

# Lecture 16

CS 117, S25

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~~Announcement:~~

• Midterm 2 Thursday

• Extra office hours on Wednesday, 2-3pm

Recall:

✓ MAJOR THM 9

Thm: If  $f$  is cts on a closed interval  $[a, b] \subseteq \text{dom}(f)$ , then  $f$  is unif cts on  $[a, b]$ .

Thm: If  $f$  is a uniformly cts fn on  $S \subseteq \text{dom}(f)$  and  $s_n$  is a convergent sequence satisfying  $s_n \in S \ \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $f(s_n)$  is convergent.

Def ("two-sided limit of  $f$  at  $a$ ")

Given a function  $f$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , we say

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

"can approach  $a$  from LHS and RHS  
by points in domain of  $f$ "

If  
(i) there exists an interval  $(a_0, a_1)$  s.t.  $a \in (a_0, a_1)$ ,  
 $(a_0, a_1) \setminus \{a\} \subseteq \text{dom}(f)$

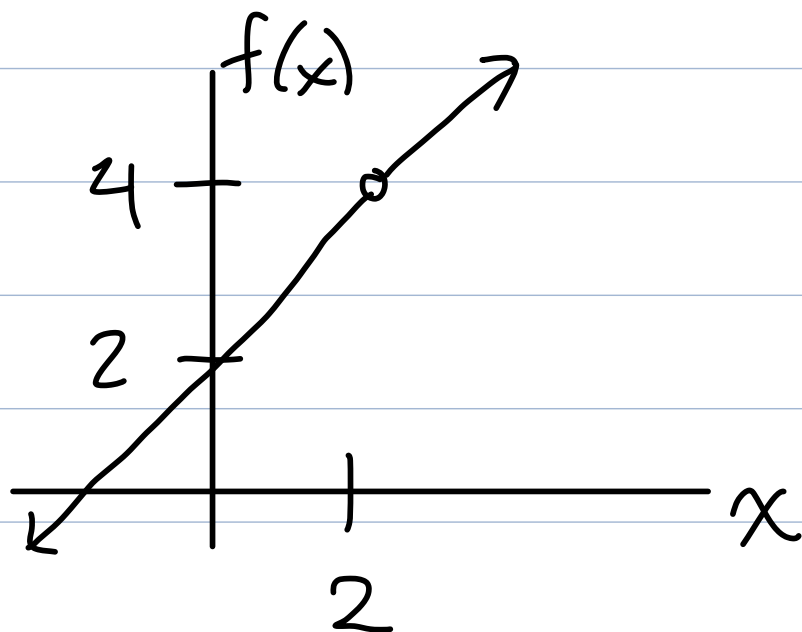
(ii) for any sequence  $x_n \in (a_0, a_1) \setminus \{a\}$  satisfying  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a$ , we have  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = L$ .

"the limiting behavior  
of  $f(x_n)$  is independent  
of the choice of  $x_n \rightarrow a$ "

Ex: Consider  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2}$

$\text{dom}(f) = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{2\}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \\ &= \frac{(x-2)(x+2)}{x-2} \end{aligned}$$



$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 4$

Justification:

Let  $(a_0, a_1) = (0, 3)$ . Then

$(0, 3) \setminus \{2\} \subseteq \text{dom}(f)$ . Let  $L = 4$ .

Note that, for any  $x_n \in (0, 3) \setminus \{2\}$  satisfying  $x_n \rightarrow 2$  we have  $f(x_n) = (x_n + 2) \rightarrow 4$ .

Ex: Suppose  $f$  is cts on  $(a_0, a_1) \subseteq \text{dom}(f)$  and  $a \in (a_0, a_1)$ .  
What is  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ ?

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

Justification: Part (i) of defn holds by assumption. Since  $f$  is cts at  $a$ , for any  $x_n \in \text{dom}(f)$  s.t.  $x_n \rightarrow a$ ,  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(a)$ . This shows (ii).

