

Differentiability... Facts 1

Differentiability

def: the ability to take a derivative

First: Limits

exists @ $x=a$ if $LHL = RHL$

Second: Continuity

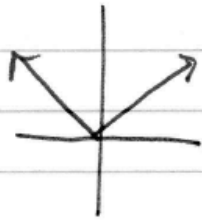
continuous @ $x=a$ if $LHL = RHL = f(a)$

Third: Differentiability

→ $f(x)$ is differentiable @ $x=a$ if $f(x)$ is
continuous @ $x=a$ and $f'(a^+) = f'(a^-)$
(derivative from both sides must be =)

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Ex: $f(x) = |x| \rightarrow$ is it diff @ $x=0$?



$\rightarrow f(x)$ is continuous @ $x=0$

$\rightarrow f'(0^-) = -1$

$\rightarrow f'(0^+) = 1$

Since $f'(0^-) \neq f'(0^+)$, $f(x)$ is not
diff @ $x=0$

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Ex: (a) Determine if $f(x)$ is continuous or discontinuous.

(b) Determine if $f(x)$ is differentiable or not differentiable.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x-2 & x \geq 2 \\ -x+2 & x < 2 \end{cases}$$

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$$\textcircled{a} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = -2 + 2 = \boxed{0} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 2 - 2 = \boxed{0} \quad f(2) = \boxed{0}$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is continuous @ $x=2$

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(b) $f'(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x > 2 \\ -1 & x < 2 \end{cases}$ ← do not include = b/c we do not know yet if it is diff.

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$$f'(2^-) = -1 \quad f'(2^+) = 1$$

Since $f'(2^-) \neq f'(2^+)$, $f(x)$ is not diff @ $x=2$.