

Do 20 if you finish 19 on the HW

Theorem 5.1.13 (as seen in Lec 20)

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,

$$|g(s_n)| > |M| - \frac{|M|}{2} = \frac{|M|}{2} > 0 \text{ for } n \geq N$$

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Also, for the homework:

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

Example 5.1.14

Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} x^1 = c$ (Example 5.1.3),

then it follows by induction that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} x^n = c^n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Assume: for $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} x^k = c^k$

Want to show: $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} x^{k+1} = c^{k+1}$

Define: $f(x) = x^k$, $g(x) = x$

Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = c^k$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = c$

So,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} x^{k+1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (x^k x^1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x)g(x)) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = c^k c = c^{k+1}$$

Hence, $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} x^n = c^n$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ by induction.

Combining the result with Theorem 5.1.13, we see that if P is a polynomial and $c \in \mathbb{R}$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} P(x) = P(c)$.

To see this,

Let: $P(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$ where $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$ for $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$

Example 5.1.5

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

We need the $0 <$ part of the limit definition so that the limit can exist even if the function is undefined at that point.

Notice that for $x \neq 1$,

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

So,

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

If we let $q = f(x) = \frac{2x^2 - 3x + 1}{x - 1}$, then $f(x) = 2x - 1$ with a hole at $x = 1$.

One Sided Limits

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

Then,

- i) We write $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x) = L$ iff, for $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$ st $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$ whenever $c - \delta < x < c$ and $x \in D$
- ii) We write $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = L$ iff, for $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$ st $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$ whenever $c < x < c + \delta$ and $x \in D$

Of course, if $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$ iff both $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = L$

5.2 Continuous Functions

Definition 5.2.1

Let: $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $c \in D$ (we don't know that c is an accumulation point)

We say that f is **continuous at c** if

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

$$|f(x) - f(c)| < \epsilon \text{ whenever } |x - c| < \delta \text{ and } x \in D$$

N.B.: $f(c)$ must be defined in order for $f(x)$ to be continuous at $x = c$