

# NO OFFICE HOUR THURSDAY

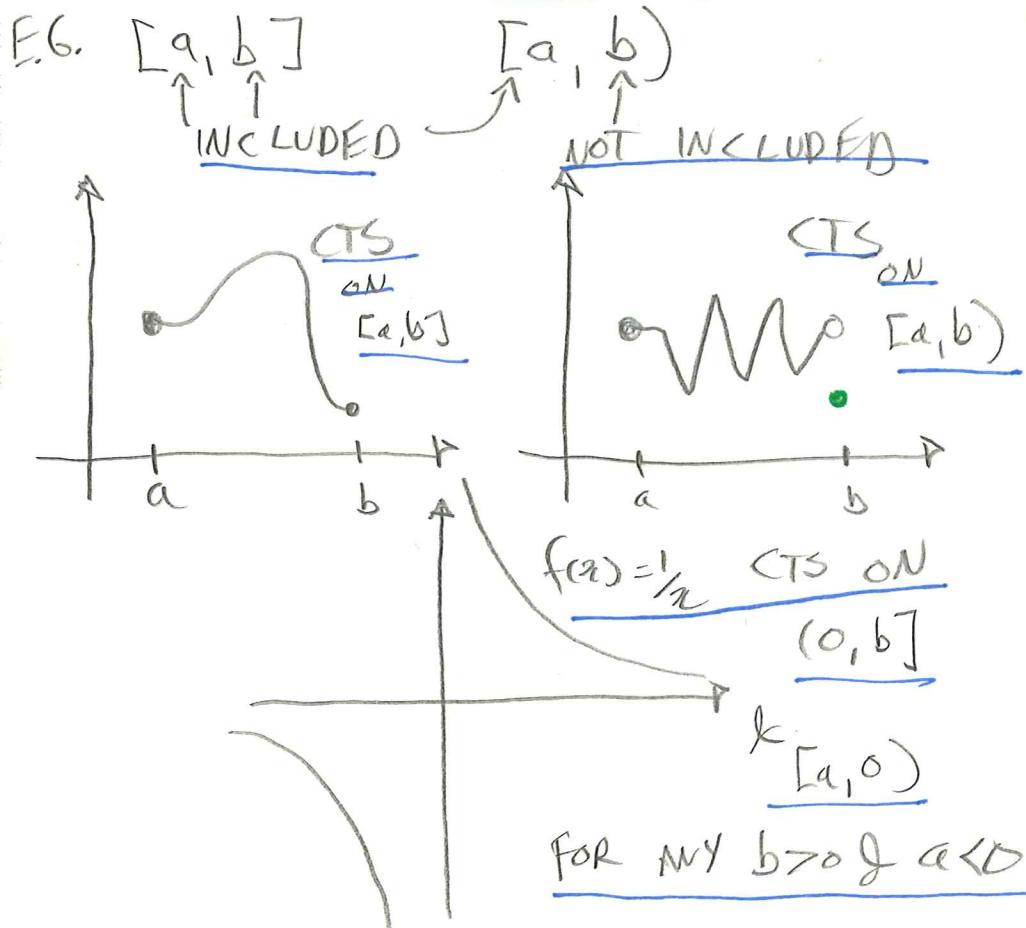
(1)

FRIDAY 1-2 PM INSTEAD  
OR TODAY 3:30 -> 4:30 PM

HAND IN  
Now

## LAST TIME

- f CTS AT c IF  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$
- WILL SAY f CTS ON INTERVAL I IF IT IS CTS AT EVERY INTERIOR POINT OF I & CTS FROM THE LEFT/RIGHT AT INCLUDED END POINTS



BUILT UP A "ZOO" OF CTS FUNCTIONS

(II)

$f(x) = \text{POLYNOMIAL}, e^x, \ln(x), \sqrt{x}, \sqrt[3]{x}, |x|$

Q: INTERVALS OF CONTINUITY?

FOUND WAYS TO COMBINE CTS FUNCTIONS TO

MAKE NEW ONES:  $f \circ g$  CTS

$\Rightarrow f+g, f \cdot g, f \circ g \text{ & } \frac{f}{g} \text{ (WHEN } g \neq 0)$

THE BIG QUESTION: WHY DO WE CARE  
ABOUT CTS FUNCTIONS!?

ANSWER OUR FIRST BIG THEOREM

THE INTERMEDIATE VALUE THEOREM

IF  $f$  IS CONTINUOUS ON  $[a, b]$

AND  $f(a) < 0 < f(b)$

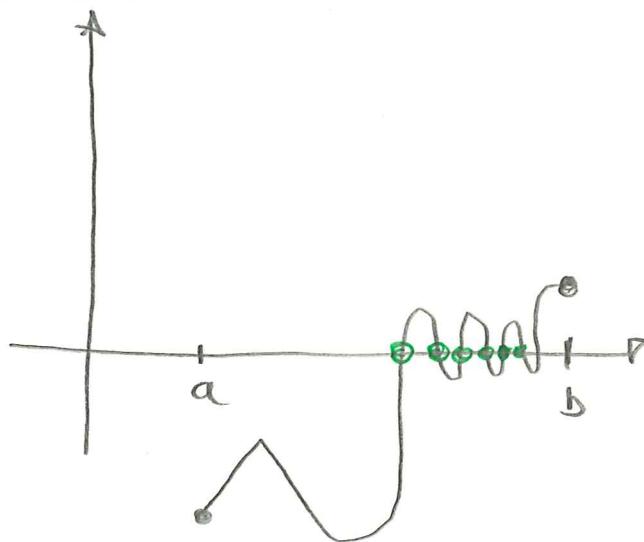
THEN THERE IS SOME  $c$  ( $a < c < b$ )  
SUCH THAT  $f(c) = 0$

