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Limits of Functions

Definition

Let X and Y be metric spaces; suppose $E \subset X$, f maps E into Y , and p is a limit point of E . We write $f(x) \rightarrow q$ as $x \rightarrow p$, or

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x) = q$$

if there is a point $q \in Y$ with the following property:

► For every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$d_Y(f(x), q) < \epsilon$$

for all points $x \in E$ for which

$$0 < d_X(x, p) < \delta.$$

Limits of Functions

Theorem

Let X , Y , E , f , and p as in the above definition. Then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x) = q \text{ if and only if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(p_n) = q$$

for every sequence $\{p_n\}$ in E such that $p_n \neq p$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = p$.

Corollary

If f has a limit at p , this limit is unique.

Limits of Functions

Definition

- Suppose $f, g : E \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ are functions. Define $f + g$ by

$$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x).$$

Similarly, define $f - g$, fg . If $g(x) \neq 0$ on E , define f/g .

- ▶ Let $c \in \mathbb{C}$. If $f(x) = c$ for all $x \in E$, we write $f = c$.
- ▶ Suppose f, g are real valued functions. If $f(x) \geq g(x)$ for all $x \in E$, we write $f \geq g$.
- ▶ If $\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g} : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$, we can also define $\mathbf{f} + \mathbf{g}$ and $\mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{g}$, $\lambda \mathbf{f}$ for real number λ .

Limits of Functions

Suppose $E \subset X$, a metric space, p is a limit point of E , $f, g : E \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x) = A, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow p} g(x) = B.$$

Then

- (a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} (f + g)(x) = A + B$;
- (b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} (fg)(x) = AB$;
- (c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} \left(\frac{f}{g} \right)(x) = \frac{A}{B}$, if $B \neq 0$.

If $\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g} : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$, then (a) remains true, and (b) becomes

(b') $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} (\mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{g})(x) = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}.$

Continuous Functions

Definition

- ▶ Suppose X and Y are metric space, $E \subset X$, $p \in E$, and $f : E \rightarrow Y$. Then f is said to be “continuous map at p ” if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$d_Y(f(x), f(p)) < \epsilon$$

for all points $x \in E$ for which $d_X(x, p) < \delta$.

- ▶ If f is continuous at every point of E , then f is said to be “continuous on E ”.

Theorem

In the situation given in the above definition, assume also p is a limit point of E . Then f is continuous at p if and only if $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x) = f(p)$.

Continuous Functions

Theorem

Suppose X, Y, Z are metric spaces, $E \subset X$, f maps E into Y , g maps the $f(E)$ into Z , and h is the mapping of E into Z defined by

$$h(x) = g(f(x)).$$

If f is continuous at a point $p \in E$ and if g is continuous at the point $f(p)$, then h is continuous at p .

Continuous Functions

Theorem

A mapping f of a metric space X into a metric space Y is continuous on X if and only if $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in X for every open set V in Y .

Corollary

A mapping f of a metric space X into a metric space Y is continuous on X if and only if $f^{-1}(C)$ is closed in X for every closed set C in Y .

Continuous Functions

Theorem

Let f and g be complex continuous functions on a metric space X . Then $f + g$, fg , and f/g are continuous on X . (in the case of f/g , we must assume that $g(x) \neq 0$, for all $x \in X$.)

Theorem

(a) Let f_1, \dots, f_k be real functions on a metric space X , and let \mathbf{f} be the mapping of X into \mathbb{R}^k defined by

$$\mathbf{f}(x) = (f_1(x), \dots, f_k(x)),$$

then \mathbf{f} is continuous if and only if each of the functions f_1, \dots, f_k is continuous.

(b) If \mathbf{f} and \mathbf{g} are continuous mappings of X into \mathbb{R}^k , then $\mathbf{f} + \mathbf{g}$ and $\mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{g}$ are continuous on X .

Continuous Functions

Example

- If x_1, \dots, x_k are the coordinates of the point $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^k$, the functions ϕ_i defined by

$$\phi_i(\mathbf{x}) = x_i$$

are continuous on \mathbb{R}^k .

