

## 5.2 Continue

### Ex) Polynomial functions

$$P(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n, \quad \begin{matrix} n \in \mathbb{N} \\ a_i \in \mathbb{R} \end{matrix}$$

Rational functions  $R(x) = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$  where

$P(x), Q(x)$  are polynomials.

Every polynomial function  $P(x): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous:

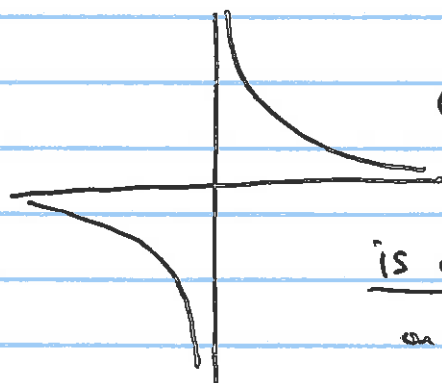
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} P(x) = P(c) \quad (\text{proved it})$$

$$R(x) = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} : D = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid Q(x) \neq 0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} R(x) = \frac{P(c)}{Q(c)} \quad \text{if } Q(c) \neq 0.$$

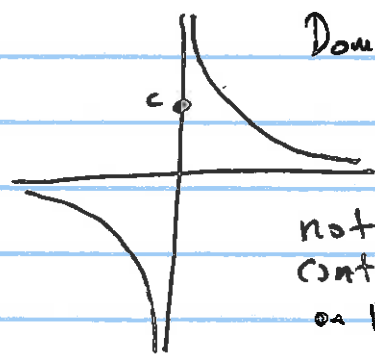
$R(x)$  is continuous on  $D = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid Q(x) \neq 0\}$ .

$$\text{Ex) } R(x) = \frac{1}{x} : \mathbb{R} - \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$



is continuous  
on  $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1/x & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ c & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$



not  
continuous  
on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Thm: <sup>Let</sup>  $\forall f, g: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be both continuous at  $c \in D$

Then

- ①  $f+g$  is continuous at  $c$
- ②  $f \cdot g$  " " " "
- ③  $k \cdot f$  " " " " for  $k \in \mathbb{R}$
- ④  $f/g$  " " " " if  $g(c) \neq 0$ .

Proof: if  $c \notin D'$ , every function is continuous at isolated pts.

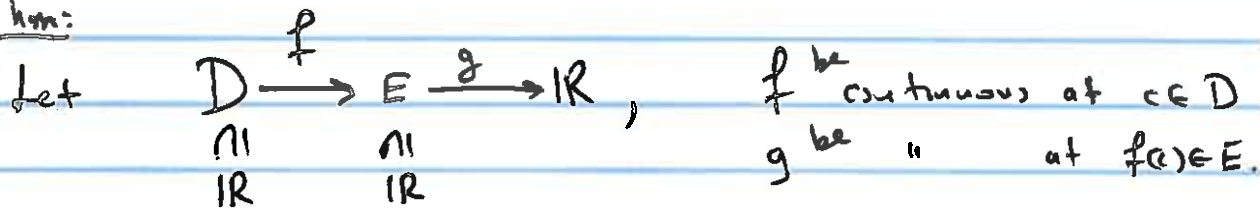
If  $c \in D'$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow c$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f(x_n) \rightarrow f(c) \\ g(x_n) \rightarrow g(c) \end{array} \right\} (f+g)(x_n) = f(x_n) + g(x_n) \rightarrow f(c) + g(c)$$

by Thm 5.1.8

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f+g)(x) = f(c) + g(c)$$

Thm:



Then:  $g \circ f$  is continuous at  $c$ .

Proof:  $\textcircled{I}$  if  $c \notin D'$ , there is nothing to prove. If  $c \in D'$ :  
let  $x_n \rightarrow c$  be any sequence in  $D$ .

Thm 5.2.2  $\Rightarrow y_n = f(x_n) \rightarrow f(c)$  since  $f$  continuous at  $c$ .

" "  $\Rightarrow g(y_n) \rightarrow g(f(c))$  "  $g$  continuous at  $f(c)$

$$(g \circ f)(x_n) = g(f(x_n)) \rightarrow g(f(c)) = g \circ f(c).$$

$g \circ f$  continuous at  $c$ . by Thm 5.2.2

Another Proof:

I Continuity of  $g$  at  $d = f(c)$ .  $d = f(c)$

$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \eta > 0 \forall y \in E ( |y - d| < \eta \Rightarrow |g(y) - g(d)| < \epsilon )$

Given  $\eta > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \forall x \in D ( |x - c| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(c)| < \eta )$   
(continuity of  $f$  at  $c$ )

Combining these two sentences

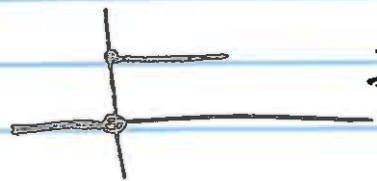
$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \forall x \in D. |x - c| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(c)| < \eta$   
" " " "  
 $\Rightarrow |g(f(x)) - g(f(c))| < \epsilon .$

By Def of continuity,  $g \circ f$  is continuous at  $c$ .