Def: Given a function  $f$ ,  
 $a \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\} \cup \{-\infty\}$

we say that

Case 1:  $a \in \mathbb{R}$

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

Case 2:  $a = -\infty$

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

↑  
"x approaches  
a from above"

Case 1:  $a \in \mathbb{R}$

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

Case 2:  $a = +\infty$

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

↑  
"x approaches  
a from below"

if there exists a <sup>nonempty</sup> open interval

$$I = (a_0, a_1)$$

$$a_1 \in \mathbb{R}$$

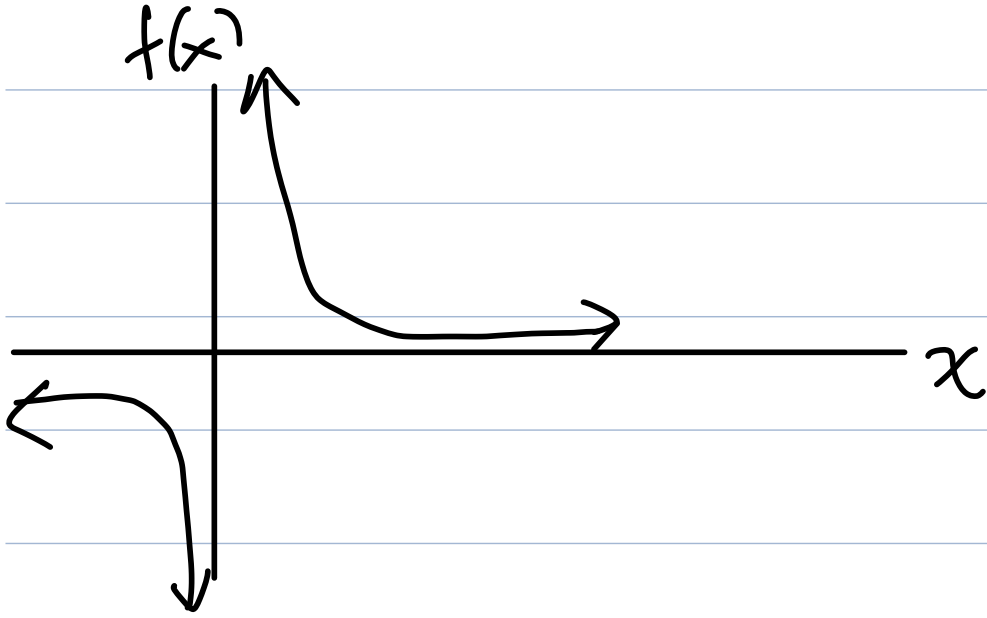
$$I = (a_0, a)$$

$$a_0 \in \mathbb{R}$$

s.t.  $I \subseteq \text{dom}(f)$  and for every  
sequence  $x_n \in I$  s.t.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a$ ,  
we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = L$ .

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = +\infty$$



Justification: For  $I = (0, 5)$ , we have  $I \subseteq \text{dom}(f)$  and for every sequence  $x_n \in (0, 5)$  s.t.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$ , we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x_n} = +\infty$ .

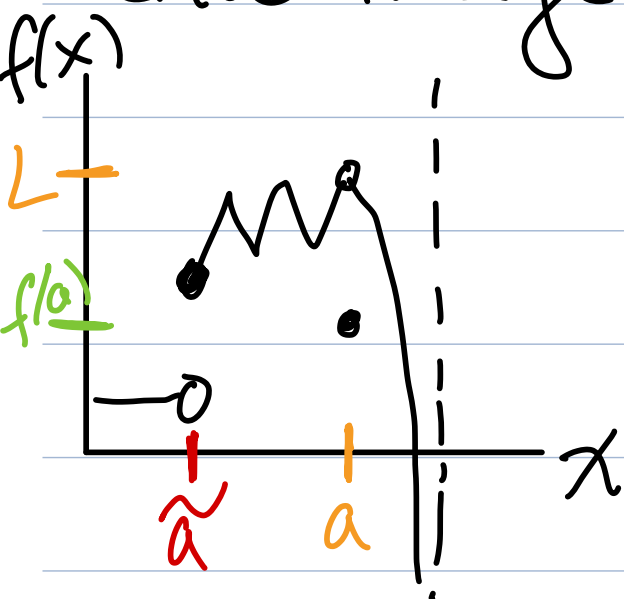
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = -\infty$$

Theorem: Given a function  $f$   
 and  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists  $\Leftrightarrow$  both one sided  
 limits exist  
 and  
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x)$

If either equivalent  
 condition is true, then

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

Mental image



$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) &= L \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) \end{aligned}$$

note:  $L \neq f(a)$

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

and the two sided limit D.N.E.

