

Week 6

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Q1) Determine where the following functions are continuous.

a) $f(x) = \cos x^2$

Say $h(x) = \cos x$ & $g(x) = x^2$. Since they are cont everywhere,

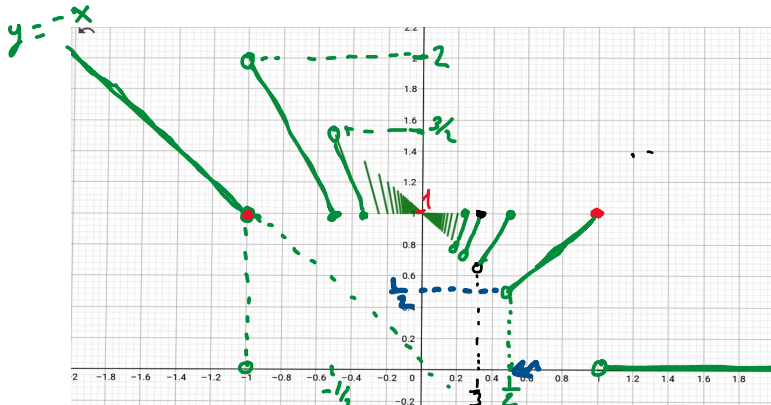
$\text{comp}(x) = f(x)$ is so.

b) $f(x) = \sqrt{1 + \sin x}$ B.C.!

Q2) Let the function $f(x)$ be defined as $f(x) = \begin{cases} x \cdot \lfloor \frac{1}{x} \rfloor & x \neq 0 \\ 1 & x = 0 \end{cases}$
 Find all pts at which $f(x)$ is discontinuous.

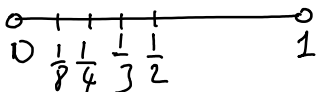
$\lfloor x \rfloor :=$ the greatest integer $n \leq x$ & it is discontinuous at $a \in \mathbb{Z}$

For $\lfloor \frac{1}{x} \rfloor$, we should check the pts of the form $\frac{1}{n}, n \in \mathbb{N}$ as well.



If $x > 1$, $x \cdot \lfloor \frac{1}{x} \rfloor = 0$
 If $x < -1$, $x \cdot \lfloor \frac{1}{x} \rfloor = x \cdot (-1) = -x$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} > -1$ i.e. $y = -x$
 If $x = +1$, $f(1) = 1$
 If $x = -1$, $f(-1) = -1 \cdot -1 = 1$

If $0 < x < 1 \Rightarrow f(x) = ?$

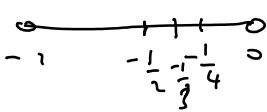


$f(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \lfloor \frac{1}{1/2} \rfloor = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 = \frac{1}{2}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{n}} f(x)$
 $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{n}^+} x \cdot \lfloor x \rfloor = \frac{1}{n} \cdot (n-1) = 1 - \frac{1}{n}$
 $x > \frac{1}{n} \Rightarrow n > \frac{1}{x}$
 x is close to $\frac{1}{n}$ $\frac{1}{x}$ is very close to n
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{n}^-} x \cdot \lfloor x \rfloor = \frac{1}{n} \cdot n = 1$
 $x < \frac{1}{n} \Rightarrow n < \frac{1}{x}$ & $\frac{1}{x}$ close to n
 x is very close to $\frac{1}{n}$

If $-1 < x < 0 \Rightarrow f(x) = ?$



$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{n}} f(x) =$
 $n \in \mathbb{Z}^-$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{n}^+} x \cdot \lfloor x \rfloor = \frac{1}{n} \cdot (n-1) = 1 - \frac{1}{n}$
 $x > \frac{1}{n}$
 $n \cdot x < 2 \Leftrightarrow n < 2$
 $n > \frac{1}{x} \Leftrightarrow x < 0$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{n}^-} x \cdot \lfloor x \rfloor = \frac{1}{n} \cdot n = 1$
B.C.!

$S :=$ The set of discontinuous pts of $f(x) = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$

But, $f(x)$ is continuous on $\mathbb{R} \setminus S$

continuous at $x=0$ in particular, it is

$$\frac{1}{x} - 1 \leq \lfloor \frac{1}{x} \rfloor \leq \frac{1}{x} + 1 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{multiply by } x > 0}$$

$$1 - x \leq x \lfloor \frac{1}{x} \rfloor \leq 1 + x$$

as $x \rightarrow 0^+$

By squeeze thm,
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \lfloor \frac{1}{x} \rfloor = 1$

Similarly, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = 1$ & $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 1 = f(1)$ ✓

Q3) Suppose that f satisfies $f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)$ for any x, y & f is cont at $x=0$. Prove that f is continuous everywhere

As f is cont. at $x=0 \iff \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = f(0) = 0$

Also, $f(0+0) = f(0) + f(0) \implies f(0) = 0$

Given any $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

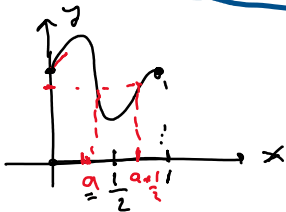
Observe that $f(x-a) + f(a) = f(x)$ by $(*)$. Then,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x-a) + f(a)) \stackrel{(*)}{=} \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} (f(u) + f(a)) = f(a)$$

$u = x - a$
 $u \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow a$

$\therefore f$ is cont everywhere \square

Q4) Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be cont. func. which satisfies $f(a) = f(b)$. Prove that there exists a number $\alpha \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$ s.t. $f(a) = f(a + \frac{1}{2})$.



