

Compactness

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Common Lemmas:

If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous function between metric spaces (X, d) and (Y, ϱ) then $f(X)$ is bounded.

Proof. Assume towards a contradiction that $f(X)$ is not bounded. Therefore, for a fixed $y \in f(X)$ we have that for every R there is some $f(x)$ such that $\varrho(y, f(x)) > R$. Therefore we can construct some sequence $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ such that $\varrho(f(x_n), y) > n$. Since X is compact there must be some $(x_{n_k})_{k=1}^{\infty}$ with $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x_0 (\in X)$. Since f is continuous, we have that $f(x_{n_k}) \rightarrow f(x_0) (\in Y)$. Since these sequences are convergent, it must be that $\varrho(f(x_{n_k}), y) \rightarrow \varrho(f(x_0), y)$. However, $\varrho(x_{n_k}, y) > n_k > k$ for all k . This is a contradiction and therefore $f(X)$ is bounded. \square