

# Lecture 13

Office Hours:

Wed 3:30-4:30pm, Thur 1-2pm

Midterm 2: Wednesday, May 29th

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Def: Given  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f: X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ ,  
 $a \in \begin{cases} \text{right acc pt of } X, \\ \text{left acc pt} \end{cases} L \in \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ ,

the limit of  $f(x)$  as  $x$  approaches  
 $a$   $\begin{cases} \text{from the left} \\ \text{from the right} \end{cases}$  is  $L$  if

$\forall x_n: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X \setminus \{a\}$  s.t.  $\begin{cases} x_n \rightarrow a \\ x_n \downarrow a \end{cases}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = L.$

We denote this as

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

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

Thm: Suppose  $a$  is a  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $L$  acc pt of  $X$ . Then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L \Leftrightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = L.$$

Def: Given  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{unbounded above,} \\ \text{unbounded below;} \end{array} \right.$

$f: X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ ,  $L \in \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ , then the limit of  $f(x)$  as  $x$  approaches  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} +\infty \\ -\infty \end{array} \right.$

is  $L$  if,  $\forall x_n: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$  with

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = +\infty \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = -\infty \end{array} \right.$$

we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = L$ .

If this holds, we write  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = L \end{array} \right.$

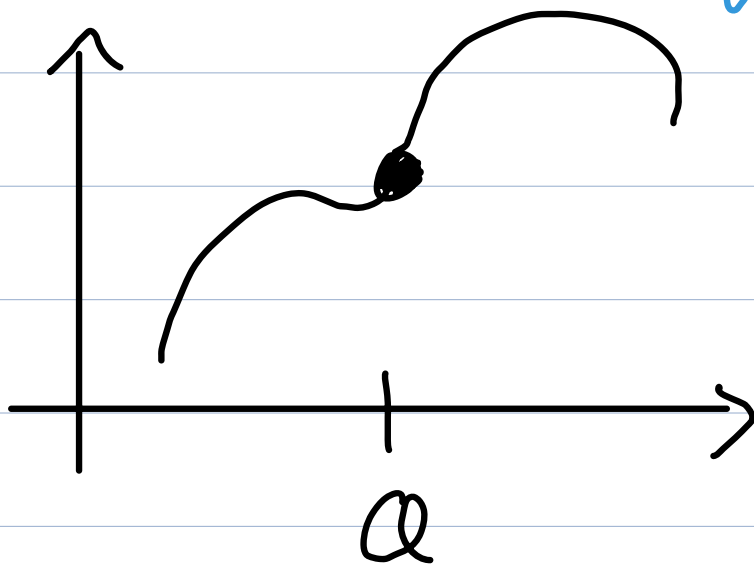
# 33 Continuity

Def: Given  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  
 $a \in X$ ,  $f$  is continuous at  $a$  if either

(i)  $a$  is an acc pt of  $X$  and  
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$

$a$  is an isolated point

(ii)  $a$  is not an acc pt of  $X$



Thm: Given  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f, g: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
cts at  $a \in X$ , then the  
following are cts at  $a$ :

(i)  $|f|$

(ii)  $cf$ , for  $c \in \mathbb{R}$

(iii)  $f+g$

(iv)  $fg$

(v)  $f/g$ , provided  $g(a) \neq 0$ .

Thm ( $\epsilon$ - $\delta$  char of cty): Given  
 $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a \in X$   
 $f$  is cts at  $a$



$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $x \in X$  and  
 $|x-a| < \delta$  ensured  $|f(x)-f(a)| < \epsilon$ .

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Pf:

Last time, we showed  $\Downarrow$ .

Now, we show  $\Uparrow$ .