- Every monomial $x_1^{n_1} x_2^{n_2} \cdots x_k^{n_k}$ is continuous on \mathbb{R}^k when n_1, \dots, n_k are nonnegative integers.
- Every polynomial P , given by

$$P(\mathbf{x}) = \sum c_{n_1 \dots n_k} x_1^{n_1} x_2^{n_2} \cdots x_k^{n_k}$$

is continuous on \mathbb{R}^k .

- Every rational function in x_1, \dots, x_k , that is, every quotient of two polynomials, is continuous on \mathbb{R}^k whenever the denominator is different from zero.
- Recall that a norm $|\cdot|$ is a function from \mathbb{R}^k into \mathbb{R} . $|\cdot|$ is continuous on \mathbb{R}^k .
- If \mathbf{f} is a continuous mapping from a metric space X into \mathbb{R}^k , and if ϕ is defined on X by setting $\phi(p) = |\mathbf{f}(p)|$, then ϕ is continuous.

Exercises

Ex 4.1

Suppose f is a real function defined on \mathbb{R} which satisfies

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [f(x+h) - f(x-h)] = 0$$

for every $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Does this imply that f is continuous?

Exercises

Ex 4.2

If f is a continuous mapping of a metric space X into a metric space Y , prove that

$$f(\overline{E}) \subset \overline{f(E)}$$

for every set $E \subset X$. Show that $f(\overline{E})$ can be a proper subset of $\overline{f(E)}$.

Exercises

Ex 4.3

Let f be a continuous real function on a metric space X . Let $Z(f)$ (the zero set of f) be the set of all $p \in X$ at which $f(p) = 0$. Prove that $Z(f)$ is closed.

Exercises

Ex 4.4

Let f and g be continuous mappings of a metric space X into a metric space Y , and let E be a dense subset of X . Prove that $f(E)$ is dense in $f(X)$. If $g(p) = f(p)$ for all $p \in E$, prove that $g(p) = f(p)$ for all $p \in X$.

Exercises

Ex 4.5

If f is a real continuous function defined on a closed set $E \subset \mathbb{R}$, prove that there exist continuous real functions g on \mathbb{R} such that $g(x) = f(x)$ for all $x \in E$. Such g is called continuous extension of f from E to \mathbb{R} . Show that the result becomes false if the word “closed” is omitted. Extend the result to vector valued functions.

Exercises

Ex 4.7

If $E \subset X$ and if f is a function defined on X , the restriction of f to E is the function g whose domain of definition is E , such that $g(p) = f(p)$ for $p \in E$.

Define f and g on \mathbb{R}^2 by

$$f(0,0) = g(0,0) = 0, \quad f(x,y) = \frac{xy^2}{x^2 + y^4}, \quad g(x,y) = \frac{xy^2}{x^2 + y^6} \text{ if } (x,y) \neq (0,0).$$

Prove that f is bounded on \mathbb{R}^2 and g is unbounded in every neighborhood of $(0,0)$, and f is not continuous at $(0,0)$; nevertheless, the restrictions of both f and g to every straight line in \mathbb{R}^2 are continuous.

Continuity and Compactness

Definition

A mapping \mathbf{f} of a set E into \mathbb{R}^k is said to be bounded if there is a real number M such that $|\mathbf{f}(x)| \leq M$ for all $x \in E$.

Theorem

Suppose f is a continuous mapping of a compact metric space X into a metric space Y . Then $f(X)$ is compact.

Theorem

If \mathbf{f} is a continuous mapping of a compact metric space X into \mathbb{R}^k , then $\mathbf{f}(X)$ is closed and bounded. Thus, \mathbf{f} is bounded.

Continuity and Compactness

Theorem

Suppose f is a continuous real function on a compact metric space X , and

$$M = \sup_{p \in X} f(p), \quad m = \inf_{p \in X} f(p).$$

Then there exist points $p, q \in X$ such that $f(p) = M$ and $f(q) = m$.

Continuity and Compactness

Theorem

Suppose f is a continuous 1-1 mapping of a compact metric space X onto a metric space Y . Then the inverse mapping f^{-1} defined on Y by

$$f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$$

is a continuous mapping of Y onto X .

