

Theorem 1. (9.1.1) Suppose that a is a limit point of the domain D_f of the function f .

Then the following are equivalent

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

b. For every sequence $\{x^{(j)}\} \in D_f$, with $x^{(j)} \neq a$ for all j , such that $x^{(j)} \rightarrow a$, $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} f(x^{(j)}) = L$.

Proof. ($\Rightarrow$) Last time

($\Leftarrow$) Assume it is not true that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$.

We must find a sequence $\vec{x}^{(j)} \in D_f$, $\vec{x}^{(j)} \neq \vec{a}$ all j , $\vec{x}^{(j)} \rightarrow \vec{a}$ but $f(\vec{x}^{(j)}) \not\rightarrow L$. Since (a) fails there is an $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ such that for all $\delta > 0$ there is an $\vec{x} \in D_f$ such that $0 < \|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\| < \delta$ but $\|f(\vec{x}) - L\| \geq \varepsilon_0$. Let $\vec{x}^{(j)} \in D_f$ correspond to $\delta = \frac{1}{j}$. Then $0 < \|\vec{x}^{(j)} - \vec{a}\| < \frac{1}{j}$, and $\|f(\vec{x}^{(j)}) - L\| \geq \varepsilon_0$. But this implies that $\vec{x}^{(j)} \neq \vec{a}$ for all j and $\vec{x}^{(j)} \rightarrow \vec{a}$, and that $f(\vec{x}^{(j)}) \not\rightarrow L$.

e.g. 9.4)

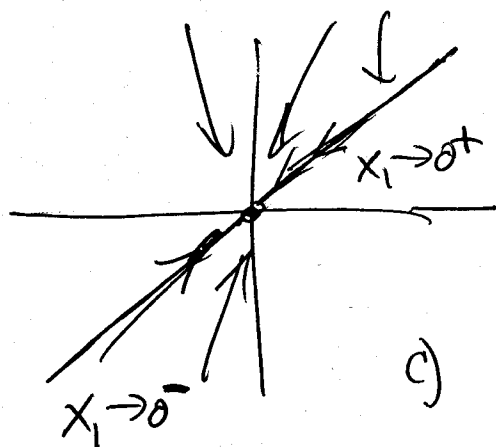
$$f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{x_1^2 x_2}{x_1^4 + x_2^2} & (x_1, x_2) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & x_1 = x_2 = 0. \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x_1, x_2) = L \quad \forall \varepsilon, \exists \delta \text{ st. } \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2} < \delta \implies \| \vec{x} - \vec{0} \|$$

$$\text{then } \left| \frac{x_1^2 x_2}{x_1^4 + x_2^2} \right| < \varepsilon.$$

If $x_2 = kx_1$

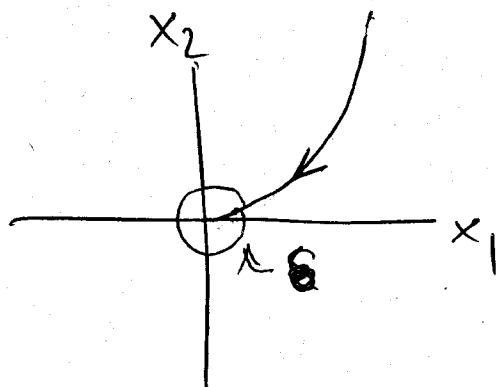
$$f(x_1, x_2) = f(x_1, kx_1) = \frac{kx_1^3}{x_1^4 + k^2 x_1^2} = \frac{kx_1}{x_1^2 + k^2} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } x_1 \rightarrow 0.$$



$\lim_{(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x_1, x_2) = 0$ becomes a 1-sided limit.

c) $x_2 = x_1^2$

$$f(x_1, x_2) = f(x_1, x_1^2) = \frac{x_1^4}{x_1^4 + x_1^4} = \frac{1}{2}$$



Show $\lim_{(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x_1, x_2)$ due use sequential char:

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and $f(\vec{x}^{(j)}) \rightarrow 0$

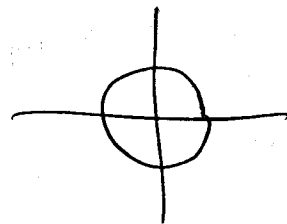
let $\vec{y}^{(j)} = (\frac{1}{j}, \frac{1}{j^2})$ $\vec{y}^{(j)} \rightarrow (0, 0)$
and $f(\vec{y}^{(j)}) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$.

