

## Continuity

**Metric Equivalence:** Assume  $(X, d_X)$  and  $(Y, d_Y)$  are metric spaces. Show that a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous at  $x \in X$  if and only if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we can find a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $d_X(x', x) < \delta$  for  $x' \in X$  implies  $d_Y(f(x'), f(x)) < \varepsilon$ .

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $x \in X$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Suppose  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous. Then we know  $B(f(x), \varepsilon)$  is open so  $f^{-1}(B(f(x), \varepsilon))$  is open. Since  $x \in f^{-1}(B(f(x), \varepsilon))$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $B(x, \delta) \subseteq f^{-1}(B(f(x), \varepsilon))$ . Thus, we have  $f(B(x, \delta)) \subseteq B(f(x), \varepsilon)$  and thus if  $d(x, y) < \delta$  then we have  $d(f(x), f(y)) < \varepsilon$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  we can find a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $d_X(x', x) < \delta$  for  $x' \in X$  implies  $d_Y(f(x'), f(x)) < \varepsilon$ . Let  $x \in X$  and consider  $V(f(x))$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be such that  $B(f(x), \varepsilon) \subseteq V(f(x))$ . Then we know that there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $y \in B(x, \delta)$  then  $f(y) \in B(f(x), \varepsilon)$ . Thus,  $B(x, \delta) \subset f^{-1}(B(f(x), \varepsilon)) \subset f^{-1}(V(f(x)))$ . Then for every neighborhood  $V(f(x))$  we know there exists a neighborhood  $V(x) \subseteq f^{-1}(V(f(x)))$  so  $f$  is continuous.