

1. Show that if  $s_n \leq t_n$  for all  $n \geq N$ , where  $N$  is some fixed integer, then

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n$$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n$$

Proof: Since  $s_n \leq t_n$  for all  $n \geq N$ , when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $n$  must  $\geq$  the fixed integer  $N$ . Then  $s_n \leq t_n$ .  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf s_n$  is the lowest limit of sequence  $s_n$ , hence:

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n$$

Similarly, we know that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup s_n$  is the greatest limit of sequence  $s_n$ , the upper limit  $s^*$  and  $t^*$  belong to  $s_n$ , and  $s_n \leq t_n$  for all  $n \geq N$ , therefore:

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n$$

2. Find the upper and lower limits of the sequence  $\{s_n\}$  defined by:

$$s_1 = 0, \quad s_{2m} = \frac{s_{2m-1}}{2}, \quad s_{2m+1} = \frac{1}{2} + s_{2m}$$

Proof: We show that

$$(s_{2n-1}, s_{2n}) = \left( \frac{2^{n-1} - 1}{2^n - 1}, \frac{2^{n-1} - 1}{2^n} \right), n \geq 1.$$

In fact, by the definition,

$$(s_1, s_2) = \left( 0, \frac{0}{2} \right) = (0, 0).$$

Suppose the formula holds for  $n = k$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (s_{2(k+1)-1}, s_{2(k+1)}) &= \left( \frac{1}{2} + s_{2k}, \frac{s_{2k+1}}{2} \right) = \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2^{k-1} - 1}{2^k}, \frac{\frac{1}{2} + s_{2k}}{2} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{2^{k+1} - 2}{2^{k+1}}, \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{2^{k-1} - 1}{2^k} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{2^{(k+1)-1} - 2}{2^{(k+1)-1}}, \frac{2^{(k+1)-1}}{2^{k+1}} \right) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

The proved expression for  $s_n$  gives:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{2n-1} = 1, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{2n} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Hence, by the definitions of upper and lower limits, we have

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = 1, \quad \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \frac{1}{2}$$

3. Suppose  $\{p_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in a metric space  $X$ , and some subsequences  $\{p_{n_i}\}$  converges to a point  $p \in X$ . Prove that the full sequence  $\{p_n\}$  converges to  $p$ .

Proof: Since  $p_n$  is a Cauchy sequence and  $p_{n_i}$  converges to a point  $p \in X$ , given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $N_1, N_2$  such that

$$d(p_n, p_m) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, n, m \geq N_1$$

$$d(p_{n_i}, p) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, i \geq N_2$$

Assume that  $n_i \leq n_{i+1}$ , hence

$$d(p_n, p) \leq d(p_n, p_{n_i}) + d(p_{n_i}, p) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$$

if  $n, n_i \geq N = \max(N_1 - 1, n_{N_2})$ , since  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary,  $p_n \rightarrow p$

4. Suppose  $\{p_n\}$  and  $\{q_n\}$  are Cauchy sequences in a metric space  $X$ . Show that the sequence  $\{d(p_n, q_n)\}$  converges.

*Hint:* For any  $m, n$

$$d(p_n, q_n) \leq d(p_n, p_m) + d(p_m, q_m) + d(q_m, q_n)$$

Proof: For any  $m, n$ ,  $d(p_n, q_n) \leq d(p_n, p_m) + d(p_m, q_m) + d(q_m, q_n)$ , it follows that  $|d(p_n, q_n) - d(p_m, q_m)|$  is small if  $m$  and  $n$  are large.

For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N$  such that  $d(p_n, p_m) < \varepsilon$  and  $d(q_m, q_n) < \varepsilon$  whenever  $m, n \geq N$ . Note that

$$d(p_n, q_n) \leq d(p_n, p_m) + d(p_m, q_m) + d(q_m, q_n)$$

It allows that

$$|d(p_n, q_n) - d(p_m, q_m)| \leq d(p_n, p_m) + d(q_m, q_n) < 2\varepsilon$$

Thus  $d(p_n, q_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . Hence  $d(p_n, q_n)$  converges.

