

Recap from last time

Intermediate Value Thm: Let  $f$  be continuous on  $[a, b]$ , and  $f(a) < f(b)$ . Given  $d$  with  $f(a) < d < f(b)$ . There exists  $c$  with  $a < c < b$  and  $f(c) = d$ .

Proof:

$$\text{let } H = \{x \mid a < x < b \text{ and } f(x) < d\}$$

We showed (1)  $H \neq \emptyset$

(2)  $b$  is an upper bound for  $H$

so,  $\sup(H)$  exists. Let  $c = \sup(H)$

Note: Last thing we showed was  $c < b$

Note that  $a < c$

Why? since  $H \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\exists h \in H$

since  $h \in H$ , we have  $a < h$

since  $c = \sup(H)$ , we have  $h \leq c$  so,  $a < h \leq c$ .

We now need to show that  $f(c) = d$

We do this by showing that  $f(c) > d$  and  $f(c) < d$  cannot happen.

Suppose  $f(c) < d$

then  $d - f(c) > 0$ . Let  $\epsilon = d - f(c)$

since  $a < c < b$ , we know that  $f$  is continuous at  $c$ .

so there exists  $\delta' > 0$ , where if  $x \in [a, b]$  and  $|x - c| < \delta'$

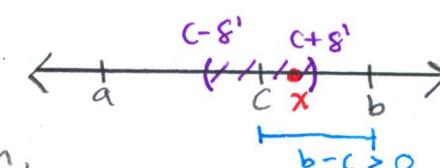
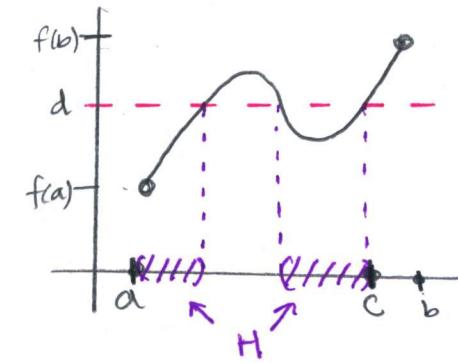
then  $|f(x) - f(c)| < \epsilon = d - f(c)$

Let us assume  $\delta' < b - c$

so if  $x \in [a, b]$  and  $|x - c| < \delta'$  then,

$$|f(x) - f(c)| < |f(x) - f(c)| < d - f(c)$$

so for  $x \in [a, b]$  with  $|x - c| < \delta'$  we have  $f(x) < d$   
that is  $x \in H$

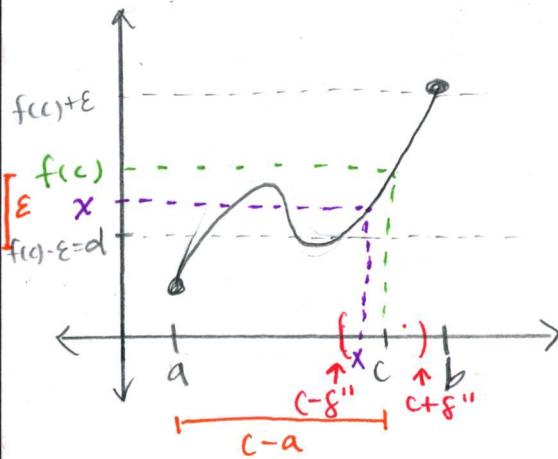


\* Always true

$$y \leq |y|$$

For example if  $x = c + \frac{1}{2}\delta'$ ,  
then  $c < x < b$  and  $f(x) < d$   
then  $x \notin H$  and contradicts  
the fact that  $c = \sup(H)$ .

- Suppose  $f(c) > d$



$$\text{let } \varepsilon = f(c) - d > 0$$

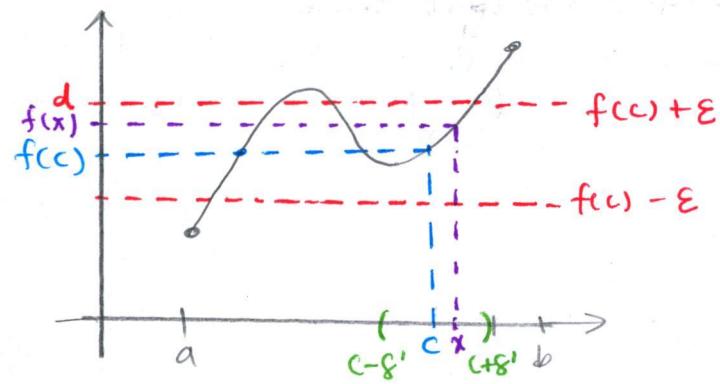
since  $f$  is continuous at  $c \exists \delta'' > 0$   
where if  $x \in [a, b]$  and  $|x - c| < \delta''$  then  
 $|f(x) - f(c)| < \varepsilon = f(c) - d$

- we may assume  $\delta'' < c - a$

so if  $x \in [a, b]$  and  $|x - c| < \delta''$  then  $|f(c) - f(x)| < |f(c) - f(c)| < f(c) - d$   
That is, if  $x \in [a, b]$  and  $|x - c| < \delta''$ , then  $d < f(x)$ .  
so,  $(c - \delta'', c + \delta'') \cap H = \emptyset$ .

