = 1 > 0$
- Evaluate at  $x=1$ :  $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot 1\right) - (1)^2 = -1 < 0$
- IVT says there is a solution to  $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}x\right) - x^2 = 0$  between  $[0,1]$
- Now evaluate at  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ :  $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \approx 0.45 > 0$
- Now IVT says there is root between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1.
- Can keep going and get an approximation to root – “bisection method”

**Application: Solving Inequalities**

- We were implicitly using IVT before!
- Solve the inequality  $x(x+2)(x-3) > 0$ 
  - Find the zeros: 0, -2, 3



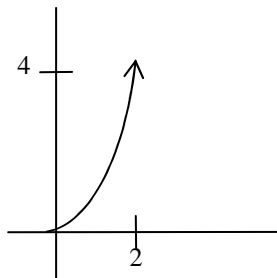
- If  $a, b$  are 2 zeros of  $P(x) = x(x+2)(x-3)$ , then the IVT is saying that on  $(a, b)$ ,  $P(x)$  has to be all positive or negative – because if it's positive  $f(a) > 0, a \in (a, b)$ ,  $f(b) < 0, a \in (a, b)$  then there is a zero between  $a$  and  $b$ ; that's a contradiction since you've already found all the zeros

**BOUNDEDNESS AND EXTREME VALUES**

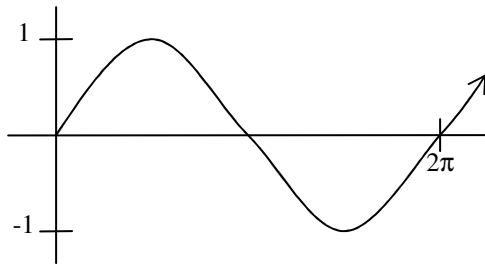
- Let  $f$  be a function, defined on an interval  $I$
- Definition:  $f$  is called bounded on  $I$  if there are constants  $k$  and  $K$  so that  $k < f(x) < K$  for all  $x \in I$

**Example**

- $f(x) = x^2$  on  $[0,2]$



- $f(x) = \sin x$  on  $[0, 2\pi]$

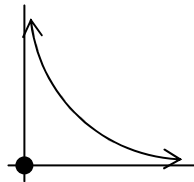


- Definition: If  $f$  is not bounded it is called unbounded (on  $I$ )

### Example

- $g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x^2} & \text{on } (0, \infty) \\ 0 & \text{at } x = 0 \end{cases}$

- $g(x)$  is unbounded on  $(0, \infty)$
- $g(x)$  is bounded on  $[1, \infty)$



- Note: A function can have a maximum value or a minimum value or both or neither on an interval  $I$

### Example

- $g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x^2} & \text{on } (0, \infty) \\ 0 & \text{at } x = 0 \end{cases}$

- On  $[0, \infty)$ : unbounded, no maximum, has minimum
- On  $[1, \infty)$ : bounded, has maximum, no minimum
- On  $(1, \infty)$ : bounded, no maximum, no minimum

- Note: This has nothing to do with continuity

### Example

- $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \mathbf{Q} \\ -1 & \text{if } x \notin \mathbf{Q} \end{cases}$  is bounded, has maximum, has minimum on  $(-\infty, \infty)$

## THEOREM: EXTREME VALUE THEOREM

- If a function is continuous on a bounded, closed interval  $[a, b]$ , then the function takes on both a maximum value  $M$  and a minimum value  $m$  – i.e.  $m \leq f(x) \leq M$  on  $[a, b]$  ( $m$  and  $M$  are called the “extreme values”)

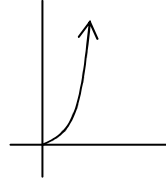
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- Warning: Need all three of the assumptions

