

## #7 Functions and continuity

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Hour 7: continuity

Read along: Spivak 11-14

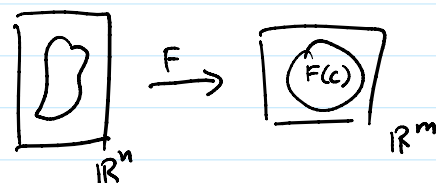
$$F: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

- a machine / procedure
- if  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $B \subset \mathbb{R}^m$   
 $\Rightarrow F: A \rightarrow B$  is defined  
domain  $\rightarrow$  codomain, range

$$F: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

$F|_A: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\text{if } C \subset \mathbb{R}^n \\ \rightarrow F(C) = \{F(x) : x \in C\}$$



The notion of an inverse  $(F^{-1})$  is better behaved! (?)

$$\rightarrow F^{-1}(D_1 \cup D_2) = F^{-1}(D_1) \cup F^{-1}(D_2)$$

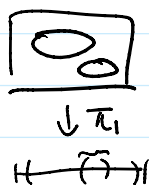
$$\rightarrow F^{-1}(D_1 \cap D_2) = F^{-1}(D_1) \cap F^{-1}(D_2)$$

$$\rightarrow F^{-1}(D^c) = F^{-1}(D)^c$$

on the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} F(C_1 \cup C_2) &\stackrel{?}{=} F(C_1) \cup F(C_2) \Rightarrow \text{This is true} \\ F(C_1 \cap C_2) &\stackrel{?}{=} F(C_1) \cap F(C_2) \\ F(C^c) &\stackrel{?}{=} F(C)^c \end{aligned}$$

Counter for  $\cap$ : take  $f: x \mapsto x^2$ ,  $C_1 = \text{neg. reals}$ ,  $C_2 = \text{pos. reals}$ .  
OR



Def:  $\pi_i: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $\pi_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_i$

For all  $F: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ , there are  $m$  functions automatically defined  
 $F_i: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  for  $i=1, \dots, m$  (aka coordinate functions)

$$F(x) = y = \begin{pmatrix} F_1(x) \\ \vdots \\ F_m(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow F_i = \pi_i \circ F$$

What is a graph?



$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\Gamma_f = \{(x, f(x)) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$\subset \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R}^2$$

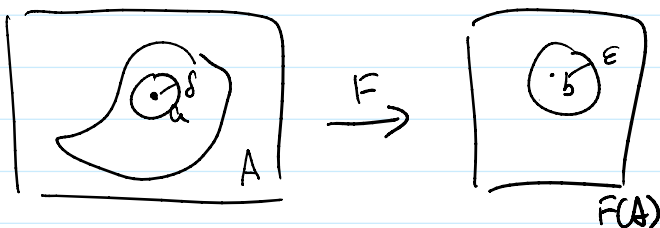
If  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\Gamma_f = \{(x, f(x)) : x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$$

$$\subset \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m = \mathbb{R}^{n+m}$$

$f: A \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ;  $a \in \bar{A}$

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



As  $a$  gets closer to the boundary,  $b$  gets closer to the boundary (?)

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \quad \exists \delta > 0 \text{ st } a \neq x \in B_\delta(a) \cap A \Rightarrow f(x) \in B_\epsilon(b)$$

If limit exists, it must be unique.

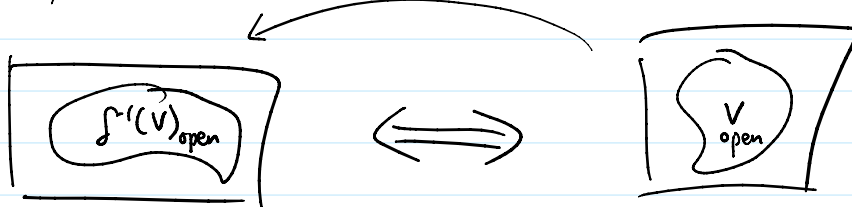
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Def:  $f: A \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is "continuous at  $a \in A$ " if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$

" $f$  is cont. on  $A$ "  $\Leftrightarrow$  cont. at every  $a \in A$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall a \in A \quad \forall \epsilon > 0 \quad \exists \delta > 0 \quad \forall x \in A : |x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(a)| < \epsilon$$

Thm:  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is continuous  $\Leftrightarrow$  for every open  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is also open. More generally,  $f: A \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is cont.  $\Leftrightarrow$  for every open  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ , there is an open  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  s.t.  $f^{-1}(V) = U \cap A$



Aside: Def  $B \subset A$  is open in  $A$  if  $\exists U$  open in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  s.t.  $B = U \cap A$