

Definition 2.9 We say that f is negligible in front of g in x_0 , if $\exists h(x)$ defined in a neighborhood of x_0 such that : $f(x) = h(x).g(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} h(x) = 0$ and we note in this case

$$f \underset{x \rightarrow x_0}{=} o(g) \Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0; \forall x \in v(x_0) : |x - x_0| < \varepsilon \Rightarrow |f(x)| \leq \varepsilon |g(x)|$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 0 \text{ if } g(x) \neq 0$$

Definition 2.10 We say that f is dominated by g in the neighborhood of x_0 if $\exists b(x)$ defined and bounded (in the neighborhood of x_0) such that $f(x) = b(x).g(x)$, and we note in this case

$$f \underset{x \rightarrow x_0}{=} O(g) \Leftrightarrow \exists M > 0 \text{ et } \exists \delta > 0, \forall x \in v(x_0) \text{ (neighborhood of } x_0) \Rightarrow |f(x)| \leq M |g(x)|$$

that is to say $\frac{f}{g}$ is bounded in the neighborhood of x_0

Definition 2.11 f and g are equivalent to $v(x_0)$. If $\exists h(x)$ defined at $v(x_0)$ such that $f(x) = h(x).g(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} h(x) = 1$, and we note in this case

$$f \sim g \Leftrightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 1, \text{ if } g(x) \neq 0$$

Theorem 2.5 • If $f_1 \sim g_1$ and $f_2 \sim g_2$ then :

$$\begin{array}{ll} f_1 f_2 \sim g_1 g_2 & |f_1| \sim |g_1| \\ \frac{f_1}{f_2} \sim \frac{g_1}{g_2} & f_1^\alpha \sim g_1^\alpha \end{array}$$

Standard equivalence list

3. Continuity :

$$1 \bullet \sin x \underset{0}{\sim} x$$

$$6 \bullet e^x - 1 \underset{0}{\sim} x$$

$$2 \bullet \tan x \underset{0}{\sim} x$$

$$7 \bullet \arcsin x \underset{0}{\sim} x$$

$$3 \bullet \cos x - 1 \underset{0}{\sim} -\frac{x^2}{2}$$

$$8 \bullet \arctan x \underset{0}{\sim} x$$

$$4 \bullet (1 - x)^\alpha \underset{0}{\sim} 1 - \alpha x$$

$$9 \bullet \cot gx \underset{0}{\sim} \frac{1}{x}$$

$$5 \bullet (1 + x)^\alpha \underset{0}{\sim} 1 + \alpha x$$

$$10 \bullet \ln(1 + x) \underset{0}{\sim} x$$

Example 2.7 Calculate the following limits : $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x \ln(1 + x^2)}{x \tan x}$

we have $\sin x \underset{0}{\sim} x$, $\tan x \underset{0}{\sim} x$ and $\ln(1 + x^2) \underset{0}{\sim} x^2$

then $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x \ln(1 + x^2)}{x \tan x} \underset{0}{\sim} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \ln(1 + x^2)}{x \cdot x} \underset{0}{\sim} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \cdot x^2}{x \cdot x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x = 0$ hence

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x \ln(1 + x^2)}{x \tan x} = 0$$

Remark 2.1 To eliminate the indeterminate form 1^∞ , we use the form of the following limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 + x)^{\frac{1}{x}} = e = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 - x)^{\frac{1}{x}} = e^{-1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right)^x$$

more general
$$\lim_{f(x) \rightarrow 0} (1 + f(x))^{\frac{1}{f(x)}} = e = \lim_{f(x) \rightarrow +\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{f(x)}\right)^{f(x)}$$

3 Continuity :

3.1 Continuous function at one point :

Definition 3.1 Let $f: D_f \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function and $x_0 \in D_f$, we say that f is

- continuous at point $x_0 \in D_f$ if and only if : $f'(x_0)$ exists and $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0)$ which is equivalent to

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \forall x \in D : |x - x_0| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(x_0)| < \varepsilon.$$