Pf: First, suppose  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists,  
that is,

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

for some  $L \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\} \cup \{+\infty\}$ . Thus,  
there exists  $(a_0, a_1)$  s.t.  
 $a \in (a_0, a_1)$ ,  $(a_0, a_1) \setminus \{a\} \subseteq \text{dom}(f)$ ,  
and for any sequence  $x_n$   
s.t.  $x_n \in (a_0, a_1) \setminus \{a\}$  and  $x_n \rightarrow a$ ,  
we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = L$ .

Then, we have that  $(a_0, a) \subseteq \text{dom}(f)$   
and  $(a, a_1) \subseteq \text{dom}(f)$ . For any  
sequence  $x_n$  s.t. either



$x_n \in (a_0, a)$  or  $x_n \in (a, a_1)$   
satisfying  $x_n \rightarrow a$ , our  
assumption on existence of  
two sided limit ensures  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = L$ .

Thus, both one sided limit  
exist and their values  
coincide with the two  
sided limit,

For the opposite implication  
assume there exists  
 $L \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$  s.t.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = L$ .

Thus,  $\exists (a_0, a) \subseteq \text{dom}(f)$  and  
 $(a, a_1) \subseteq \text{dom}(f)$  s.t.

for every sequence  $x_n$   
satisfying  $x_n \rightarrow a$  and  
either  $x_n \in (a_0, a)$  or  $x_n \in (a, a_1)$ ,  
we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = L$ .

Then  $(a_0, a_1) \setminus \{a\} \subseteq \text{dom}(f)$   
and  $a \in (a_0, a_1)$ . Suppose  
 $x_n \in (a_0, a_1) \setminus \{a\}$  and  
 $x_n \rightarrow a$ . We must show  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = L$ . { Fix an arbitrary  
subsequence  $x_{n_k}$ .

Since  $x_{n_k}$  must either have  
infinitely many elements  
less than  $a$  or infinitely  
many elements greater than  $a$ ,  
there exists a further  
subsequence  $x_{n_{k_\ell}}$  s.t. either  
 $x_{n_{k_\ell}} \in (a_0, a) \quad \forall \ell \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\text{or } x_{n_{k_l}} \in (a, a_1) \quad \forall l \in \mathbb{N}.$$

In either case,  $\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} f(x_{n_{k_l}}) = L$ .

Thus,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = L$ .

Recall: Suppose  $L \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\} \cup \{-\infty\}$ .

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = L \Leftrightarrow$  Every subsequence  $z_{n_k}$  of  $z_n$  has a further subsequence  $z_{n_{k_l}}$  s.t.  $\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} z_{n_{k_l}} = L$ .

□

Recall: Series (HW6)  $a_k \in \mathbb{R}, \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$

Def: Given a series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ ,

define the partial sum sequence by  $S_n := \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$ .

Then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges to  $L \in \mathbb{R}$

if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = L$ . Likewise,  
the series diverges to  $\pm \infty$   
if  $S_n$  diverges to  $\pm \infty$ .

Recall:

Cor: If  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges,

then  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = 0$ .

Lemma: Consider  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} r^k$  for  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ .

If  $|r| < 1$ ,  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} r^k = \frac{1}{1-r}$

If  $|r| > 1$ , the series does not converge.

Another easy fact about series...

Prop (comparison test):

If  $|b_k| \leq a_k \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges, then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k$  converges.

Pf: Let  $S_n := \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$ ,  $t_n = \sum_{k=1}^n b_k$ .  
We must show  $t_n$  converges.

Note that, for  $m \leq n$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |t_n - t_m| &= \left| \sum_{k=m+1}^n b_k \right| \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=m+1}^n |b_k| \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=m+1}^n a_k \\
 &= |s_n - s_m|
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $s_n$  is convergent, hence Cauchy,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists M$  s.t.  $n \geq m \geq M$  ensures  $|s_n - s_m| < \varepsilon \Rightarrow |t_n - t_m| < \varepsilon$ .

Thus  $t_n$  is Cauchy, hence convergent.  $\square$