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a) T (Def.)

b) False



$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$

$f(\mathbb{R}) = \{0, 1\}$  bdd.

c) True

d) False (You need  $x_n \rightarrow c \Rightarrow f(x_n) \rightarrow f(c)$ )  
 $\hookrightarrow$  has  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(c) \Rightarrow x_n \rightarrow c$

e)  $f(x) \equiv 1$   $f(U \cap D) = \{1\} \neq V$  open  
 $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $\uparrow$   
not open

This is a combination of Exc 5.2.16 + Corollary 5.2.15.  
(No need to know Thm 5.2.14)

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Thm: Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
           $\parallel$            $\parallel$   
           $D$            $C$   
          domain  codomain

Then the following 3 statements are equivalent

- (a)  $f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}_D$
- (b)  $\forall$  open set  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R} = C$ ,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is open in  $D = \mathbb{R}$ .
- (c)  $\forall$  closed set  $H \subseteq \mathbb{R} = C$ ,  $f^{-1}(H)$  is closed in  $D = \mathbb{R}$

In topological spaces, this is the defn of continuity

Proof:

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (b)

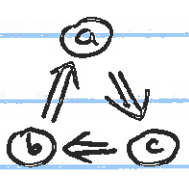
Assume (c), to prove (b)

Let  $U \subseteq C$  be a given open set in  $\mathbb{R}$

Let  $H = \mathbb{R} - U$ , <sup>it is</sup> closed (complement of open set)  
 $f^{-1}(H)$  is closed. by hypothesis (c)

$$f^{-1}(H) = f^{-1}(\mathbb{R} - U) = \underbrace{f^{-1}(\mathbb{R})}_{\mathbb{R}} - f^{-1}(U) = \mathbb{R} - f^{-1}(U)$$

$f^{-1}(U)$  is open by being the complement of a closed set,  $f^{-1}(H)$ .



(5)

$\forall U_{\text{open}} \subseteq \mathbb{R}, f^{-1}(U)$  is open.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a)

(a): Want  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Let } c \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ let } \varepsilon > 0 \text{ be given} \\ \exists \delta > 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R} (|x-c| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(c)| < \varepsilon) \end{array} \right.$

Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}, \varepsilon > 0$  be given.

Let  $U = N(f(c), \varepsilon)$ , <sup>which</sup> is an open set.

$f^{-1}(U)$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}$

$c \in \underbrace{f^{-1}(U)}$  since  $f(c) \in U$

call it  $V$

$c \in V$  which is open.

(Def<sup>n</sup> of open)  $\exists \delta > 0 \quad N(c, \delta) \subseteq V.$

$f(N(c, \delta)) \subseteq f(V) = f(f^{-1}(U)) \subseteq U$

Combining all:

Given  $c \in \mathbb{R}, \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \quad f(N(c, \delta)) \subseteq N(f(c), \varepsilon).$

$\uparrow x \in N(c, \delta) \Leftrightarrow |x-c| < \delta$

Given  $c \in \mathbb{R}, \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R} (|x-c| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(c)| < \varepsilon)$

$\updownarrow f(x) \in N(f(c), \varepsilon)$

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (c)given  $f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ :

$$\forall c \in \mathbb{R} \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R} (|x - c| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(c)| < \varepsilon)$$

Want  $\forall$  closed set  $H \subseteq \mathbb{R} = \text{codomain}$ ,  
 $f^{-1}(H)$  is closed in  $D = \mathbb{R}$ .

Proof: Let  $H \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $H$  be closed.

$$\text{Let } E = f^{-1}(H).$$

If  $E = \emptyset$  or  $E' = \emptyset$ , then  $E = f^{-1}(H)$  is closed,  
 which finishes the proof.

Assume  $E' \neq \emptyset$  ( $\Rightarrow E \neq \emptyset$ )Let  $c \in E'$ , be an arbitrary pt.

$$\exists (s_n) \subseteq E, s_n \not\rightarrow c \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{since } \forall \varepsilon > 0 N^*(c, \varepsilon) \cap E \neq \emptyset \\ \text{OR } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \underbrace{N^*(c, \frac{1}{n}) \cap E \neq \emptyset}_{\text{choose } s_n \text{ in it.}} \end{array} \right.$$

$$s_n \in E = f^{-1}(H)$$

$$f(s_n) \in H.$$

$$f(s_n) \rightarrow f(c) \text{ hypothesis (a), } \leftarrow \text{Thm 5.2.2}$$

Claim  $f(c) \in H \cup H'$ .If  $f(s_n) = f(c)$  for some  $n$ , then  $f(c) \in H$ If  $f(s_n) \neq f(c)$  for all  $n$ ,  $f(s_n) \rightarrow f(c)$ def. of  $H'$   $\Rightarrow f(c) \in H'$ 

$$H = H \cup H' \text{ since } H \cap H' \text{ closed.}$$

$$f(c) \in H$$

$$c \in f^{-1}(H) = E.$$

We proved for any  $c \in E'$ , we have  $c \in E$ .

$$\text{Hence } E' \subseteq E.$$

$$f^{-1}(H) = E \text{ is closed by defn}$$