

Analysis I

Lecture 6

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1 Uniformly Continuous Maps

Definition 1. Let $(X, \rho_X), (Y, \rho_Y)$ metric spaces and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is **uniformly continuous** if $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$ such that $\forall x, y \in X, \rho_X(x, y) < \delta$ then $\rho_Y(f(x), f(y)) < \varepsilon$.

1. imposing a stronger constraint than continuous because this is saying some δ works across the entire domain for $x, y \in X$
2. stating that f behaves "similarly" across the whole domain
3. a function that is continuous at every point \nRightarrow the function is uniformly continuous
4. consider behavior of functions with asymptotes, what can you say about them?

Remark. Recall that the definition of a continuous map is as follows. $f \in C(X, Y) \Leftrightarrow \forall x \in X, \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$ such that $\forall y \in X, \rho(y, x) < \delta$ we have $\rho(f(x), f(y)) < \varepsilon$

Lemma 1. If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is uniformly continuous then $f \in C(X, Y)$ i.e. it is continuous.

Note. This is not true the other way around. A map that is continuous but not uniformly continuous. $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}. x_n = \frac{1}{n}, n \geq 1$. Consider

$$\rho(x_n, x_{n+1}) = |x_n - x_{n+1}| = \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} = \frac{1}{n(n+1)} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

and,

$$\rho(f(x_n), f(x_{n+1})) = |f(x_n) - f(x_{n+1})| = |n - (n+1)| = 1.$$

Hence this map is continuous but not uniformly continuous (the same δ won't work across all x_n, x_{n+1} pairs).

Definition 2. f is not uniformly continuous $\Leftrightarrow \exists \varepsilon > 0 \forall \delta > 0 \exists x, y \in X \rho_X(x, y) < \delta$ such that $\rho_Y(f(x), f(y)) \geq \varepsilon$

Theorem 1. Assume that $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous and X is compact. Then, f is uniformly continuous.

Proof. By contradiction. Assume that $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous and X is compact but f is not uniformly continuous. Then, $\exists \varepsilon_0 > 0$ such that $\forall \delta > 0 \exists x, y \in X, \rho_X(x, y) < \delta$ and $\rho_Y(f(x), f(y)) \geq \varepsilon_0$. We can choose a construction like so

1. $x_1, y_1 \in X$ such that $\rho_X(x_1, y_1) < 1$ and $\rho_Y(f(x_1), f(y_1)) \geq \varepsilon_0$
2. $x_2, y_2 \in X$ such that $\rho_X(x_2, y_2) < \frac{1}{2}$ and $\rho_Y(f(x_2), f(y_2)) \geq \varepsilon_0$.
3. ...
4. $x_n, y_n \in X$ such that $\rho_X(x_n, y_n) < \frac{1}{n}$ and $\rho_Y(f(x_n), f(y_n)) \geq \varepsilon_0$

Since X is compact, then \exists a subsequence $\{x_{n_j}\}$ such that $x_{n_j} \rightarrow x^*$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$. Then $f \in C(x^*) \Rightarrow \delta_0 > 0$ such that

$$f(B_{\delta_0}^X(x^*)) \subseteq B_{\frac{\varepsilon_0}{2}}^Y(f(x^*)).$$

Since $x_{n_j} \rightarrow x^*$ in X as $j \rightarrow \infty$ then $\exists j_0 \geq 1$ such that $x_{n_j} \in B_{\frac{\delta_0}{2}}(x^*), \forall j \geq j_0$. Now choose $j_0 \geq 1$ larger if necessary so that

$$\frac{1}{n_j} \leq \frac{\delta}{2}, \forall j \geq j_0.$$

Then by triangle inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_X(y_{n_j}, x^*) &\leq \rho_X(x^*, x_{n_j}) + \rho_X(x_{n_j}, y_{n_j}) \\ &< \frac{\delta_0}{2} + \frac{1}{n_j} \\ &< \frac{\delta_0}{2} + \frac{\delta_0}{2} \\ &= \delta_0. \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow

$$x_{n_j}, y_{n_j} \in B_{\frac{\delta_0}{2}}^X(x^*), \forall j \geq j_0.$$

\Rightarrow

$$f(x_{n_j}), f(y_{n_j}) \in B_{\frac{\varepsilon_0}{2}}^Y(f(x^*)).$$

\Rightarrow

$$\rho_Y(f(x_{n_j}), f(y_{n_j})) < \varepsilon_0 \forall j \geq j_0.$$

This is a contradiction to the construction of $x_n, y_n, n \geq 1$ since $\rho_Y(f(x_n), f(y_n)) \geq \varepsilon_0 \forall n \geq 1$. \square

Remark. What we essentially did in the proof above is that we took two sequences x_i 's and y_i 's that both converge to some point x^* and as they converge the distance $\rho_X(x_n, y_n) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. So in Y , both sequences in Y must converge to $f(x^*)$ and similarly the distances in Y of $\rho_Y(f(x_n), f(y_n)) \rightarrow 0$.