

# Week 6 Lecture 1

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## Closed, open and bounded sets

A set of real numbers  $S$  is open if for every  $x \in S$  there is an  $\varepsilon > 0$  so that the interval  $(x - \varepsilon, x + \varepsilon)$  is contained in  $S$ .

2. closed if its complement

$$S^c = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \notin S\}$$

is open

3. bounded if it is bounded above and bounded below i.e. there exist  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  so that for all  $x \in S$ ,  $\alpha \leq x \leq \beta$ .

The following intervals are ~~open~~ (2)

open:  $(a, b)$ ,  $(a, \infty)$ ,  $(-\infty, a)$ ,  $(-\infty, \infty)$   
 $\mathbb{R}$

closed:  $[a, b]$ ,  $(-\infty, a]$ ,  $[a, \infty)$ ,  $(-\infty, \infty)$   
 $\mathbb{R}$

bounded:  $[a, b]$ ,  $[a, b)$ ,  $(a, b]$

neither open nor closed

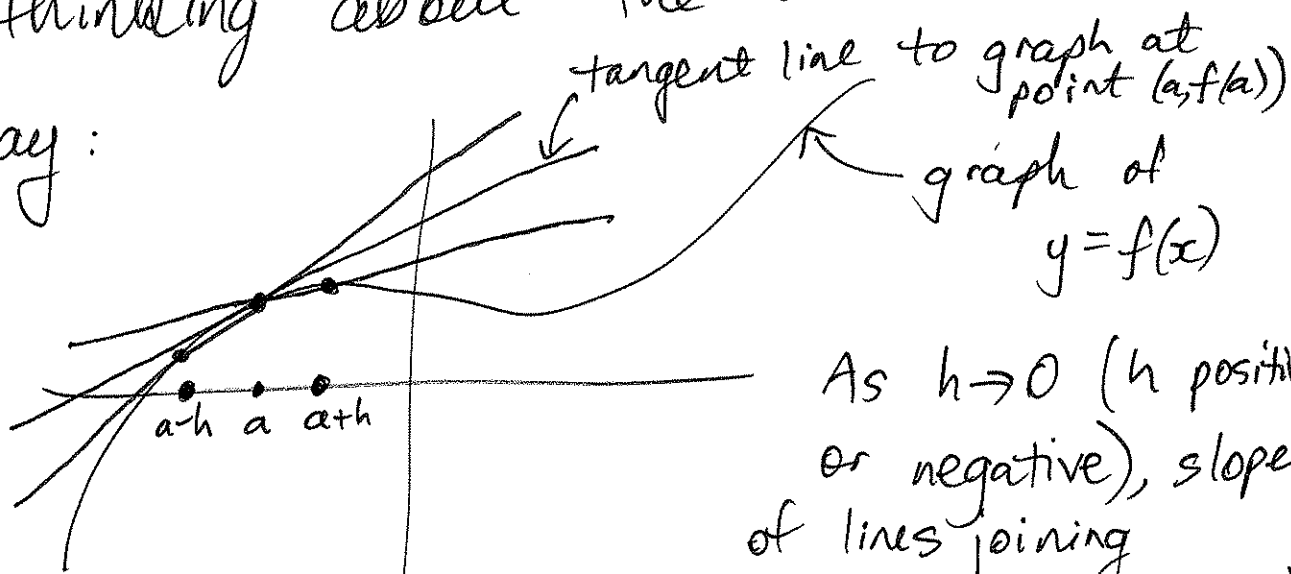
(the empty set is open)

Thus the only ~~set~~ intervals which are both ~~open~~ closed and bounded are those of the form  $[a, b]$ .

## Differentiation

See Thurston essay for many ways of thinking about the derivative.

One way:



As  $h \rightarrow 0$  ( $h$  positive or negative), slope of lines joining  $(a, f(a))$  to  $(a \pm h, f(a \pm h))$

approaches the slope of the tangent (3) line to the graph of  $f(x)$  at  $(a, f(a))$ .

Definition A function  $f$  is differentiable at a point  $a$  in its domain if the

limit

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \underbrace{\frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}}_{\text{slope of line joining } (a, f(a)) \text{ to } (a+h, f(a+h))}$$

exists. If this limit exists, its value is called the derivative of  $f(x)$  at  $a$ , denoted  $f'(a)$ .

Example

1. ~~The~~ For any constant  $k$ , the function  $f(x) = k$  is differentiable at any  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  since

$$\begin{aligned} f'(a) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{k - k}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 0 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

2. The function  $f(x) = x$  is differentiable at all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  (4)

$$\begin{aligned} f'(a) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a+h - a}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 1 \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem If  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$  then  $f$  is continuous at  $a$ .