- continues to the right of point x_0 , iff $\lim_{x \xrightarrow{\geq} x_0} f(x) = f(x_0) \Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \forall x \in D : 0 < x - x_0 < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(x_0)| < \varepsilon.$

- continues to the left of point x_0 , iff $\lim_{x \xrightarrow{\leq} x_0} f(x) = f(x_0) \Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \forall x \in D : 0 < x_0 - x < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(x_0)| < \varepsilon.$

Important : $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0) \Leftrightarrow \lim_{x \xrightarrow{\geq} x_0} f(x) = \lim_{x \xrightarrow{\leq} x_0} f(x) = f(x_0)$

Definition 3.2 (Sequential Characterization) : Let $f : D_f \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function and $x_0 \in D_f$. we say that f is continuous at x_0 if and only if for every sequence $(u_n)_n$ of points of D_f such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u_n = x_0$, we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} f(u_n) = f(x_0)$.

Operations on continuous functions

Proposition 3.1 Let f and g two maps of D in \mathbb{R} and $x_0 \in D$. If f and g are continuous at x_0 then $f + g$, $f \cdot g$ are continuous at x_0 . If $\forall x_0, g(x) \neq 0$, then $\frac{f}{g}$ is continuous at x_0 .

Proposition 3.2 Let f and g be two maps of D in \mathbb{R} and $x_0 \in D$. If f is continuous at x_0 and g is continuous at $f(x_0)$ then $g \circ f$ is continuous at x_0 .

Remark 3.1 f is said discontinuous at x_0 if

- f is not defined at x_0
- the limit exists but different from $f(x)$
- the limit does not exist.

3.2 Continuous Functions over an interval :

Definition 3.3 We say that the real function $D_f \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous over the entire interval D_f if and only if, it is continuous at every point of this interval . that's to say

$$\forall x_0 \in D_f, \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \forall x \in D : |x - x_0| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(x_0)| < \varepsilon$$

Theorem 3.1 Let $[a, b]$ be a closed and bounded interval and $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a continuous map. Then f is bounded and reaches its upper and lower bounds.

$$\exists \alpha \in [a, b] : f(\alpha) = \sup f(x) ; x \in [a, b]$$

$$\exists \beta \in [a, b] : f(\beta) = \inf f(x) ; x \in [a, b]$$

$$\forall x \in [a, b], \text{ we have } f(\beta) \leq f(x) \leq f(\alpha)$$

Theorem 3.2 (intermediate Value Theorem) : If f is a continuous function on a closed interval $[a, b]$ such that $f(a)$ and $f(b)$ have different signs ($f(a).f(b) < 0$) then $\exists c \in]a, b[: f(c) = 0$

Theorem 3.3 Second theorem of intermediate values : Let f be a continuous function on an interval $[a, b]$, then for everything y strictly included between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$ we have $\exists c \in [a, b]$ such that $f(c) = y$

Corollary 3.1 1) The image of any interval $I \subset \mathbb{R}$, of a continuous function on I will necessarily be an interval.

2) The 'image of any closed interval $[a, b]$, of a continuous function on $[a, b]$ will necessarily be a closed interval.

Application : Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ continue

Show that f admits at least one fixed point i.e $\exists x \in [0, 1]$ such that $f(x) = x$

let $g(x) = f(x) - x$, it is clear that g is continuous on $[0, 1]$

we have $g(0) = f(0) - 0 = f(0) \geq 0$; $0 \leq f(0) \leq 1$

$$g(1) = f(1) - 1 \leq 0 \quad ; \quad 0 \leq f(1) \leq 1$$

So according to the intermediate value theorem $\exists x \in [0, 1] : g(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow f(x) - x = 0$.


Hence $\exists x \in [0, 1] : f(x) = x$

3.3 Uniforme continuity :

Definition 3.4 We say that the real function $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is uniformly continuous on the interval D if only if, it satisfies

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \forall x_1, x_2 \in D; x_1 < x_2 : |x_2 - x_1| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x_2) - f(x_1)| < \varepsilon$$

Remark 3.2 1> In uniform continuity over an interval the constant δ depends only on the choice of ε , on the other hand in simple continuity over an interval, δ depends on the choice of x_0 and ε

2> Uniform continuity on an interval  continuity on an interval, it is enough to take $x_2 = x$ and $x_1 = x_0$ in the definition of continuity

Theorem 3.4 (Heine) : Any continuous function on $[a, b]$ is uniformly continuous on this interval.

