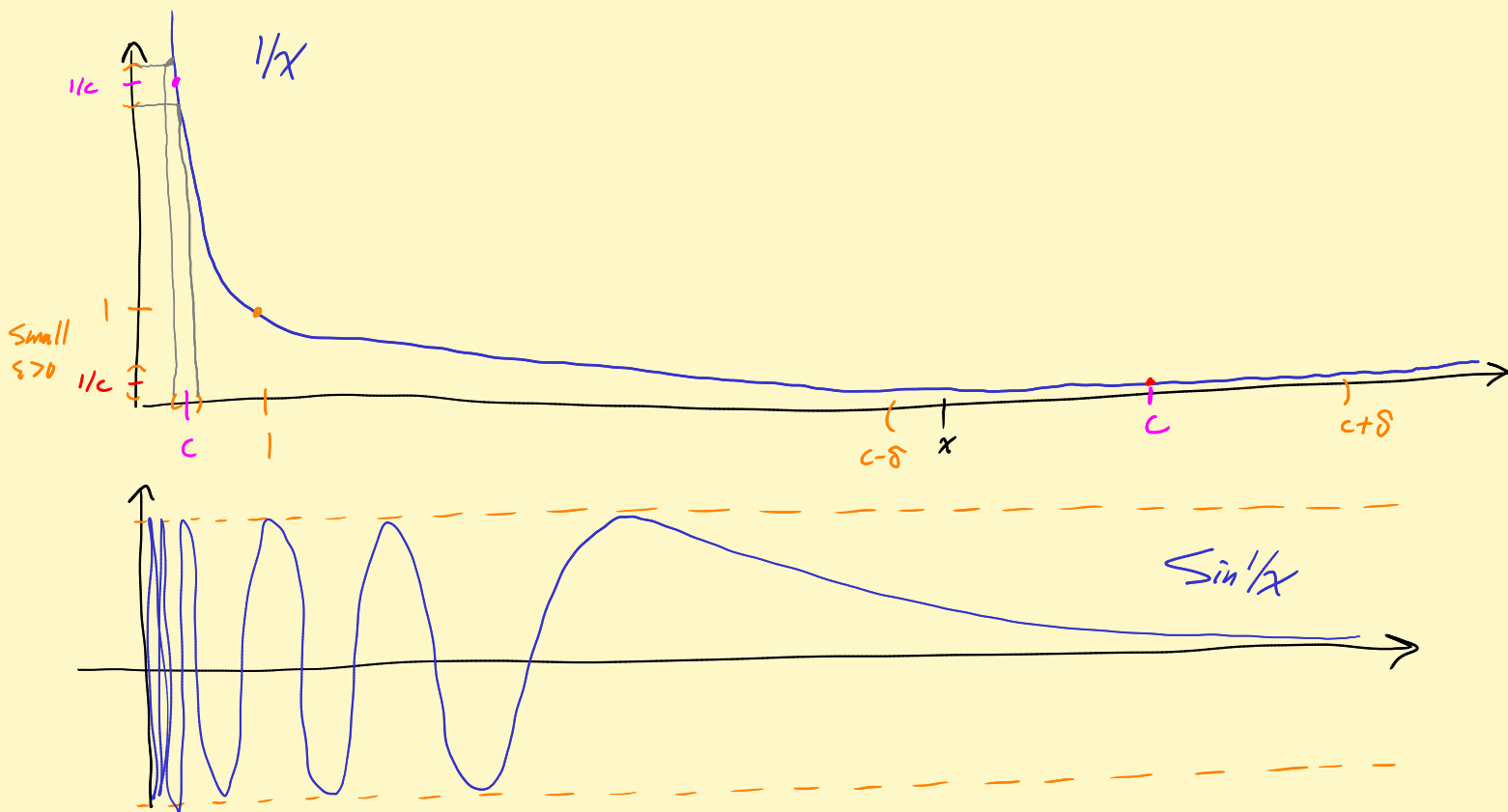


Lesson 25 Uniform continuity (5.4)