### Counter-Examples

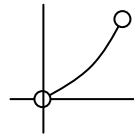
- 1) The interval must be bounded

$$f(x) = x^2 \text{ on } [0, \infty)$$

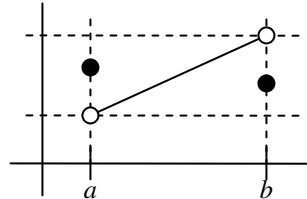


- 2) The interval must be closed

$$f(x) = x^2 \text{ on } (0,1)$$



- 3) The function must be continuous



### Idea of IVT

- A continuous function “takes intervals to intervals”

### Idea of IVT and EVT Together

- A continuous function “takes bounded closed intervals to bounded closed intervals”
- Proofs of IVT and EVT require an understanding of the “Least Upper Bound Axiom” of the real number

## LEAST UPPER BOUNDS

- Let  $S$  be a nonempty set of real numbers

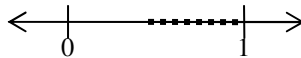
### Example

- $S_1 = (-\infty, 0)$



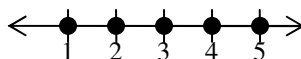
- $T_1 = [0, \infty)$

- $S_2 = \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \dots, \frac{n}{n+1}, \dots\right)$



- $T_2 = [1, \infty)$

- $S_3 = (1, 2, 3, \dots, n, \dots)$



- $T_1 = \emptyset$

- $S_4 = \left\{ \left| \frac{x}{(x+1)(x+3)} \right| : 3 \leq x \leq 5 \right\}$

- Definition: A number  $M$  is an upper bound for  $S$  if  $x \leq M$  for any  $x \in S$

- Note: Not all sets have upper bounds – those with upper bounds in the example are  $S_1, S_2, S_4$
- Definition: If  $S$  has an upper bound, we say  $S$  is bounded above
- Now let's think about the set of possible upper bounds for  $S$  (call it  $T$ )
- What is the smallest possible upper bound? – in the Example, for  $S_1$ , the smallest is 0; for  $S_2$ , the smallest is 1

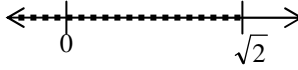
### Definition

- If  $S$  is nonempty set of real numbers that is bounded above, the least upper bound (lub) of  $S$  is an upper bound that is less than or equal to any upper bound for  $S$

### LEAST UPPER BOUND AXIOM

- Every nonempty set of real numbers that has an upper bound has a least upper bound
- If you think this is “obvious”, it's NOT TRUE, for example, the rational numbers!

#### Example

- $S = \{x < \sqrt{2}, x \text{ is rational}\}$
- 
- Let  $T =$  the set of possible rational upper bound for  $S = \{x > \sqrt{2} : x \text{ is rational}\}$
  - Has no least “element”

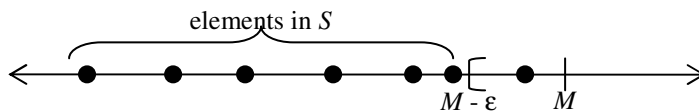
#### Back To Real Numbers: Examples

- 1)  $\text{lub}(-4, -1) = -1$
- 2)  $\text{lub}\left\{-1, -\frac{1}{8}, -\frac{1}{27}, \dots, -\frac{1}{n^3}, \dots\right\} = 0$
- 3)  $\text{lub}\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 < 3\} = \sqrt{3}$

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### Theorem

- If  $M$  is the least upper bound of set  $S$  and  $\epsilon > 0$  is any positive number, then there is an element  $s$  in  $S$  such that  $M - \epsilon < s \leq M$



- Idea: The elements in  $S$  get arbitrarily close to  $M$

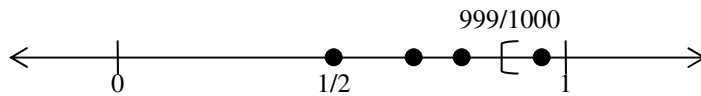
### Proof

- Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then since  $M$  is an upper bound, any element  $x$  of  $S$  satisfy  $x < M$
- So we only need to find  $s \in S$  so that  $M - \epsilon < s$
- We'll argue by contradiction. Suppose for all  $s \in S$ ,  $s \leq M - \epsilon$ 
  - But that means  $M - \epsilon$  is an upper bound for  $S$
  - But  $M - \epsilon < M$  and  $M$  is supposed to be the lub: contradiction

