

## UNIT - III

### Continuous functions on metric spaces

5.1 A.

1. Iff continuous fn is differentiable?

(i) differentiable fn must be cts at every point in its

(ii) cts fn need not be differentiable.

(iii) The limit of  $f$  as  $x$  approaches  $a$  is equal to  $f(a)$ .

✓ Defn:

A fn  $f$  is cts at a point  $x = a$  when,

(i) a fn is defined at  $a$ .

(ii) The limit of  $f$  as  $x$  approaches  $a$  from the right hand and left hand limit exist and are equal.

### 5.1. B. Theorem:

\* Iff the real-valued functions  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous at  $a \in \mathbb{R}'$ , then so are  $f+g$ ,  $f-g$ , and  $fg$ . Iff  $g(a) \neq 0$ , then  $f/g$  is also continuous at  $a$ .

Proof:

Since  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous at  $a$  we have,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a), \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = g(a).$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) + g(x)] = f(a) + g(a).$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f+g)(x) = (f+g)(a).$$



This proves that  $f \circ g$  is continuous at  $a$ .

A continuous function of a continuous function is continuous.

### 5.1.1 Theorem:

\* If  $f$  and  $g$  are real-valued functions, if  $f$  is continuous at  $a$ , and if  $g$  is continuous at  $f(a)$ , then  $g \circ f$  is continuous at  $a$ .

Proof:

we must show  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g \circ f(x) = g \circ f(a)$  or

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g[f(x)] = g[f(a)].$$

That is, given  $\epsilon > 0$  we must find  $\delta > 0$  such that,

$$|g[f(x)] - g[f(a)]| < \epsilon \quad (0 < |x-a| < \delta) \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

Let  $b = f(a)$ . Now by hypothesis  $\lim_{y \rightarrow b} g(y) = g(b)$ . Hence there exists  $\eta > 0$  such that,

$$|g(y) - g(b)| < \epsilon \quad (0 < |y-b| < \eta) \quad \dots \textcircled{2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$$

Thus (using  $\eta$  where we usually use  $\epsilon$ ) there exists  $\delta$  such that,

$$|f(x) - f(a)| < \eta \quad (|x-a| < \delta) \quad \textcircled{3}$$

$$|f(x) - b| < \eta \quad (|x-a| < \delta) \quad \dots \textcircled{3}$$

Thus if  $|x-a| < \delta$  then  $f(x)$  is within  $\eta$  of  $b$  and so we may substitute  $f(x)$  for  $y$  in  $\textcircled{2}$ . Hence,

$$|g[f(x)] - g(b)| < \epsilon \quad (|x-a| < \delta).$$

The proof is complete.



### 5.2.A. Theorem:

\* The real-valued function  $f$  is continuous at  $a \in \mathbb{R}^1$  iff and only if given  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that,

$$|f(x) - f(a)| < \epsilon \quad (|x - a| < \delta).$$

### 5.2.B. Defn:

\* If  $a \in \mathbb{R}^1$  and  $r > 0$  we define  $B[a; r]$  to be the set of all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^1$  whose distance to  $a$  is less than  $r$ . That is

$$B[a; r] = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^1 \mid |x - a| < r\}$$

we call  $B[a; r]$  the open ball of radius  $r$  about  $a$ .

Note:

" $f$  is continuous at  $a$  iff and only iff given  $\epsilon > 0$  there is an open ball exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $f(x) \in B[f(a); \epsilon]$  iff  $x \in B[a; \delta]$ ".

### 5.2.C. Theorem:

\* The real-valued function  $f$  is continuous at  $a \in \mathbb{R}^1$  iff and only iff the inverse image\* under  $f$  of any open ball  $B[f(a); \epsilon]$  about  $f(a)$  contains an open ball  $B[a; \delta]$  about  $a$ . (That is for  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $f^{-1}(B[f(a); \epsilon]) \supset B[a; \delta]$ ).

Proof:

Let the real-valued function  $f$  is continuous at  $a \in \mathbb{R}^1$ .

