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Notations and Conventions

\mathbb{R}^n	n -dimensional real space
\mathbb{C}^n	n -dimensional complex space
$\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$	set of all $m \times n$ real-valued matrices
$\mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$	set of all $m \times n$ complex-valued matrices
x_i	i th entry of column vector \mathbf{x}
a_{ij}	(i, j) th entry of matrix \mathbf{A}
\mathbf{a}_i	i th column of matrix \mathbf{A}
\mathbf{a}_i^T	i th row of matrix \mathbf{A}
\mathbb{S}^n	set of all $n \times n$ real symmetric matrices, i.e., $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$ for all i, j
\mathbb{H}^n	set of all $n \times n$ complex Hermitian matrices, i.e., $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ and $\bar{a}_{ij} = a_{ji}$ for all i, j
\mathbf{A}^T	transpose of \mathbf{A} , i.e, $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^T$ means $b_{ji} = a_{ij}$ for all i, j
\mathbf{A}^H	Hermitian transpose of \mathbf{A} , i.e, $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^H$ means $b_{ji} = \bar{a}_{ij}$ for all i, j
$\text{trace}(\mathbf{A})$	sum of diagonal entries of square matrix \mathbf{A}
$\mathbf{1}$	A vector with all 1 entries
$\mathbf{0}$	either a vector of all zeros, or a matrix of all zeros
\mathbf{e}_i	a unit vector with the nonzero element at the i th entry
$\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$	the column space of \mathbf{A}
$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$	the row space of \mathbf{A}
$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$	the null space of \mathbf{A}
$\text{Proj}_{\mathcal{M}}(\mathbf{A})$	the projection of \mathbf{A} onto the set \mathcal{M}

3.2. Friday



爷爷！是倪爷爷！



Grandpa Ni
Grandpa



"Our first quiz is at 1:30-2:20pm on September 30th. That is next Sunday. There will be around 5 questions." the Grandpa said breezily,

3.2.1. Review

This lecture will review the continuity of function. Let's start with some easy examples:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ -x, & x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

This function is continuous nowhere except for $x = 0$.

Definition 3.8 [Continuous] Given a function $f : D \mapsto \mathbb{R}$,

- we say f is **continuous** at $x_0 \in D$ if for $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta := \delta(\varepsilon, x_0) > 0$ s.t. $|f(y) - f(x_0)| < \varepsilon$ for $\forall |y - x_0| < \delta$

- f is continuous on D if it is continuous at every point in D .
- If $\delta := \delta(\varepsilon)$, i.e., δ is independent of $x_0 \in D$, then f is said to be **uniformly continuous** on D .

R The following statements are equivalent, you should show by yourself.

1. f is continuous
2. If $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x_0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then $\{f(x_n)\} \rightarrow f(x_0)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
3. $f^{-1}(A)$ is open/closed if the set A is open/closed.

Definition 3.9 [Compact] A set K is **compact** (cpt) if for every open cover of K , there exists a **finite** sub-cover.

R The compactness has an important connection with continuity, e.g., the continuous function f maps compact sets to compact sets.

There is a useful way to determine whether a point is continuous at f , which will be discussed in this lecture.

3.2.2. Continuity Analysis

Let's raise some examples first. From these examples we can see that the proof of continuousness is non-trivial.

■ **Example 3.1** 1. Given a function

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

From the graph we can see that f oscillates heavily near zero point.

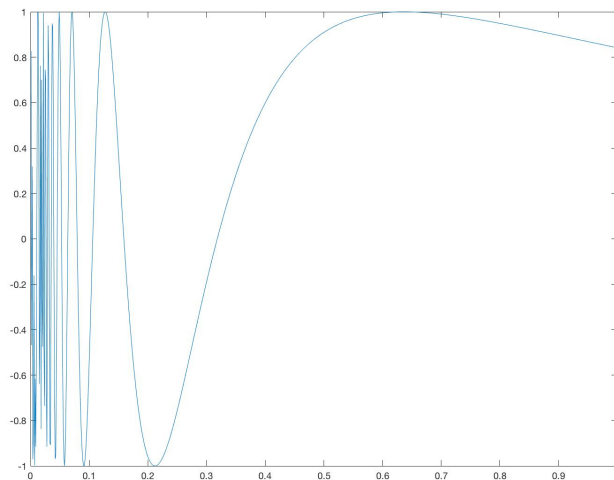


Figure 3.1: Graph for f

It is easy to show that $\sup_{x,y \in N_\delta(0)} |f(x) - f(y)| = 2$ however small δ is.