- So there must be  $s$ ,  $M - \varepsilon < s \leq M$

### Example

$$S = \left\{ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \dots, \frac{n}{n+1}, \dots \right\}$$



- Take  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{1000}$ . Is it true that there is an element of  $S$  such that  $\frac{999}{1000} < s < 1$ ? Yes:  $s = \frac{1000}{1001}, \frac{9999}{10000}$

## LOWER BOUND

### Definition

- Let  $S$  be a nonempty set of real numbers, then we say  $m$  is a lower bound of  $S$  if  $\forall x \in S, m \leq x$  – if  $S$  has a lower bound, then  $S$  is bounded below
- If  $S$  is a nonempty set of real numbers bounded below, then the greatest lower bound (glb) is a lower bound for  $S$  that is greater than or equal to any other lower bound for  $S$

### Theorem: Existence of Greatest Lower Bound

- Every nonempty set of  $S$  of  $\mathbf{R}$  bounded below has a greatest lower bound

### Theorem

- If  $m$  is the glb of  $S$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then  $\exists$  an element  $s \in S$  such that  $m \leq s < m + \varepsilon$

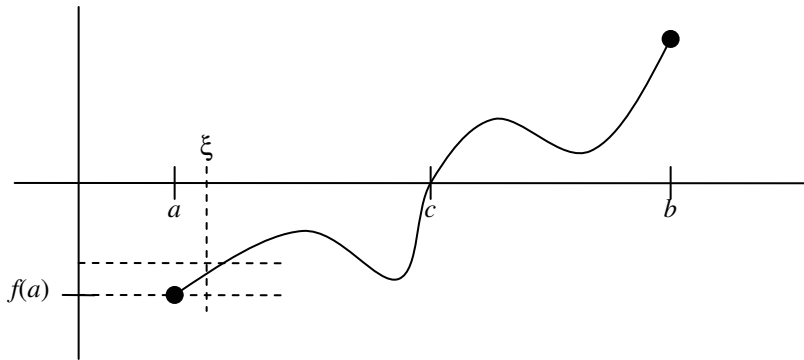
### Proofs

- Use what you know for least upper bounds

## PROOF OF INTERMEDIATE VALUE THEOREM

### Lemma

- Let  $f$  be continuous on  $[a, b]$ . If  $f(a) < 0 < f(b)$  (or  $f(a) > 0 > f(b)$ ) then  $\exists c$ ,  $a < c < b$  such that  $f(c) = 0$

**Picture****Proof**

- Suppose  $f(a) < 0 < f(b)$  (The other situation can be proved similarly)
  - Let  $S = \{\xi : f \text{ is negative on } [a, \xi]\}$
  - By continuity of  $f$ ,  $S$  is not empty
  - Because  $f(b) > 0$ ,  $b$  is an upper bound for  $S$ . That means  $S$  has a least upper bound: call it  $c$
  - Want:  $f(c) = 0$  (we'll argue that it can't be  $> 0$  and can't be  $< 0$ )
    - Suppose  $f(c) > 0$ 
      - By continuity of  $f$  at  $c$ , there is an interval  $(c - \epsilon, c + \epsilon)$  where  $f$  is  $> 0$
      - Then because  $f\left(c - \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right) > 0$ ,  $c - \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  is also an upper bound for  $S$ , but  $c$  is the least upper bound. Contradiction.
    - Suppose  $f(c) < 0$ 
      - By continuity of  $f$  at  $c$ ,  $f$  is  $< 0$  on an interval  $(c - \epsilon, c + \epsilon)$
      - So  $c + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  is in  $S$ , but  $c$  is an upper bound
      - Contradiction because  $c + \frac{\epsilon}{2} > c$
    - So  $f(c)$  is neither  $< 0$  or  $> 0$ , so  $f(c) = 0$
- Q.E.D.