5. If  $f$  is a continuous mapping of a metric space  $X$  into a metric space  $Y$ , prove that

$$f(\overline{E}) \subset \overline{f(E)}$$

for every set  $E \subset X$ . ( $\overline{E}$  denotes the closure of  $E$ ).

Proof:  $\overline{f(E)}$  is a closed subset of  $Y$  and  $f$  is continuous, so  $f^{-1}(\overline{f(E)})$  is a closed subset of  $X$ . Clearly  $E \subset f^{-1}(\overline{f(E)})$ , and the latter closed, so  $\overline{E} \subset f^{-1}(\overline{f(E)})$ , or  $f(\overline{E}) \subset \overline{f(E)}$ .

6. Let  $f$  and  $g$  be continuous mappings of a metric space  $X$  into a metric space  $Y$ , and let  $E$  be a dense subset of  $X$ . Prove that  $f(E)$  is dense in  $f(X)$ . If  $g(p) = f(p)$  for all  $p \in E$ , prove that  $g(p) = f(p)$  for all  $p \in X$ .

Proof: To check that  $f(E)$  is dense in  $f(X)$ , it suffices to check that for every open subset  $U \subset Y$  such that  $U \cap f(X) \neq \emptyset$ ,  $f(E) \cap (U \cap f(X)) \neq \emptyset$ .

But  $f^{-1}(U \cap f(X)) = f^{-1}(U)$  is then nonempty and is open in  $X$  because  $f$  is continuous.  $E$  is dense in  $X$ , so  $E \cap f^{-1}(U) \neq \emptyset$ .

Therefore if  $x \in E \cap f^{-1}(U)$  then  $f(x) \in f(E) \cap U = f(E) \cap (U \cap f(X))$ , so the latter set is nonempty.

Let  $S = \{x \in X \mid f(x) = g(x)\}$ . Firstly,  $S$  is closed by checking its complement  $S^c = \{x \in X \mid f(x) \neq g(x)\}$  is an open subset of  $X$ . If  $x \in X$  is such that  $f(x) \neq g(x)$ , i.e.  $x \in S^c$ , then let  $r = d_Y(f(x), g(x)) > 0$ .

Then  $B_{r/2}(f(x)) \cap B_{r/2}(g(x)) = \emptyset$  in  $Y$ , because if  $z \in B_{r/2}(f(x))$  then  $r = d(f(x), g(x)) \leq d(f(x), z) + d(z, g(x))$ , or  $d(g(x), z) \geq d(f(x), g(x)) - d(f(x), z) = r - d(f(x), z) > r - \frac{r}{2} = \frac{r}{2}$ , hence  $z \notin B_{r/2}(g(x))$ .

Since  $f, g$  are both continuous,  $V = f^{-1}(B_{r/2}(g(x)))$  is an open subset of  $X$  containing  $x$  which has the property that if  $y \in V$  then  $f(y) \in B_{r/2}(g(x))$  and  $g(y) \in B_{r/2}(g(x))$  so that  $f(y) \neq g(y)$  since  $B_{r/2}(f(x)) \cap B_{r/2}(g(x)) = \emptyset$ .

Therefore  $x \in V \subset S^c$ , so  $S^c$  is open.

Therefore  $S$  is closed. Now that  $E \subset S$ , and  $S$  is a closed subset of  $X$ , so  $X = \overline{E} \subset \overline{S} = S \subset X$ .

Therefore  $S = X$ , and  $f(x) = g(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

7. Let  $f$  be a real, uniformly continuous function on a bounded set  $E$  in  $\mathbb{R}^1$ . Prove that  $f$  is bounded on  $E$ . Show that the conclusion is false if boundedness of  $E$  is omitted from the hypothesis.