Continuity and Compactness

Definition

Let f be a mapping of a metric space X into a metric space Y . We say that f is uniformly continuous on X if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$d_Y(f(p), f(q)) < \epsilon$$

for all $p, q \in X$ for which $d_X(p, q) < \delta$.

Theorem

Let f be a continuous mapping of a compact metric space X into a metric space Y . Then f is uniformly continuous on X .

Continuity and Compactness

Theorem

Let E be a nonempty set in \mathbb{R} . Then

- (a) *there exists a continuous function on E which is not bounded;*
- (b) *there exists a continuous and bounded function on E which has no maximum.*

If, in addition, E is bounded, then

- (c) *there exists a continuous function on E which is not uniformly continuous.*

Continuity and Compactness

Example

For a bijective continuous map $f : X \rightarrow Y$, f^{-1} may not be continuous. Let d_1 and d_2 be metrics on \mathbb{R} by

$$d_1(p, q) = |p - q|, \quad d_2(p, q) = \begin{cases} 1 & p \neq q \\ 0 & p = q \end{cases}.$$

Define $f : (\mathbb{R}, d_2) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, d_1)$ by $f(x) = x$ and define $g : (\mathbb{R}, d_1) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, d_2)$ by $g(x) = x$. Clearly, $f^{-1} = g$ and $g^{-1} = f$. f is continuous but g is not continuous.

Exercises

Definition

If f is defined on E , the graph of f is the set of points $(x, f(x))$, for $x \in E$. In particular, if E is a set of real numbers, and f is real valued, the graph of f is a subset of the plane.

Ex 4.6

Suppose E is compact, and prove that f is continuous on E if and only if its graph is compact.

Exercises

Ex 4.8

Let f be a real uniformly continuous function on the bounded set E in \mathbb{R} . Prove that f is bounded on E . Show that the conclusion is false if boundedness of E is omitted from the hypothesis.

Exercises

Ex 4.12

A uniformly continuous function of a uniformly continuous function is uniformly continuous.

Exercises

Ex 4.13

Let E be a dense subset of a metric space X , and let f be a uniformly continuous real function defined on E . Prove that f has a continuous extension from E to X .

Continuity of Connectedness

Theorem

If f is a continuous mapping of a metric space X into a metric space Y , and if E is a connected subset of X , then $f(E)$ is connected.

Continuity of Connectedness

Theorem

Let f be a continuous real functions on the interval $[a, b]$. If $f(a) < f(b)$ and if c is a number such that $f(a) < c < f(b)$, then there exists a point $x \in (a, b)$ such that $f(x) = c$.

Exercises

Ex 4.14

Let $I = [0, 1]$ be the closed unit interval. Suppose f is continuous mapping of I into I . Prove that $f(x) = x$ for at least one $x \in I$.

Discontinuities

Definition

Let E be a subset of a metric space X and let Y be a metric space. Suppose $f : E \rightarrow Y$ is a function. Let $x \in E$.

- ▶ f is discontinuous at x if f is not continuous at x .

Definition

Let f be defined on (a, b) . Consider any point x such that $a \leq x < b$.

- ▶ We write

$$f(x+) = q$$

if $f(t_n) \rightarrow q$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, for all sequences $\{t_n\}$ in (x, b) such that $t_n \rightarrow x$.

- ▶ Similarly, define $f(x-)$ for $a < x \leq b$.
- ▶ If f is discontinuous at x and if $f(x+)$ and $f(x-)$ exist, then f is said to have a discontinuity of the first kind, or simple discontinuity, at x .
- ▶ Otherwise the discontinuity is said to be of the second kind.

Remark

$\lim_{t \rightarrow x} f(t)$ exists if and only if $f(x+) = f(x-) = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} f(t)$.

Discontinuities

Example

(a) Define

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \text{ rational} \\ 0 & x \text{ irrational} \end{cases}$$

(b) Define

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & x \text{ rational} \\ 0 & x \text{ irrational} \end{cases}$$

(c) Define

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 2 & -3 < x < -2 \\ -x - 2 & -2 \leq x < 0 \\ x + 2 & 0 \leq x < 1 \end{cases}.$$

(d) Define

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin \frac{1}{x} & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Exercises

Ex 4.17

Let f be a real function defined on (a, b) . Prove that the set of points at which f has a simple discontinuity is at most countable.

