

Ch2 Topology

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2.1 Interior, Boundary, Closure

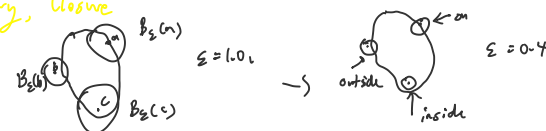
need little ball
fully inside set

Interior

- $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$
- $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is an interior point of A if exist $\varepsilon > 0$ s.t. $B_\varepsilon(p) \subseteq A$

Interior of $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$,

- A° or $\text{int}(A)$,
- set of interior points of A .



1D.

Proof is interior point

- $p=2$
- $A=[1,4)$
- \checkmark is interior set since $B_{\frac{1}{2}}(2) = (1.5, 2.5) \subseteq A$

Proof not interior point

- $p=5$
- $A=[1,4)$
- Proof negation: $\forall \varepsilon > 0, B_\varepsilon(5) = (5-\varepsilon, 5+\varepsilon) \not\subseteq [1,4) = A$.
- Fix $\varepsilon > 0$.
- Take $x=5$.
- $x \in (5-\varepsilon, 5+\varepsilon)$ but $x \notin [1,4)$.
- $\therefore B_\varepsilon(5) \not\subseteq [1,4)$ so 5 is not an interior point of A .

2D

 $p=(1,0)$

$$A = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \leq 2\}$$

- Prove $\exists \varepsilon > 0$ s.t. $(x,y) \in B_\varepsilon(1,0) \Rightarrow (x,y) \in A$

Proof

- Take $\varepsilon = 0.5$.
- Let $(x,y) \in B_{0.5}(1,0)$

$$\Rightarrow (x-1)^2 + y^2 < 0.5^2$$

- Since $y^2 \geq 0, 0 \leq y^2$

$$(x-1)^2 < \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \quad (\text{since L.H.S. get smaller only})$$

$$x-1 < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x < 1 + \frac{1}{2} < 2$$

$$\therefore x \in A = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \leq 2\}$$



set in set

- 1BD

2.1.2. Boundary.

Definition:

$p \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a boundary point of $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ if for $\forall \varepsilon > 0, B_\varepsilon(p) \cap A \cap B_\varepsilon(p) \cap A^c$ are both non-empty.

- no matter how much you zoom into p , you can see points nearby inside A and outside A .

Topological boundary

- ∂A , set of boundary points of A .

$$A = [1,4), \partial A = \{1,4\}$$

$$A = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \leq 2\}, \partial A = \{(2,y) : y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

1D

Proof.

- $p=1$
- $A=[1,4)$
- Let $\varepsilon > 0$.
- Take $x=1, y = (-\frac{\varepsilon}{2}, \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$ $x,y \in B_\varepsilon(1) = (1-\varepsilon, 1+\varepsilon)$
- $x \in [1,4) \quad y \notin [1,4)$

$$\therefore x \in B_\varepsilon(1) \cap A$$

$$y \in B_\varepsilon(1) \cap A^c$$



2D

- $p=(2,1)$

$$A = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \leq 2\}$$

Proof.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$.

$$\text{Then } B_\varepsilon(p) = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : (x-2)^2 + (y-1)^2 < \varepsilon^2\}$$

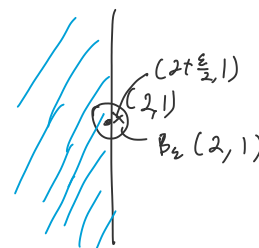
$$\therefore (2,1) \in B_\varepsilon(p) \cap A \quad (2+\frac{\varepsilon}{2}, 1) \in B_\varepsilon(p)$$

$$(2,1) \in A \cap (2+\frac{\varepsilon}{2}, 1) \in A^c$$

$$\therefore B_\varepsilon(p) \cap A, B_\varepsilon(p) \cap A^c$$

$$\text{contain } (2,1) \quad (2+\frac{\varepsilon}{2}, 1)$$

non-empty.