2. For another function

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

Conversely, it oscillates weakly near the zero point.

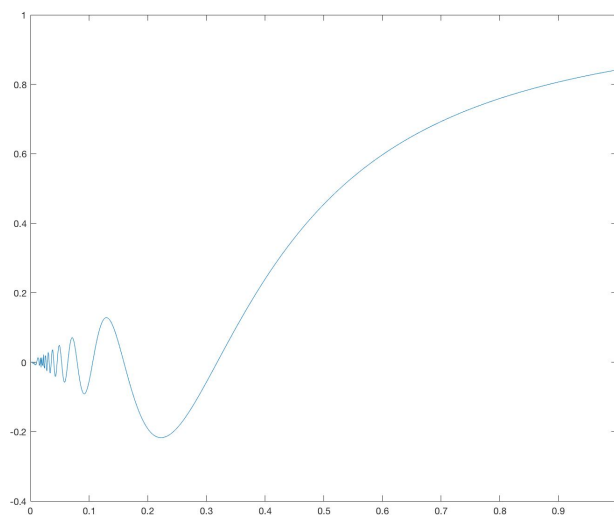


Figure 3.2: Graph for g

It is easy to show that $\sup_{x,y \in N_\delta(0)} |g(x) - g(y)| = 0$ as $\delta \rightarrow 0$.

Definition 3.10 [oscillation]

- The oscillation of a function f on E is defined as

$$\omega(f; E) := \sup_{x,y \in E} |f(x) - f(y)|$$

- The oscillation of f at a single point x_0 is defined as

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \omega(f, N_\delta(x_0)) := w(f; x_0)$$



- Here we abuse the notation to denote the oscillation at x_0 with $\omega(f; x_0)$, but note that $\omega(f; x_0) \neq \omega(f; \{x_0\})$.
- The well-definedness of $w(f; x_0)$ is because $\omega(f, N_\delta(x_0))$ is non-increasing as δ decreases and has a lower bound 0.
- A function f is continuous at x_0 iff $w(f, x_0) = 0$. (verify by yourself)

An classical example that illustrates a function can have continuous points in $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ is shown below. We have faced this example in the diagnostic quiz:

■ **Example 3.2** The Dirichlet function is defined for $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \notin \mathbb{Q} \\ \frac{1}{q}, & x = \frac{p}{q}, q > 0, (p, q) = 1 \end{cases}$$


The function f is continuous at x iff $x \notin \mathbb{Q}$. The set of all discontinuous points of f is \mathbb{Q} .

Now the question turns out:

Does there exists a function g of which the set of all discontinuous points of g is $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$?

Applying Baire-Category Theorem, we will show the answer to this question is no.

Proposition 3.2 Suppose f is continuous on a dense set in \mathbb{R} . Then the set of all discontinuous points of f , denoted as T , must form a set of first category, i.e., (a countably union of nowhere dense sets)

 $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ is of second category, otherwise assume

$$\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} I_i$$

for nowhere dense sets I_i , which implies $\mathbb{R} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} I_i \cup_{q \in \mathbb{Q}} \{q\}$ is a countably union of dense sets. Thus by applying proposition(3.2), the irrational number space cannot be the set of discontinuities.

The idea of the proof is to express T as countably union of sets, and argue that at least one of which must be nowhere dense.

Proof. We construct $D_n = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid w(f; x) \geq \frac{1}{n}\}$, which follows that

$$T = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n.$$

It suffices to show that D_n is nowhere dense for every n by contradiction.