Consider $g(x) = f(x + \frac{1}{2}) - f(x)$

$$g(0) = f(\frac{1}{2}) - f(a)$$

$$g(\frac{1}{2}) = f(1) - f(\frac{1}{2}) = - (f(\frac{1}{2}) - f(1))$$

we know that $f(a) = f(b)$

If $f(\frac{1}{2}) = f(a)$, then $g(0) = g(\frac{1}{2}) = 0$. Then, we are done.

If $f(\frac{1}{2}) \neq f(a)$, then $g(0) \cdot g(\frac{1}{2}) < 0$

As $g(x)$ is cont. func. on $[0, \frac{1}{2}]$ and $g(\frac{1}{2}) \cdot g(0) < 0$, by Intermediate Value Thm, $\exists \alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ s.t.

$f(a) = 0$. That is, $f(a) = f(a + \frac{1}{2})$ for some $a \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ □

Recall: I.V.T f is cont. on (a, b) (w.l.o.p. $f(a) < f(b)$). If

$y \in [f(a), f(b)] \Rightarrow \exists c \in (a, b)$ s.t. $f(c) = y$.

[-1, 4]

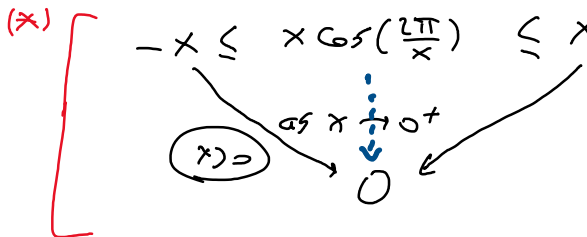
Q5) Given $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 + x \cos \frac{2\pi}{x} & x > 0 \\ x^2 + 1 & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$. Show that $\exists c \in [-1, 2]$ s.t. $f(c) = 0$

$f(-1) = 2 > 0$

$f(2) = 1 + 2 \cdot (-1) = -1 < 0$

$f(-1) = 2$
 $f(4) = 1$ but $f(-1) \cdot f(4) < 0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1 + x \cos \frac{2\pi}{x}) = 1 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} x^2 + 1 \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 1 = f(1)$
 $\therefore f$ is cont. at $x=0$

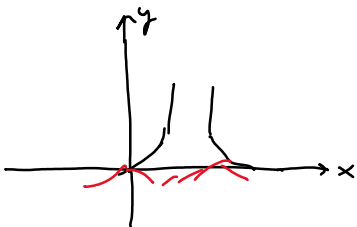
(*) $-x \leq x \cos(\frac{2\pi}{x}) \leq x$ By Squeeze thm,

 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \cos(\frac{2\pi}{x}) = 0$

Actually, f is cont everywhere
 Away from $x=0$, it is combination of continuous functions.

In particular, f is cont on $[-1, 2]$ & $f(2) \cdot f(-1) < 0$, by I.V.T, we can say that $\exists c \in (-1, 2)$ s.t.

$f(c) = 0$. (we can say $\exists c \in (-1, 2) \subset (-1, 4)$ s.t. $f(c) = 0$ although $f(4) > 0$. □

Q6) Show that the func. $f(x) = x^3 - 15x + 1$ has three roots (zeros) on $[-4, 4]$



- $f(-4) = -3 < 0$
- $f(0) = 1 > 0$
- $f(1) = -13 < 0$
- $f(4) = 5 > 0$

Apply I.V.T on each of the closed intervals $[-4, 0]$, $[0, 1]$ and $[1, 4]$

As f is a poly. func., it is cont. everywhere. Especially, it is so on each of $[-4, 0]$, $[0, 1]$ & $[1, 4]$.

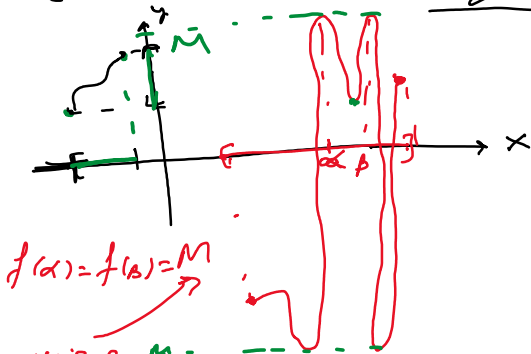
since f is cont. on $[-4, 0]$ and $f(-4) \cdot f(0) < 0$, by I.V.T,
 $\exists c_1 \in (-4, 0)$ s.t. $f(c_1) = 0$

In a similar manner, we can find $c_2 \in (0, 1)$ & $c_3 \in (1, 4)$
 s.t. $f(c_2) = f(c_3) = 0$. Exc!

