

Consider the function $f: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

We show that f is not continuous at $a = \frac{1}{2}$

To this aim we need to find an $\varepsilon > 0$ such that, for every $\delta > 0$ there is a real number p with $|p - \frac{1}{2}| < \delta$ and $|f(p) - f(\frac{1}{2})| > \varepsilon$.

Let ε be any number $< \frac{1}{2}$ for example $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{3}$ then for any $\delta > 0$ there is an irrational number $p \in (\frac{1}{2} - \delta, \frac{1}{2} + \delta)$

Thus we have that

$$|p - \frac{1}{2}| < \delta \quad \text{and}$$

$$|f(p) - f(\frac{1}{2})| = |0 - \frac{1}{2}| = \frac{1}{2} > \varepsilon$$

Thus the function is not continuous at $\frac{1}{2}$.

This function is going to be continuous at $x=0$

Fix $\varepsilon > 0$. Let $\delta = \varepsilon$

for any $x \in (-\delta, \delta)$ we

have that

$$|f(x) - f(0)| = |f(x)| = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{Q} \\ |x| & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

$$< \delta = \varepsilon$$