

## "Continuous Functions"

### Zusammenfassung

**Definition:** A function  $f$  is said to be continuous at  $a$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

1.  $f(a)$  defined
2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists
3.  $f(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ .

**Examples:**

① Is the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x+3, & x \leq 4 \\ 7 + \frac{16}{x}, & x > 4 \end{cases}$

continuous? Explain.

Sol: at  $(a=4)$

1.  $f(4) = 2(4) + 3 = 8 + 3 = 11$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} (7 + \frac{16}{x}) = 7 + \frac{16}{4} = 7 + 4 = 11$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} (2x+3) = 2(4) + 3 = 8 + 3 = 11$

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} f(x) \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) = 11$  exists

3.  $f(4) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x)$

$\therefore f(x)$  is continuous at  $a=4$ .

② Is the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 4x-2, & x > 2 \\ 2, & x = 2 \\ 3x, & x < 2 \end{cases}$

continuous? Explain.

Sol: at  $(a=2)$

1.  $f(2) = 2$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (4x-2) = 4(2) - 2 = 6$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} (3x) = 3(2) = 6$

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 6$  exists

3.  $f(2) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$

$2 \neq 6$

$\therefore f(x)$  is not continuous at  $a=2$ .  
(discontinuous)

③ Is the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-4}{x-2}, & x \neq 2 \\ 4, & x = 2 \end{cases}$  continuous? Explain.

Sol: at  $(a=2)$

1.  $f(2) = 4$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2-4}{x-2}$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)(x+2)}{x-2}$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x+2) = 2+2 = 4$

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 4$

3.  $f(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$

$\therefore f(x)$  is continuous at  $a=2$ .

Ans: Is the following functions continuous or discontinuous? Explain your answer.

①  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2+5, & x \geq -1 \\ 6x, & x < -1 \end{cases}$

②  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x+5, & x > 3 \\ x^2+2, & x \leq 3 \end{cases}$

"Slope of Line"

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→ definition

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$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$

Examples: Find the slope of the line passing through the points:

①  $P_1(11, 3)$  and  $P_2(14, 7)$

②  $P_1(3, 6)$  and  $P_2(-5, -9)$

③  $P_1(4, 5)$  and  $P_2(8, 13)$

Sol:

1.  $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{7-3}{14-11} = \frac{4}{3} = 1.3$

2.  $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{-9-6}{-5-3} = \frac{-15}{-8} = \frac{15}{8} = 1.875$

3.  $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{13-5}{8-4} = \frac{8}{4} = 2$

unclassified

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Equation of line: point-slope

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$$\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{y - y_1}{x - x_1}$$

$$m = \frac{y - y_1}{x - x_1} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y - y_1 = mx - mx_1$$

$$y - mx + (mx_1 - y_1) = 0$$

$$y = mx + b \rightarrow (2)$$

Examples: ① Find the equation of the line passing through the point  $P_1(2, 5)$  with slope  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Sol:

$$m = \frac{y - y_1}{x - x_1}$$

$$\frac{3}{4} = \frac{y - 5}{x - 2}$$

$$4(y - 5) = 3(x - 2)$$

$$4y - 20 = 3x - 6$$

$$4y = 3x - 6 + 20$$

$$4y = 3x + 14$$

$$y = \frac{3}{4}x + \frac{14}{4}$$

$$y = \frac{3}{4}x + \frac{7}{2}$$

② Find the equation of the line passing through the point  $P(-2, 3)$ , with slope  $q$ .

Sol:

$$M = \frac{y - y_1}{x - x_1}$$

$$q = \frac{y - 3}{x + 2}$$

$$y - 3 = q(x + 2)$$

$$y - 3 = qx + 18$$

$$y = qx + 18 + 3$$

$$y = qx + 21$$

③  $P(3, 4)$ , slope  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Sol:

$$M = \frac{y - y_1}{x - x_1}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{y - 4}{x - 3}$$

$$2(y - 4) = x - 3$$

$$2y - 8 = x - 3$$

$$2y = x - 3 + 8$$

$$2y = x + 5$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{5}{2}$$

### "Derivatives"

Def: The function  $f'$  defined by the formula

$$f'(x) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+a) - f(x)}{a}$$

is called the derivative of  $f$  with respect to  $x$ . When the limit exist,  $f$  is said to be differentiable.

Remark: The derivative of the function  $f(x)$  w.r.t.  $x$  is denoted by

$$f'(x) = \frac{d f(x)}{d x}, \quad y' = \frac{d y}{d x}$$

Differentiation Rules: Let  $f, g$  be a differentiable functions at  $x$ , and  $c$  be any constant, then:

1.  $\frac{d x}{d x} = 1$

2.  $\frac{d}{d x} c = 0$

3.  $\frac{d}{d x} (x^n) = n x^{n-1}$

4.  $\frac{d}{d x} (f(x))^n = n (f(x))^{n-1} \cdot f'(x)$

5.  $\frac{d}{d x} [c f(x)] = c f'(x)$

6.  $\frac{d}{d x} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = f'(x) \pm g'(x)$

7.  $\frac{d}{d x} [f(x) \cdot g(x)] = f(x) \cdot g'(x) + g(x) \cdot f'(x)$

8.  $\frac{d}{d x} \left[ \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{g(x) \cdot f'(x) - f(x) \cdot g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}$