

Math 21A
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Continuity

Def: Function $y=f(x)$ is continuous at $x=a$ if

- i.) $f(a)$ exists (a finite #)
- ii.) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ exists (a finite #)
- iii.) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$

Shortcut 1: Every polynomial is continuous for all values of x .

Shortcut 2: Sums, differences, products, quotients (denominator $\neq 0$), and compositions of continuous functions are continuous.

Well-Known Continuous Functions:

$\sin x$, $\cos x$, e^x , $\ln x$ (for $x > 0$),
 \sqrt{x} (for $x \geq 0$)