Exercises

Ex 4.18

Every rational x can be written in the form $x = m/n$ where $n > 0$ and m and n are integers without any common divisors. When $x = 0$, we take $n = 1$. Consider the function f defined on \mathbb{R} by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \text{ irrational} \\ \frac{1}{n} & x = \frac{m}{n}. \end{cases}$$

Prove that f is continuous at every irrational point, and that f has a simple discontinuity at every point.

Monotonic Functions

Definition

Let f be real on (a, b) .

- ▶ f is said to be monotonically increasing on (a, b) if $a < x < y < b$ implies $f(x) \leq f(y)$.
- ▶ f is said to be monotonically decreasing on (a, b) if $a < x < y < b$ implies $f(x) \geq f(y)$.

Theorem

Let f be monotonically increasing on (a, b) . Then $f(x+)$ and $f(x-)$ exist at every point of x of (a, b) . More precisely,

$$\sup_{a < t < x} f(t) = f(x-) \leq f(x) \leq f(x+) = \inf_{x < t < b} f(t).$$

Furthermore, if $a < x < y < b$, then $f(x+) \leq f(y-)$.

Corollary

Monotonic functions have no discontinuity of the second kind.

Monotonic Functions

Theorem

Let f be monotonic on (a, b) . Then the set of points of (a, b) at which f is discontinuous is at most countable.

Monotonic Functions

Remark

Given any countable subset E of (a, b) , we can construct a function f , monotonic on (a, b) , discontinuous at every point of E , and at no other point of (a, b) .

Exercises

Definition

A map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called an open map if $f(V)$ is open in Y whenever V is open in X .

Ex 4.15

Prove that every continuous open mapping of \mathbb{R} into \mathbb{R} is monotonic.

Infinite Limits and Limits at Infinity

Definition

For any real c , the set of real numbers x such that $x > c$ is called a neighborhood of $+\infty$ and is written $(c, +\infty)$. Similarly, the set $(-\infty, c)$ is a neighborhood of $-\infty$.

Definition

Let f be a real function defined on $E \subset \mathbb{R}$. We say that

$$f(t) \rightarrow A \text{ as } t \rightarrow x,$$

where A and x are in the extended real number system, if for every neighborhood U of A there is a neighborhood V of x such that $V \cap E$ is not empty, and such that $f(t) \in U$ for all $t \in V \cap E$, $t \neq x$.

Infinite Limits and Limits at Infinity

Theorem

Let f and g be defined on $E \subset \mathbb{R}$. Suppose

$$f(t) \rightarrow A, \quad g(t) \rightarrow B \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow x.$$

Then

- (a) $f(t) \rightarrow A'$ implies $A' = A$.
- (b) $(f + g)(t) \rightarrow A + B$,
- (c) $(fg)(t) \rightarrow AB$,
- (d) $(f/g)(t) \rightarrow A/B$.

where the right members are defined. Note that $\infty - \infty$, $0 \cdot \infty$, ∞/∞ , $A/0$ are not defined.

Exercises

Ex 4.20

If E is a nonempty subset of a metric space X , define the distance from $x \in X$ to E by

$$\rho_E(x) = \inf_{z \in E} d(x, z).$$

- (a) Prove that $\rho_E(x) = 0$ if and only if $x \in \overline{E}$.
- (b) Prove that ρ_E is a uniformly continuous function on X , by showing that

$$|\rho_E(x) - \rho_E(y)| \leq d(x, y)$$

for all $x \in X, y \in Y$.

Exercises

Ex 4.21

Suppose K and F are disjoint sets in a metric space X , K is compact, F is closed. Prove that there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $d(p, q) > \delta$ if $p \in K$, $q \in F$.

Exercises

Ex 4.22

Let A and B be disjoint nonempty closed sets in a metric space X , and define

$$f(p) = \frac{\rho_A(p)}{\rho_A(p) + \rho_B(p)}.$$

Show that f is a continuous function on X whose range lies in $[0, 1]$, that $f(p) = 0$ precisely on A and $f(p) = 1$ precisely on B .

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