

Exercise Abbott 4.3.9: Assume $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} and let $k = \{x : h(x) = 0\}$. Show that k is a closed set.

Proof. Suppose $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} and $k = \{x : h(x) = 0\}$. Let x be a limit point of k , by Theorem 3.2.5 there exists a sequence $(a_n) \in k$ such that $\lim a_n = x$ where $a_n \neq x$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. By Theorem 4.3.2 (iii) since h is continuous for all $(a_n) \rightarrow x$ it follows that $h(a_n) \rightarrow h(x)$. Note that since $a_n \in k$ we know that $h(a_n) = 0$ for all n and therefore we know that $h(x) = 0$ and thus by definition we get that $x \in k$. Thus k contains all its limit points and is therefore closed. \square

Exercise Supplemental 1: a) Show that a continuous function on all of \mathbb{R} that equals zero on the rational numbers must be the zero function

Proof. Suppose $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous and that for all $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ we know that $f(q) = 0$. By Theorem 3.2.10 for every $x \in \mathbb{R}$ there exists a sequence $(q_n) \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $(q_n) \rightarrow x$. By the continuity of f we know that $f(q_n) \rightarrow f(x)$, since all $q_n \in \mathbb{Q}$ by definition of f we know that $f(q_n) = 0$ and thus $f(x) = 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

$f(x) = 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ \square

b) Suppose f and g are two continuous functions on the real numbers. Is it true that if $f(q) = g(q)$ for all $q \in \mathbb{Q}$, then f and g are the same function?

Exercise Supplemental 2: Suppose $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is compact. Show that there exists $x_M \in K$ such that $x_M \geq x$ for all $x \in K$. Then, with very little work, show that there exists $x_m \in K$ such that $x_m \leq x$ for all $x \in K$.

Exercise Abbott 4.3.7(a):

Exercise Abbott 4.4.6:

Exercise Abbott 4.4.9: