

Limits and Continuity

Def 20.1: Limit of f at c .

Let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and let c be an accumulation point of D . We say that a real number L is a limit of f at c , if for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ whenever $x \in D$ and $0 < |x - c| < \delta$.

Thm 20.2 Let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and let c be an accumulation point of D . Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$ iff for each neighborhood V of L there exists a deleted neighborhood U of c such that $f(U \cap D) \subset V$.

Thm 20.8 Let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and let c be an accumulation point of D . Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$ iff for every sequence $\{s_n\}$ in D that converges to c with $s_n \neq c \forall n$, the sequence $\{f(s_n)\}$ converges to L .

Corollary 20.9 If $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and if c is an accumulation point of D , then f can have only one limit at c .

Thm 20.10 Let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and let c be an accumulation point of D . Then TFAE:

- (a) f does not have a limit at c .
- (b) There exists a sequence $\{s_n\}$ in D with $s_n \neq c \forall n$, such that $\{s_n\}$ converges to c , but $\{f(s_n)\}$ is not convergent in \mathbb{R} .

Def. 20.12

(a) Let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. We define the sum $f + g$ and the product fg to be the functions from D to \mathbb{R} given by $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$ and $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$ for all $x \in D$.

(b) If $k \in \mathbb{R}$, then the multiple $kf : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the function defined by $(kf)(x) = kf(x)$ for all $x \in D$.

(c) If $g(x) \neq 0$ for all $x \in D$, then the quotient $f/g : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the function defined by $(\frac{f}{g})(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ for all $x \in D$.

Thm 20.13 Let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and c be an accumulation point of D . if $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = M$, and $k \in \mathbb{R}$, then

- (a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f + g)(x) = L + M$
- (b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (fg)(x) = LM$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (kf)(x) = kL$

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \left(\frac{f}{g} \right) (x) = \frac{L}{M}$, provided $g(x) \neq 0$ for all $x \in D$ and $M \neq 0$.

HW: 20.1, 20.3 (a,c,e,g), 20.4, 20.6 (c), 20.7 (c), 20.9 (a).