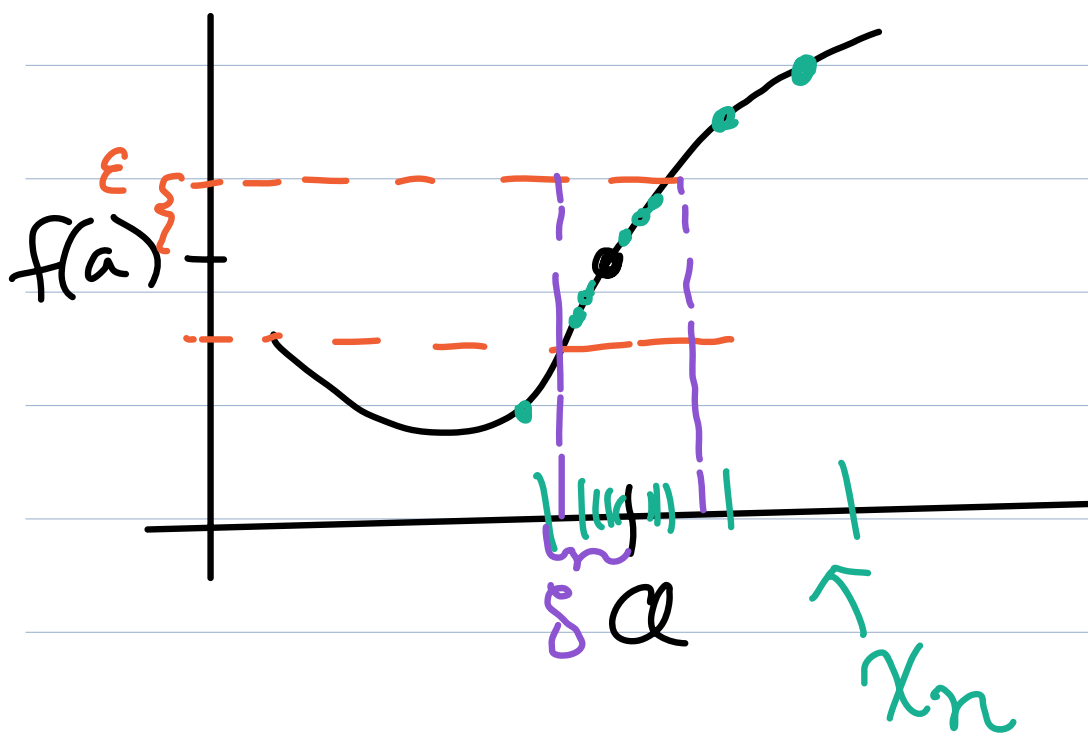
Suppose  $(*)$  holds.

If  $a$  is isolated wrt, there is nothing to show. Suppose  $a$  is an acc pt of  $X$ .

arbitrary

Fix  $\vee x_n: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X \setminus \{a\}$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow a$ . We must show  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = f(a)$ .

Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We must find  $N$  s.t.  $n \geq N$  ensures  $|f(x_n) - f(a)| < \varepsilon$ .



By  $(*)$ ,  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $x \in X$  and  $|x - a| < \delta$  ensures  $|f(x) - f(a)| < \epsilon$ .

Since  $x_n \rightarrow a$ ,  $\exists N$  s.t.  $n \geq N$  ensures  $|x_n - a| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x_n) - f(a)| < \epsilon$ . □

One last important way  
to combine functions...

Def: Consider  $X, Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  
 $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $g: Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $g(Y) \subseteq X$ ,  
then define  $f \circ g: Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  
 $(f \circ g)(y) = f(g(y))$ .

Thm: Consider  $X, Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  
 $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $g: Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $g(Y) \subseteq X$ .  
Then for any  $a \in Y$ , if  
 $g$  is cts at  $a$ ,  $f$  is cts at  $g(a)$   
we have that  $f \circ g$  is cts at  $a$ .



Pf: Fix arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Since  $f$  is cts at  $g(a)$ ,  $\exists \delta_1 > 0$  s.t.  
 $x \in X, |x - g(a)| < \delta_1 \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(g(a))| < \varepsilon$ .

Since  $g$  is cts at  $a$ ,  $\exists \delta_2 > 0$  s.t.  
 $y \in Y, |y - a| < \delta_2 \Rightarrow |g(y) - g(a)| < \delta_1$ .  
 $\Rightarrow |f(g(y)) - f(g(a))| < \varepsilon$ .

## 34 The Heine-Borel Theorem

Def:  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is cts on  $[a, b]$   
if it is cts at  $x, \forall x \in [a, b]$ .

Goal: cts fns on a closed interval  
attain their max and min.

# Optimization:

$f$  is cts fn  $\downarrow$  compact set, e.g.  $[a, b]$

$$\min \{f(x) : x \in C\} = f(x^*)$$

"the minimizer"

"the minimum of  $f$  on  $C$ "

We show  $\exists x^* \in C$  s.t. above equality holds.

Ex:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

$$X = (0, +\infty)$$

We see that  $f$  will not attain its max/min on an arbitrary set  $C$ .



