

# Maths Optional

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$$0 + f(0) = f(0) + f(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{f(0) = 0}$$

put  $y = -x$  in (i)

$$f(x - x) = f(x) + f(-x)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 0 = f(x) + f(-x)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(-x) = -f(x) \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

prob: If  $f$  is a continuous function of  $x$  satisfying the functional eqn.

$$f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y) \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Show that  $f(x) = ax \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$   
where  $a$  is a constant.

$\rightarrow$  put  $x = y = 0$  in (i)

$$f(0+0) = f(0) + f(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(0) = f(0) + f(0)$$

let  $x$  is a -ve int.

$$\text{let } x = -y, \quad \underline{y > 0}$$

$$f(x) = f(-y)$$

$$= -f(y)$$

$$= -ay$$

$$= a \cdot (-y)$$

$$= ax$$

using (1)

[ $-y$  is a  
+ve int.]

let  $x$  is a positive int.

$$f(x) = f(\underbrace{1+1+1+\dots}_{x \text{ times}})$$

$$= \underbrace{f(1) + f(1) + \dots + f(1)}_{x \text{ times}}$$

$x$  times

$$= x f(1)$$

[using  
(1)]

$$\therefore f(x) = ax, \quad \boxed{a = f(1)}$$

$$\therefore \underline{f(x) = ax}$$

let  $x$  is a real no.

$\therefore$  we can have a seq.  
of rational no  $\langle x_n \rangle \rightarrow x$

$\therefore f$  is cts.

$\therefore f$  is cts at ' $x$ '.

$\therefore \langle f(x_n) \rangle \rightarrow f(x)$

now  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$f(x_n) = ax_n \neq a \quad (\text{why})$$

$x$  is a rational no.

$$\text{let } x = \frac{p}{q}, \quad \underline{q > 0}$$

$$f(p) = f\left(q \cdot \frac{p}{q}\right)$$

$$ap = f\left(\frac{p}{q} + \frac{p}{q} + \dots + \frac{p}{q} \text{ (q times)}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow ap = \underbrace{f\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) + f\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) + \dots + f\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)}_{q \text{ times}}$$

$$\Rightarrow ap = q \cdot f\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) \quad (\text{using } \textcircled{1})$$

$$\Rightarrow f\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = a \cdot \frac{p}{q}$$

Let, if possible,  $f$  is not bdd above.

$\therefore$  For each true int.  $n$   
 $\exists$  some  $x_n \in [a, b]$  s.t.

$$f(x_n) > n$$

$\therefore$  we have a seq.  $\langle x_n \rangle$   
s.t.

$$a \leq x_n \leq b \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

$\therefore \langle x_n \rangle$  is bdd

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a \cdot x_n)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = a \cdot \lim x_n = ax$$

$$\therefore \underline{f(x) = ax}$$

Th: If  $f$  is cts on  $[a, b]$   
then it is bdd in  $[a, b]$ .

Proof: Suppose  $f$  is cts in  $[a, b]$

which will converge to  $p$ .

$$\therefore p \in [a, b]$$

$\therefore f$  is cts at ' $p$ '.

sep.  $\langle f(x_{n_k}) \rangle$  where

$$f(x_{n_k}) > n_k$$

$$\therefore \langle f(x_{n_k}) \rangle \rightarrow +\infty.$$

which is a contradiction to the fact that  $f$  is cts at ' $p$ '.

$\therefore \langle x_n \rangle$  has a limit point

' $p$ ' (say).

$\therefore [a, b]$  is a closed set.

$\therefore \mathcal{D}$  contains all its limit points.

$$\therefore p \in [a, b]$$

$\therefore p$  is a limit pt of  $\langle x_n \rangle$

$\therefore \exists$  a subsequence  $\langle x_{n_k} \rangle$

Note ① The converse of the above  
th. is not true.

Consider the example

Define  $f$  on  $[-\frac{2}{\pi}, \frac{2}{\pi}]$

by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin \frac{1}{x}, & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$-1 \leq f(x) \leq 1 \quad \forall x \in [-\frac{2}{\pi}, \frac{2}{\pi}]$$

$\therefore$  our supposition is  
wrong.

$\therefore f$  is bdd above.

Similarly by taking

$-f$  we can show that

$f$  is bdd below.

Consider the example.

Define  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$   $\forall x \in ]0, 1[$

so  $f(x)$  is ct on  $]0, 1[$ .

$f(x)$  is not bdd on  $]0, 1[$ .

(As  $f(x)$  is not bdd above)

But  $f(x)$  is not ct at  $x=0$

As  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  doesn't exist.

exist.

(ii) If  $f$  is ct on open interval then  $f$  need not be bdd.

Proof: Suppose  $f$  is a constant function.

Then obviously,  $f$  attains its bounds in  $[a, b]$ .

Let  $f$  be a function which is not constant.

$\therefore f$  is cts on  $[a, b]$

$\therefore \exists$  is bdd in  $[a, b]$

Th: If  $f$  is cts on  $[a, b]$  then  $f$  attains its bounds.

or

If  $f$  is cts on  $[a, b]$  then  $f$  attains its

supremum as well as its infimum at least once in  $[a, b]$ .

$$\therefore M - f(x) > 0$$

$$\text{let } g(x) = \frac{1}{M - f(x)} \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$$

$\therefore f(x)$  is cts on  $[a, b]$

$\therefore M - f(x) (\neq 0)$  is also cts on  $[a, b]$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{M - f(x)} \quad "$$

$$\therefore g(x) \quad "$$

$\therefore g(x)$  is bdd on  $[a, b]$

let  $\inf f = m$  and  $\sup f = M$

we have to find some

$\alpha, \beta \in [a, b]$  s.t.

$$f(\alpha) = m, \quad f(\beta) = M$$

let us consider the case of supremum.

let, if possible,  $f(x) \neq M$  for any  $x \in [a, b]$ .

$$\therefore f(x) \leq M - \frac{1}{k} \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$$
$$(k > 0)$$

$\therefore M - \frac{1}{k}$  is an upper bound of  $f(x)$ .

$$\text{Also } M - \frac{1}{k} < M$$

So this is a contradiction.

$\therefore$  our supposition is wrong.

$\therefore \exists$  some  $\beta \in [a, b]$  s.t.  
 $f(\beta) = M$ .

$\therefore g(x)$  is bounded above also.

$\therefore \sup g(x)$  exists

$$\text{but } \sup g(x) = k$$

$$\therefore g(x) \leq k \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{M - f(x)} \leq k$$

$$\Rightarrow M - f(x) \geq \frac{1}{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow M - \frac{1}{k} \geq f(x)$$

$$\sup f = 1.$$

$$\inf f = 0$$

$$f(0) = 0, \text{ But } 0 \notin ]0, 1[.$$

Similarly, we can show that  $f$  attains its infimum in  $[a, b]$ .

Note ① The above th. need not be true if the interval is not closed.

$$f(x) = x \quad \forall x \in ]0, 1[$$

$f$  is not in  $]0, 1[$ .

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

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

But  $f$  is not  $1$  at  $x = 0$

Th: If  $f$  is  $cts$  on  $[a, b]$   
then  $f$  is  $bded$  and attains  
its bounds at least once  
in  $[a, b]$ .

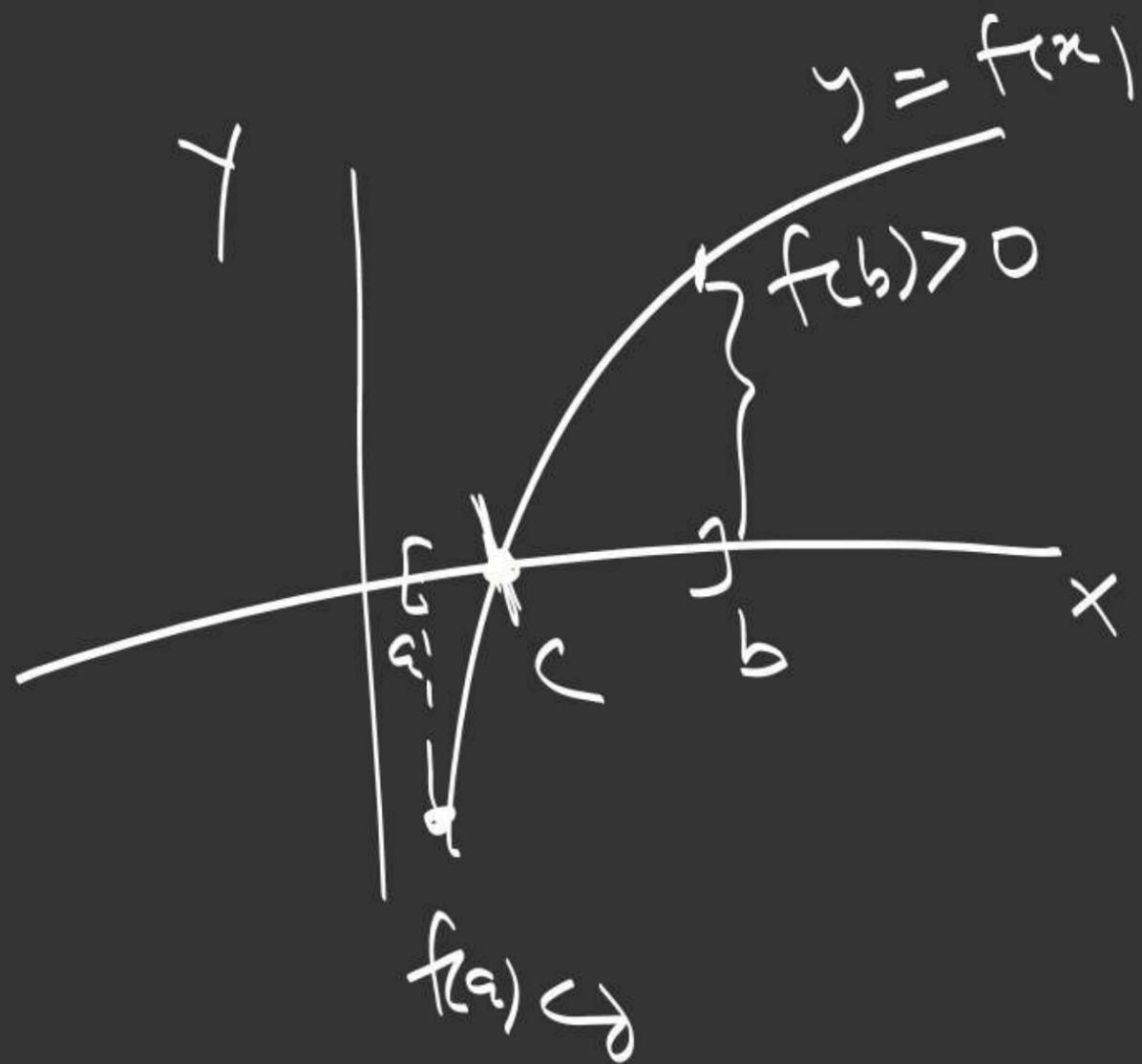
① Converse of the above th is  
not true.

Consider the following  
function defined on  $\left[-\frac{2}{\pi}, \frac{2}{\pi}\right]$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin \frac{1}{x}, & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$-1 \leq f(x) \leq 1 \quad \forall x \in \left[-\frac{2}{\pi}, \frac{2}{\pi}\right]$$

$c \in ]a, b[$  s.t.  $f(c) = 0$



Sign preservation th:

if  $f$  is ctg on  $[a, b]$  and  
 $c \in ]a, b[$  s.t.  $f(c) \neq 0$   
then  $\exists$  some  $\delta > 0$  s.t.  
 $f(x)$  have same sign as  
 $f(c)$  that  $\forall x \in ]c - \delta, c + \delta[$ .