2.1.3 Closure.

Limit point

- $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is limit point of $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, B_\varepsilon(p) \setminus \{p\} \text{ contains points in } A.$$

Closure

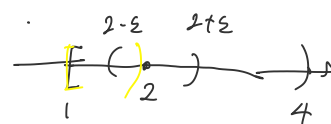
- closure of A , \bar{A} or $\text{cl}(A)$,
- is union of set A and set of limit points of A

$$A \cup A^*$$

$$\text{e.g. } A = (0,1)$$

each pt is a limit point because \dots open interval

1D.



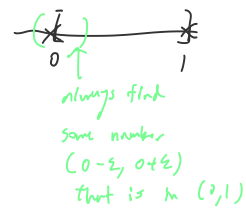
- $p=2$
- $A=[1,4)$
- Let $\varepsilon > 0$.
- Take $x = \max\{1, 2 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\}$ (would x in $(2-\varepsilon, 2+\varepsilon)$), while $x \in A$.
- $x \in B_\varepsilon(2) = (2-\varepsilon, 2+\varepsilon)$

- Then, $B_\varepsilon(2) \setminus \{2\}$ has points in $[1,4)$.

$$\Rightarrow 2 \text{ is limit point of } [1,4)$$

limit points = $[0,1]$ around x , you find other points of $(0,1)$

$$\text{Closure} = (0,1) \cup [0,1] \\ = [0,1]$$



Theorem 2.1.32.

- $A^\circ \subseteq A \subseteq \bar{A}$
- $A^\circ \cap \partial A = \emptyset$
- $\bar{A} = A^\circ \cup \partial A$
- $\partial A = \bar{A} \setminus A$

Interior A° : all points are not on edge

Boundary ∂A : edge, every neighborhood touches set and outside.

Closure \bar{A} : set itself plus limit points.

Limit point: a point can get arbitrarily close to using points from the set.

✱ Interior: all inside, no edge

Boundary: just the edge

Closure: set + edge + accumulation

Interior \cup Boundary

2.2. Sequences.

✱ Definition 2.2.1 Sequence. in \mathbb{R}^n is

- a function with domain $\{k \in \mathbb{Z} : k \geq k_0\}$ for some fixed $k_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and codomain \mathbb{R}^n .

• notations: $(x(k))$ $(x(k))_k$ $(x(k))_{k=k_0}^\infty$

$$\{x(k)\} \quad \{x(k)\}_k \quad \{x(k)\}_{k=k_0}^\infty$$

e.g. $x(k) = (\cos k, \sin k)$ in \mathbb{R}^2 .

$$x(1) = (\cos 1, \sin 1), \dots, x(w) = (\cos w, \sin w)$$

✱ Definition 2.2.4 Subsequence

- $x: \mathbb{N}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ (sequence)
- $m: \mathbb{N}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^+$ strictly increasing function.

$\rightarrow \{x(m(k))\}_{k=1}^\infty$ is a subsequence of $\{x(k)\}_{k=1}^\infty$.

e.g. $m(k) = 2k$. Let $x(k) = k^2$.

$$\text{Then } \{x(m(k))\} = \{x(2k)\} \subseteq \{x(k)\} \\ \{4k^2\} \subseteq \{k^2\}$$

2.2.1. Convergence of sequences.

$x: \mathbb{N}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x(k) = a$$

$$1 \leq x(k) \leq \infty$$

- more $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- $\{x(k)\}_k$ in \mathbb{R}^n converges to p if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists K \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, k \geq K \Rightarrow \|x(k) - p\| < \varepsilon.$$
 - $\{x(k)\}_k$ converges if there exist $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$ s.t. $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x(k) = p$.
 - otherwise, $\{x(k)\}$ diverges. ($\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x(k) = DNE$)
 - every subsequence of $\{x(k)\}$ also converge to p .

Theorem:

- Constant: $x(k) = p$ for all except finitely many $k \in \mathbb{N}^+ \Rightarrow x(k) \rightarrow p$
- Linearity: $x(k) \rightarrow p$ and $y(k) \rightarrow q \Rightarrow \lambda x(k) + \mu y(k) \rightarrow \lambda p + \mu q$
- Dot Product: $x(k) \rightarrow p$ and $y(k) \rightarrow q \Rightarrow x(k) \cdot y(k) \rightarrow p \cdot q$

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \bigcup_{k=1}^n$ converges. $\Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x(k) = p$

$$x(k) = (2 + \frac{1}{k}, \frac{\sin k}{k})$$

Proof.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$.

$$\text{Take } K = \left\lceil \frac{2}{\varepsilon} \right\rceil + 1$$

Assume $k \in \mathbb{N}^+$ and $k \geq K$.

