

Section 3.1

2) Prove part (c) of Theorem 3.1.1: Let f and g be continuous functions and define $D = \text{Dom}(f) \cap \text{Dom}(g)$. Then fg is continuous on D .

Proof Note: fg is continuous on D iff fg is continuous at x for every $x \in D$.

Let $x \in D$ and let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence in D s.t. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$.

Goal: WTS $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (fg)(x_n) = (fg)(x)$.

Since f and g are cont at x , it follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = f(x) \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(x_n) = g(x).$$

$$\text{Since } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (fg)(x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n)g(x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(x_n) = f(x)g(x) = (fg)(x),$$

it implies that fg is cont at x . Since x is an arbitrary pt in D , we can conclude that fg is cont on D .

5. Suppose that f is a continuous function on \mathbb{R} s.t. $f(q) = 0$ for all $q \in \mathbb{Q}$.
Prove that $f(x) = 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof To show that $f(x) = 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, it is enough to show that $f(p) = 0$ for all irrational number p .

Assume that $f(p) = b \neq 0$. Since f is continuous at p , we can conclude that with $\epsilon = \frac{|b|}{2}$, there is $\delta > 0$ s.t.

$$|x - p| < \delta \rightarrow |f(x) - f(p)| < \frac{|b|}{2}$$

Let $q \in (p - \delta, p + \delta)$ s.t. $q \in \mathbb{Q}$. Hence, $|q - p| < \delta$.

Moreover, $|f(q) - f(p)| = |0 - b| = |b| < \frac{|b|}{2}$. This is a contradiction. Hence $f(p) = 0$.

Consequently, $f(x) = 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$.

- 11). Let $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ with domain $\{x \mid x \geq 0\}$.

a) Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. For each $c > 0$, show how to choose δ so that $|x - c| \leq \delta$ implies $|\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{c}| \leq \epsilon$.

$$|\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{c}| = \frac{|x - c|}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{c}} \leq \frac{|x - c|}{\sqrt{c}} \leq \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{c}} \leq \epsilon.$$

$$\text{Set } \delta = \sqrt{c} \epsilon.$$

b) Give a separate argument to show that f is continuous at zero.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Choose $\delta = \varepsilon^2$.

Then if $|x-0| < \delta$ then $|f(x) - f(0)| = \sqrt{x} < \sqrt{\delta} = \sqrt{\varepsilon^2} = \varepsilon$.

So, f is cont at zero.

13) b) Find sequences $\{\alpha_n\}$ and $\{\beta_n\}$ of numbers in $(0, 1]$, so that

$\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$, $\beta_n \rightarrow 0$ and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin \frac{1}{\alpha_n} = 1, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin \frac{1}{\beta_n} = -1.$$

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$$\text{Set } \alpha_n = \frac{1}{2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$\text{So } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin \frac{1}{\alpha_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin \left(2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = 1$$

$$\text{Next, we set } \beta_n = \frac{1}{2n\pi - \frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$\text{So, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin \frac{1}{\beta_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin \left(2n\pi - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = -1.$$