

Today 11/7 Uniform Continuity 3.4/3.5

Suppose  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

"continuous on  $D$ "

$\forall \underline{x_0} \in D, \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  st.  $\forall x \in D$  ~~(3.4)~~

if  $|x - x_0| < \delta$ , then  $|f(x) - f(x_0)| < \varepsilon$ .

"uniformly continuous on  $D$ " ( $\varepsilon$ - $\delta$  version)

$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  st.  $\forall \underline{x_0}, x \in D$ ,

if  $|x - x_0| < \delta$ , then  $|f(x) - f(x_0)| < \varepsilon$ .

= same  $\delta$  works for all  $x_0$  in domain

- needed for integral development
- "uniform" idea is generalized in sequences of functions.

(sequential definition)  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  uniformly continuous  
iff

$$\forall \{u_n\}, \{v_n\} \subseteq D, \text{ if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n - v_n) = 0, \text{ then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f(u_n) - f(v_n)) = 0.$$

Example 1:

(A)  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $f(x) = 3x + 1$  is uniformly cont.

proof: Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

$$\text{Let } \delta = \varepsilon/3 > 0.$$

Let  $x_0, x \in D = \mathbb{R}$ .

Suppose  $|x_0 - x| < \delta = \varepsilon/3$ .

$$\text{Then } |3x_0 - 3x| < \varepsilon$$

$$\text{So } |(3x_0 + 1) - (3x + 1)| < \varepsilon.$$

$$\text{And } |f(x_0) - f(x)| < \varepsilon.$$

SIDE:

$$|f(x_0) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$$

$$\text{Goal: } |x_0 - x| < \underline{\underline{\delta}} \text{?}$$

$$|(3x_0 + 1) - (3x + 1)| < \varepsilon$$

$$|x_0 - x| < \varepsilon/3.$$

(b) Let  $f(x) = mx + b$  where  $m \neq 0$  and  $\mathcal{D} = \mathbb{R}$ .

Prove  $f$  is uniformly continuous.

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Proof. Let  $\{u_n\}, \{v_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .

Suppose  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n - v_n) = 0$ .

Compute  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f(u_n) - f(v_n))$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ((mu_n + b) - (mv_n + b))$$

$$= m \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n - v_n) = 0 \quad \text{using limit laws.} \quad \square$$

Thm 3.22  $\epsilon$ - $\delta$  definition is equivalent to sequential def  
for uniform continuity.

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proof: ( $\rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies the  $\epsilon$ - $\delta$  uniform  
continuity.

Suppose  $\{u_n\}, \{v_n\} \subseteq D$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n - v_n) = 0$ .

(Prove  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f(u_n) - f(v_n)) = 0$ )

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Let  $\delta > 0$  be st.  $\forall x, x_0 \in D$  if

$|x - x_0| < \delta$ , then  $|f(x) - f(x_0)| < \epsilon$ .

Note  $\exists N$  st.  $\forall n \geq N$ ,  $|u_n - v_n| < \delta$ .

Let  $n \geq N$ . Since  $|u_n - v_n| < \delta$ ,  $|f(u_n) - f(v_n)| < \epsilon$ .

So  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f(u_n) - f(v_n)) = 0$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  does not meet  $\epsilon$ - $\delta$  uniform continuity.

So  $\exists \epsilon > 0$ ,  $\forall \delta > 0$ ,  $\exists x, x_0 \in D$  st.

$$|x - x_0| < \delta \text{ and } |f(x) - f(x_0)| \geq \epsilon.$$

Show:  $\exists \{u_n\}, \{v_n\} \subseteq D$  st.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n - v_n) = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f(u_n) - f(v_n)) \neq 0$

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ . Consider  $\delta = \frac{1}{n}$ .

We can choose  $u_n, v_n \in D$  st.

$$|u_n - v_n| < \delta = \frac{1}{n} \text{ and } |f(u_n) - f(v_n)| \geq \epsilon.$$

So clearly  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n - v_n) = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f(u_n) - f(v_n)) \neq 0$ .

Example:  $f(x) = x^2$  for  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

$f$  is not uniformly continuous.

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proof: Let  $u_n = n$ ,  $v_n = n + \frac{1}{n}$ .

$$\text{Notice } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n - v_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0.$$

$$\text{Notice } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f(u_n) - f(v_n)) \neq$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( n^2 - \left( n^2 + 2 + \frac{1}{n^2} \right) \right)$$

$$= -2 \neq 0,$$

$\square$

Thm 3.17 A continuous function  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is uniformly continuous.

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proof. Contradiction Suppose  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and not uniformly continuous.

$$\exists \{u_n\}, \{v_n\} \subseteq [a, b] \text{ s.t. } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [u_n - v_n] = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f(u_n) - f(v_n)) \neq 0.$$

By exercise 12 & possibly "passing to a subsequence"  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  s.t.

$$\forall n, |f(u_n) - f(v_n)| \geq \epsilon.$$

Since  $[a, b]$  is sequentially compact,  $\exists \{u_{n_k}\}$  s.t.

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} u_{n_k} = x_0 \text{ for } x_0 \in [a, b].$$

Since  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (u_{n_k} - v_{n_k}) = 0$  and by Hw problem 1, or Hw #5,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} v_{n_k} = x_0. \text{ Since } f \text{ is continuous at } x_0,$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (f(u_{n_k}) - f(v_{n_k})) = 0 \quad (\neq \epsilon).$$