(d) ~~Take~~ $\vec{x}^{(j)} = (j, 0)$ $f(\vec{x}^{(j)}) \rightarrow 0$.

$\vec{y}^{(j)} = (j, j^2)$ $f(\vec{y}^{(j)}) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$

9.5 $f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{x_1 x_2^2}{x_1^4 + x_2^2} & (x_1, x_2) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & x_1 = x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$

$$\left| \frac{x_1 x_2^2}{x_1^4 + x_2^2} \right| < \underbrace{\left| \frac{x_1}{x_1^4 + x_2^2} \right|}_{\leq 1} |x_2|^2$$



$$\frac{1}{4} x_1^2 \leq x_1^4 + x_2^2$$

$$(x_1^2 + x_2^2)^{1/2} < \delta = \varepsilon \implies \left| \frac{x_1 x_2^2}{x_1^4 + x_2^2} \right| < \varepsilon$$

$$\left| \frac{x_1 x_2^2}{x_1^4 + x_2^2} \right| = |x_1| \left| \frac{x_2^2}{x_1^4 + x_2^2} \right| \leq |x_1|$$

~~Take~~ Take $\delta = \varepsilon$. If $\underline{(x_1^2 + x_2^2)^{1/2} < \varepsilon = \delta}$

then since $\underline{|x_1|} \leq (x_1^2)^{1/2} \leq (x_1^2 + x_2^2)^{1/2} < \varepsilon$

Hence $\left| \frac{x_1 x_2^2}{x_1^4 + x_2^2} \right| \leq |x_1| < \varepsilon$.

4. Example. Find $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\sin(x) \sin(y)}{x^2 + y^2}$ or prove it does not exist.

5. Example. Find $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 + y^4}{x^2 + 2y^4}$ or prove it does not exist.

6. Example. Find $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3 - y^3}{x^2 + y^2}$ or prove it does not exist.

9.2/9.3 Continuous Functions.

A. Definition of Continuity.

Definition. Let $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^m$, where $D = D_f \subseteq \mathbb{E}^n$.

Let $\mathbf{a} \in D$. We say that f is *continuous at* $\mathbf{a}$ if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there is a $\delta > 0$ such that for every

$\mathbf{x} \in D \cap B(\mathbf{a}, \delta)$, $\|f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{a})\| < \epsilon$.

$f(\mathbf{x}) \in B(f(\mathbf{a}), \epsilon)$

$\mathbf{x} \in D$ s.t.
 $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}\| < \delta$

We say that f is *continuous on* D if it is continuous at every point of D and we write $f \in C(D)$.

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on final

Theorem. A function f is continuous at a limit point $\mathbf{a} \in D_f$ if and only if

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

Proof. ($\Rightarrow$) Suppose f is continuous at $\mathbf{a}$.

Let $\epsilon > 0$, and choose δ in the definition of continuity. That is, if $\mathbf{x} \in D$ and $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}\| < \delta$ then $\|f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{a})\| < \epsilon$. In particular, if $\mathbf{x} \in D$ and $0 < \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}\| < \delta$, $\|f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{a})\| < \epsilon$. Hence $\lim_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{a}} f(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{a})$.

($\Leftarrow$) Suppose $\lim_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{a}} f(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{a})$ and let $\epsilon > 0$.

Choose $\delta > 0$ such that if $\mathbf{x} \in D$ and $0 < \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}\| < \delta$ then $\|f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{a})\| < \epsilon$. But if $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{a}$ then $\|f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{a})\| = 0 < \epsilon$. Hence f is continuous at $\mathbf{a}$.

Definition. A set $E \subseteq \mathbb{E}^n$ is *relatively open in* $D \subseteq \mathbb{E}^n$ if there is an open set U in $\mathbb{E}^n$ such that $E = U \cap D$. E is *relatively closed in* D if there is a closed set $F \subseteq \mathbb{E}^n$ such that $E = F \cap D$.

Remark. (a) Note that for E to be relatively open or relatively closed in D it must be true that $E \subseteq D$.