Then $\|x(k) - p\|$

$$= \left\| \left(2 + \frac{1}{k}, \frac{\sin k}{k} \right) - (2, 0) \right\|$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(2 + \frac{1}{k} - 2 \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sin k}{k} \right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1 + \sin^2 k}{k^2}}$$

$$\leq \sqrt{\frac{2}{k^2}} \quad (\text{as } 0 \leq \sin^2 k \leq 1)$$

$$< \varepsilon \quad (\text{as } k \geq \left\lceil \frac{2}{\varepsilon} \right\rceil + 1 > \sqrt{\frac{2}{\varepsilon^2}})$$

$$\therefore \|x(k) - p\| < \varepsilon. \Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x(k) = p$$

Theorem 2.2.16 Convergence component-wise

- Let $\{x(k)\}_k$ be sequence in \mathbb{R}^n with $x(k) = (x_1(k), x_2(k), \dots, x_n(k))$
- Fix $p = (p_1, \dots, p_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ (components of p)
- $\{x(k)\}_k$ converges to p iff $\{x_i(k)\}_k$ converges to p_i , for ALL $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

Theorem 2.2.17 Interior point, boundary point, limit point

Interior point of A : every sequence $\{x(k)\}_k$ of points converging to p ,
 exist $K \in \mathbb{N}^+$ s.t. $\{x(k)\}_{k=K}^{\infty} \subseteq A$ (zoom in close)

Boundary point of A : exist sequences of points in A and A^c both converging to p .

Limit point of A : exist points in $A \setminus \{p\}$ converge to p .

2.3 Open sets and closed sets.

2.3.1 Open sets (None of its boundary points are included (every point has wiggle room))

Definition 2.3.1 Open sets.

$A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is open if every point of A is an interior point of A .

empty set

\mathbb{R}^n

(a, b)

Open ball $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x - p\| < r\}$ in \mathbb{R}^n

Interior of a set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is open

actual

(the set contains all boundary points, limit stays in C)

Proof.

$(a, b) \in A$ $\Rightarrow B_r((a, b)) \subseteq A$

Fix $r = \frac{b-a}{2}$

For $(x, y) \in B_r((a, b))$,

$$|y - b| \leq \|(x, y) - (a, b)\| < r$$

$$\therefore |y - b| < \frac{b-a}{2}$$

$$b - \frac{b-a}{2} < y < b + \frac{b-a}{2}$$

$$y > \frac{b+1}{2} > 1 \quad \text{as } b > 1,$$

$\therefore (x, y) \in A \Rightarrow B_r((a, b))$ is contained in A .

(Intuition: in open ball of the point,

2.32 Closed sets

like closed addition of vectors

Definition 2.3.7

A set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is closed if every limit point of A belongs to A .

- empty set
- \mathbb{R}^n
- $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a < b$, $[a, b]$
- $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $r > 0$, $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x - p\| < r\}$

Closure of set A is closed

Example. $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y \geq 1\}$ is closed

- Let (a, b) be limit point of A .
- $\{(x(k), y(k))\}_k$ be sequence in $A \setminus \{(a, b)\}$ converging to (a, b)
 - $x(k) \rightarrow a$
 - $y(k) \rightarrow b$
- As $y(k) \geq 1$ for $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$, and $y(k) \rightarrow b$,
- $\therefore b = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y(k) \geq 1$
- $\therefore (a, b) \in A$.

as it is smaller than radius
We can find the point inside A too.

2.33 Set Operations

Theorem 2.3.14

- $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is open

\Leftrightarrow

- $A^c = \mathbb{R}^n \setminus A$ is closed

- \emptyset, \mathbb{R}^n are both open and closed

- Neither opened / closed:

$[137, 237)$

$\{\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

$B = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 < 1, y \geq 0\}$

$\mathbb{Q} : \mathbb{Q}^\circ = \emptyset$ and $\bar{\mathbb{Q}} = \mathbb{R}$.

