

# Proof that Differentiability Implies Continuity

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Consider a function  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that is differentiable on  $(a, b)$  where the interval  $(a, b) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . The fact that the function is differentiable implies that  $\forall x_0 \in (a, b)$ , the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0}$  exists and is equal to some  $f'(x_0) \in \mathbb{R}$ .

To prove that the function is continuous, consider the limit of  $f(x) - f(x_0)$  as  $x \rightarrow x_0$ :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} [f(x) - f(x_0)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \left[ \frac{(x - x_0) \cdot (f(x) - f(x_0))}{x - x_0} \right]$$

By taking the Multiplication Rule of Limits into account, one has:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} [f(x) - f(x_0)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} [x - x_0] \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \left[ \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0} \right]$$

Note that the function is differentiable and that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} [x - x_0] = 0$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} [f(x) - f(x_0)] &= 0 \cdot f'(x_0) \\ \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} [f(x)] - \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} [f(x_0)] &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} [f(x)] &= f(x_0) \end{aligned}$$

Which is the definition of the continuity of a function. Thus, the function  $f$  is also continuous on  $(a, b)$ .