

2. $f(x) = \text{sgn } x$ is not continuous at $x=0$.

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$$f(x) = \text{sgn } x = \begin{cases} 1, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \\ -1, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \text{sgn } x \begin{cases} \rightarrow 1 & \text{when } x \rightarrow 0^+ \\ \rightarrow -1 & \text{when } x \rightarrow 0^- \end{cases}$$

\Rightarrow limit does not exist at $x=0$,

so, $\text{sgn } x$ is not continuous at $x=0$.

3. let $A = \mathbb{R}$, f is defined as

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

we claim f is not continuous at any point of \mathbb{R} .

\therefore Test at c , which is rational,
 f is not continuous at c because there exists a sequence of irrational numbers in \mathbb{R} whose

~~Every rational number can be approximated by the sequence of~~

~~limit is~~ . That is $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = c$.

$$\text{But } f(x_n) = 0 \quad \forall n$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = 0 \neq f(c) = 1.$$

Therefore f is not continuous at any rational points in \mathbb{R} .
Similarly we can show that it is also discontinuous at every irrational points in \mathbb{R} .

4. $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x > 0\}$. Define $h(x)$ on A as follows.

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x > 0 \text{ is irrational number} \\ \frac{1}{n} & \text{if } x = \frac{m}{n} \text{ (rational number)} \\ & \text{gcd}(m, n) = 1 \end{cases}$$

We claim that $h(x)$ is Lebesgue continuous at every irrational number in A but it is not continuous at every rational number in A .

Solⁿ: Take $a > 0$, rational pt. in A ,
 $\exists \{x_n\}$ of irrational points which converge to a .

But $h(x_n) = 0 \quad \forall n \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(x_n) = 0$

$\neq h(a) = \frac{1}{n} > 0 \quad \text{if } a = \frac{m}{n}$

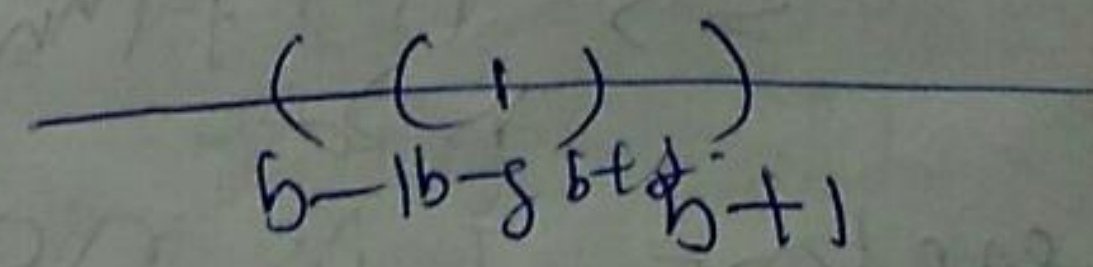
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(x_n) = 0 \neq h(a) = \frac{1}{n}$$

$\therefore h$ is not continuous at any rational number in A .

Suppose $b \in A$ is an irrational number. choose $\epsilon > 0$. So $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\frac{1}{n_0} < \epsilon$.

Choose an interval $(b-\epsilon, b+\epsilon)$ [by Archimedean property of \mathbb{R}]

Then there are only a finite number of rationals with denominator less than n_0 . Hence we can choose a n_0



$(b-\delta, b+\delta)$ which contains no rational numbers with denominator less than ~~n_0~~ n_0 .

Then for any n , $|n-b| < \delta$, $n \in A$, we have $|h(n) - h(b)| = |h(n)| \leq \frac{1}{n_0} < \epsilon$

$\Rightarrow h$ is continuous at all irrational points in A .

Remark \downarrow

1. Suppose a function $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is not continuous at a pt. c because the value of $f(c)$ is not defined. But $\lim_{h \rightarrow c} f(h)$ exists. Then we can re-define the function F on $A \cup \{c\}$ as follows -

$$F(h) = \begin{cases} \lim_{h \rightarrow c} f(h) = L & \text{for } h = c \\ f(h) & \text{for } h \in A \end{cases}$$

Then F is continuous at c .

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow c} F(h) = F(c)$$

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2. If a function $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ does not have a limit at c , then, there is no way that we can obtain a function $g: A \cup \{c\}$ that is continuous at c .

By defining

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} c & \text{for } x=c \\ g(x) & \text{for } x \in A \end{cases}$$

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = c \Rightarrow$ it exists.

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 $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)$ exists and equal to c .

which contradicts.

Ex:- $f(x) = \sin x$ for $x \neq 0$

Then ~~this~~ this function is not continuous at $x=0$.

Since f is not defined at $x=0$ because

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} [\sin x]$ does not exist.

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} x_n = \frac{1}{n\pi}, f(x_n) \rightarrow 0 \\ x_n = \frac{1}{(2n+1)\pi/2}, f(x_n) \rightarrow 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Ex:- ~~$f(x) = \sin x$~~

$$f(x) = x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right), x \neq 0$$

$f(x)$ is not defined at $x=0$.

