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## Chapter 5 Continued:

### Theorem 5.1.8

Let  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and let  $c \in D'$

Then,

$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L \in \mathbb{R}$  iff for **every** sequence  $\{s_n\}$  in  $D$  st  $s_n \neq c \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = c$

it follows that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{f(s_n)\} = L$

So,

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

for  $\epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  st

$|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$  (i.e.  $L - \epsilon < f(x) < L + \epsilon$ ) whenever  $0 < |x - c| < \delta$

### Corollary 5.1.9

If  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and if  $c \in D'$ ,

then

if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$ , then  $L$  is unique.

*Proof.*

Assume that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L_1 \tag{1}$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L_2 \tag{2}$$

Let  $\{s_n\}$  be a sequence in  $D$  st

$s_n \neq c \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = c$

By **(1)** and Theorem 5.1.8,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(s_n) = L_1$ .

And by **(2)** and Theorem 5.1.8,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(s_n) = L_2$

However, by Theorem 4.1.14, if a sequence converges, then its limit is unique.

So,  $L_1 = L_2$ , hence, uniqueness. □

### Theorem 5.1.10

Let  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and let  $c \in D'$

Then the following are equivalent:

- a.  $f$  does not have a limit at  $c$
- b.  $\exists$  a sequence  $\{s_n\}$  in  $D$  st  $s_n \neq c \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = c$  but  $\{f(s_n)\}$  is not convergent in  $\mathbb{R}$   
(looks like the second part of Thm 5.1.8 except the opposite)

*Proof.*

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We first prove that a  $\Rightarrow$  b by using the contrapositive. (i.e. not b implies not a)

Assume **(b)** is false.

Thus, for every sequence  $\{s_n\}$  in  $D$  st  $s_n \neq c \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = c$

it follows that  $\{f(s_n)\}$  converges in  $\mathbb{R}$

**Want to show:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  exists

Let  $\{s_n\}$  and  $\{t_n\}$  be sequences in  $D$  st  $s_n \neq c$  and  $t_n \neq c \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  in  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = c, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = c$ .

Thus,

$\exists L_1, L_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  st  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(s_n) = L_1$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(t_n) = L_2$

**Want to show:**  $L_1 = L_2$

Define the sequence  $\{u_n\}$  in  $D$  by

$\{u_n\} = s_1, t_1, s_2, t_2, \dots$

Then  $u_n \neq c \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  (should be obvious) and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = c$

So  $\exists L \in \mathbb{R}$  st  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(u_n) = L$

Since  $s_n$  and  $t_n$  are subsequences of  $u_n$ ,  $s_n$  and  $t_n$  must also converge to  $L$ .

Thus,

$L_1 = L_2$

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Side Note

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To see that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = c$ ,

**Let:**  $\epsilon > 0$

Then  $\exists N_1, N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $|s_n - c| < \epsilon$  for  $n \geq N_1$ , and

$|t_n - c| < \epsilon$  for  $n \geq N_2$

Let  $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$

Also, consider  $|u_n - c|$

Case:

i)  $n$  is even

Then  $n = 2k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and

$$|u_n - c| = |u_{2k} - c| = |t_k - c| < \epsilon \text{ for } k \geq N$$

So,

$$|u_n - c| < \epsilon \text{ for } n \geq 2N \tag{1}$$

ii)  $n$  is odd

Then  $n = 2k - 1$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and

$$|u_n - c| = |u_{2k-1} - c| = |s_k - c| < \epsilon \text{ for } k \geq N$$

So,

$$|u_n - c| < \epsilon \text{ for } n = 2k - 1 \geq 2N - 1 \tag{2}$$

From (1) and (2),  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = c$

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Since  $\{f(u_n)\}$  converges to  $L$  and  $\{f(s_n)\}, \{f(t_n)\}$  are subsequences of  $\{f(u_n)\}$ ,

it follows by Theorem 4.4.4 that  $L_1 = L_2 = L$

Hence, by Theorem 5.1.8,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$  □

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Direct proof of (b) implies (a).

Assume (a) is false.

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Then,

$\exists L \in \mathbb{R}$  st  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$ . The result follows directly from Theorem 5.1.8

Recall:  $a \text{ iff } b \rightarrow \text{not } a \text{ iff not } b$

### Example 5.1.11

**Let:**  $f(x) = \sin(\frac{1}{x})$  for  $x > 0$

Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  does not exist.

*Proof.*

**Let:**  $x_n = \frac{2}{n\pi}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Then,

$\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $D$  ( $x > 0$ ) st

$x_n \neq 0 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$ , but,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$f(x_n) = \sin\left(\frac{1}{x_n}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$$

Now,  $\{f(x_n)\} = 1, 0, -1, 0, 1, 0, -1, 0 \dots$

Notice that  $\{f(x_n)\}$  does not converge since it possesses subsequences that converge to different limits.

(i.e.  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(x_{2k}) = 0$ ,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(x_{4k-3}) = 1$ , etc.)

By Theorem 5.1.10,  $f(x)$  does not have a limit at  $x = 0$ . □

### Definition 5.1.12

Let  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Define:

- a. The **sum**  $f + g : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) \forall x \in D$
- b. The **product**  $fg : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x) \forall x \in D$
- c. The **multiple**  $kf : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  ( $kf$ )( $x$ ) =  $kf(x) \forall x \in D$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{R}$
- d. The **quotient**  $\frac{f}{g} : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  ( $\frac{f}{g}$ )( $x$ ) =  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \forall x \in D$  provided that  $g(x) \neq 0 \forall x \in D$

**Theorem 5.1.13**

Let  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $g : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and let  $c \in D'$

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

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f + g) = L + M$
- Let  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} kf = kL$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (fg) = LM$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \left(\frac{f}{g}\right) = \frac{L}{M}$ , provided that  $M \neq 0$

*Proof.*

(a) through (c) are similar to (d).

(d): Let  $\{s_n\}$  be a sequence in  $D$  st  $s_n \neq c \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = c$ .

Then, by Theorem 5.1.8,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(s_n) = L$ .

Now,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(s_n) = M \neq 0$ .

So  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st

$$g(s_n) \neq 0 \text{ for } n \geq N$$

(ask why? next time)

$$\text{Then, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(s_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(s_n)}{g(s_n)} = \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(s_n)}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(s_n)} \text{ (by Theorem 4.2.11d)} = \frac{L}{M}$$

Recall:

$$|x| - |y| \leq ||x| - |y|| \leq |x - y|$$

$$|y| \geq |x| - |x - y|$$

So,

$$|g(s_n)| \geq |M| - |M - g(s_n)|$$

and since,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(s_n) = M \neq 0$$

$$|g(s_n) - M| < \frac{|M|}{2}$$

$$-|g(s_n) - M| > -\frac{|M|}{2}$$

for  $n \geq N$

So,

$$|g(s_n)| > |M| - \frac{|M|}{2} = \frac{|M|}{2} \text{ for } n \geq N$$

□

Also, for the homework:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} P(x) = P(c) \text{ where } P \text{ is a polynomial.}$$