2.4.1 Compact Sets

Closed + bounded

Definition 2.4.2 Compact

- $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is compact if
- every sequence of A has a subsequence which converges to a point in A

Bolzano-Weierstrass:

- A set in \mathbb{R}^n is compact if and only if
- both closed and bounded.

- cannot make sequence run to infinity (bounded)
- cannot converge to a missing boundary point (closedness)
- force to settle down somewhere inside,

Compact:

- empty set (vacuously)
- any finite set A
- $[a, b]$ in \mathbb{R} .

NOT compact:

$A = (0, 1]$ as $\{\frac{1}{k}\}_{k=1}^\infty$ converge 0

$\mathbb{R} \setminus \{\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

$\mathbb{R}^n, x(k) = (k, k, \dots, k)$ $(1, 1, 1, \dots)$
 $(2, \dots, 2)$
 (\dots)
 (∞, \dots, ∞)

Bounded:

$A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is bounded if ...

$\exists R > 0$ s.t. $A \subseteq \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x\| < R\}$

* If set is not bounded, then it is unbounded

2.4.2 Set operations and subsets

- Finite union of compact sets \Rightarrow compact
- Finite or infinite intersection of compact sets is compact
- Finite Cartesian product of compact sets is compact

2.5 Limits (2.5-2.5.3)

Definition 2.5.1 Limit

Let $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$.

Let $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be a limit point of A , let $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
Define b to be limit of f at a provided

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = b$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t. } \forall x \in A, \\ 0 < \|x - a\| < \delta \Rightarrow \|f(x) - b\| < \varepsilon$$

Definition 2.5.6. Isolated point

- $a \in A$

• a is not a limit point of A (Not 'not exist!' is NOT defined)
(limit at isolated point of f 's domain is undefined)

$$\text{e.g. } A = [1, 3) \cup \{7\}$$

- defined: $[1, 3)$ (may / may not exist)
- undefined: 7 (not defined since isolated)

Theorem 2.5.9 Sequential Definition of limits

(Main tool proving non-existence of limits)
(Similar to side limits, all functions approaching (a, b) should give the same value)

- $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a function.

- Let $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be limit point of A ,
- Let $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = b$$

\Leftrightarrow every sequence of points $\{x(k)\}_k$ in $A \setminus \{a\}$ with $x(k) \rightarrow a$,
the sequence of points $\{f(x(k))\}_k$ in \mathbb{R}^m converges to b (i.e. $f(x(k)) \rightarrow b$)

Theorem 2.5.11 Basic properties

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = b \Leftrightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f_i(x) = b_i \\ \uparrow \\ \text{iff for } \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m, \\ a \text{ is limit point of } A, b \text{ is } (b_1, \dots, b_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m. \\ f_1, \dots, f_m \text{ be component functions of } f, f = (f_1, \dots, f_m) \end{array} \right)$$

$$f(x, y) = (x + y, xy)$$

$$f_1(x, y) = x + y, f_2(x, y) = xy$$

$$\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (2, 3)} f_1(x, y) = 5 \text{ and } \lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (2, 3)} f_2(x, y) = 6$$

$$\therefore \lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (2, 3)} f(x, y)$$

$$= \left(\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (2, 3)} f_1(x, y), \lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (2, 3)} f_2(x, y) \right)$$

$$= (5, 6)$$

$$\text{Proof: } \lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (2, 3)} (x + y) = 5$$

Proof.

WTS: $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$ s.t.

$$0 < \|(x, y) - (2, 3)\| < \delta$$

$$\Rightarrow \|(x + y) - 5\| < \varepsilon.$$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$.

Take $\delta =$

$$\text{Assume } 0 < \|(x, y) - (2, 3)\| < \delta.$$

$$\therefore |x - 2| \leq \sqrt{(x - 2)^2 + (y - 3)^2} < \delta$$

$$|y - 3| \leq \sqrt{(x - 2)^2 + (y - 3)^2} < \delta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \|(x + y) - 5\| &= |x - 2 + y - 3| \\ &\leq |x - 2| + |y - 3| \quad (\text{by } \Delta \text{ inequality}) \\ &< 2\delta \quad (\text{as } |x - 2| < \delta, |y - 3| < \delta) \\ &= \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Proof: } \lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (2, 3)} xy = 6$$

More to cover...

