

Maths Optional

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→ let $x = n$ — an int.

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow n^-} f(x) &= \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow n \\ x < n}} |x| + [x] \\ &= |n| + n - 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow n^+} f(x) &= \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow n \\ x > n}} |x| + [x] \\ &= |n| + n\end{aligned}$$

$$f(n) = |n| + n.$$

prob: Discuss the continuity

$$q_5 \quad f(x) = |x| + [x]$$

$$\rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} -x - 2 & -2 \leq x < -1 \\ -x - 1 & -1 \leq x < 0 \\ x + 0 & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ x + 1 & 1 \leq x < 2 \\ x + 2 & 2 \leq x < 3 \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{cases}$$

$$f(x) = |x| + n$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow \alpha} f(x) = f(\alpha)$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is cts at $x = \alpha$

$$\therefore \text{L.H.L} \neq \text{R.H.L.}$$

$\therefore f$ is disc. at $x = n$

i.e., f is disc. at integral points.

Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$.

$\therefore \exists$ some integer n s.t.

$$n < \alpha < n+1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \alpha} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \alpha} |x| + [x] = |\alpha| + n$$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin \frac{1}{x}$ doesn't exist.

$\therefore f(x)$ is discontinuous at
 $x = 0, 2$.

prob: Examine the continuity
of the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x - [x] + \sin \frac{1}{x} & , x \neq 0 \\ 0 & , x = 0 \end{cases}$$

at $x = 0, 2$

$\rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} [x]$ doesn't exist.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} [x]$ " " .

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow n^+} f(x) &= \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow n \\ n > n}} x - [x] - \frac{1}{2} \\ &= n - n - \frac{1}{2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(n) = 0$$

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow n} f(x)$ does not exist.

$\therefore f$ is disc. at $x = n$.

prob: let f be the function defined on \mathbb{R} by setting

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x - [x] - \frac{1}{2}, & x \text{ is not an int.} \\ 0, & x \text{ is an int.} \end{cases}$$

Discuss the continuity.

\rightarrow let $x = n$ be an integer.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow n^-} f(x) &= \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow n \\ x < n}} x - [x] - \frac{1}{2} \\ &= n - (n-1) - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow \alpha} f(x) = f(\alpha)$$

\therefore f is continuous at $x = \alpha$.

Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$.

\therefore \exists some integer n ,

s.t.

$$n < \alpha < n+1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \alpha} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \alpha} x - [x] - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \alpha - n - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f(\alpha) = \alpha - n - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \frac{1}{2} < x \leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \frac{1}{2^2} < x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2^2}, & \frac{1}{2^3} < x \leq \frac{1}{2^2} \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{cases}$$

At $x=0$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) &= \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ x > 0}} f(x) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 0 = f(0) \\ \therefore f \text{ is cts at } x=0. \end{aligned}$$

prob: Show that the function f defined on $[0, 1]$ as:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2^n}, & \text{when } \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} < x \leq \frac{1}{2^n} \\ & (n=0, 1, 2, 3, \dots) \\ 0, & \text{when } x=0 \end{cases}$$

is cts except at the points $x = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2^2}, \frac{1}{2^3}, \dots$. Describe the nature of discontinuity.

At $x = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}^-} f(x) = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \\ x < \frac{1}{2}}} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}^+} f(x) = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \\ x > \frac{1}{2}}} 1 = 1$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}^+} f(x)$$

At $x = 1$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 1 \\ x < 1}} 1 = f(1)$$

$\therefore f$ is ct at $x = 1$.

f being constant is ct
 $\forall x \in]0, 1[$ except
possibly at $x = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots$

prob: let f be the function defined on $[0, 1]$ as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} (-1)^n & \text{if } \frac{1}{n+1} \leq x < \frac{1}{n} \\ 0 & \text{if } x=0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x=1 \end{cases} \quad (n=1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

Examine the continuity of f at $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots$

f is disc. at $x = \frac{1}{2}$.

Disc. of 1st kind.

Similarly, we can show that f is disc. at $x = \frac{1}{2^2}, \frac{1}{2^3}, \frac{1}{2^4}, \dots$

At $x=1$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 1 \\ x < 1}} (-1) = -1$$

$$f(1) = 1$$

$\therefore f$ is disc. at $x=1$.

At $x=\frac{1}{2}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}^-} f(x) = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \\ x < \frac{1}{2}}} 1 = 1$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & , \frac{1}{2} \leq x < 1 \\ -1 & , \frac{1}{3} \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & , \frac{1}{5} \leq x < \frac{1}{3} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ -1 & , x = 1 \end{cases}$$

Similarly, we can show that f is disc. at $x = \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}, \dots$

prob: let f be a function defined on \mathbb{R} by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{when } x \text{ is rational} \\ -1, & \text{when } x \text{ is irrational.} \end{cases}$$

Show that f is discont. at every point in \mathbb{R} .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}} (-1) = -1$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -1$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}^+} f(x)$$

$\therefore f$ is disc. at $x = \frac{1}{2}$

As $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$|a_n - a| \rightarrow 0$$

i.e. $a_n \rightarrow a$

\therefore Each a_n is irrational.

$$\therefore f(a_n) = -1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\therefore \langle f(a_n) \rangle \rightarrow -1 \neq f(a)$$

$\therefore f$ is discontinuous at $x = a$.

