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Suppose $F \subset \mathbb{R}$ is compact, $f(x) : F \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. If for any $x_0 \in F'$, $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$ ($x \in F$ and $x \rightarrow x_0$), prove that F is countable.

Proof: Let $F_n = \{x \in F : f(x) \leq n\}$ then $F = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} F_n$. If F_n is infinite for some n , then F_n is bounded so $F'_n \neq \emptyset$. Take $x_n \rightarrow x \in F'_n$ where $x_m \in F_n$, then $x \in F'$ so $f(x_m) \rightarrow \infty$, contradicting $f(x_m) \leq n$. Hence F_n is finite so F is countable.

45-4

(i) $\chi_{\mathbb{Q}}(x)$ is not the limit of a sequence of continuous functions.

Proof: We show that the point-wise limit of a sequence of continuous functions $\{f_n(x)\}$ is continuous on a dense set.

Let $f^+(x) = \inf_{\varepsilon > 0} \sup_{y \in (x-\varepsilon, x+\varepsilon)} f(y)$ and $f^-(x) = \sup_{\varepsilon > 0} \inf_{y \in (x-\varepsilon, x+\varepsilon)} f(y)$, then f is continuous at x iff $f^+(x) = f^-(x)$, and $f^-(x) \leq f^+(x)$. Let $G_n = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : f^+(x) - f^-(x) < 1/n\}$ then $\bigcap_{n \geq 1} G_n$ are all continuous points of f .

By Baire Category theorem, we only need to show that G_n is open and dense. Clearly $f^+, -f^-$ is upper semi-continuous so G_n is open. Now we prove that $G_n = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \omega_f(x) < 1/n\}$ is dense.

Consider any open set $O \neq \emptyset$. Let $E_m = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \forall s, t \geq m, |f_s(x) - f_t(x)| \leq 1/n\}$, then $E_m = \bigcap_{s, t \geq m} \{x \in \mathbb{R} : f_s(x) - f_t(x) \in [-1/n, 1/n]\}$ is closed, and $X = \bigcup_{m \geq 1} E_m$ since $\{f_m(x)\}_{m \geq 1}$ is Cauchy. So $O = \bigcup_{m \geq 1} (O \cap E_m)$ is a non-empty open set, and by Baire Category O is of second category, so there is an E_m and an open set $U \subset G \cap E_m$. For any $x \in U$ and $s, t \geq m$, $|f_s(x) - f_t(x)| \leq 1/n$ so $|f_s(x) - f(x)| \leq 1/n$. Take $U' \subset U$ open such that $\forall x, y \in U', |f_m(x) - f_m(y)| \leq 1/n$, then $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |f(x) - f_m(x)| + |f_m(x) - f_m(y)| + |f_m(y) - f(y)| \leq 3/n$. Therefore $U' \subset O \cap G_{n/3}$. Hence G_n is dense.

(ii) Suppose f is differentiable, prove that f' is continuous on a dense set.

Proof: Apply what we proved in (i) to $g_n(x) = n(f(x + 1/n) - f(x))$.

50-1

Assume $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ is a perfect set, prove that for any $x \in E$ there exists $y \in E$ such that $x - y \in \mathbb{Q}^C$.

Proof: Otherwise if there exists $x \in E$ such that $x - y \in \mathbb{Q}$ for all $y \in E$, then $E \subset x + \mathbb{Q}$ is countable.

However perfect sets are not countable, hence a contradiction.

If A is a perfect set in the complete metric space X , then A is a complete metric space without isolated points, and A is a dense G_δ set in this subspace. Hence A is uncountable.

Another proof: If $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ is perfect and $E = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$, let $U_1 = (x_{i_1} - 1, x_{i_1} + 1)$ where $i_1 = 1$. Take the smallest $i_2 > i_1$ such that $x_{i_2} \in U_1$, and $U_2 = (x_{i_2} - \varepsilon, x_{i_2} + \varepsilon)$ such that $U_2 \subset U_1$ and $x_{i_1} \notin U_2$. Likewise define $i_n > i_{n-1}$ be smallest such that $x_{i_n} \in U_{n-1}$ and U_n a neighborhood of x_{i_n} such that $x_{i_{n-1}} \notin U_n$, $\overline{U_n} \subset U_{n-1}$. Let $A = \bigcap_{n \geq 1} \overline{U_n} \cap E$, then $\overline{U_n} \cap E$ is compact and $\overline{U_n} \cap E \subset \overline{U_{n-1}} \cap E$ so by 56-27 (below) A is non-empty. Take $x \in A$ then $x \notin \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ since $x_n \notin \overline{U_{n+1}}$, hence a contradiction.

54-7

Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and there is a constant M such that for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in [0, 1]$,

$$|f(x_1) + \dots + f(x_n)| \leq M$$

Prove that $E = \{x \in [0, 1] : f(x) \neq 0\}$ is countable.