GEOMETRIC INTERPRETATION: ON  $[a, b]$

GRAPH OF A CTS FUNCTION STARTING  
BELOW HORIZONTAL AXIS & ENDING  
ABOVE IT MUST CROSS THE AXIS  
AT LEAST ONCE

NOTICE: DESCRIBES GLOBAL BEHAVIOUR  
OF A FUNCTION RATHER THAN JUST AT POINT

III



IN ASSIGNMENT  
TRIED TO  
COME UP  
WITH AN  
EXPLANATION

NOTICE = NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT 0

IF  $f$  IS CTS ON  $[a, b]$  &  $f(a) < \alpha < f(b)$

THEN THERE IS SOME  $a < c < b$  WITH  
 $f(c) = \alpha$  (OR ANY NUMBER)

WHY: LET  $g(x) = f(x) - \alpha$

THEN  $g$  IS CTS &  $g(a) < 0 < g(b)$

BY IVT CAN FIND  $a < c < b$  WITH  $g(c) = 0$

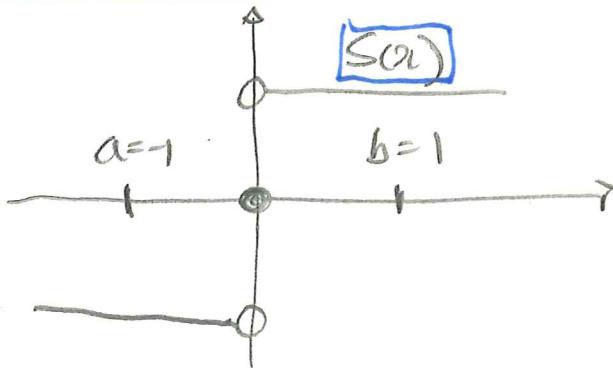
BUT  $g(c) = f(c) - \alpha = 0$

$$\Rightarrow f(c) = \alpha$$

IVT

NOTICE: IF  $f$  IS DISCONTINUOUS AT  $\text{IV}$   
EVEN A SINGLE POINT IN  $[a, b]$  THE  
RESULT IS FALSE

EX)



WHY IS THIS A BIG DEAL? IVT

LET'S GO BACK TO OUR Q'S

① WE'RE ONCE EXACTLY 3 FEET TALL

$h(t) = \text{HEIGHT (TIME)}$  ↳ WHAT YOU  
THINK I WILL  
DO  
ON  $[0, 20]$  YEARS

$$h(0) < 3 \quad \& \quad h(20) > 3$$

$\Rightarrow$  THERE IS  $0 < c < 20$

$$\underline{h(c) = 3 \quad \text{BY IVT}}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \underline{\text{WEIGHT (TIME)}} = \underline{\text{HEIGHT (TIME)}} \quad \textcircled{4}$$

↑    ↑  
POUNDS    INCHES

WANT

$$f(t) = w(t) - h(t) = 0$$

$w(0) < 14$  POUNDS AT BIRTH  $5.5 \rightarrow 10$

$h(0) > 14$  INCHES AT BIRTH  $18 \rightarrow 22$

$$\Rightarrow f(0) = w(0) - h(0) < 0$$

$w(20) > 90$  POUNDS

$h(20) < 90$  INCHES ( $7.5$  FEET,  $2.2$  m)

$$\Rightarrow f(20) = w(20) - h(20) > 0$$

AT SOME TIME C

$$f(c) = 0 = w(c) - h(c)$$

$$\Rightarrow w(c) = h(c)$$

CHALLENGE

AT ANY POINT IN TIME, THERE ARE TWO DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSITE POINTS ON THE EQUATOR WITH PRECISELY THE SAME TEMP

LET  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 1$

VI

(1) HAS A ROOT IN  $[0, 1]$

ANY IDEAS?

$$f(0) = 0^3 + 3 \cdot 0 + 1 = 1 > 0$$

$$f(1) = 1^3 - 3 \cdot 1 + 1 = 1 - 3 + 1 = -1 < 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  FOR SOME  $0 < c < 1$   
WE HAVE  $f(c) = 0$

BY IVT

(Good LUCK TRYING TO FIND EXACT  
VALUE!)

