

1 Topology

1.1 Continuity

1.1.1 Definitions/Equivalence

Definition 1.1. (*Global Continuity*)

Let (X, \mathcal{T}_X) and (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y) be topological spaces. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$. We say that f is **continuous** if

$$(\forall V \in \mathcal{T}_Y)(f^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{T}_X)$$

Definition 1.2. (*Local Continuity*)

Let (X, \mathcal{T}_X) and (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y) be topological spaces. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$. Let $x_0 \in X$. We say f is **continuous at x_0** if

$$(\forall V_{f(x_0)} \in \mathcal{T}_Y)(\exists U_{x_0} \in \mathcal{T}_X) \cap (f(U_{x_0}) \subset V_{f(x_0)})$$

Theorem 1. (*Global Local Continuity*)

Let (X, \mathcal{T}_X) and (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y) be topological spaces. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$. Then the following are equivalent.

- 1.) f is globally continuous.
- 2.) $(\forall x_0 \in X)(f \text{ is continuous at } x_0)$.

Proof. (1 \implies 2)

Pick $x_0 \in X$. Let $f(x_0) \in V \in \mathcal{T}_Y$. Since f is continuous, $f^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{T}_X$. Thus $f^{-1}(V)$ is a neighborhood of x_0 such that $f(f^{-1}(V)) \subset V$, so f is continuous at x_0 . □

Proof. (2 \implies 1)

Let $V \in \mathcal{T}_Y$. I must show $f^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{T}_X$. Let $x \in f^{-1}(V)$. Since f is continuous at x , $(\exists U_x \in \mathcal{T}_X) \cap f(U_x) \subset V$

$\iff U_x \subset f^{-1}(V)$. Thus an arbitrary element of $f^{-1}(V)$ has a neighborhood contained within $f^{-1}(V)$. Hence $f^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{T}_X$. Since V was an arbitrary element of \mathcal{T}_Y , we conclude that this is true for all open sets in Y , and thus f is globally continuous. □

1.1.2 Basic Facts

Theorem 2. (*Composition Continuity*)

Let X , Y , and Z be topological spaces. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ be continuous. Then $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$ is continuous.

Proof. let $V \in \mathcal{T}_Z$.

$$\begin{aligned} &\implies g^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{T}_Y. \\ &\implies f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) \in \mathcal{T}_X \\ &\iff (g \circ f)^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{T}_X. \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 3. *(Global Continuity Facts)*

Let X and Y be topological spaces. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$. Then the following are equivalent.

- 1.) f is continuous.
- 2.) $f^{-1}(F)$ is closed in X for all F closed in Y .
- 3.) $f^{-1}(U)$ is open in X for all U members of a subbasis of \mathcal{T}_Y .
- 4.) $f(\overline{A}) \subset \overline{f(A)}$ ($\forall A \subset X$)
- 5.) $\overline{f^{-1}(B)} \subset f^{-1}(\overline{B})$

Proof. (1 \implies 2)

Let F be closed in Y . Then $Y \setminus \mathcal{C}F \in \mathcal{T}_Y$.

$$\implies \mathcal{C}f^{-1}(F) = f^{-1}(\mathcal{C}F) \in \mathcal{T}_X$$

$$\implies f^{-1}(F) \text{ is closed in } X.$$

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Proof. 2 \implies 3.

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Proof. (3 \implies 4)

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Proof. (4 \implies 1) A good challenging question for you to work on.

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1.2 Continuity in Metric Spaces

Definition 1.3. Let (X, d) and (Y, ρ) be metric spaces, and let $f : X \rightarrow Y$. We say that f is continuous at $x_0 \in X$ if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$f(B(x_0; \delta)) \subset B(f(x_0); \epsilon).$$

Theorem 4. Let (X, d) and (Y, ρ) be metric spaces, and let $f : X \rightarrow Y$. Then the following are equivalent :

1. f is continuous at $x_0 \in X$
2. $(\forall \epsilon > 0)(\exists \delta > 0)(f(B(x_0; \delta)) \subset B(f(x_0); \epsilon)).$

