

Last little piece from Section 1.7: Infinite limit, defined precisely.

6 Definition Let f be a function defined on some open interval that contains the number a , except possibly at a itself. Then

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

means that for every positive number M there is a positive number δ such that

$$\text{if } 0 < |x - a| < \delta \quad \text{then} \quad f(x) > M$$

So you can make the function bigger than any real number by getting sufficiently close to the number a . Furthermore, it will *stay* bigger than that number, if you go closer than "sufficiently close" to a .

Claim: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{7}{(x-3)^2} = \infty$

$$\sqrt{\mathbb{R}^2} = |\mathbb{R}|$$

Bull. Make it bigger than 1000!

Method should be to get one fraction on one side & do a sign pattern on the frac.

$(x-3)^2 > 0$ so I can cross-multiply with impunity.

$$\frac{7}{(x-3)^2} > 1000$$

$$7 > 1000(x-3)^2$$

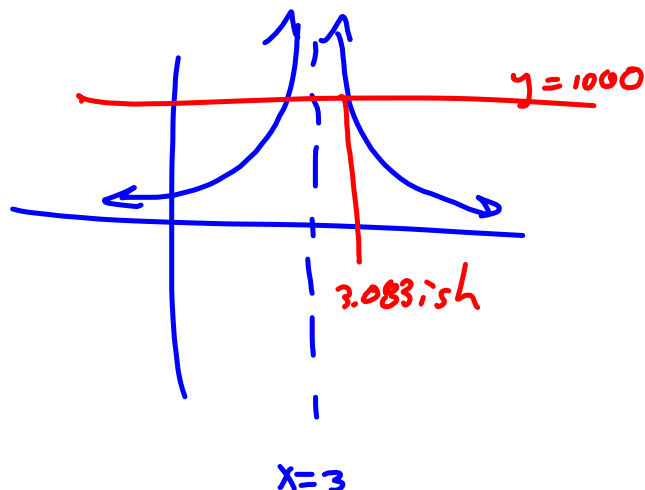
$$(x-3)^2 < \frac{7}{1000}$$

$$\sqrt{(x-3)^2} < \sqrt{\frac{7}{1000}}$$

$$|x-3| < \frac{\sqrt{7}}{10\sqrt{10}}$$

$$-\frac{\sqrt{7}}{10\sqrt{10}} < x-3 < \frac{\sqrt{7}}{10\sqrt{10}}$$

$$3 - \frac{\sqrt{7}}{10\sqrt{10}} < x < \frac{\sqrt{7}}{10\sqrt{10}} + 3$$



Let $M > 0$ be given

Want $\frac{7}{(x-3)^2} > M$ whenever $|x-3| < \delta$

$$M < \frac{7}{(x-3)^2}$$

$$(x-3)^2 M < 7$$

$$(x-3)^2 < \frac{7}{M}$$

$$|x-3| < \sqrt{\frac{7}{M}}$$

$$\frac{7}{(x-3)^2} > M$$

Let $M > 0$ be given

Define $\delta = \sqrt{\frac{7}{M}}$

Then ^{if} $0 < |x-3| < \delta$, we have

$$\frac{7}{(x-3)^2} > \frac{7}{\delta^2} = \left(\sqrt{\frac{7}{M}}\right)^2 = \frac{7}{M}$$

$$= \frac{7}{1} \cdot \frac{M}{7} = M \quad \square$$

$$|x-3| < \delta$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{7}{|x-3|^2} > \frac{7}{\delta^2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \left(\frac{x}{5}\right) = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\dots \delta = 5\varepsilon$$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given

define $\delta = 5\varepsilon$

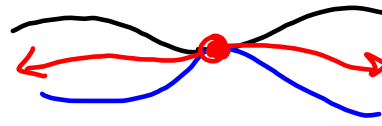
Then, if $|x-3| < \delta$, we have

$$|f(x) - L| = \left|\frac{x}{5} - \frac{3}{5}\right| = \frac{1}{5}|x-3| < \frac{1}{5}\delta = \frac{1}{5} \cdot 5\varepsilon = \varepsilon \quad \square$$

Section 1.8

1 Definition A function f is continuous at a number a if

- ① $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \exists$
- ② $f(a) \exists$
- ③ limit & actual value agree