Proof: Let $E_n = \{x \in [0, 1] : |f(x)| > 1/n\}$, then $E = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} E_n$. Clearly, every E_n is finite, since $E_n^+ = \{x \in E_n : f(x) > 1/n\}$ and $E_n^- = \{x \in E_n : f(x) < -1/n\}$ are both finite, otherwise there are infinite x such that $|f(x)| > 1/n$ and $f(x)$ have the same sign. Take x_1, \dots, x_{2Mn} then $|f(x_1) + \dots + f(x_{2Mn})| > M$, a contradiction. Hence E_n is finite so E is countable.

55-11

Let $\{f_\alpha(x)\}_{\alpha \in I}$ be real valued functions on $[a, b]$ where I is infinite. If there exists $M > 0$ such that

$$|f_\alpha(x)| \leq M, x \in [a, b], \alpha \in I.$$

Prove that for any countable subset $E \subset [a, b]$, there exists $\{f_{\alpha_n}(x)\}$ such that the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_{\alpha_n}(x)$ exists for any $x \in E$.

Proof: Let $E = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$, $I_{m,k} = [Mk2^{-m}, M(k+1)2^{-m}]$ for $-2^m \leq k \leq 2^m - 1$. Define α_n and $k_n^{(l)}$, $1 \leq l \leq n$ inductively such that $I_{n,k_n^{(l)}} \subset I_{n-1,k_{n-1}^{(l)}}$ for all $l \leq n-1$, and

$\alpha_n \in \{\alpha \in I : \forall l \leq n, f_\alpha(x_l) \in I_{n,k_n^{(l)}}\}$ which is an infinite set (there are only finite choices of $\{k_n^{(l)}\}_{1 \leq l \leq n}$ so we can choose one such that the set is infinite). Then for any $l \leq n$, $f_{\alpha_n}(x_l)$ and $f_{\alpha_{n+m}}(x_l)$ lie in the same interval $I_{n,k_n^{(l)}}$, which implies $|f_{\alpha_n}(x_l) - f_{\alpha_m}(x_l)| \leq M2^{-n}$, so for any $x_l \in E$, $\{f_{\alpha_n}(x_l)\}_{n \geq 1}$ is Cauchy hence has a limit.

55-19

Suppose for any $a < b$, and $y \in (f(a), f(b))$ (or $y \in (f(b), f(a))$), there exists $c \in (a, b)$ such that $f(c) = y$. If for any $r \in \mathbb{Q}$, $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : f(x) = r\}$ is closed, prove that $f \in C(\mathbb{R})$.

Proof: Otherwise if f is discontinuous at x_0 , i.e. there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that for any $\delta > 0$, there exists $y \in (x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta)$ such that $|f(x_0) - f(y)| > \varepsilon$. Either $f(y) > f(x_0) + \varepsilon$ or $f(y) < f(x_0) - \varepsilon$ so we can assume that there is a sequence $x_n \rightarrow x_0$ such that $f(x_n) > f(x_0) + \varepsilon$. Take $r \in \mathbb{Q} \cap (f(x_0), f(x_0) + \varepsilon)$, then there is a sequence $y_m \rightarrow x_0$ such that $f(y_m) = r$. Since $f^{-1}(\{r\})$ is closed, $x_0 \in f^{-1}(\{r\})$, leading to contradiction.

56-27

Let $\{F_\alpha\}$ are compact sets in \mathbb{R}^n . If for any $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$,

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^m F_{\alpha_i} \neq \emptyset,$$

prove that $\bigcap_\alpha F_\alpha \neq \emptyset$.

Proof: Let $G_\alpha = F_\alpha^C$ which is an open set. Suppose $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} F_\alpha = \emptyset$, then take $\beta \in I$, $F_\beta \subset \bigcup_{\alpha \in I \setminus \{\beta\}} G_\alpha$. Since F_β is compact, there is a finite subset $J \subset I \setminus \{\beta\}$ such that $F_\beta \subset \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} G_\alpha$ i.e. $\bigcap_{\alpha \in J \cup \{\beta\}} F_\alpha = \emptyset$, a contradiction. Hence $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} F_\alpha \neq \emptyset$.

57-35

Prove that there does not exist $f(x, y)$ such that

(i) $f \in C(\mathbb{R}^2)$; (ii) $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f, \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f$ exists on \mathbb{R}^2 ; (iii) f is not differentiable on all of \mathbb{R}^2 .

Proof: Note that $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n(f(x + 1/n, y) - f(x, y))$ is the limit of continuous functions. In 45-4(i) we proved that the continuous points of $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f$ is a dense G_δ set, and so is that of $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f$. By Baire Category

theorem, their intersection is also a dense set, so we can take $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ such that $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f, \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f$ both exist at (x, y) . Hence f is differentiable at x , leading to contradiction.