**Theorem: IVT**

- If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , and  $k$  is any value between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ , then  $\exists c$ ,  $a < c < b$ , such that  $f(c) = k$

**Proof**

- Suppose  $f(a) < k < f(b)$  (The other case is similar)
  - Consider  $g(x) = f(x) - k$
  - Then  $g(a) < 0$ ,  $g(b) > 0$  so  $g$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$
  - By the Lemma, there is a  $c$ ,  $a < c < b$  so that  $g(c) = 0$
  - But then if  $g(c) = 0 = f(c) - k$ , then  $f(c) = k$
- Q.E.D.

## PROOF OF EXTREME VALUE THEOREM

### Lemma

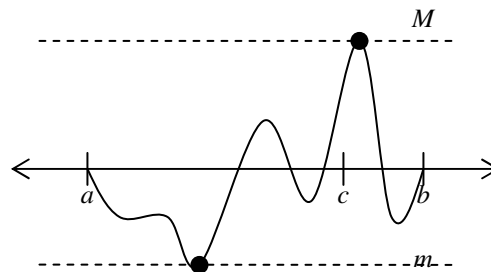
- If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , then  $f$  is bounded on  $[a, b]$

### Proof

- Let  $S = \{x \in \mathbf{R} : x \in [a, b] \text{ and } f \text{ is bounded on } [a, x]\}$ 
  - $S$  is bounded above by definition of  $S$ :  $b$  is an upper bound
  - $S$  is not empty: can take  $x = a$
- Let  $c = \text{lub } S$ . Want:  $c = b$ 
  - Because  $b$  is an upper bound and  $c$  is the least upper bound, then  $c \leq b$ .
  - We must rule out the possibility that  $c < b$ .
  - Suppose  $c < b$ 
    - By continuity of  $f$  at  $c$ ,  $f$  is bounded on some interval  $(c - \epsilon, c + \epsilon)$ .
    - Because  $c$  is the lub,  $f$  is bounded on  $\left[a, c - \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right]$ .  $f$  is also bounded on  $\left[c - \frac{\epsilon}{2}, c + \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right] \Rightarrow f$  is bounded on  $\left[a, c + \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right] \Rightarrow c + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  is in  $S$ .
    - But  $c$  is an upper bound for  $S$ , so contradiction.
    - So  $c = b$ .
- Want:  $f$  is bounded on  $[a, b]$ .
  - Because  $f$  is bounded at  $b$ , there is an interval  $[b - \delta, b]$  where  $f$  is bounded.
  - Because  $b$  is lub of  $S$ ,  $f$  is bounded on  $\left[a, b - \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right]$ .
  - So  $f$  is bounded on  $[a, b]$ .

### Theorem: EVT

- If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , then  $f$  achieves both a maximum  $M$  and minimum  $m$  value on  $[a, b]$ .



### Proof

- By Lemma,  $f$  is bounded.
- Definition:  $M = \text{lub}\{f(x) : x \in [a, b]\}$
- Want:  $\exists c$  such that  $f(c) = M$ .
  - Suppose not. Then  $f(x) \neq M$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ .
  - Then  $M - f(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$  (in fact  $M - f(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ ).
  - Define  $g(x) = \frac{1}{M - f(x)}$ . So  $g$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ .
  - Because  $M$  is lub,  $M - f(x)$  can be made arbitrarily small, and  $g(x)$  can be made arbitrarily large.

- So  $g$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , but not bounded. This contradicts the Lemma.
- Therefore, there is a  $c$  such that  $f(c) = M$ .

Q.E.D.