(b) The concept of *open* and *closed* in a normed vector space is dependent on the space in which the set is assumed to sit. In other words, a set E is not simply open or closed, but is only open or closed *as a subset of some other set*.

(c) For example, the set $[0,1]$ is not open as a subset of $\mathbb{R}$ (the ambient vector space), but is open as a subset of $[0,1]$, that is if we assume that our ambient vector space is $[0,1]$.

Let $x \in [0,1]$ Let $U = \mathbb{R}$ then $E = [0,1] = \mathbb{R} \cap [0,1]$
and $\mathbb{R}$ is open.

If $x \in [0,1]$ then if $x \in (0,1)$, $\exists \varepsilon > 0$ st.

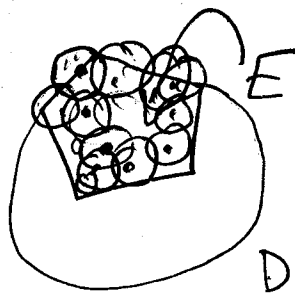
$B(x, \varepsilon) \subseteq (0,1)$. If $x = 0$ then $\{y \in [0,1] : |x - y| < \varepsilon\} \subseteq [0,1]$.

Theorem (9.2.3). A subset $E \subseteq D$ is relatively open in D if and only if for every $x \in E$, there is a $\delta > 0$ such that $B(x, \delta) \cap D \subseteq E$.

Proof. ($\Rightarrow$) $E \subseteq D$ relatively open. Then $\exists U$ open such that $E = U \cap D$. Given $x \in E$, $x \in U$, so $\exists \delta$ st $B(x, \delta) \subseteq U$ so $B(x, \delta) \cap D \subseteq U \cap D = E$

($\Leftarrow$) Must find U open such that $E = U \cap D$.

$$U = \bigcup_{x \in E} B(x, \delta)$$



Theorem. (9.2.4). Let $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^m$. Then $f \in C(D)$ if and only if for every open set U in $\mathbb{E}^m$, the inverse image

$$f^{-1}(U) = \{x \in D : f(x) \in U\}$$

is relatively open in D .

$(\Rightarrow)$ Suppose $f \in C(D)$ and let $U \subseteq \mathbb{E}^m$ be open.

Let $\vec{x}_0 \in f^{-1}(U)$. We must find $\delta > 0$ such that

$B(\vec{x}_0, \delta) \cap D \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$. Since $\vec{x}_0 \in f^{-1}(U)$, $f(\vec{x}_0) \in U$.

So for some $\varepsilon > 0$, $B(f(\vec{x}_0), \varepsilon) \subseteq U$. For this $\varepsilon > 0$

choose δ so that if $\vec{x} \in B(\vec{x}_0, \delta) \cap D$ then

$\|f(\vec{x}_0) - f(\vec{x})\| < \varepsilon$, that is, $B(f(\vec{x}_0), \varepsilon) \ni f(\vec{x})$.

But this means $f(\vec{x}) \in U$ i.e. $\vec{x} \in f^{-1}(U)$, so $f^{-1}(U)$ relatively open.

$(\Leftarrow)$ Let $\vec{x}_0 \in D$, $\varepsilon > 0$. We need to find $\delta > 0$ s.t.

if $\vec{x} \in D$ and $\|\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0\| < \delta$ then $\|f(\vec{x}) - f(\vec{x}_0)\| < \varepsilon$.

Consider $B(f(\vec{x}_0), \varepsilon)$. This set is open in $\mathbb{E}^m$ so

$f^{-1}(B(f(\vec{x}_0), \varepsilon))$ is relatively open in D . Also

$\vec{x}_0 \in f^{-1}(B(f(\vec{x}_0), \varepsilon))$. So there is a $\delta > 0$ such that

$B(\vec{x}_0, \delta) \subseteq f^{-1}(B(f(\vec{x}_0), \varepsilon))$. This means if $\vec{x} \in B(\vec{x}_0, \delta)$

and $\vec{x} \in D$ then $f(\vec{x}) \in B(f(\vec{x}_0), \varepsilon)$, that is,

$$\|f(\vec{x}) - f(\vec{x}_0)\| < \varepsilon.$$