

Prove that for  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the  $\epsilon$ - $\delta$  definition of continuity implies the open set definition.

Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous that is for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\epsilon > 0 \exists \delta$  s.t.

$$|f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon \text{ when } |x - y| < \delta$$

Let  $B \subset \mathbb{R}$  be an open set  $A = f^{-1}(B)$

then for  $x \in B \exists \epsilon$  s.t.  $(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \subset B$

then  $\exists \tilde{x} \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $f(\tilde{x}) = x \exists \delta$  s.t.

$$f(\tilde{x} - \delta, \tilde{x} + \delta) \subset (x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \text{ thus } f^{-1}(B) \text{ is}$$

open.

another way. Assume  $f^{-1}(B)$  is not open

then  $\exists$  some  $x_0 \in f^{-1}(B)$  s.t.  $\nexists \delta > 0$

$$(x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta) \not\subset f^{-1}(B) \text{ but } \exists \text{ some } \epsilon$$

$$\text{s.t. } (f(x_0) - \epsilon, f(x_0) + \epsilon) \subset B \rightarrow f \text{ is not}$$

continuous.