$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$ s.t.

$$0 < \|(x, y) - (2, 3)\| < \delta.$$

$$\Rightarrow \|xy - 6\| < \varepsilon.$$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$.

Take $\delta =$

$$\text{Assume } 0 < \|(x, y) - (2, 3)\| < \delta.$$

$$\text{Then } |x - 2| \leq \sqrt{(x - 2)^2 + (y - 3)^2} < \delta$$

$$|y - 3| \leq \sqrt{(x - 2)^2 + (y - 3)^2} < \delta$$

$$\|xy - 6\|$$

$$= |xy - 2y + 2y - 6|$$

$$\leq |xy - 2y| + |2y - 6| \quad (\Delta \text{ ineq.})$$

Since $\delta \leq 1$

$$|y - 3| < 1$$

$$1 < y - 3 < 1$$

$$2 < y < 4$$

$$\leq |y| |x - 2| + 2|y - 3|$$

$$\leq 4|x - 2| + 2|y - 3|$$

$$< 6\delta$$

$$\leq \varepsilon$$

$$\text{Proof: } \lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2} \text{ does not exist}$$

Define $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ converge to

$$x(k) = (0, \frac{1}{k}) \rightarrow (0, 0)$$

$$y(k) = (\frac{1}{k}, \frac{1}{k}) \rightarrow (0, 0)$$

$$\cdot f(x(k)) = \frac{0}{0^2 + (\frac{1}{k})^2} = 0$$

$$\cdot f(y(k)) = \frac{\frac{1}{k^2}}{\frac{1}{k^2} + \frac{1}{k^2}} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \left(\text{For all } k \in \mathbb{N}^+ \right)$$

$$\therefore \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(x(k)) = 0$$

$$\neq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(y(k)) = \frac{1}{2}$$

but $\{x(k)\}_k$ and $\{y(k)\}_k$ both converge to $(0, 0)$

\therefore Limit DNE.

Lemma 2.5.13 Uniqueness of limits.

- $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ and fix $b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = b_1 \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = b_2$$

$$\boxed{b_1 = b_2}$$

Theorem 2.5.14 More properties.

- Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be a set.
- Let a be limit point of A .

- Let f and g be \mathbb{R}^n -valued function defined on A . 2. scalar multiply If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$ exists.
- Let ϕ be real-valued function defined on A .
- Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$, constants.

1. Constants $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} b = b$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} x = a$

2. Linearity If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$ exists

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x) + \lambda g(x)) & \text{ exists} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + \lambda \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \end{aligned}$$

4. Dot product If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$ exists

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x) \cdot g(x)) & \text{ exists} \\ &= \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right) \cdot \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.5.15 Squeeze Theorem

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$.
Let a be limit point of A .
Let f, g, h be real-valued function with domain A .
Assume $\delta > 0$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x \in A, 0 < \|x - a\| < \delta \\ \Rightarrow f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x) \end{aligned}$$

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) = b$ for some $b \in \mathbb{R}$.
Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = b$.

Consider norm $\rightarrow \infty$.

2.5.3 Limits with Infinity.

Definition 2.5.16 limit of $f(x)$ as $\|x\| \rightarrow \infty$ (i.e. $x \rightarrow \infty$)

- Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be unbounded.
- Let $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, let $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ to be limit of $f(x)$ as $\|x\| \rightarrow \infty$
- $$\left\{ \begin{aligned} &\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists M > 0, \text{ s.t. } \forall x \in A, \\ &\|x\| > M \Rightarrow \|f(x) - b\| < \epsilon \end{aligned} \right.$$
 - $\checkmark \lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = b$
 - $\times \lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$ DNE.

