

Solution to lecture 6 slide

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{ax} & x > 2 \\ x-a & x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

For which a this function is continuous

First in order to be defined we need

$ax \geq 0$ when $x > 0$ thus $a \geq 0$

For continuity the two branches have to agree in $x=2$ that is

$$\sqrt{a \cdot 2} = 2 - a \quad (*)$$

we square both sides

$$2a = 4 - 4a + a^2$$

$$a^2 - 6a + 4 = 0$$

we use quadratic formula

$$a_{\pm} = 3 \pm \sqrt{9-4} = 3 \pm \sqrt{5}$$

these are both positive but we have to check that they are indeed roots for $(*)$: by squaring we could have produced false roots:

$$\sqrt{2(3+\sqrt{5})} \stackrel{?}{=} 2-3-\sqrt{5}$$

NO $\sqrt{x} \geq 0$ but the RHS is neg.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \sqrt{6-2\sqrt{5}} & = & 2-3+\sqrt{5} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 1.236068 & & 1.236067 \end{array}$$

Answer the function is continuous when

$$a = 3 - \sqrt{5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^5 + x^4 + 3x + 1}{2x^5 + 2x + 1} &= \\ &= \frac{\cancel{x^5} \left(1 + \cancel{\frac{1}{x}} + \frac{3}{\cancel{x^4}} + \frac{1}{\cancel{x^5}} \right)}{\cancel{x^5} \left(2 + \frac{2}{\cancel{x^4}} + \frac{1}{\cancel{x^5}} \right)} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\bullet \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \ln(x+3) - \ln(x) = \infty - \infty \text{ indef}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \ln\left(\frac{x+3}{x}\right) = \ln \text{ const.}$$

$$= \ln\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x+3}{x}\right)$$

$$= \ln\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\cancel{x}(1+\cancel{3/x})}{\cancel{x}}\right) = \ln(1) = 0$$

$$\bullet \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln(x) \cdot x = -\infty \cdot 0 \text{ undef.}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(x)}{\frac{1}{x}} \stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{-1 \frac{1}{x^2}} =$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{-x^2}{1} = 0$$

$$\bullet \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x^2} = \frac{0}{0} \text{ undef}$$

$$\text{H} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x}{2x} = \begin{cases} \rightarrow -\infty & \text{if } x \rightarrow 0^- \\ \rightarrow +\infty & \text{if } x \rightarrow 0^+ \end{cases}$$

The limit is not defined

$$\bullet \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{(2x-1)^4}{(x-1)(x+3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{2^4 x^4 + \text{terms of lower order}}{x^2 + 2x - 3}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^4 (1 + \text{terms that go to 0})}{x^2 (1 + \cancel{2/x} - \cancel{3/x^2})}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x^2 = +\infty$$

$$\bullet \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \sqrt{\frac{x^2 - e^{-x} + 5}{x^2 + 2x + 3}} = \sqrt{\text{car}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^2 - e^{-x} + 5}{x^2 + 2x + 3}} = \sqrt{\frac{\infty}{\infty}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\cancel{x^2} (1 - \cancel{e^{-x}/x^2} + \cancel{5/x^2})}{\cancel{x^2} (1 + \cancel{2/x} + \cancel{3/x^2})}} = \sqrt{1} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{e^{2x} + x^5 - \ln(x)}{\sqrt{1+e^{4x}}} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\cancel{e^{2x}} \left(1 + \overset{\textcircled{1}}{x^5/e^{2x}} - \overset{\textcircled{2}}{\ln(x)/e^{2x}} \right)}{\cancel{e^{2x}} \left(1 + \cancel{1/e^{4x}} \right)} = (*)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now we check that ① and ② goes to zero when $x \rightarrow +\infty$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^5}{e^{2x}} \stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{5x^4}{2e^{2x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{20x^3}{4e^{2x}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{60x^2}{8e^{2x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{120}{16e^{2x}} x$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{120}{32e^{2x}} = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln(x)}{e^{2x}} \stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{2xe^{2x}} = 0$$

Thus

$$(*) = 1$$