Then $f(x)$ cannot be continuous at $x=0$.

If we define the function $F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x=0 \\ x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) & , x \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Clearly F is continuous at $x=0$, because

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 0 = F(0).$$

'D' is removable continuity.

Results on combinations of continuous functions :-

Theorem:- Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, let f and g be continuous on $A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ & $g: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.
and let $b \in \mathbb{R}$. Suppose $c \in A$ and that f and g are continuous at c .

Then —

(a) $f+g$, $f-g$, fg & bf are all continuous at c .

(b) If $h: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous at $c \in A$ and if $h(x) \neq 0 \forall x \in A$, then $\frac{f}{h}$ is continuous at c .

Theorem:- Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, let f and g be continuous on $A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

(c) $f+g$, $f-g$, fg & bf are continuous on A .

(d) If $h: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous on A and if $h(x) \neq 0 \forall x \in A$, then $\frac{f}{h}$ is

continuous on A .

Thm:- Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, let $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and

$|f|$ be defined by $|f|(x) = |f(x)| \forall x \in A$.

(a) If f is continuous at $c \in A$ then $|f|$ is continuous at c .

(b) If f is continuous on A , then $|f|$ is continuous on A .

If $f(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in A$. Then

(c) If f is continuous at a pt. $c \in A$, then \sqrt{f} is also continuous at c .

(d) If f is continuous on A then \sqrt{f} is also continuous on A .

where $(\sqrt{f})(x) = \sqrt{f(x)} \quad x \in A, f(x) \geq 0$.

Composition of continuous functions:

Thm If $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous at a pt. c

and if $g: B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous at a pt. $b = f(c)$, then the composition

$g \circ f$ is continuous at c .

Here we assume $f(A) \subseteq B$.

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$$

Proof g is continuous at a pt. b .

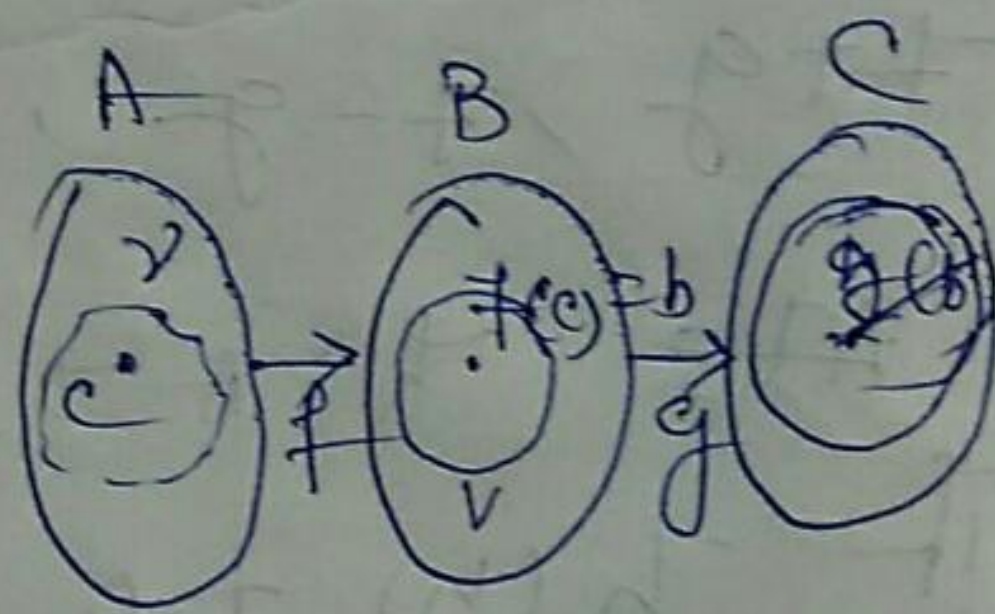
Let W be an

ϵ -nbd of $g(b)$.

Since g is continuous at b , \exists a δ -nbd

V of $b = f(c)$ s.t. if $y \in B \cap V$ then

$g(y) \in W$.



Further, f is continuous at a pt. c (given)
So, \exists a δ -nbd of $c \in U$ of c such that
 $\forall x \in A \cap U$, then $f(x) \in B \cap V$, so that

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g[f(x)] \in W. \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Since W is an arbitrary ϵ -nbd of $g(c)$

$\Rightarrow g \circ f$ is continuous at c s.t.

(1) holds $\Rightarrow g \circ f$ is continuous at c .

Maximum and Minimum:-

Defⁿ Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and let $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

f has an absolute maximum on A if there is a point x^* in A such that

$$f(x^*) \geq f(x) \quad \forall x \in A, \text{ i.e.}$$

we say, f has an absolute minimum on A if there is a point $x_* \in A$ s.t.

$$f(x_*) \leq f(x) \quad \forall x \in A.$$

$\Rightarrow x_*$ is an absolute minimum pt.

& x^* is absolute maximum pt.