Proof Want to show  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$ .

Will use these 2 facts about limits:

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a) \iff \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x) - f(a)) = 0$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(a+h)$ . (put  $x = a+h$ )

Now

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x) - f(a)) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (f(a+h) - f(a))$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} \cdot h \right) \quad (5)$$

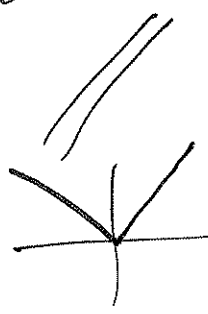
$$= \left( \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} \right) \left( \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h \right)$$

since both of these limits exist; the first one because  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$

$$= (f'(a))(0)$$

$$= 0$$

thus  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$  as required.

Note the converse is not true 

e.g.  $f(x) = |x|$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ , but not differentiable at  $0$  since

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{h}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 1 = 1$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{-h}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} -1 = -1$$

Thus the left- and right-hand (6) limits exist but they are not the same so  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h}$  does not exist.

Definition  $f$  is left-differentiable at  $a$  if  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$ , the left-hand derivative exists, similarly  $f$  is right-differentiable at  $a$  if the right-hand derivative  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$  exists.

So  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$

$\Leftrightarrow$  both left- and right-hand derivatives exist and are equal.

Differentiability on intervals

~~$f$  is differentiable at each point in an open interval~~

## Differentiability on intervals (7)

Let  $I$  be an open interval. Then  $f$  is differentiable on  $I$  if it is differentiable at each point in  $I$ .

If  $f$  is differentiable on  $I$  then we define a function  $f'$  on  $I$ , called the derivative of  $f$  by

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

If  $f'$  is differentiable on  $I$  then we can define the second derivative

by

$$f''(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(x+h) - f'(x)}{h}$$

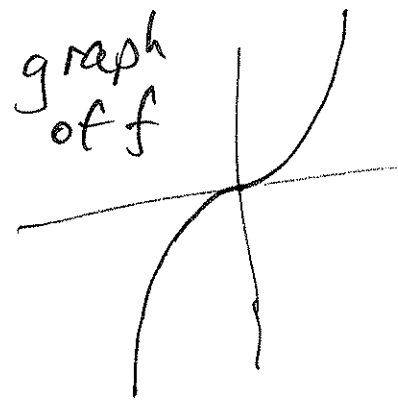
third derivative (if  $f''$  is differentiable)

$$f^{(3)}(x) = f'''(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f''(x+h) - f''(x)}{h}$$

etc.

Note For any positive integer  $n$ , (8)  
 there is a function  $f$  so that  
 the  $n^{\text{th}}$  derivative  $f^{(n)}$  exists, but  
 $f^{(n+1)}$  does not i.e.  $f^{(n)}$  is not differentiable.

e.g.  $n=1$   $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & x \geq 0 \\ -x^2 & x < 0 \end{cases}$

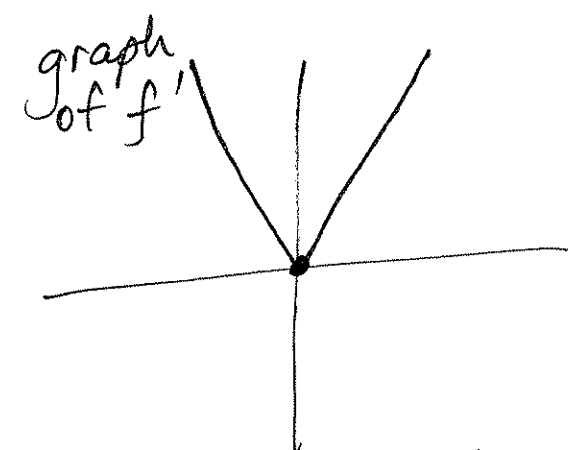


is differentiable at 0

$$f'(0) = 0$$

but

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & x > 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \\ -2x & x < 0 \end{cases}$$



is not differentiable at 0.

Leibniz notation

$$f' \rightarrow \frac{df}{dx} \text{ or } \frac{d}{dx} f$$

$$f'(a) \rightarrow \frac{df}{dx}(a) \text{ or } \left. \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x=a}$$

$$f'' \rightarrow \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} \text{ or } \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{df}{dx} \right) \text{ or } \frac{d^2}{dx^2} f \quad (9)$$

$$f^{(n)} \rightarrow \frac{d^n f}{dx^n} \text{ etc.}$$