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Thm Closure properties of Continuous functions

If f and g are ctn at $x=a$,
then so are $f+g$, $f-g$, fg , f/g
and cf for $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}$

note: $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g: B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

\Rightarrow domain of $f+g, f-g$ and fg is $A \cap B$
domain of f/g is $\{x \in A \cap B \mid g(x) \neq 0\}$

Proof Using the sequence def of continuity.

Suppose f, g are ctn at $a \in A \cap B$
if (a_n) is a seq. in $A \cap B$ conv. to a

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f+g)(a_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(a_n) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(a_n) \\ = f(a) + g(a) = (f+g)(a)$$

So $(f+g)$ is ctn at a . ($\exists \epsilon \neq 0$)

Thm (前提 $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; g: B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; a \in (\text{dom}(g \circ f))'$)
if f ctn. at a and g is ctn at $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$,
 $\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(f(x)) = g(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x))$

note: $\text{dom}(g \circ f) = \{x \in A \mid f(x) \in B\} \subseteq A$

Proof Let (a_n) be a seq. in $\text{dom}(g \circ f)$, conv. to a
Since f is ctn at a , $f(a_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(a_n)$ and $f(a_n) \rightarrow f(a)$

By continuity of g at b , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g \circ f(a_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(f(a_n)) = g(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(a_n)) = g \circ f(a)$$

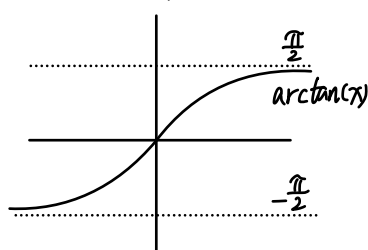
Since (a_n) is arbitrary, we conclude that
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(f(x)) = g(b)$, as claimed.

Remark The previous thm admits variants
where the lim. at a is replaced
throughout by the limit at $a^+, a^-, \pm\infty$
(pf: hw4, #5)

ex1

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \arctan\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

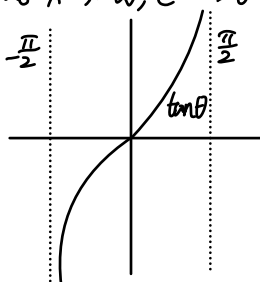
as $x \rightarrow 0^+$, $\frac{1}{x} \rightarrow +\infty$
as $x \rightarrow \infty$, $\arctan(x) \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}$



ex2

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} e^{-\tan \theta} = 0$$

as $\theta \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-$, $\tan \theta \rightarrow +\infty$
as $x \rightarrow -\infty$, $e^x \rightarrow 0$



Corollary ① If $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ 在 $a \in A$ 处 ctn,
且 $g: B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ 在 $b = f(a)$ 处 ctn
 $\Rightarrow g \circ f$ 在 a 处 ctn.
(ctn 及 composition 也 ctn.)

Pf directly follows from thm.

Corollary ② If $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ 和 $g: B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ 是 ctn. function.
则 $g \circ f$, $f \circ g$ 也是 ctn. function
(ctn functions 的 composition 也是 ctn function)

Pf 使用 topology 快速证明.

Review:

Def of ctn function in metric space

$f: X \rightarrow Y$ is ctn if $f^{-1}[V]$ is open in X
for every open set $V \subseteq Y$

$$X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} Z$$

V open set $V \subseteq Z$

Since g ctn $\Rightarrow g^{-1}[V]$ is open in Y

\Rightarrow Since f ctn $\Rightarrow f^{-1}[g^{-1}[V]]$ is open in X
 \square

Exs using properties of ctn functions

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(1) 使用 df of ctnity,

pf: $y = x^2$ is ctn at $a = 2$

we must show: $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$ s.t.

$$|x^2 - 4| < \epsilon \text{ whenever } |x - 2| < \delta$$

Pf $|x^2-4| = |x-2||x+2|$

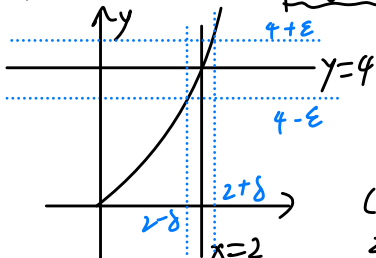
let $\varepsilon > 0$ be arbi.

Set $\delta = \min\{1, \frac{\varepsilon}{5}\}$

Suppose $|x-2| < \delta \Rightarrow 1 < x < 3$

Then $|x^2-4| = \frac{|x+2||x-2|}{\frac{1}{5} < \frac{x-2}{1} < \frac{1}{5}} \leq 5\delta \leq \varepsilon \quad \square$

* Give $\varepsilon > 0$, find largest $\delta > 0$ s.t. $|x^2-4| < \varepsilon$ whenever $|x-2| < \delta$?