\forall c_i 's are different to each other.

By I.V.T, f has at least 3 real roots. By fund. thm of alg., f has at most 3 real roots. $\therefore f$ has exactly 3 real roots.

(Q7) Show that if f is cont. func. defined on a closed interval $[a, b]$, then the range of f is also closed interval.



As f is cont. on closed & bdd interval $[a, b]$, by Extreme Value thm, it attains the abs. max. M and abs. min. m .

unique m . But, it takes this value m at several pts, e.g. a & b

Then, there exists c & d in $[a, b]$ s.t. $f(c) = M$ and $f(d) = m$.

w.l.o.g. $c \leq d$.

Claim $f([a, b]) = [m, M]$

\supseteq : $e \in [m, M]$. Then, as f is cont. on $[c, d] \subset [a, b]$ and $f(c) = M$ & $f(d) = m \leq e$, by I.V.T, $\exists e_1 \in [c, d]$ s.t. $f(e_1) = e$.
 $\therefore e \in f([a, b])$.

\subseteq : Let $e \in f([a, b])$. Then, $\exists e_1 \in [a, b]$ s.t. $f(e_1) = e$.

Then, $m \leq f(e_1) = e \leq M$. $\therefore e \in [m, M]$.

$\therefore f([a, b]) = [m, M]$.

(Q8) Determine whether following statements are True OR False

a) f, g funcs. on \mathbb{R} . If f & g are discont. at b , then $f+g$ is discont. at b .

FALSE Consider $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} & x \neq 0 \\ 1 & x = 0 \end{cases}$, $g(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{x} & x \neq 0 \\ -1 & x = 0 \end{cases}$ which are discont. at $x=0$.
Check!

But, $(f+g)(x) = 0$ which is a constant func. on \mathbb{R} . $\therefore f+g$ is cont. at $x=0$.

$f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ is not everywhere cont. as its domain is $D_f = \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ --- everywhere

But $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} & x \neq 0 \\ 153 & x = 0 \end{cases}$ is not cont. at $x=0$

b) If f cont. everywhere, then $|f(x)|$ is cont. everywhere

TRUE

Given $\epsilon > 0$

Assume f is cont. at $x=a \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$

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

Given $\epsilon > 0$. Choose $\delta = \epsilon$

If $0 < |x-a| < \delta$,

$$| |f(x)| - |f(a)| | \leq |f(x) - f(a)| < \epsilon$$

by triangle inequality

$$||\alpha| - |\beta|| \leq |\alpha - \beta|$$

(*) As $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$, for the given ϵ , $\exists \delta > 0$ s.t. $|x-a| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(a)| < \epsilon$

$\therefore |f(x)|$ is cont. at $x=a$.

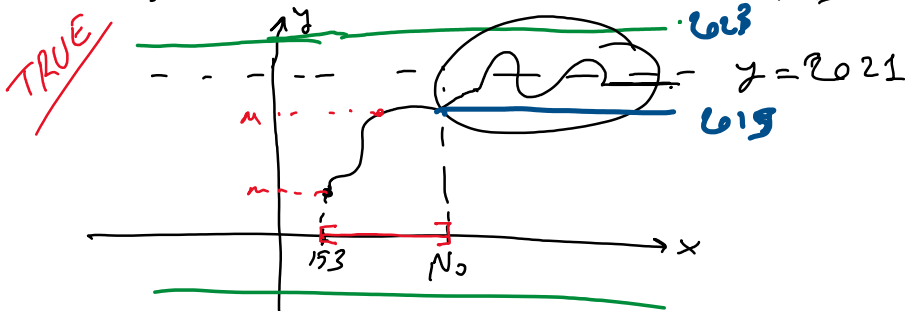
c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ & $f(c)$ exist $\Rightarrow f$ is cont. at c .

FALSE

Consider $f(x) = \begin{cases} x & x \neq 0 \\ 153 & x = 0 \end{cases}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x = 0 \neq f(0) = 153$ although $f(0)$ exists.

d) $f: [153, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ cont. & $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 2021 \Rightarrow f$ is bound



$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 2021 \Rightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N > 0$ s.t. $x > N \Rightarrow |f(x) - 2021| < \epsilon$

$x \rightarrow \infty$

Choose $\varepsilon = 2$. $\exists N_0 > 0$ s.t. $x > \underline{N_0} > 153 \Rightarrow |f(x) - 2021|$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{2019} < f(x) < \underline{2023}$$

Also, $f: [153, N_0] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, by E.W.T, f attains
 \downarrow
 closed & bdd

the abs. max. M & min. m .

$\therefore f: [153, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ lies between $\underbrace{\min\{2019, m\}}_{\alpha}$ &

$\underbrace{\max\{2023, M\}}_{\beta}$. \therefore It is bounded. \square

(i.e. $|f(x)| < \max\{\alpha, \beta\}$)