

A function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is **continuous at**  $c$  when

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c).$$

If  $f$  is continuous at every  $c \in I$ , we simply say  $f$  is **continuous**.

**Problem 1**

Show that each of the following statements is false using a counterexample.

1. A continuous, surjective function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is injective.
2. A continuous, injective function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is surjective.
3. A bijective function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous.
4. If  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are such that  $f \circ g$  is continuous, then  $f$  is continuous.
5. If  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are such that  $f \circ g$  is continuous, then  $g$  is continuous.
6. If  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are such that  $f \circ g$  is continuous, then either  $f$  or  $g$  is continuous.

**Problem 2**

Show that if  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous at  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f(a) > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $f(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in (a - \delta, a + \delta)$ .

**Problem 3**

Show that if  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are continuous, and we have for some  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(a) > 0$ . Furthermore suppose  $(fg)(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show there exists some  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $x \in (a - \delta, a + \delta)$ ,  $g(x) = 0$ .  
*Hint: Use the previous problem.*

**Problem 4**

Show that if  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , then  $f$  is continuous if and only if for any open interval  $(a, b)$ , for all  $x \in f^{-1}((a, b))$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $(x - \delta, x + \delta) \subseteq f^{-1}((a, b))$ .

**Problem 5**

Exhibit a function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which is:

1. Everywhere discontinuous.
2. Continuous only at 0.
3. Continuous only at integers.
4. Continuous only at irrational numbers.