(2) HAS TWO ROOTS IN  $[0, 2]$

$$f(2) = 2^3 - 3 \cdot 2 + 1 = 8 - 6 + 1 = 3 > 0$$

$$f(1) = -1 < 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  FOR SOME  $1 < d < 2$  WE  
HAVE  $f(d) = 0$  BY IVT

$\Rightarrow$  YES  $f(x)$  HAS (AT LEAST) ONE ROOT IN  $[0, 2]$

Two ROOTS IN  $[0, 2]$

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EXAMPLE 9 SECTION 2.6 (NEED TO KNOW)

# THIS IS WHERE PRECALCULUS ENDS & THE POWERFUL IDEAS OF CALCULUS BEGIN

VII

## GENERAL FUNCTIONS ARE

TOO **WILD** TO UNDERSTAND  
COMPLETELY

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{RATIONAL} \\ \sin(\frac{1}{x}) & \text{IRRATIONAL} \end{cases}$$

## CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS ARE

SLIGHTLY Nicer

$$g(x) = |x|$$

BUT STILL HARD  $h(x) = \sin(\frac{1}{x})$

WE WANT SOMETHING EVEN  
BETTER

GOAL: USE EASY FUNCTIONS

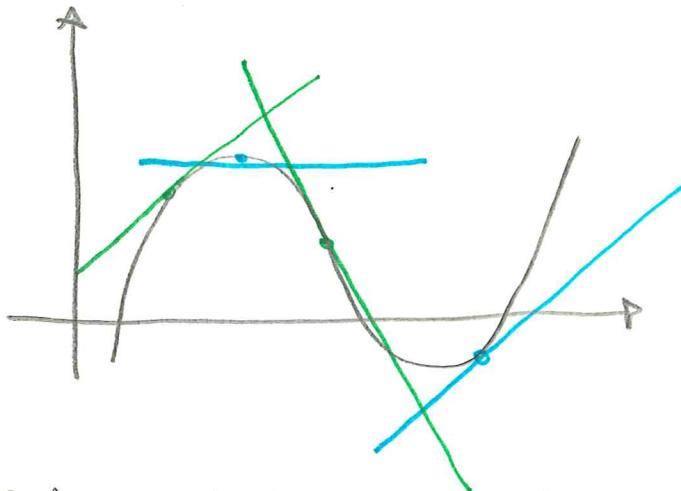
(LINEAR, POLYNOMIALS) TO

UNDERSTAND HARDER ONES.

↪ WANT A NICE TYPE OF FUNCTIONS  
FOR WHICH IT IS POSSIBLE

# FIRST STEP: USE TANGENT LINES

VIII



WHAT DO WE EVEN MEAN BY THIS?

Q AT  $(0,0)$  THE GRAPH OF  $f(x) = |x|$

HAS A TANGENT LINE  $y(x) = 0$  ?

(B) INFINITELY MANY TANGENTS ?

(C) NO TANGENT LINE

(D) TWO TANGENT LINES  $y(x) = x$ ,  $y(x) = -x$

Q THE TANGENT LINE TO THE GRAPH  
OF  $f(x) = |x|$  AT  $x = 0$  ?

(A) IS  $y(x) = 0$

(B) IS  $y(x) = x$

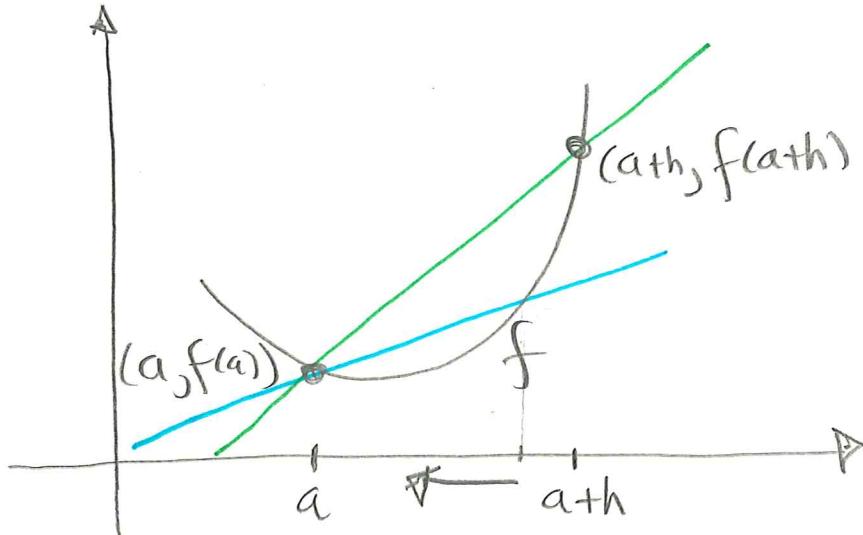
(C) DNE

(D) IS NOT UNIQUE, INFINITELY MANY TANGENTS

NEED TO AVOID AMBIGUITY & MAKE  
SURE WE KNOW WHAT WE ARE TALKING  
ABOUT!

(IX)

START WITH SECANTS & USE LIMITS



DON'T KNOW HOW TO TALK ABOUT A  
"LIMIT" OF LINES, BUT WE CAN MAKE  
SENSE OF A LIMIT OF SLOPES

$$\text{SLOPE: } \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{(a+h) - a} = \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

TAKE  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$

READ  
3.1 & 3.2

WHAT DO WE GET, HOW TO USE IT?  
CHALLENGE PROBLEM.