

9. Give a direct proof that $f(x) = \sin(x)$ is uniformly continuous on $(-\infty, \infty)$. That is, given an $\varepsilon > 0$ find a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\text{if } |x - y| < \delta \text{ then } |\sin(x) - \sin(y)| < \varepsilon.$$

Proof: Recall first that $|\sin(h)| < |h|$ for small h .

Recall next

$$\sin(A + B) = \sin(A)\cos(B) + \sin(B)\cos(A)$$

$$\sin(A - B) = \sin(A)\cos(B) - \sin(B)\cos(A)$$

\Rightarrow

$$\sin(A + B) - \sin(A - B) = 2\sin(B)\cos(A)$$

Set

$$A + B = x$$

$$A - B = y$$

Then $2A = x + y$ and $2B = x - y$, and

$$\sin(A + B) - \sin(A - B) = \sin(x) - \sin(y) = 2\sin((x - y)/2)\cos((x + y)/2).$$

That is,

$$|\sin(x) - \sin(y)| = |2\sin((x - y)/2)\cos((x + y)/2)| \leq |x - y|.$$

So, given $\varepsilon > 0$, set $\delta = \varepsilon$. Then, for any x and y ,

$$|x - y| < \delta = \varepsilon \Rightarrow |\sin(x) - \sin(y)| < \varepsilon,$$

So, $\sin(x)$ is uniformly continuous on $(-\infty, \infty)$.