

Supremum and infimum:

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Let A be a subset of the real numbers, $A \subset \mathbb{R}$, all numbers $a \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a \geq x \quad \forall x \in A$ are called upper bound ($a \leq x$: lower bound)

Def.: supremum of $A = \sup A :=$ smallest upper bound
means: "is defined as"

infimum of $A = \inf A :=$ biggest a s.t. $a \leq x \quad \forall x \in A$
(biggest lower bound)

Ex.: $\sup \{0 < x < 2\} = 2 = \sup (0, 2)$ (but $2 \notin (0, 2)$)

• $\inf (0, 2) = 0$

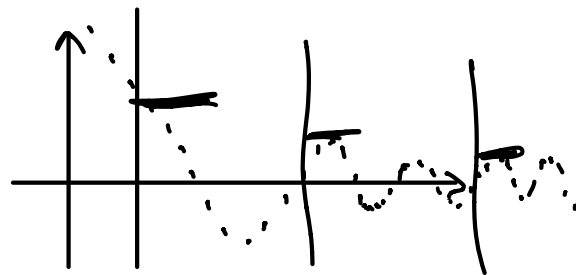
• $\sup \left\{ \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N} (n \geq 1) \right\} = 1$

• $\inf \left\{ \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N} (n \geq 1) \right\} = 0$

$(0, 2) = [0, 2] \setminus (\{0\} \cup \{2\})$
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open interval closed interval without interval union

Def.: • $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n := \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{n \geq m} a_n$

• $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n := \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{n \geq m} a_n$



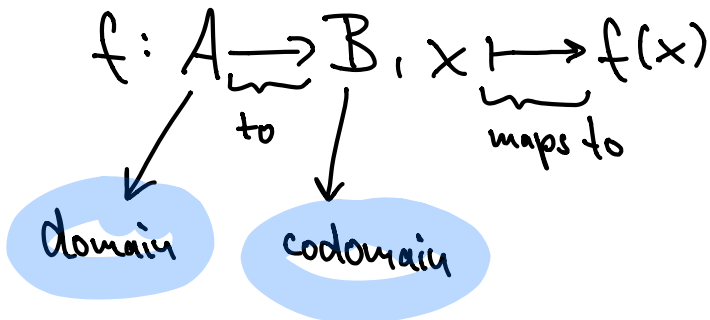
Ex.: • $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n = 1$

• $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n = -1$

note: \limsup and \liminf either exist or are $\pm\infty$. So they can exist even if \lim doesn't.

1.4 Continuity

more about functions:



range or image of f is $\text{Im}(f) := \{f(x) \text{ s.t. } x \in A\}$

Ex.: • $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x \mapsto f(x) = x^2$, the image is $[0, \infty)$

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strictly speaking different fct.s

• $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty), x \mapsto f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

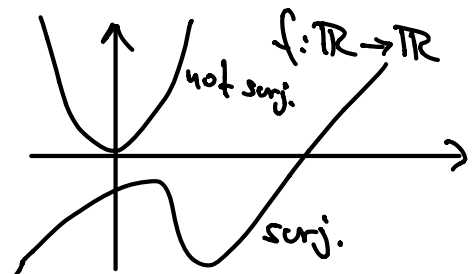
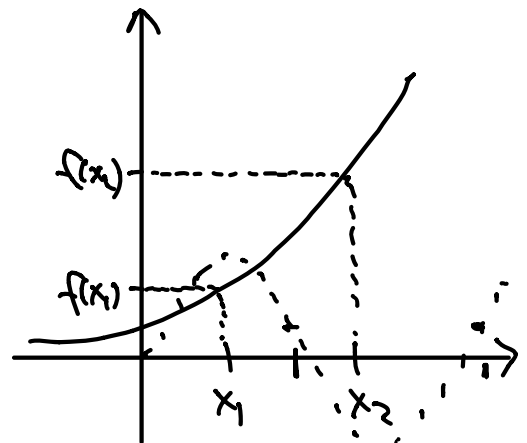
Def.: • f is called injective or one-to-one

$$f(x_1) \neq f(x_2) \quad \forall x_1 \neq x_2$$

• f is called surjective or onto if

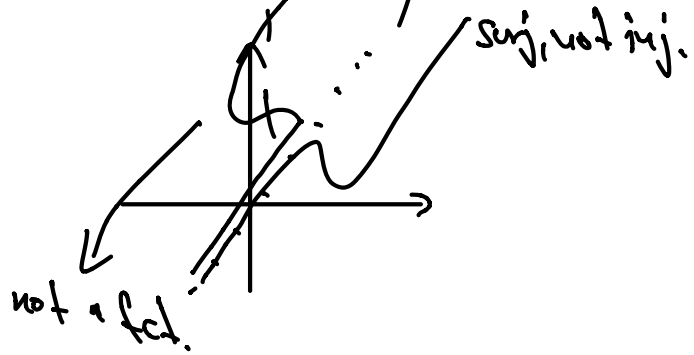
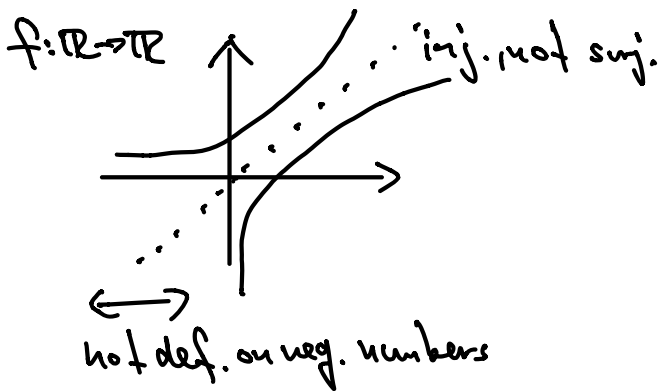
$$\forall y \in B \exists x \in A \text{ with } f(x) = y$$