Definition 2.5.18 limit of f at a diverges to $+\infty$ (i.e. $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$)

- Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be a set.
Let a be a limit point of A .
Let $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a real-valued function.
Limit of f at a diverges to $+\infty$
- $\forall M > 0, \exists \delta > 0$ s.t. $\forall x \in A$,
 $0 < \|x - a\| < \delta \Rightarrow f(x) > M$
 - $\checkmark \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = +\infty$

2.6.1 Continuity

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$ (2.6.1)
- Let $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a function with domain $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$.
- Let $a \in A$ be a point.
- The function f is continuous at a provided
 - $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$ s.t. $\forall x \in A$,

limit point; zoom into a ,
any neighborhood has points in A (a not must in A)

Example: $f(x, y) = x + y$
 $g(x, y) = xy$

- $\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (2, 3)} f(x, y) = 5 = f(2, 3)$
 - $\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (2, 3)} g(x, y) = 6 = g(2, 3)$
- $\left. \begin{aligned} &\text{ } \end{aligned} \right\} f \text{ is continuous at } (2, 3)$
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$$\|x - a\| < \delta \implies \|f(x) - f(a)\| < \varepsilon \quad (\text{includes isolated points})$$

Lemma 2.6.2.

- a is isolated point of $A \implies f$ is continuous (vacuously)
- a is a limit point of $A \implies \left(f \text{ is continuous} \iff \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a) \right)$

Theorem 2.6.5 Sequential Definition of Continuity

- Let $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$.
- Let $a \in A$.
- Then f is continuous at a if and only if
 - for every sequence $\{x(k)\}_k$ in A converging to a
 - $\{f(x(k))\}_k$ in \mathbb{R}^m converges to $f(a)$

Definition 2.6.6

- Let $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a function with domain $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$.
- For $S \subseteq A$,
 - f is continuous on S if f is continuous for $\forall a \in S$.
 - (f is continuous on its domain A .)

2.6.2 Basic Properties

Theorem 2.6.14 Continuity of components

- $f = (f_1, \dots, f_m): A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is continuous at $a \in A$ if and only if f_i is continuous at a for each $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$

Lemma 2.6.16 Linear Transformation Continuity

- every linear transformation $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is continuous.
- identity map
- coordinate projection map $\pi_i: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $\pi_i(x) = x_i$
- $f(x) = Ax$ for $m \times n$ matrix A , $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

Theorem 2.6.18 Basic Properties

- Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, $a \in A$.
- Let f, g be \mathbb{R}^m -valued functions defined on A .
- Let ϕ be a real-valued function of A .
- Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.
 - If f and g are continuous at a :
 - $f + \lambda g$ is continuous at a
 - ϕf (scalar) is continuous at a
 - $f \cdot g$ is continuous at a

Corollary 2.6.20

- Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ where $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ and $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$.
- If
 - f is continuous at a
 - g is continuous at $f(a)$
- Then $g \circ f$ is continuous at a .

Definition 2.6.24

- monomial in n variables x_1, \dots, x_n is a function of the form $x_1^{a_1} \dots x_n^{a_n}$

Example 2.6.7 (checking continuity on subsets)

Example 2.6.11

$$F(x, y) = \begin{cases} x+y & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (2, 3) \\ 237 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- F continuous on $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(2, 3)\}$
- F not continuous at $(2, 3)$ since

$$\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (2, 3)} F(x, y) = 5 \neq 237 = F(2, 3)$$

Example 2.6.17

- $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is $\|x\|^2 = x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2$
- f is dot product of identity map.

$$\text{id}(x) \cdot \text{id}(x) = x \cdot x = \|x\|^2 = f(x)$$

for some $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{N}$.

- polynomial in n variables x_1, \dots, x_n is a linear combination of monomials in n variables with real coefficient.

Example 2.6.25

$$p(x, y, z) = xy + 3z^4 : \text{polynomial}$$

$$xy, z^4 : \text{monomials}$$

Lemma 2.6.26

- all polynomials in n variables are continuous on \mathbb{R}^n .

2.6.3 Topological Properties (open, closed, bounded, compact)

Theorem 2.6.27 preimage of continuous map preserves open/closed.

(does not preserve boundedness, compactness)

Let $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$. They are equivalent:

(a) f is continuous on \mathbb{R}^n

(b) $f^{-1}(U)$ is open on every open set $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$

(c) $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed on every closed set $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$.

