

# MA 2201 : Analysis II

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**Lemma 1.** *If  $f: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable, then it is also continuous.*

*Proof.* Let  $c \in (a, b)$ . On the domain, the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (x - c)$  exists (and is equal to zero). The differentiability of  $f$  guarantees that the limit

$$f'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$$

also exists. This means that the limit of the product also exists, and this gives

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

Thus, for all  $c \in (a, b)$ ,

$$0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) - f(c), \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$$

which gives the continuity of  $f$ . □

**Lemma 2.** *If  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous, then so are  $f+g$  and  $fg$ . The quotient  $f/g$  is continuous wherever  $g(x) \neq 0$ .<sup>1</sup>*

**Solution 1.** Given  $f, g$  differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Note that they must also be continuous, which means that the limits

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

are well defined and exist. Differentiability guarantees that the limits

$$f'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}, \quad g'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{g(x) - g(c)}{x - c}$$

also exist.

- (i) Let  $h = f + g$ . Note that  $h$  is continuous. To show that  $h$  is differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $h' = f' + g'$ , consider

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{h(x) - h(c)}{x - c} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{(f(x) + g(x)) - (f(c) + g(c))}{x - c} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{(f(x) - f(c)) + (g(x) - g(c))}{x - c} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} + \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{g(x) - g(c)}{x - c} \\ &= f'(c) + g'(c). \end{aligned}$$

The limit can be separated because the individual limits exist. This shows that  $h$  is differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

- (ii) Let  $h = fg$ . Again,  $h$  is continuous. Consider the limit

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{h(x) - h(c)}{x - c} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)g(x) - f(c)g(c)}{x - c} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)g(x) - f(c)g(x) + f(c)g(x) - f(c)g(c)}{x - c} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} + f(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{g(x) - g(c)}{x - c} \\ &= g(c)f'(c) + f(c)g'(c). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $fg$  is differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$ , with  $(fg)' = f'g + fg'$ .

<sup>1</sup>See results from the first semester.

(iii) We show that  $1/g$  is differentiable on the domain where  $g(x) \neq 0$ , which in turn would imply the differentiability of  $f/g$  by the product rule above. Let  $h = 1/g$  on the domain where  $g(x) \neq 0$ . Note that  $g$  is continuous, which means that for any  $c$  in its domain such that  $g(c) \neq 0$ , there exists a non-empty neighbourhood  $(c - \delta, c + \delta)$  of  $c$  where  $g(x) \neq 0$ . This means that the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} h(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{1}{g(x)} = \frac{1}{g(c)}$$

is well defined and exists. Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{h(x) - h(c)}{x - c} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{1/g(x) - 1/g(c)}{x - c} \\ &= - \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{g(x) - g(c)}{g(x)g(c)(x - c)} \\ &= - \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{1}{g(x)g(c)} \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{g(x) - g(c)}{x - c} \\ &= - \frac{1}{g(c)^2} \cdot g'(c). \end{aligned}$$

Thus shows that  $1/g$  is differentiable, with  $(1/g)' = -g'/g^2$ . Hence,  $f/g$  is differentiable, with  $(f/g)' = (f'g - fg')/g^2$ .

**Solution 2.** Given  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ . Define the function

$$h = (g(b) - g(a)) \cdot f - (f(b) - f(a)) \cdot g$$

on the same domain, and note that  $h$  must be continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$  since it is a linear combination of  $f$  and  $g$ . Also,

$$h(a) = f(a)g(b) - g(a)f(b) = h(b).$$

Thus, Rolle's Theorem guarantees the existence of  $c \in (a, b)$  such that  $h'(c) = 0$ , whence

$$f'(c)(g(b) - g(a)) = g'(c)(f(b) - f(a)).$$

**Solution 3.** Consider the function

$$f: [-1, +1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f(x) = x^3.$$

This function is continuous, and differentiable on  $(-1, +1)$  as it is the product of the differentiable identity functions. It is also strictly increasing; given  $x > y$ , note that  $x - y > 0$  and they both cannot be zero, so

$$f(x) - f(y) = x^3 - y^3 = (x - y)(x^2 + xy + y^2) = (x - y) \left[ \left( x + \frac{1}{2}y \right)^2 + \frac{3}{4}y^2 \right] > 0.$$

On the other hand<sup>2</sup>,

$$f'(x) = 3x^2, \quad f'(0) = 0.$$

**Solution 4.** Consider the function

$$f: (0, 2) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x < 1, \\ x + 1, & \text{if } x \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Note that this is strictly increasing on  $(0, 2)$ , yet it is not continuous at  $x = 1$ . Thus, it cannot be differentiable on  $(0, 2)$ .

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<sup>2</sup>Apply the product rule twice on the identity functions:  $Dx = 1$  and  $Dx^2 = xDx + xDx = 2x$ , so  $Dx^3 = x^2Dx + xDx^2 = 3x^2$ , where  $Df(x) \equiv f'(x)$ .