Proposition 1. Let (X, d) and (Y, ρ) be metric spaces, and let $f : X \rightarrow Y$. Then the following are equivalent :

1. f is continuous at $x_0 \in X$
2. $(\forall \epsilon > 0)(\exists \delta > 0)(x \in B(x_0; \delta) \implies f(x) \in B(f(x_0); \epsilon)).$

Definition 1.4. Let (X, d) be a metric space and let $\{x_k\}$ be a sequence in X . We say that $\{x_k\}$ is a convergent sequence to a point x_0 if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $K \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $d(x_k, x_0) < \epsilon$ for all $k \geq K$.

Theorem 5. Let (X, d) and (Y, ρ) be metric spaces, and let $f : X \rightarrow Y$. Then the following are equivalent :

1. f is continuous at $x_0 \in X$
2. $(\forall \{x_k\})(x_k \rightarrow x_0 \Rightarrow f(x_k) \rightarrow f(x_0))$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) Let $\epsilon > 0$. Since f is continuous at x_0 , There exists $\delta > 0$ so that

$$f(B(x_0; \delta)) \subset B(f(x_0; \epsilon)).$$

Since $x_k \rightarrow x_0$, there exists $K \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $d(x_k, x_0) < \delta$ for all $k \geq K$. This means,

$$x_k \in B(x_0; \delta) \text{ for all } k \geq K.$$

Consequently,

$$f(x_k) \in B(f(x_0); \epsilon) \text{ for all } k \geq K.$$

(2) \Rightarrow (1) exercise

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1.3 Semicontinuity

Definition 1.5. (*Semicontinuity*)

Let X be a topological space. Let $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

We say f is upper semicontinuous if $(\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R})(f^{-1}(-\infty, \alpha)) \in \tau_X$

We say that f is lower semicontinuous if $(\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R})(f^{-1}(\alpha, +\infty)) \in \tau_X$

Theorem 6. Let X be a topological space. Let $f, g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. be continuous. Then

- 1.) $|f|$ is continuous.
- 2.) $af + bg$ is continuous ($\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$)
- 3.) fg is continuous.
- 4.) If $f(X) \cap \{0\} = \emptyset$, then $\frac{1}{f}$ is continuous.

You should prove it using lower and upper semicontinuity.

Proof. (3) Use the fact $4ab = (a + b)^2 - (a - b)^2$

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Proof. (4) Formal assessment : Combine results on continuity.

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1.3.1 Pasting Lemma

Theorem 7. (*The Pasting lemma*)

Let X and Y be topological spaces such that $X=A \cup B$ where A and B are closed. Let $f : A \rightarrow Y$ and let $g : B \rightarrow Y$ be continuous such that $f|_{A \cap B} = g|_{A \cap B}$. Define $h : X \rightarrow Y$ by $h(x) = f(x)$ for $x \in A$ and $h(x) = g(x)$ for $x \in B$. (That is, $h = f \cup g$) as sets.

Then h is continuous.

Proof. Let K be closed in Y . Then $h^{-1}(K) = f^{-1}(K) \cup g^{-1}(K)$ which is closed in X .

□

1.3.2 Homeomorphisms

Definition 1.6. (*Homeomorphism*)

Let X and Y be topological spaces. Let $h : X \rightarrow Y$. We say h is a homeomorphism if h is continuous, bijective, and h^{-1} is continuous.

Definition 1.7. Let X and Y be topological spaces. and let $f : X \rightarrow Y$.

- 1.) f is said to be open if $f(G)$ is open in Y for every G open in X .
- 2.) f is said to be closed if $f(C)$ is closed in Y for every C closed in X .

Theorem 8. Let X and Y be topological spaces. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous bijection. Then f is a homeomorphism if either of the following hold.

- 1.) f is an open mapping
- 2.) f is a closed mapping.

Proof. Define $g : Y \rightarrow X$ by $g = f^{-1}$. Then for all $B \subset X$, we have $g^{-1}(B) = f(B)$. Our conclusion follows directly.

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