

#8 Continuity and differentiability

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Hour 8: Continuity, differentiability

Read along: Spivak 11-19

Def: $F: A \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is cont. : $\forall a \in A \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists \delta > 0 \quad \forall x \in A : |x-a| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(a)| < \varepsilon$

Thm: $F: A \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is cont. iff whenever $U \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is open, $\exists V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ open s.t. $F^{-1}(U) = V \cap A$ " $F^{-1}(U)$ is open in A ".

Proof: (in the case where $A = \mathbb{R}^n$)

\Rightarrow Assume $U \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is open, WTS $F^{-1}(U)$ is open.

Pick $a \in F^{-1}(U)$, then $F(a) \in U$ so pick $\varepsilon > 0$ s.t. $B_\varepsilon(F(a)) \subset U$.

By continuity, find $\delta > 0$ s.t. the condition of continuity is satisfied (s.t. $F(B_\delta(a)) \subset B_\varepsilon(F(a)) \subset U$.) So $a \in B_\delta(a) \subset F^{-1}(U)$. So $F^{-1}(U)$ open.

* Balls are always open

\Leftarrow Given $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, consider $B_\varepsilon(F(a))$, it is open. So $a \in F^{-1}(B_\varepsilon(F(a)))$ is open so there exists a $\delta > 0$ s.t. $B_\delta(a) \subset F^{-1}(B_\varepsilon(F(a)))$

QED

Example 1 / Thm: $\mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}^m \xrightarrow{g} \mathbb{R}^p$
 $\searrow \quad \nearrow$
 $g \circ f$

f, g cont $\Rightarrow g \circ f$ continuous

Given $U \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ open, WTS $(g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$ open.

$$(g \circ f)^{-1}(U) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) = f^{-1}(\text{open}) = \text{open}$$

QED

Example 2 / Thm: If $F: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is cont. and $C \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is compact, then $F(C)$ is also compact.

"A cont image of a compact is compact".

We know Compact in $\mathbb{R}^n \Leftrightarrow$ closed and bounded.

Corollary: A cont. function on a compact set C is bounded

Proof: $F(C)$ by ex 2 is compact, so it is bounded. So F is bounded.

Proof of ex. 2: (sketch)

Given an open cover $\{U_\alpha\}$ of $F(C)$, $\{F^{-1}(U_\alpha)\}$ is an open cover of C , hence it has a finite subcover, which in itself corresponds to a finite subcover for $F(C)$

Compactness in terms of closed sets, check

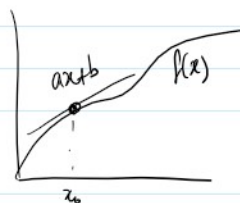
$$\begin{aligned} F \text{ cont} &\Leftrightarrow (U \text{ open} \Rightarrow F^{-1}(U) \text{ open}) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (D \text{ is closed} \Rightarrow F^{-1}(D) \text{ is closed}) \\ &\Downarrow \end{aligned}$$

f cont $\Leftrightarrow (U$ open $\Rightarrow f(U)$ open)
 $\Leftrightarrow (D$ is closed $\Rightarrow F^{-1}(D)$ is closed)

\Downarrow

D^c is open $\Rightarrow F^{-1}(D^c)$ is open
 $\Rightarrow F^{-1}(D)^c$ is open
 $\Rightarrow F^{-1}(D)$ closed

Differentiability:



$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x) - ax - b}{|x - x_0|} = 0$$

Defⁿ in \mathbb{R}^n : same