

# Continuity

## Continuous at a point:

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

## Types of discontinuities:

- Removed  ~~$\neq$~~
- Jump  ~~$\neq$~~
- Infinite  ~~$\neq$~~

- Continuous at the endpoint means it's continuous from only the left or right.

- If  $f(a)$  is differentiable, then  $f(a)$  is also continuous.

## Finding domains:

- These are also continuous if  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are also.

$$f+g, f-g, f \cdot g, \frac{f}{g} \text{ if } g(x) \neq 0$$

- The domain is the overlapping domains of  $f$  and  $g$ .

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

1. Find domain of  $g(x)$

2. Find domain of  $f(x)$

3. Map domain of  $f(x)$  to domain of  $g(x)$

4. Find the overlap of the domain of  $g(x)$  and the mapped domain

Ex: Find domain of  $\sqrt{1+\frac{5}{x}}$      $f(x) = \sqrt{g(x)}$      $g(x) = 1+\frac{5}{x}$

Domain of  $g(x)$ :  $x \neq 0$

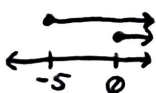
Domain of  $f(x)$ :  $g(x) \geq 0$

Map:  $1+\frac{5}{x} \geq 0$      $\frac{5}{x} \geq -1$

If  $x \geq 0$

$$5 \geq -x$$

$$-5 \leq x$$



$$x \geq 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x \leq -5$$

If  $x < 0$  ← When multiplying or dividing by a negative num, you need to change the inequality.

$$5 \leq -x$$

$$-5 \geq x$$



Overlap:  $(x \geq 0 \text{ or } x \leq -5) \text{ and } x \neq 0$

$$(-\infty, -5] \cup (0, \infty)$$

- Domains of common functions

polynomial  $(-\infty, \infty)$

$\sqrt{x}$   $[0, \infty)$

$\frac{1}{x}$   $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

$a^x$   $(-\infty, \infty)$

$\log_b x$   $(0, \infty)$

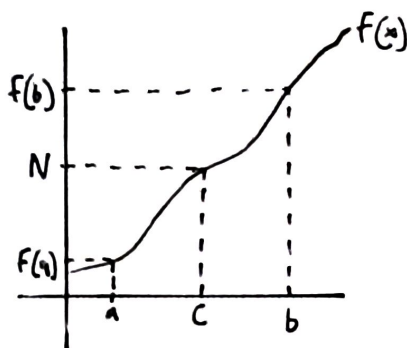
$\sin/\cos$   $(-\infty, \infty)$

$\tan$   $x \neq \pm \frac{\pi}{2}, \pm \frac{3\pi}{2}, \pm \frac{5\pi}{2}, \text{etc}$

$\sin^{-1}/\cos^{-1}$   $[-1, 1]$

$\tan^{-1}$   $(-\infty, \infty)$

Intermediate Value Theorem (IVT):



If  $f(x)$  is continuous between  $[a, b]$ , and  $f(a) < N < f(b)$ , then there exists  $c$  between  $(a, b)$  such that  $f(c) = N$ .

Ex: Prove that there's a root of  $\cos x + e^x + x = 0$  on the interval  $(-1, 0)$

$$f(x) = \cos x + e^x + x$$

$f(x)$ 's domain is  $(-\infty, \infty)$ , therefore it's continuous between  $[-1, 0]$

$$a = -1 \quad b = 0 \quad N = 0$$

$$f(a) = -0.09 \quad f(b) = 2 \quad f(-1) < N < f(0)$$

$\therefore$  there exists  $c$  between  $(-1, 0)$  such that  $f(c) = N = 0$ .