$(2+\delta)^2 = 4 + \varepsilon$

$\Rightarrow \delta = \sqrt{4+\varepsilon} - 2$

(* note: 选取 $2+\delta$ 这边而不是 $2-\delta$ 这边, 因为 $2+\delta$ 这边更陡峭, 如果只 bound $2-\delta$ 这边, 则不会满足 $2+\delta$ 这边的 $|f(x)-f(a)| < \varepsilon$)

ex3 Show: $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}, y = x^2$ is ctn. at $x=a$

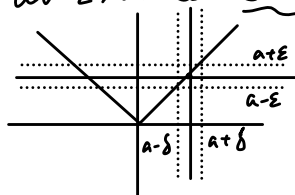
Pf Given $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, let $\delta = \min\{1, \frac{\varepsilon}{2|a|+1}\}$

Suppose $|x-a| < \delta$. Then $|x^2-a^2| = |x-a||x+a| < \delta(2|a|+1) = \varepsilon$

* note that δ depend on both a and ε

ex4 Show: $y = |x|$ is ctn. everywhere

Pf let $\varepsilon > 0$. set $\delta = \varepsilon$



Then $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}, |x-a| < \delta$ implies $||x|-a| \leq |x-a| < \delta = \varepsilon$

(* Note: here δ depend on ε but not a)

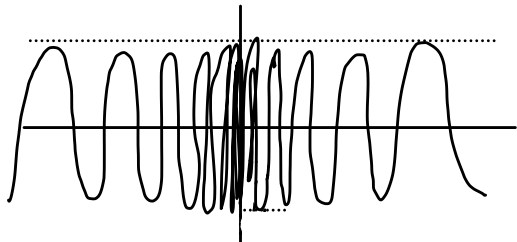
因为 $f'(x) = \pm 1$ 处处一样, a 的变化不改变 δ 的选择.

ex5 $f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 1, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$ is ctn everywhere except at 0

ex6 $g(x) = \begin{cases} \sin \frac{1}{x}, & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$ is ctn everywhere except at 0

(但 $f(x) = \sin(x)$ 是 ctn everywhere 的)

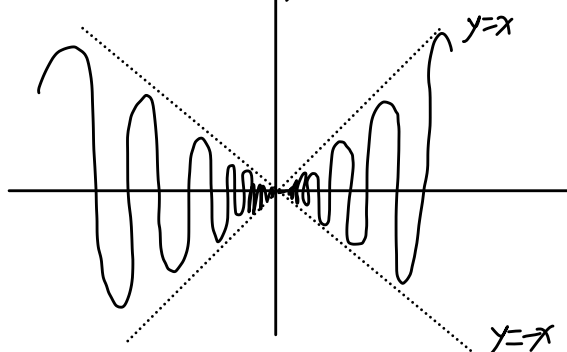
这是因为在 $x \neq 0$ 处, $g(x)$ 为 a composition of ctn. functions \Rightarrow ctn. 而 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x)$ DNE



ex7 $h(x) = \begin{cases} x \sin \frac{1}{x}, & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$ is ctn. everywhere.

因为在 $x \neq 0$ 时 h 为 a product of composition of ctn. functions 而 $x=0$ 处 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} h(x) = 0 = h(0)$

$(-|x| \leq x \sin \frac{1}{x} \leq |x|)$ by squeeze thm.



(8) Dirichlet's function $D(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$ is disctn everywhere

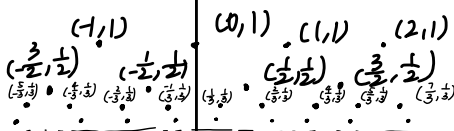
因为 $\forall q \in \mathbb{Q}$ 都有 a seq. of irrationals conv. to q
 $\forall r \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ there is a seq. of rationals conv. to r .

(9) Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$

Then $|f(x)| \leq |x|$ for all x , 因而 f 在 0 处 ctn ($\delta = \varepsilon$)

However, f is disctn. everywhere else

(10) Thoma's function $T(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n}, & \text{if } x = \frac{m}{n} \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ in "lowest terms"} \\ 0, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$



T is ctn. at x iff $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ Pf 5.1.6(h)

Challenging questions: (1) 是否有 $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ 使 f ctn at x iff $x \in \mathbb{Q}$?
(2) is T diffable anywhere?