Solⁿ. Case ① Let a be a rational no.

$$f(a) = 1$$

For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, choose an irrational number

$$a_n \in]a - \frac{1}{n}, a + \frac{1}{n}[$$

$$\therefore a - \frac{1}{n} < a_n < a + \frac{1}{n} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |a_n - a| < \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\therefore \langle f(b_n) \rangle \rightarrow 1 \neq f(b)$$

$\therefore f$ is discontinuous at $x = \underline{b}$.

Thus f is discontinuous at points in \mathbb{R} .

Case (ii) Let b be an irrational number.

$$\therefore f(b) = -1$$

Also we can have a seq. of rational numbers

$$\langle b_n \rangle \rightarrow b.$$

For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$f(b_n) = 1$$

prob: Show that the function

f defined on \mathbb{R} by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{when } x \text{ is irrational} \\ -x, & \text{when } x \text{ is rational} \end{cases}$$

is continuous only at $x=0$.

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Case 1) Let a be an irrational
no.

$$\therefore f(a) = a.$$

Now we can construct a seq.

HW prob: Show that the function

f defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \text{ is rational} \\ 0, & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$$

is discontinuous at every point in \mathbb{R}
(Dirichlet's fn.)

$\therefore f$ is discontinuous at $x = \underline{a}$.

Case (ii) Let $b \neq 0$ be a rational number.

$$\therefore f(b) = -b$$

Now we can construct a seq. of irrational numbers $\langle b_n \rangle$ converging to 'b'.

$$\therefore \text{For each } n \in \mathbb{N} \\ f(b_n) = b_n$$

of rational num. $\langle a_n \rangle \rightarrow a$

\therefore For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$f(a_n) = -a_n$$

Now

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(a_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-a_n)$$

$$= -1 \times \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$$

$$= -a \neq f(a)$$

$$\therefore \langle f(a_n) \rangle \not\rightarrow f(a)$$

$$|f(x) - f(0)| = |f(x)|$$

$$= |-x| \quad \text{when } x \\ \text{is rational.}$$

$$= |x|$$

$$\therefore |f(x) - f(0)| < \varepsilon \quad \text{when } |x - 0| < \varepsilon$$

$$\text{Choose } \delta = \varepsilon$$

$$\therefore |x - 0| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(0)| < \varepsilon$$

$$\text{Show } |f(x) - f(0)| = |f(x)| \\ = |x|$$

(x is rational)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(b_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$$

$$= b \neq f(b)$$

$$\therefore \langle f(b_n) \rangle \not\rightarrow f(b)$$

So, f is discontinuous at $x = b$

Case (iii) At $x = 0$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given

HW prob: Show that the function
f defined on \mathbb{R} by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \text{ is rational} \\ 0, & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$$

is ct only at $x=0$.

$$\therefore |f(x) - f(0)| < \epsilon \text{ when } |x| < \epsilon$$

By choose $\delta = \epsilon$

$$|x - 0| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(0)| < \epsilon$$

(when x is irr.)

Then

$$|x - 0| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(0)| < \epsilon$$

$\therefore f$ is ct at $x=0$ $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Case (i) b is an irrational no.
(prove it!)

Case (ii) $a = 3$

let $\epsilon > 0$ be given
when x is irrational

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(3)| &= |2x - 6| \\ &= 2|x - 3| \end{aligned}$$

$$|f(x) - f(3)| < \epsilon \text{ if } |x - 3| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

$$\text{let } \delta_1 = \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

Prob: Define $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & \text{if } x \text{ is rational} \\ x+3, & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational.} \end{cases}$$

Examine the continuity
of $f(x)$.

\rightarrow
Case (i) a is a rational no.
($a \neq 3$)

(prove it!)

$$\text{let } \delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}.$$

\therefore (i) & (ii) hold for this choice of δ .

$$\text{So } |f(x) - f(3)| < \epsilon \text{ when}$$
$$|x - 3| < \delta$$
$$x \in \mathbb{R}$$

\therefore f is continuous at $x=3$

$$\therefore |x - 3| < \delta_1 \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(3)| < \epsilon \text{ --- (i)}$$

when x is irrational

$$|f(x) - f(3)| = |x + 3 - 6|$$
$$= |x - 3|$$

$$\text{So, } |f(x) - f(3)| < \epsilon \text{ if } |x - 3| < \epsilon$$

$$\text{let } \delta_2 = \epsilon$$

$$\therefore |x - 3| < \delta_2 \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(3)| < \epsilon \text{ --- (ii)}$$

$$f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{1+x^n} = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & x = 1 \\ 1, & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

At $x=0$

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

$\therefore f$ is cts at $x=0$

At $x=1$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = 0$$

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

$$f(1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Prob: Let f be the function defined on $[0, \infty[$ by setting

$$f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{1+x^n}, \quad \forall x \geq 0$$

Examine the continuity of f in $[0, \infty[$

$$\rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^n = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 1, & x = 1 \\ \infty, & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$f(x)$ is disc. at $x=1$

→ For $0 < x < 1, x > 1$

$f(x)$ is ct.

\therefore is ct.

So f is ct. in $[0, \infty[$

except $x=1$.