Result: if  $f$  is ctg on  $[a, b]$   
and  $f(a)$  &  $f(b)$  are of opposite  
signs then  $\exists$  at least one  $\alpha$ .

Consider the example

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1, & 0 < x \leq 1 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$f$  is not cts at  $x=0$

$\therefore f$  is not cts on  $[0, 1]$ .

$$f(0) = 0 \quad f(1) = 2$$

$$f(0) < 1 < f(1)$$

There is no point  $c \in [0, 1]$  s.t.  
 $f(c) = 1$ .

Intermediate value th (IVT)

If  $f$  is cts on  $[a, b]$  and  $f(a) \neq f(b)$  then  $f$  assumes every value b/w  $f(a)$  &  $f(b)$ .

Remark: If a function  $f$

is not cts on a closed int. then the conclusion of IVT may not hold.

prob: let  $f$  be ct on  $[0,1]$   
and let  $f(x)$  be in  $[0,1]$   
 $\forall x \in [0,1]$ . prove that  
 $f(x) = x$  for some  $x \in [0,1]$ .

$\rightarrow 0 \leq f(x) \leq 1 \quad \forall x \in [0,1]$

if  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f(1) = 1$ ,  
we are done.

if not,  $f(0) > 0$ ,  $f(1) < 1$

Result: If a function  $f$  is  
ct on  $[a,b]$  then it  
assumes every value b/w  
its bounds.

Result: The image of a  
closed interval under  
a continuous fn. is closed.

$\therefore \exists$  some  $c \in ]0, 1[$

s.t.  $g(c) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow f(c) - c = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{f(c) = c}$$

Define  $g(x) = f(x) - x$   
on  $[0, 1]$

$\therefore f(x)$  is ctg on  $[0, 1]$

$\therefore g(x)$  is also ctg on  $[0, 1]$ .

$$g(0) = f(0) - 0 \\ = f(0) > 0$$

$$\therefore g(0) > 0$$

$$g(1) = f(1) - 1 < 0$$

$$\therefore g(1) < 0$$

Let  $\inf f = m$  &  $\sup f = M$

$$\therefore m \leq f(x) \leq M \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$$

$$\therefore m \leq f(x_i) \leq M \quad \forall x_i \in [a, b] \\ i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Now

$$m + m + \dots + n \text{ times} \leq f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \dots + f(x_n) \\ \leq M + M + \dots + n \text{ times}$$

$$\Rightarrow m \cdot n \leq f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \dots + f(x_n) \leq nM$$

prob: Let  $f$  be cts on  $[a, b]$   
and  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be points  
of  $[a, b]$ . Show that  $\exists$   
some  $c \in [a, b]$  s.t.

$$f(c) = \frac{1}{n} [f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \dots + f(x_n)]$$

$\rightarrow \therefore f$  is cts on  $[a, b]$

$\therefore f$  is bdd "

prob: Let  $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(2+x) - x^{2^n} \cdot \sin x}{1+x^{2^n}}$

$x > 0$ . Show  $f(0) \neq$

$f(\pi/2)$  differ in sign.

Why does  $f(x)$  not vanish in  $[0, \pi/2]$ ? Explain.

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

$$m \leq \frac{1}{n} [f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \dots + f(x_n)] \leq M$$

$$\therefore \exists c \in [a, b]$$

s.t.

$$f(c) = \frac{1}{n} [f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \dots + f(x_n)]$$

Also

$$f(x) \neq 0, \forall x \in [0, \pi/2]$$

Reason:  $1 \in [0, \pi/2]$

$f$  is not cts at  $x=1$

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

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \underline{\ln(2+x)}, & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ \frac{\ln 3 - \sin 1}{2}, & x = 1 \\ \underline{-\sin x}, & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$f(0) = \ln 2 > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\pi/2) &= -\sin \pi/2 \\ &= -1 < 0 \end{aligned}$$