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EX: $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$. Given $\varepsilon > 0$. $\begin{array}{c} + \\ 0 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} [\\ m \end{array} \begin{array}{c} c \\ c \end{array} \begin{array}{c}] \\ M \end{array}$

$$|f(x) - f(c)| = \left| \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{c} \right| = \left| \frac{c-x}{xc} \right|$$

$$\begin{array}{l} m < |x| \\ m < |c| \\ m^2 < |xc| \\ \leq \frac{1}{|xc|} < \frac{1}{m^2} \end{array} \left| \right.$$

$$< \frac{1}{m^2} |c-x| \overset{\text{want}}{< \varepsilon}$$

$$\text{Need } |c-x| < \underbrace{\varepsilon m^2}_{\delta = \varepsilon m^2}$$

works for all c in $[m, M]$

and $x \in [m, M], |x-c| < \delta$.

Defⁿ: $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is uniformly continuous if, given $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a $\delta > 0$ such that,

$$|f(x) - f(c)| < \varepsilon \text{ when } x, c \in A \text{ and}$$

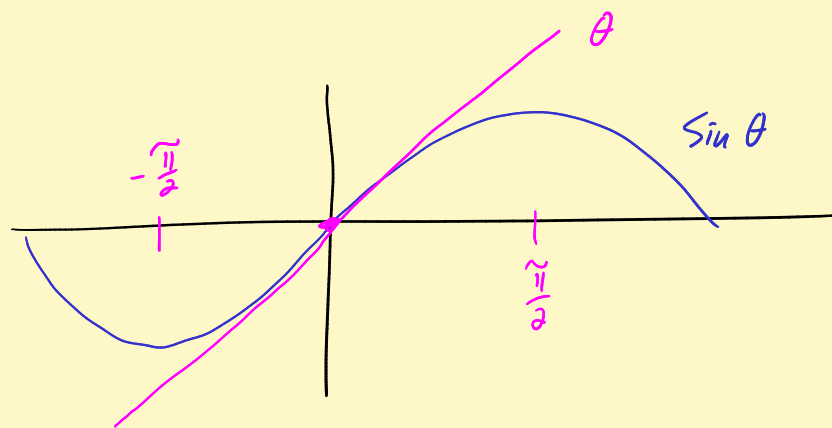
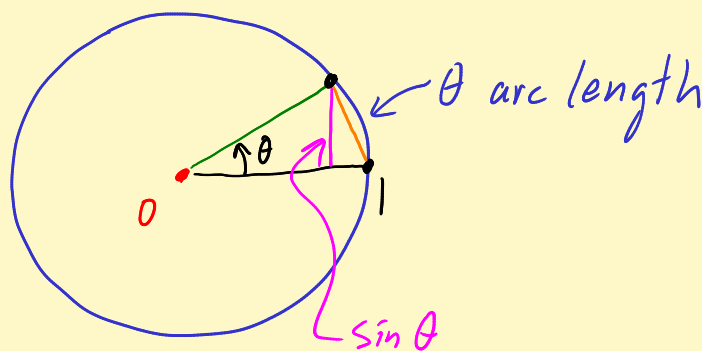
$$|x - c| < \delta. \quad [\text{same } \delta \text{ works for all } c \in A.]$$

EX: $\sin x$ is uniformly continuous on $\mathbb{R}$.

Basic facts : 1) $|\cos \theta| \leq 1, |\sin \theta| \leq 1$ all θ .

(easy leg $\leq$ hyp.)