However, by the useful sup fact, there must exists  $h \in H$  with  $c - \delta'' < h < c$ .

contradiction!  $\blacksquare$



## Homework 4 #4

Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$ , let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a \neq 0$ .

Show that  $f$  is continuous at  $a$ .

**Proof:** Let's assume  $a > 0$

(A similar proof will work for  $a < 0$ )

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

we need to find  $\delta > 0$  where if  $x \neq 0$  (ie.  $x$  is in the domain of  $f$ ) and  $|x-a| < \delta$  then  $\left|\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{a^2}\right| < \epsilon$ .

Note that,

$$\left|\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{a^2}\right| = \left|\frac{a^2 - x^2}{x^2 a^2}\right| = \frac{|a-x||a+x|}{|x|^2 |a|^2}$$

control via  $\delta$  need to bound  
by a number

$$\frac{|x-a||x+a|}{|x|^2 |a|^2}$$

Suppose  $\delta \leq \frac{a}{2}$

Suppose  $|x-a| < \delta < \frac{a}{2}$  so,  $a - \frac{a}{2} < x < a + \frac{a}{2}$ . That is,  $\frac{a}{2} < x < \frac{3a}{2}$ .

so,  $\frac{3a}{2} < x < \frac{5a}{2}$  thus,  $|x+a| < \frac{5a}{2}$ .

Also,  $(\frac{a}{2})^2 < x^2 < (\frac{3a}{2})^2$ . so,  $|x^2| > \frac{a^2}{4}$ . Thus  $\frac{1}{|x^2|} < \frac{4}{a^2}$

Thus if  $|x-a| < \frac{a}{2}$ , then

$$\left|\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{a^2}\right| = \frac{|x-a||x+a|}{|x^2||a^2|} < \left(|x-a|\right) \left(\frac{5a}{2}\right) \left(\frac{4}{a^2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{a^2}\right)$$

so if  $|x-a| < \frac{a}{2}$ , we have  $\left|\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{a^2}\right| < |x-a| \cdot \frac{10}{a^3}$

let  $\delta = \min \left\{ \frac{a}{2}, \frac{\epsilon}{\frac{10}{a^3}} \right\}$ , therefore, if  $|x-a| < \delta$ ,

$$\text{then } \left|\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{a^2}\right| < |x-a| \cdot \frac{10}{a^3} < \frac{\epsilon}{\left(\frac{10}{a^3}\right)} \cdot \left(\frac{10}{a^3}\right) = \epsilon \quad \square$$

$|x-a| < \frac{a}{2}$        $|x-a| < \frac{\epsilon}{\left(\frac{10}{a^3}\right)}$

**HW 4 #7** Let  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous on  $D$  where  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

(a) suppose  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$  and  $L \in D$  and  $a_n \in D \forall n$ .

Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(a_n) = f(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n) = f(L)$

**Ex:**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\frac{1}{n}} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n}} = e^0 = 1$$

$f(x) = e^x$  is continuous  $\forall x$ .

new sequence

$$f(a_1), f(a_2), f(a_3), \dots \rightarrow f(L)$$

**Proof:** Let  $\epsilon > 0$

goal: we want to find  $N > 0$  where if  $n \geq N$

$$\text{then } |f(a_n) - f(L)| < \epsilon$$

since  $L \in D$  and  $f$  is continuous on  $D$ ,  $f$  is continuous at  $L$ . Thus there exists  $\delta > 0$  where if  $|x - L| < \delta$

$$\text{then } |f(x) - f(L)| < \epsilon$$

since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$ ,  $\exists N > 0$  where if  $n \geq N$  then  $|a_n - L| < \delta$

so if  $n \geq N$  then  $|a_n - L| < \delta$  and so  $|f(a_n) - f(L)| < \epsilon$  □

**HW 3 #1(d)**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x}{x^2 + 1}$  (Modified)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^{10}}{x^{100} + 7x^4}$

**proof:** let  $\epsilon > 0$

we have that  $\left| \frac{2x^{10}}{x^{100} + 7x^4} - 0 \right| = \left| \frac{2x^{10}}{x^{100} + 7x^4} \right| = \frac{2x^{10}}{x^{100} + 7x^4} = \frac{2x^6}{x^{96} + 7}$

assume  $x > 0$   
since  $x \rightarrow \infty$

$$\frac{2x^6}{x^{96} + 7} < \frac{2x^6}{x^{96}} = \frac{2}{x^{90}}$$

and  $\frac{2}{x^{90}} < \epsilon$  iff  $\frac{2}{\epsilon} < x^{90}$  iff  $\sqrt[90]{\frac{2}{\epsilon}} < x$