($\text{im} = \text{codomain}$)



• if f is both injective and surjective, it is called **bijective**.

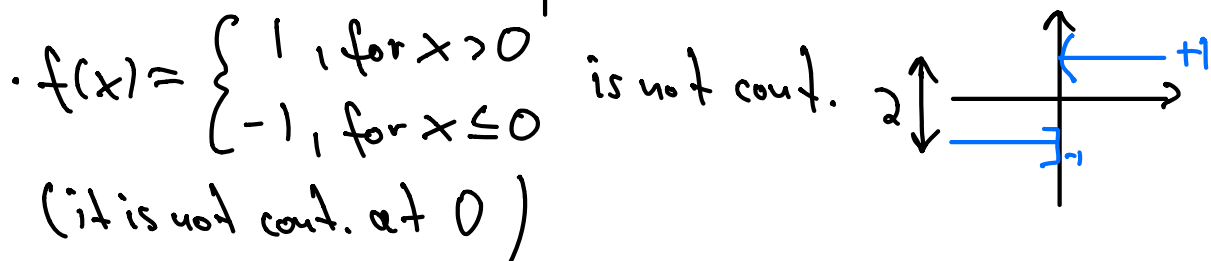
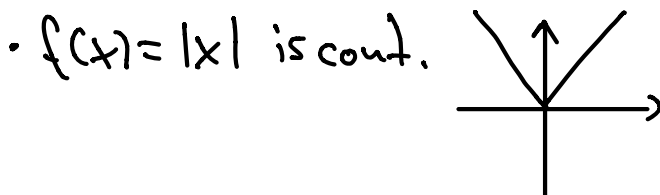
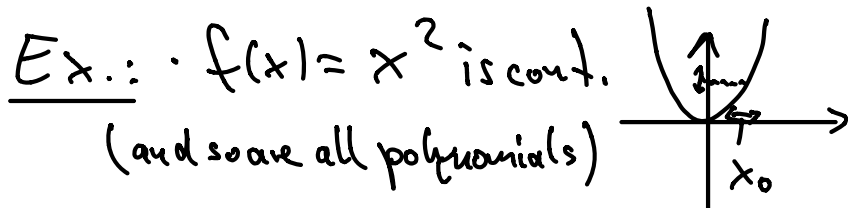
(relevance: bijective fct.s have an inverse)



loose def. of continuity:

f is cont. at x_0 , if arbitrarily small changes in x_0 produce arbitrarily small changes in $f(x)$

note: if f is cont. $\forall x_0 \in \text{domain of } f$, then f is called cont.



rigorous def. via sequences: $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is cont. at $x_0 \in A$ means:

$\forall (a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ with $a_n \in A$ and $a_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} x_0$, we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(a_n) = f(x_0)$

Ex.: $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x > 0 \\ -1, & x \leq 0 \end{cases} \quad , \quad x_0 = 0$

take seq. $(-\frac{1}{n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$, $f(-\frac{1}{n}) = -1 = f(x_0)$

take seq. $(\frac{1}{n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$, $f(\frac{1}{n}) = 1 \neq f(x_0) = -1$

Consequences (without proof):

• If $f, g: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are cont. at x_0 , then so are $f+g$, λf ($\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$),

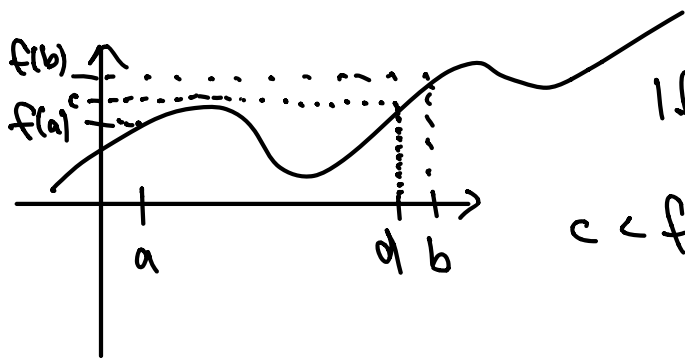
$f \cdot g$, $\frac{f}{g}$ if $g(x_0) \neq 0$

• The composition of $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $g: C \rightarrow D$ with $D \subset A$ is def. as

$f \circ g$, with $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$.

If f and g are cont., then so is $f \circ g$.

• Intermediate Value Theorem:



If $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is cont. and $c > f(a)$,
 $c < f(b)$, then $\exists d \in [a, b]$ s.t. $f(d) = c$.

• Maximum Theorem: next time