Let us consider that  $x \in B[a; \delta]$

By our known result " $f$  is cts. at ' $a$ ' iff  $\forall \epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $f(x) \in B[f(a); \epsilon]$  iff  $x \in B[a; \delta]$ ".



since  $f$  is cts. at 'a' iff  $\forall \epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that,

$f(x) \in B[f(a); \epsilon]$  if  $x \in B[a; \delta]$ . we have,

$$x \in f^{-1}[B[f(a); \epsilon]]$$

$\therefore B[a; \delta] \subset f^{-1}(B[f(a); \epsilon])$ . Hence,

$$f^{-1}(B[f(a); \epsilon]) \supset B[a; \delta]$$

conversely, assume that,  $f^{-1}(B[f(a); \epsilon]) \supset B[a; \delta]$

The inverse image of under  $f$  of any open ball  $B[f(a); \epsilon]$  about  $f(a)$  contains an open ball  $B[a; \delta]$ .

$$\text{since } f^{-1}(B[f(a); \epsilon]) \supset B[a; \delta]$$

Let  $x \in f^{-1}(B[f(a); \epsilon])$ . we know that by open ball

continues definition,

$$f(x) \in B[f(a); \epsilon], \text{ such that } x \in B[a; \delta].$$

Hence,  $f$  is continuous at 'a'  $\in \mathbb{R}$ .

Hence Proof.

Note:

The sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to a  $a$  if and only if

given  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $N \in \mathbb{I}$  such that,

$$x_n \in B[a; \epsilon] \quad (n \geq N).$$



### 5.2.D Theorem:

The real-valued function  $f$  is continuous at  $a \in \mathbb{R}^1$  if and only if, whenever  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence of real numbers converging to  $a$ , then the sequence  $\{f(x_n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to  $f(a)$ . That is,  $f$  is continuous at  $a$  if and only if,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a \rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = f(a) \quad - (*)$$

Proof:

Let us first assume that  $f$  is continuous at  $a$  and p.t.  $(*)$  holds.

Let  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be any sequence of real numbers converging to  $a$ .

[Then  $f(x_n)$  will be defined for  $n$  sufficiently large]. We must show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = f(a)$  - that is given  $\epsilon > 0$ , we must

find  $N \in \mathbb{I}$  such that,

$$f(x_n) \in B[f(a); \epsilon] \quad (n \geq N). \quad - (1)$$

but since  $f$  is cts at  $a$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that,

$$f(x) \in B[f(a); \epsilon] \quad (x \in B[a; \delta]) \quad - (2)$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a$ , there exists  $N \in \mathbb{I}$  such that,

$$x_n \in B[a; \delta] \quad (n \geq N) \quad - (3)$$

Conversely, suppose  $(*)$  holds. We must prove that  $f$  is cts

at  $a$ . Assume the contrary. Then, for some  $\epsilon > 0$ , the

inverse image under  $f$  of  $B = [f(a); \epsilon]$  contains no

open ball about  $a$ . In particular,  $f^{-1}(B)$  does not contain



$B[a; 1/n]$  for any  $n \in I$ . Thus, for each  $n \in I$ , there is a pt,  $x_n \in B[a; 1/n]$  such that  $f(x_n) \notin B$ . That is,

$$|x_n - a| < 1/n \quad \text{but} \quad |f(x_n) - f(a)| \geq \epsilon.$$

This clearly contradicts  $\langle * \rangle$ , so  $f$  must be cts at  $a$ .

Note:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g[f(x_n)] = g[f(a)]$ .  $\rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

where  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is any sequence of real numbers such that,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a. \quad \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

Since  $f$  is cts at  $a$ ,  $\textcircled{2}$ , and 5.2 D imply

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a). \quad \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

But  $\because g$  is cts at  $f(a)$ ,  $\textcircled{3}$ ,  $\textcircled{1}$  imply  $\textcircled{1}$  and the proof is complete.

### 5.3. Functions continuous on a metric space.

5.3 A. Defn 3

\* Let  $\langle M, \rho \rangle$  be a metric space. If  $a \in M$  and  $r > 0$ , then,  $B[a; r]$  is defined to be the set of all points in  $M$  whose distance to  $a$  is less than  $r$ . That is,

$$B[a; r] = \{x \in M \mid \rho(x, a) < r\}.$$

we call  $B[a; r]$  the open ball of radius  $r$  about  $a$ .

\* the open ball of radius 1 about the origin in Euclidean 3-space is the set of all points  $(x, y, z)$  such that  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 < 1$ .



5.3. B. Defn:

\* The function  $f$  is continuous at  $a \in M$ , if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$

5.3.C. Theorem.

The function  $f$  is continuous at  $a \in M$ , if and only if any one of the following conditions hold.

(a) Given  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  
$$P_2 [f(x), f(a)] < \epsilon \quad (P_1(x, a) < \delta)$$

(b) The inverse image under  $f$  of any open ball  $B[f(a); \epsilon]$  about  $f(a)$  contains an open ball  $B[a; \delta]$  about  $a$ .

(c) whenever  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence of points in  $M$ , converging to  $a$ , then the sequence  $\{f(x_n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of points in  $M_2$  converges to  $f(a)$ .