2) $|\sin \theta| \leq |\theta|$
(θ radians)



(outside $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$)

$$|\sin \theta| \leq 1 < |\theta| \quad \checkmark$$

Trig identities : $\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \cos \alpha \sin \beta + \cos \beta \sin \alpha$

$$\sin x - \sin c = 2 \sin \frac{x-c}{2} \cos \frac{x+c}{2}$$

Nice trick. Euler's identity : $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$

$$e^{i\alpha} e^{i\beta} = e^{i(\alpha+\beta)}$$

$$(\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha) (\cos \beta + i \sin \beta) = \cos(\alpha+\beta) + i \sin(\alpha+\beta)$$

$$(\cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta) + i (\cos \alpha \sin \beta + \cos \beta \sin \alpha)$$

equal!!

$$\sin(\alpha+\beta) = \cos \alpha \sin \beta + \cos \beta \sin \alpha$$

$$\cos(-\beta) = \cos \beta$$

$$\sin(\alpha-\beta) = \cos \alpha (-\sin \beta) + \cos \beta \sin \alpha$$

$$\underbrace{\sin(\alpha+\beta)}_x - \underbrace{\sin(\alpha-\beta)}_c = 2 \underbrace{\cos \alpha}_{\frac{x+c}{2}} \underbrace{\sin \beta}_{\frac{x-c}{2}}$$

$$\begin{cases} \alpha + \beta = x \\ \alpha - \beta = c \end{cases} \leftarrow \beta = x - \alpha = x - \left(\frac{x+c}{2}\right) = \frac{x-c}{2}$$

$$2\alpha = x+c$$

$$\alpha = \frac{x+c}{2}$$

$$\text{Aha! } |\sin x - \sin c| = \left| 2 \cos \frac{x+c}{2} \sin \frac{x-c}{2} \right|$$

$$\leq 2 \underbrace{\left| \cos \frac{x+c}{2} \right|}_{\leq 1} \underbrace{\left| \sin \frac{x-c}{2} \right|}_{\leq \left| \frac{x-c}{2} \right|}$$

$$|\sin x - \sin c| \leq |x - c|$$

Can use $\delta = \varepsilon$ for all c . [Uniform in c .]

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Lipschitz-1: $|f(x) - f(c)| \leq K |x - c|$.

Fact: Lip-1 fns are uniformly continuous.

Big fact A continuous fcn on a closed interval must be uniformly continuous there.

Why: Suppose $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, but NOT uniformly cont. Then there is $\varepsilon_0 > 0$

for which defⁿ fails. Then no $\delta > 0$ can be found such that $|f(x) - f(c)| < \varepsilon_0$ when $|x - c| < \delta$, $x, c \in [a, b]$.

Hence, for $\delta = \frac{1}{n}$, there are $x_n, c_n \in [a, b]$ with

$|x_n - c_n| < \frac{1}{n}$, but $|f(x_n) - f(c_n)| \geq \varepsilon_0$

Bolzano-Weierstraß thm! (x_n) and (c_n) are sequences in a closed interval, so they are bounded.

So (x_n) has a convergent subseq (x_{n_k}) .

Then $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x_0$. Note: $x_0 \in [a, b]$ because $[a, b]$ is closed.

Claim: $c_{n_k} \rightarrow x_0$ too.

$$\begin{aligned}
 |c_{n_k} - x_0| &= |c_{n_k} - x_{n_k} + x_{n_k} - x_0| \\
 &\leq \underbrace{|c_{n_k} - x_{n_k}|}_{< \frac{1}{n_k}} + \underbrace{|x_{n_k} - x_0|}_{\rightarrow 0} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{k} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Know } f \text{ is cont at } x_0. \\ x_{n_k} \rightarrow x_0 \\ c_{n_k} \rightarrow x_0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} f(x_{n_k}) \rightarrow f(x_0) \\ f(c_{n_k}) \rightarrow f(x_0) \end{array}$$

Oops! But $|f(x_{n_k}) - f(c_{n_k})| \geq \varepsilon_0$ 

Our assumption that f is NOT unif cont is NOT true. So f is unif cont.

Another important fact If $f: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

is uniformly continuous on (a, b) , then f

extends to $[a, b]$ as a continuous fcn on $[a, b]$

(and hence is unif cont on $[a, b]$) [meaning

$f(a)=A$ and $f(b)=B$ can be defined to make f cont on $[a,b]$.

Key fact: If f is uniformly continuous and (x_n) is a Cauchy seq, then $(f(x_n))$ is a Cauchy seq.