EG 2.6.30

$$f(x, y) = 2.57$$

$$x^2 + y^2 < 1$$

$$f(x, y) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow f^{-1}(\{2.57\}) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 < 1\} \\ = B_1((0, 0))$$

$$\bullet \text{ Open: } f^{-1}(\{2.57\})$$

$$\bullet \text{ Closed: } \{2.57\}$$

f cannot be continuous!

Theorem 2.6.35 Image of continuous map preserves compactness

If A is compact subset of \mathbb{R}^n

f is a \mathbb{R}^m -valued function continuous on A .

Then $f(A)$ is a compact subset of \mathbb{R}^m .

Example 2.6.36

$$f(x, y, z) = \{(x, y, z) : 0 \leq x, y, z \leq 1\}$$

(Continuous by Thm 2.6.24, Lemma 2.6.26, polynomial is continuous)

$[0, 1]^3$ is compact

$\Rightarrow B = f([0, 1]^3)$ is ALSO COMPACT by Theorem 2.6.35.

Example 2.6.37

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

$$\text{Set } A = [2, 1] \xrightarrow{\text{image}} \text{set } f(A) = [1, \frac{1}{2}] \quad \boxed{\text{COMPACT}}$$

$$\text{Set } B = [0, 1] \xrightarrow{\text{image}} \text{set } f(B) = \{0\} \cup [1, \infty) \quad \boxed{\text{NOT COMPACT}}$$

\Rightarrow Not continuous!

2.7 Path-connected sets

Definition 2.7.1 Path-connected (C^k path-connected, if k-times differentiable)

A set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is path-connected

If every pair of points $p, q \in S$,

there exist continuous function $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ s.t.

$$\gamma(a) = p, \quad \gamma(b) = q, \quad \text{im}(\gamma) \subseteq S$$

Definition 2.7.4 Convex

line segment between any 2 points $p, q \in S$ lies in S .



Convex



Theorem 2.7.8 Image of continuous map preserves path-connectedness (cont. + path-con $\rightarrow f(\text{set})$ path-con)

- $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ -valued function
- If f is continuous on $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, a path-connected set
- Then $f(S)$ is path-connected

Corollary 2.7.10 (Intermediate Value Theorem)
 \swarrow real-valued function defined on $[a, b]$

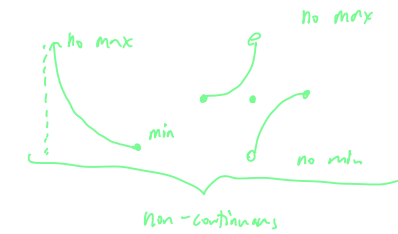
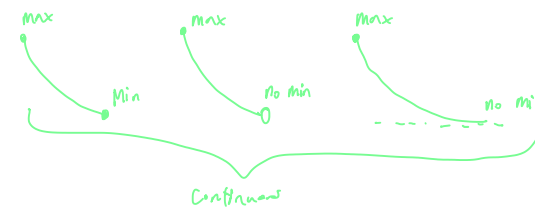
- If f is continuous on $[a, b]$
- Then $f([a, b])$ is path-connected

2.8 Global Extrema

Definition 2.8.1 Global max point/value \swarrow not using norm anymore! substitutes the output \mathbb{R} value

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. f be real-valued function defined on A

- Global max point of f on A : point p if $f(p) \geq f(x)$ for $\forall x \in A$
 - Global maximum value $f(p)$.
 - Such point exist $\iff f$ attains global max on A .



Theorem 2.8.7 Extreme value theorem (Single variable)

- If $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous
- Then f attains a maximum and minimum on $[a, b]$

Extreme Value Theorem (Multi-variable)

- If $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is non-empty compact set
- $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous
- Then f attains max and min at points of A

Theorem 2.8.8 Least upper bound principle (LUB) We can assume:)

- $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ has upper bound $(\forall x \in S, x \leq b, b \in \mathbb{R})$ \swarrow upper bound b
- Then \sup of S exist. $(\sup \text{ DNE} = \sup(S) = \infty)$

Lemma 2.8.14

- $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ closed and unbounded
- f is continuous real-valued function on A
- If $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$ as $\|x\| \rightarrow \infty$
- Then f attains max on A