Proof:

Let the function  $f$  is continuous at  $a \in M$ , we have to prove the following conditions are equivalent to one another:

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) assume that

given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$P_2 [f(x), f(a)] < \epsilon \quad (P_1(x, a) < \delta).$$

To prove: (b)

The inverse image under  $f$  of any open ball  $B[f(a); \epsilon]$  about  $f(a)$  contains an open ball  $B[a; \delta]$  about  $a$ .



since  $f$  is continuous at  $a \in M$ , and it satisfies the conditions.

$$B[f(x), f(a)] < \epsilon \quad (P, (x, a) < \delta)$$

By our known theorem (B.2 c). "The real-valued function  $f$  is continuous at  $a \in R$ " iff given  $\epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$

such that  $f^{-1}[B[f(a); \epsilon] \supset B[a; \delta]$ . Hence, the

inverse image under ' $f$ ' of any open ball

$B[f(a); \epsilon]$  about  $f(a)$  contains an open ball  $B[a; \delta]$

about ' $a$ '. Hence the proof of (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b).

Next to prove that (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c)

\* Assume that the inverse image under  $f$  of any open ball

$B[f(a); \epsilon]$  about  $f(a)$  contains an open ball  $B[a; \delta]$

about ' $a$ '.

To prove that (c).

If  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence of points in  $M$ , converging to  $a$ , since  $f$  is continuous at  $a \in M$ .

By our known theorem (B.2 d). "The real-valued function  $f$  is continuous at  $a$  iff  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = f(a)$ ".

That is, given  $\epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  such that,

$f(x_n) \in B[f(a); \epsilon]$  if  $x_n \in B[a; \delta] \quad \forall n \geq N$ .

Hence, the sequence  $\{f(x_n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of points in  $M_2$

converges to  $f(a)$ . Hence the proof of (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c).

Next to prove that (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a)

Assume that  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence of points in  $M$ , converging to  $a$ , then the sequence  $\{f(x_n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of



points in  $M_2$  converges to  $f(a)$ .

To prove that (a):

since the sequence  $\{f(x_n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of point in  $M_2$  converges to  $f(a)$

By our known theorem 5.2D, "If  $f$  is continuous at  $a$  iff

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = f(a)$ ". So that  $f$  is cts at

'a' and it satisfies the condition given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there

exists  $\delta > 0$  such that,  $P_2[f(x), f(a)] < \epsilon$   $[P_1(x, a) < \delta]$

conversely,

Assume that the following three conditions (a), (b) & (c) are hold. we have to prove that  $f$  is continuous at  $a \in M_1$ .

since the function  $f$  is cts at  $a \in M_1$ , if,

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$ , given  $\epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \exists$ :

$P_2[f(x), f(a)] < \epsilon$   $[P_1(x, a) < \delta]$ . by condition (a) is satisfies. Moreover, by our known theorem 5.2.C "If

$f$  is cts iff  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$ , such that  $f^{-1}(B[f(a); \epsilon])$

$\supset B[a; \delta]$ ". It satisfies the condition (b).

Also, by theorem 5.2D. "If  $f$  is continuous at  $a$  iff

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = f(a)$ ". so, it satisfies the

condition (c).

Hence  $f$  is cts at  $a \in M_1$ , Hence the proof of the

theorem.



### 5.3.D. Theorem:

Let  $\langle M_1, P_1 \rangle, \langle M_2, P_2 \rangle$  be metric spaces and let  $f: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ ,  $g: M_2 \rightarrow M_3$ . If  $f$  is cts at  $a \in M_1$  and  $g$  is cts at  $f(a) \in M_2$ , then  $g \circ f$  is cts at  $a$ .

Proof:

By (c) of 5.3C all we need show is that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g[f(x_n)] = g[f(a)]$$

whenever  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence in  $M_1$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a.$$

The proof then proceeds exactly like the proof of 5.2E.

For real-valued function on metric spaces there is a generalization of 5.1B. The following theorem may be easily deduced from 4.2B.

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### 5.3.E Theorem:

Let  $M$  be a metric space, and let  $f$  and  $g$  be real-valued functions which are continuous at  $a \in M$ . Then  $f+g$ ,  $f-g$ , and  $fg$  are also continuous at  $a$ . Furthermore, if  $g(a) \neq 0$ , then  $f/g$  is continuous at  $a$ .

$$P_2 [(f+g)(x), (f+g)(a)] < \epsilon \quad [P_1, f(x), g(x) < \delta]$$

### 5.3.F. Defn:

Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be metric spaces and let  $f: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ . We say that  $f$  is a continuous function from  $M_1$  into  $M_2$  (or, more simply,  $f$  is cts on  $M_1$ ) if  $f$  is cts at each point in  $M_1$ .