Assume for some fixed n , D_n is not nowhere dense, i.e., $\overline{D_n}$ contains an **open** interval I . Note that the set of continuous points is dense, we conclude that there exists a point a inside the interval I such that f is continuous at a . (why?) Also, there exists a sequence $\{b_k\} \subseteq D_n$ with limit a . (since you can verify D_n is closed)

Since f is continuous at a , there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|f(x) - f(a)| < \frac{1}{4n} \text{ for } |x - a| < \delta. \quad (3.3a)$$

At the same time $\{b_k\} \subseteq (a - \delta, a + \delta)$ for all large k , i.e., $\omega(f; b_k) \geq \frac{1}{n}$. Hence, there exists a sequence $\{c_{kl}\}$ with limit b_k , such that the difference $|f(c_{kl}) - f(b_k)|$ is at least greater than $\frac{1}{2n}$ (why not $\frac{1}{n}$?), i.e.,

$$|f(c_{kl}) - f(b_k)| \geq \frac{1}{2n} \quad (3.3b)$$

Meanwhile, for large l , note that c_{kl} is close to a , i.e., from (3.3a) we have

$$|f(c_{kl}) - f(a)| < \frac{1}{4n} \quad (3.3c)$$

Also, note that b_k is close to a for large k , i.e., from (3.3a) we have

$$|f(b_k) - f(a)| < \frac{1}{4n} \quad (3.3d)$$

Three inequalities (3.3b) to (3.3d) show a contradiction:

$$|f(c_{kl}) - f(b_k)| \leq |f(c_{kl}) - f(a)| + |f(b_k) - f(a)| < \frac{1}{4n} + \frac{1}{4n} = \frac{1}{2n}$$

■

Theorem 3.3 Let f be the **pointwise** limit of a sequence of continuous functions $\{f_n\}$, i.e., $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$. Then the set of all discontinuous points of f must be a set of first category.

R Review the uniform limit version of this theorem;

Proof. We claim $D_\varepsilon = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid \omega(f, x) \geq \varepsilon\}$ is nowhere dense for any $\varepsilon > 0$. (fixed ε).

Assume $\overline{D_\varepsilon}$ contains an open set, or equivalently, D_ε contains an open set \mathcal{U} (since D_ε is closed, i.e., $\overline{D_\varepsilon} = D_\varepsilon$). Define

$$A_{mn} = \left\{ x \in \mathcal{U} \mid |f_m(x) - f_n(x)| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{4} \right\}.$$

Proposition 3.3 The set A_{mn} is closed.

The proof of proposition is moved in the end.

Set $A_m = \bigcap_{n \geq m} A_{mn}$, which is also closed, and

$$A_m \subseteq \left\{ x \in U \mid |f_m(x) - f(x)| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{4} \right\}$$

For every $x \in U$, as $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$, we have $x \in \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m$, which implies $U \subseteq \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m$. Applying the Baire Category Theorem, there exists one A_m containing an open set W .

For $x_0 \in W \subseteq \mathcal{U} \subseteq D_\varepsilon$, pick $\{x_n\} \subseteq W$ with limit x_0 such that

$$|f(x_n) - f(x_0)| \geq \frac{3}{4}\varepsilon \quad (3.4a)$$

At the same time, since $x_n, x_0 \in W$, it follows that

$$|f_m(x_n) - f(x_n)| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{4} \quad (3.4b)$$

$$|f_m(x_0) - f(x_0)| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{4} \quad (3.4c)$$

From (3.4a) to (3.4c), we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3}{4}\varepsilon &\leq |f(x_n) - f(x_0)| \\ &\leq |f_m(x_n) - f(x_n)| + |f_m(x_n) - f_m(x_0)| + |f_m(x_0) - f(x_0)| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon + |f_m(x_n) - f_m(x_0)| \end{aligned}$$

Or equivalently,

$$|f_m(x_n) - f_m(x_0)| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{4}, \forall n \quad (3.4d)$$

which implies $\omega(f_m; x_0) \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$, which implies f_m is discontinuous at x_0 , which is a contradiction. ■



- The proof for A_{mn} is closed is easy: pick any sequence $\{x_k\} \subseteq A_{mn}$ with

limit x , it suffices to show $x \in A_{mn}$, i.e.,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |f_m(x_k) - f_m(x)| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$$

- The applications of Baire Category Theorem give us an estimation of how large and how small a set is. In next lecture we will see how large is the set of continuous but nowhere differential functions.