Example 3.1 • The function $f(x) = \alpha x, \alpha \neq 0$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} . Indeed

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \forall x_1, x_2 \in D; x_1 < x_2 : |x_2 - x_1| < \delta \Rightarrow |\alpha x_2 - \alpha x_1| = |\alpha| |x_2 - x_1| < \varepsilon$$

we take $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{|\alpha|}$

• on the other hand the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ is not uniformly continuous on $]0, 1]$ because

$$\exists \varepsilon = 1, \forall \delta > 0, \exists x_1 = \frac{1}{2n}, n \in \mathbb{N}^*, \exists x_2 = \frac{1}{n} : |x_2 - x_1| = \left| \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{2n} \right| = \frac{1}{2n} < \delta \text{ and}$$

$$|f(x_2) - f(x_1)| = \left| \frac{1}{x_2} - \frac{1}{x_1} \right| = n \geq 1.$$

3.4 Monotonic functions et la continuité :

Theorem 3.5 *Let $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function defined and continuous on the interval I . Then*

$$f \text{ is continuous on } I \Leftrightarrow f(I) \text{ is an interval}$$

Theorem 3.6 *Let $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function defined and continuous on the interval I . If f is strictly monotonic on I , then f is injective on $J = f(I)$*

Theorem 3.7 *Let $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. ($I \subset \mathbb{R}$ is an interval).*

If f is strictly monotonic and continuous on I , then

1. *f is a bijection of I in $J = f(I)$*

2. *The inverse function $f^{-1} : J = f(I) \rightarrow I$ is strictly monotonic and continuous on J*

Example : Arcsinus function is a reciprocal function of the sine function on the interval $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$:

$$\begin{aligned} \arcsin : [-1, 1] &\rightarrow \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \\ x &\mapsto \arcsin x, \end{aligned}$$

and checks the following relationships :

$$\triangleright \text{If } x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] : \sin x = y \Leftrightarrow x = \arcsin y$$

$$\triangleright \sin(\arcsin x) = x, \quad \forall x \in [-1, 1],$$

$$\triangleright \arcsin(\sin x) = x, \quad \forall x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right],$$

$$\triangleright \cos(\arcsin x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2}, \quad \forall x \in [-1, 1],$$

3.5 Extension by continuity :

Definition 3.5 *Let I be an interval, x_0 a point of I . If the function is not defined at the point $x_0 \in I$ and it admits at this point a finite limit denoted l , the function defined by :*

$$\tilde{f}(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } x \neq x_0 \\ l & \text{if } x = x_0 \end{cases}$$

is called an extension by continuity of f at the point x_0 .

Example 3.2 The function $f(x) = x \sin \frac{1}{x}$ is defined and continues on \mathbb{R}^* , and for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^*$ we have

$$|f(x)| = \left| x \sin \frac{1}{x} \right| \leq |x| \text{ therefore } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0. \text{ the extension by continuity of } f$$

at point $x_0 = 0$ is therefore the function \tilde{f} defined by :

$$\tilde{f}(x) = \begin{cases} x \sin \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Example 3.3 Find an extension by continuity at \mathbb{R} of the following function :

$$f(x) = \frac{x^3 + 5x + 6}{x^3 + 1}, \quad D_f = \mathbb{R} - \{-1\}$$

We have $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^3 + 5x + 6}{x^3 + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{(x+1)(x^2 - x + 6)}{(x+1)(x^2 - x + 1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^2 - x + 6}{x^2 - x + 1} = \frac{8}{3}$

The extension \tilde{f} of f defined by

$$\tilde{f}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3 + 5x + 6}{x^3 + 1} & \text{if } x \neq -1 \\ \frac{8}{3} & \text{if } x = -1 \end{cases}$$