

Chapter V

Continuous Functions

D. 5. 1. (Continuity at One Point)

Let f be a function defined on a neighbourhood of x_0 , $N_\varepsilon(x_0)$. f is *continuous at x_0* if $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$ exists and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0)$$

If f is not continuous at x_0 , it is said to be *discontinuous at x_0* .

T. 5. 1.

f and g are continuous at $x_0 \Rightarrow f + g$ is continuous at x_0

(The converse is not true!)

T. 5. 2.

f and g are continuous at $x_0 \Rightarrow f \cdot g$ is continuous at x_0

(The converse is not true!)

T. 5. 3.

f and g are continuous at x_0 and $g(x_0) \neq 0$

\Rightarrow

$\frac{f}{g}$ is continuous at x_0

(The converse is not true!)

T. 5. 4.

f and g are continuous at x_0 and g is continuous at $y_0 = f(x_0)$

\Rightarrow

$g \circ f$ is continuous at x_0

(The converse is not true!)

D. 5. 2. (Removable Discontinuity)

Take a function f defined on a pointed neighborhood N of x_0 . Suppose that f has a finite limit a at x_0 . Then we say that f has a *removable discontinuity* at x_0 .

D. 5. 3. (One-Sided Discontinuity)

The function is *left* (resp. *right*) *continuous* at x_0 if it has a left limit (resp. right limit) at x_0 and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^-} f(x) = f(x_0)$$

$$\text{(resp. } \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^+} f(x) = f(x_0) \text{)}$$

D. 5. 4. (Continuity on an Interval)

Let f be a function defined on an open interval I . f is *continuous on I* if it is continuous at every point of I .

R. 5. 1.

f is continuous on $I \Rightarrow f(I)$ is an interval

R. 5. 2.

f is continuous on the closed interval $I \Rightarrow f(I)$ is a closed interval

T. 5. 5.(Intermediate Value Theorem – First Version)

Let f be a function, defined on the interval $[a, b]$. If f is continuous on $[a, b]$, then f achieves any value between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$.

T. 5. 6.(Intermediate Value Theorem – Second Version)

Let f be a function, defined on the interval $[a, b]$. If f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and if $f(a) \cdot f(b) < 0$, then there exists a real number $c \in]a, b[$ such that $f(c) = 0$.

T. 5. 7.

Let f be a function defined on an interval I . Suppose that f is continuous on I and that f is strictly monotonous on I . Then f is a bijection from I onto $f(I)$. The inverse function f^{-1} is continuous on $f(I)$.