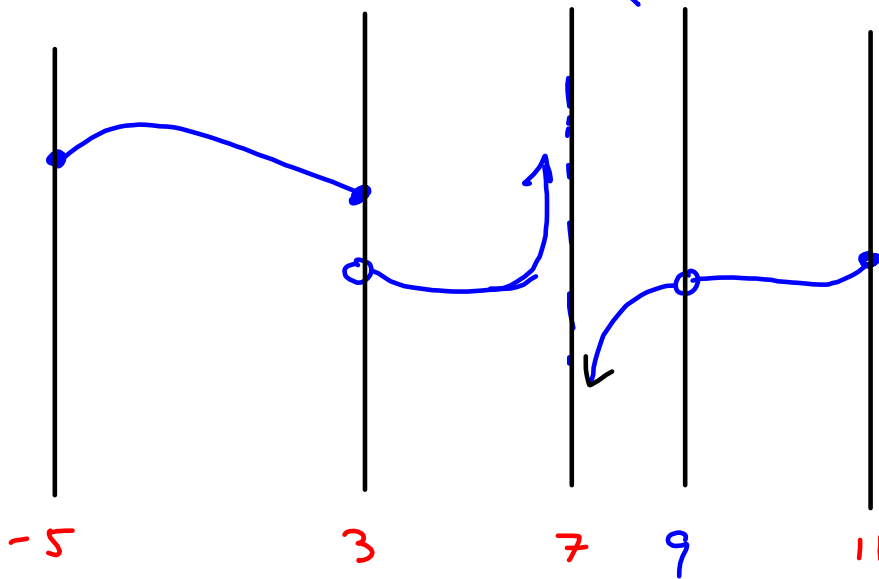


2 Definition A function f is continuous from the right at a number a if

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

and f is continuous from the left at a if

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



Continuous $\forall x \in [-5, 3) \cup (3, 7) \cup (7, 9) \cup (9, 11]$

cont. from the right.

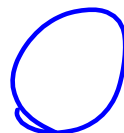
- "Jump" discontinuity @ $x = 3$
- "Infinite" .. @ $x = 7$
- "Removable" .. @ $x = 9$ (hole)

Patching the hole:

MAKE $f(9) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} f(x)$

E $\frac{x^2 - 3x + 2}{x - 1} = \frac{(x-2)(x-1)}{x-1} = x-2$ (if $x \neq 1$)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - 3x + 2}{x - 1} & \text{if } x \neq 1 \\ -1 & \text{if } x = 1 \end{cases}$$



Make $x^2 \sin(\frac{1}{x})$ a continuous func.
we cool, except @ $x=0$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \sin(\frac{1}{x}) = 0$$

$$\text{Define } f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin(\frac{1}{x}) & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

3 Definition A function f is **continuous on an interval** if it is continuous at every number in the interval. (If f is defined only on one side of an endpoint of the interval, we understand *continuous* at the endpoint to mean *continuous from the right* or *continuous from the left*.)

4 Theorem If f and g are continuous at a and c is a constant, then the following functions are also continuous at a :

1. $f + g$

2. $f - g$

3. cf

4. fg

5. $\frac{f}{g}$ if $g(a) \neq 0$

5 Theorem

- (a) Any polynomial is continuous everywhere; that is, it is continuous on $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$.
- (b) Any rational function is continuous wherever it is defined; that is, it is continuous on its domain.

7 Theorem The following types of functions are continuous at every number in their domains:

polynomials	rational functions
root functions	trigonometric functions

Surprise! If you feed a continuous function to another continuous function, the resulting function is continuous. That's all that's being said, below. Only tricky part may be handling domain. The first theorem (#8), below, says that limits behave themselves with respect to function composition.

8 Theorem If f is continuous at b and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = b$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(g(x)) = f(b)$.
In other words,

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

The following theorem is a consequence of the one above. Since limits behave themselves, is it any wonder that continuity is an inherited trait?

9 Theorem If g is continuous at a and f is continuous at $g(a)$, then the composite function $f \circ g$ given by $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$ is continuous at a .

10 The Intermediate Value Theorem Suppose that f is continuous on the closed interval $[a, b]$ and let N be any number between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$, where $f(a) \neq f(b)$. Then there exists a number c in (a, b) such that $f(c) = N$.

Show that f has a zero in the interval $(2, 4)$.

$$f(x) = x^4 - 3 \cdot x^3 + x^2 - 6 \cdot x + 7$$

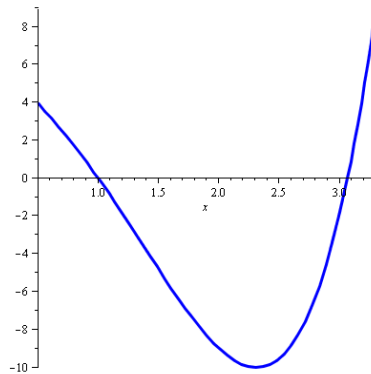
$$f(2) = -9 < 0$$

$$f(4) = 63 > 0$$

By IVT, there is a c in $(2, 4)$ such that $f(c) = 0$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \overline{) 1 \quad -3 \quad 1 \quad -6 \quad 7} \\ \underline{ 2 \quad -2 \quad -2 \quad -16} \\ 1 \quad -1 \quad -1 \quad -8 \quad -9 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \overline{) 1 \quad -3 \quad 1 \quad -6 \quad 7} \\ \underline{ 4 \quad 4 \quad 20 \quad 56} \\ 1 \quad 1 \quad 5 \quad 14 \quad 63 \end{array}$$



From here on, we're reviewing, answering questions on the board from Test 1, Spring, 2011 and anything else we can think of.

Perhaps a smartphoney will take board shots.