

Solutions Notebook for
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Construction of the Real Numbers

Chapter 2

Properties of the Real Numbers

Chapter 3

Limits and Continuity

3.3 Continuity

Theorem 3.3.5. Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be a non-empty set, let $c \in A$, let $f, g : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be functions and let $k \in \mathbb{R}$. Suppose that f and g are continuous at c .

1. $f + g$ is continuous at c .
2. $f - g$ is continuous at c .
3. kf is continuous at c .
4. fg is continuous at c .
5. If $g(c) \neq 0$, then $\frac{f}{g}$ is continuous at c .

3.4 Uniform Continuity

Definition 3.4.1. Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be a set, and let $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. The function f is **uniformly continuous** if for each $\epsilon > 0$, there is some $\delta > 0$ such that $x, y \in A$ and $|x - y| < \delta$ imply $|f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$.

Lemma 3.4.2. Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be a set, and let $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. If f is uniformly continuous, then f is continuous.

Theorem 3.4.4. Let $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be a closed bounded interval, and let $f : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. If f is continuous, then f is uniformly continuous.

3.5 Two Important Theorems

Theorem 3.5.1 (Extreme Value Theorem). Let $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be a closed bounded interval, and let $f : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. Suppose that f is continuous. Then there are $x_{\min}, x_{\max} \in C$ such that

$$f(x_{\min}) \leq f(x) \leq f(x_{\max})$$

for all $x \in C$.

Theorem 3.5.2 (Intermediate Value Theorem). Let $[a, b] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be a closed bounded interval, and let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. Suppose that f is continuous. Let $r \in \mathbb{R}$. If r is strictly between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$, then there is some $c \in (a, b)$ such that $f(c) = r$.

3.5.1 Exercises

Exercise 3.5.4. Let $[a, b] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be a closed bounded interval, and let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow [a, b]$ be a function. Suppose that f is continuous. Prove that there is some $c \in [a, b]$ such that $f(c) = c$. The number c is called a **fixed point** of f .

Proposition (Existence of a Fixed Point in a Compact Interval of \mathbb{R}). Let $[a, b] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be a closed bounded interval, and let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow [a, b]$ be a continuous function. There exists a **fixed point** $c \in [a, b]$ such that $f(c) = c$.

Proof. The function f is an endomorphism, as its codomain is exactly its domain, and thus the image of f is a subset of $[a, b]$. We can infer from this that $f(a) \geq a$ and $f(b) \leq b$.

We now define a new function, $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where $g(x) = f(x) - x$ for all $x \in [a, b]$.¹ We began by supposing f is continuous, and we know x is continuous from a to b , since $[a, b]$ is a closed bounded interval. Therefore, by Theorem 3.3.5, g is continuous.

Using our inference that $f(a) \geq a$ and $f(b) \leq b$ we deduce that $g(a) \geq 0$ and $g(b) \leq 0$.

$$\begin{array}{ll} f(a) \geq a & f(b) \leq b \\ f(a) - a \geq a - a & f(b) - b \leq b - b \\ f(a) - a \geq 0 & f(b) - b \leq 0 \\ g(a) \geq 0 & g(b) \leq 0 \end{array}$$

By the Intermediate Value Theorem (Theorem 3.5.2), there exists some $\xi \in [a, b]$ such that $g(\xi) = 0$. By the definition of g , this means that $f(\xi) = \xi$, completing the proof. \square

Chapter 4

Differentiation

4.2 The Derivative

Definition 4.2.1. Let $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be an open interval, let $c \in I$, and let $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function.

1. The function f is **differentiable** at c if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \quad (4.1)$$

exists; if this limit exists, it is called the **derivative** of f at c , and it is denoted $f'(c)$.

2. The function f is **differentiable** if it is differentiable at every number in I . If f is differentiable, the **derivative** of f is the function $f' : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ whose value at x is $f'(x)$ for all $x \in I$.

Lemma 4.2.2. Let $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be an open interval, let $c \in I$, and let $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. Then f is differentiable at c if and only if

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h} \quad (4.2)$$

exists, and if this limit exists it equals $f'(c)$.

4.2.1 Exercises

Exercise 4.2.1. Using only the definition of derivatives and Lemma 4.2.2, find the derivative of each of the following functions.

1. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x) = 3x - 8$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.
2. Let $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $g(x) = x^3$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

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Integration

Chapter 6

Limits to Infinity

Chapter 7

Transcendental Functions

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Sequences

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Series

Chapter 10

Sequences and Series of Functions

Appendix A

Functions

Definition A.0.1. [2] Let A and B be sets. A **function** (also called a **map**) f from A to B , denoted $f : A \rightarrow B$, is a subset $F \subseteq A \times B$ such that for each $a \in A$, there is one and only one pair in F of the form (a, b) . The set A is called the **domain** of f and the set B is called the **codomain** of f .

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