$f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, since it is continuous at  $x$ ,  $\forall x \in (0, +\infty)$

Our first step towards this goal will be to show that  $\{f(x) : x \in [a, b]\}$  is a bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Def: Given  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and  $Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f$  is bounded on  $Y$  if  $\exists m \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$$|f(x)| \leq m \quad \forall x \in X \cap Y.$$

Lemma: Given  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , if  $f$  is cts at  $c \in X$ , then  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $f$  is bdd on  $(c - \delta, c + \delta)$ .

Pf: Let  $\varepsilon = 1$ .

Then  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $x \in X, |x - c| < \delta$  ensures  $|f(x) - f(c)| < 1$ .

Thus  $\forall x \in X \cap (c - \delta, c + \delta)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x)| &= |f(x) - f(c) + f(c)| \\ &\leq |f(x) - f(c)| + |f(c)| \\ &< 1 + |f(c)| \end{aligned}$$

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Idea behind our strategy of showing  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bdd on  $[a, b]$ .

By Lemma,  $\forall c \in [a, b], \exists$  open interval  $I_c$  containing  $c$

s.t.  $f$  is bdd on  $I_c$ .

Claim: If  $f$  is bounded on  $\{Y_i\}_{i=1}^n \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^{\mathbb{R}}$ , then  $f$  is bdd on  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n Y_i$ .

Pf: By hypothesis,  $\exists \{m_i\}_{i=1}^n \subseteq \mathbb{R}$   
s.t.  $|f(x)| \leq m_i \quad \forall x \in X \cap Y_i$ .  
Thus  $|f(x)| \leq \max\{m_1, \dots, m_n\} \quad \forall x \in X \cap \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n Y_i\right)$ .

Problem: We have  $[a, b] \subseteq \bigcup_{c \in [a, b]} I_c$

we don't necessarily know  $f$  is  
bdd on infinite union

$$\text{Ex: } f(x) = x$$

$$I_\alpha = (\alpha, \alpha + 1)$$

$f$  is bdd on  $I_\alpha \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{N}$

$f$  is not bdd on  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}} I_\alpha$ .

Good news: We actually only need finitely many  $\{c_i\}_{i=1}^n$   
s.t.  $[a, b] \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n I_{c_i}$ .

Thm (Heine-Borel):

Let  $\mathcal{J}$  be a collection of open intervals s.t.

$$[a, b] \subseteq \bigcup \mathcal{J}$$

Then there exists  $\{I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n\} \subseteq \mathcal{J}$   
s.t.  $[a, b] \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n I_i$ .

Pf: If  $a=b$ , the result is immediate. Assume  $a < b$ .

Let  $X = \{x \in [a, b] : [a, x] \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n I_i\}$

for some  $\{I_i\}_{i=1}^n \subseteq \mathcal{J}$

Our goal is to show  $b \in X$

Since  $[a, b] \subseteq \bigcup \mathcal{J}$ ,  $\exists I \in \mathcal{J}$  s.t.  $a \in I$ . Let  $(s_0, t_0) := I$ . Then  $a < t_0$ , so  $\exists x_0$  s.t.

$$a < x_0 < \min\{t_0, b\}.$$

Thus  $x_0 \in [a, b]$  and  $x_0 \in I$ , so  $[a, x_0] \subseteq I$ . Hence  $x_0 \in X$ , so  $X \neq \emptyset$ .

Furthermore,  $X$  is bounded above by  $b$ . Let  $c = \sup(X)$ . Note  $a \leq x_0 \leq c$  and  $c \leq b$ . So  $c \in [a, b]$ , and  $\exists \tilde{I} \in \mathcal{J}$  s.t.  $c \in \tilde{I}$ . Let  $(s_1, t_1) := \tilde{I}$ .

Since  $s_1 < c$ ,  $s_1$  is not an upper bound of  $X$ , so  $\exists x_1 \in X$  s.t.  $s_1 < x_1 \leq c$ . By def  $X$ ,  $\exists \{I_i\}_{i=1}^n \subseteq \mathcal{J}$  s.t.  $[a, x_1] \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n I_i$ .

So  $[a, c] \subseteq \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n I_i\right) \cup \tilde{I}$ .

Thus  $c \in X \Rightarrow c = \max(X)$ .



Assume, for the sake of contradiction,  $c < b$ .  $\exists d$  s.t.  $c < d < \min\{t_1, b\}$ . Then

$$[a, d] \subseteq \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n I_i \right) \cup \tilde{I}.$$

Thus  $d \in X$  and  $d > \sup(X)$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$