

Brouwer's Theorems:

Understanding different sides of Brouwer's theorem using the category of topological spaces and continuous maps.

- First side: Brouwer fixed point theorems:
 1. Let I be a line segment, including its endpoints (I for Interval) and suppose that $f: I \rightarrow I$ is a continuous endomap. Then this map must have a fixed point: a point x in I for which $f(x) = x$.
 2. Let D be a closed disk (the plane figure consisting of all the points inside or on a circle), and f a continuous endomap of D . Then f has a fixed point.
(And in some special maps known as contraction maps, we can find the fixed point precisely using Banach's fixed point theorem for contraction maps. Illustrations for contraction maps: a map [cartography one] of an area crumpled and thrown on the actual are [that map represents] so that it also includes the crumpled map and so on...)
 3. Any continuous endomap of a solid ball has a fixed point.
- Second side: Brouwer's retraction theorems:
(this is used because fixed point theorem cannot be proven and it also seems unintuitive)
 4. Consider the inclusion map $j: E \rightarrow I$ of the two-point set E as boundary of the interval I . There is no continuous map which is a retraction for j .
(there will be some point x in E for which $LHL \neq RHL$ or the map is torn hence it is not continuous)
(inclusion map j means E is a subset of I such that for all $e \in E$ $j(e)=e$)
 5. Consider the inclusion map $j: C \rightarrow D$ of the circle C as boundary of the disk D into the disk. There is no continuous map which is a retraction for j .
 6. Consider the inclusion $j: S \rightarrow B$ of the sphere S as boundary of the ball B into the ball. There is no continuous map which is a retraction for j .
- Proof Brouwer's theorem:
(contrapositive method: by saying not retraction theorem implies not fixed-point theorem)

To prove that the non-existence of a retraction implies that every continuous endomap has a fixed point, all we need to do is to assume that there is a continuous endomap of the disk which does not have any fixed point, and to build from it a continuous retraction for the inclusion of the circle into the disk. (proof in page no. 125 of Lawvere)

(Points to determine the relation between fixed point and retraction theorems:

 1. Let $j: C \rightarrow D$ be, as before the inclusion of the circle into disk. Suppose that we have two continuous maps g and $f: D \rightarrow D$ the satisfies $gj=j$, then there must be x in D such that $g(x)=f(x)$, comes from the fact that fixed point theorem is the special case of $g=1_D$.
 2. Suppose that A is a retract of $X \iff s: A \rightarrow X$ and $r: X \rightarrow A$ with $rs=1_A$. Suppose also that X has fixed point property for

maps from T (for every endomap $f: X \rightarrow X$ there is map $x: T \rightarrow X$ for which $fx=x$) then A also has fixed point property for maps from T)

- Now we can deduce retraction theorem from fixed point theorem and above points:
 - Given: fixed point theorem and antipodal map (mapping diametrically opposite points) has no fixed point.
 - To prove: Consider an endomap $f: D \rightarrow D$, D is the disk as above, then there doesn't exist retraction r .
(where $j: C \rightarrow D$ and $r: D \rightarrow C$ and $rj=1_C$).
 - Proof: let C be the retract of D .
We know that D has fixed point property implying C must also have fixed point property.
But we know that C has an antipodal map for which there is no fixed point that means our assumption of r existing is wrong.
Hence, retraction doesn't exist for fixed point property and C is not retract of D .