Let  $N > \sqrt[90]{\frac{2}{\epsilon}}$ . If  $x \geq N > \sqrt[90]{\frac{2}{\epsilon}}$ , then  $\left| \frac{2x^{10}}{x^{100} + 7x^4} - 0 \right| < \epsilon$  □

# Open and Closed Subsets of $\mathbb{R}$ (Topic 5)

Def: Let  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

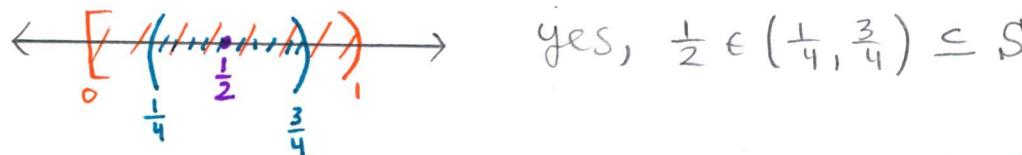
We say that  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is an **interior point** of  $S$  if there exists  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a < b$  with  $x \in (a, b) \subseteq S$



$x$  sits inside an interval  $(a, b)$  that's completely contained in  $S$ .

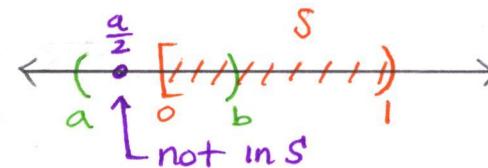
Example:  $S = [0, 1]$

Is  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  an interior point of  $S$ ?



Is  $x=0$  an interior point of  $S$ ?

No, Any interval  $(a, b)$  with  $0 \in (a, b)$  will not be contained in  $S$



Ex:  $-\frac{a}{2} \notin S$

but  $-\frac{a}{2} \in (a, b)$

Def: Let  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

$S$  is called **open** if every  $x \in S$  is an interior point of  $S$

Ex:  $S = [0, 1)$

is not open since  $0 \in S$ , but  $0$  is not an interior point of  $S$ .

Fact: If  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a < b$

then  $S = (a, b)$  is an open set

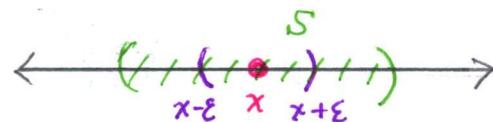
**proof:** let  $x \in S$

We need to show that  $x$  is an interior point of  $S = (a, b)$ .  
since  $x \in (a, b) \subseteq S$ ,  $x$  is an interior point of  $S$   $\square$

**Proposition:** Let  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  (This is another way to say that  $x$  is an interior pt. of  $S$ )

Then  $S$  is open iff for every  $x \in S$  there exists  $\epsilon > 0$

so that  $(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \subseteq S$



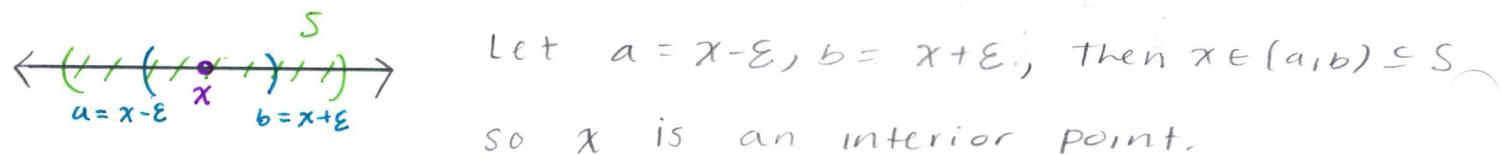
This prop. will follow from the following.

**Proposition:** Let  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

$x \in S$  is an interior point of  $S$  iff  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  with  $(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \subseteq S$

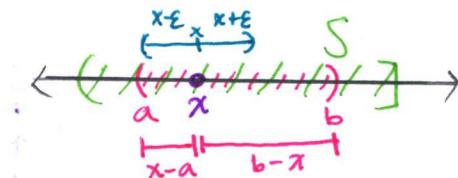
**proof:**

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $x \in S$  such that  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  with  $(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \subseteq S$



( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $x \in S$  be an interior point of  $S$ . Then  $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  
 $a < b$ , with  $x \in (a, b) \subseteq S$ .

Let  $\epsilon = \min\{x - a, b - x\}$



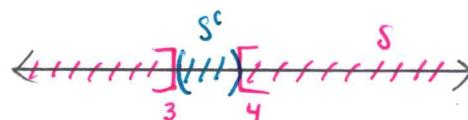
Then,  $(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \subseteq (a, b) \subseteq S$   $\square$

**Def:** let  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

we say that  $S$  is **closed** if  $S^c = \mathbb{R} \setminus S = \mathbb{R} - S = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \notin S\}$

is open.

**Example:**  $S = (-\infty, 3] \cup [4, \infty)$



$S^c = \mathbb{R} \setminus S = (3, 4)$  is open

so,  $S$  is closed.