Proof: Since  $E$  is a bounded set in  $\mathbb{R}$ , there is some  $R > 0$  such that  $E \subset [-R, R]$ . Set  $\varepsilon = 1$ . Since  $f$  is uniformly continuous, there is some  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|x - y| < \delta$  implies that  $|f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon = 1$ . Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be the smallest integer such that  $\frac{1}{n} < \delta$ , and let

$$[-R, -R + \frac{1}{n}], [-R + \frac{1}{n}, -R + \frac{2}{n}], \dots, [R - \frac{2}{n}, R - \frac{1}{n}], [R - \frac{1}{n}, R]$$

be a collection  $S$  of  $2nR$  intervals that exactly line up and cover  $[-R, R]$ .

By omitting some if necessary, let  $I_1, I_2, \dots, I_N$  be those intervals from the collection that overlap with  $E$ , i.e. such that  $I_k \cap E \Rightarrow |x_k - x| < \frac{1}{n} < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x)| < 1 + |f(x_k)|$

Letting  $M = \max_{1 \leq k \leq N} (1 + |f(x_k)|)$ , for any  $x \in E$  we have  $|f(x)| < M$ , so  $f$  is a bounded function on  $E$ .

The second part asks us to show the conclusion is false if boundedness of  $E$  is omitted from the hypothesis. Let  $E = \mathbb{R}$ , which is unbounded, and let  $f(x)$ , which is uniformly continuous because for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , let  $\delta = \varepsilon$  and we have

$$|x - y| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| = |x - y| < \delta = \varepsilon$$

However,  $f(x) = x$  is not bounded on  $E = \mathbb{R}$

8. If  $f$  is defined on  $E$ , the *graph* of  $f$  is the set of points  $(x, f(x))$ , for  $x \in E$ . In particular, if  $E$  is a set of real numbers, and  $f$  is real-valued, the graph of  $f$  is a subset of the plane. Suppose  $E$  is compact, and prove that  $f$  is continuous on  $E$  if and only if its graph is compact.

Proof: ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $G = (x, f(x)) : x \in E$ . Since  $f$  is a continuous mapping of a compact set  $E$  into  $f(E)$ , from Theorem 4.14 in Lecture 6: A mapping  $f$  of a set  $E$  into  $\mathbb{R}^k$  is said to be bounded if there is a real number  $M$  such that  $|f(x)| \leq M$  for all  $x \in E$ .

Hence  $f$  is also compact. Suppose the product of finitely many compact sets is compact. Thus  $G = E \times f(E)$  is also compact.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Define

$$g(x) = (x, f(x))$$

from  $E$  to  $G$  for  $x \in E$ . Suppose that  $g(x)$  is continuous on  $E$ . Consider  $h(x, f(x)) = x$  from  $G$  to  $E$ . Hence  $h$  is injective, continuous on a compact set  $G$ .

Therefore its inverse function  $g(x)$  is injective and continuous on a compact set  $E$ . Since  $g(x)$  is continuous on  $E$ , the component of  $g(x)$  is continuous on a compact set  $E$ . That means  $f(x)$  is continuous on a compact set  $E$ .

9. Let  $f$  be a continuous real function on a metric space  $X$ . Let  $Z(f)$  (the *zero set* or *kernel* of  $f$ ) be the set of all  $p \in X$  at which  $f(p) = 0$ . Prove that  $Z(f)$  is closed.

Proof: Since  $Z(f) = f^{-1}(0)$ , and  $0$  is a closed set in  $\mathbb{R}$ , by the Corollary of Theorem 4.8 from lecture 6: A mapping  $f$  of a metric space  $X$  into a metric space  $Y$  is continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(C)$  is closed in  $X$  for every closed set  $C$  in  $Y$ .

Hence  $Z(f)$  is closed if  $f$  is continuous.

Let  $p$  be a limit point of  $Z(f)$ . Then there exists a sequence  $p_n$  in  $Z(f)$  such that  $d(p_n, p) \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $f$  is continuous at  $p$ , for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $d(x, p) < \delta$  implies  $|f(x) - f(p)| < \varepsilon$ .

By  $d(p_n, p) \rightarrow 0$ , we know that there exists  $N$  such that  $n \geq N$  implies  $d(p_n, p) < \delta$ . Hence, if  $n \geq N$ , then  $|f(p_n) - f(p)| < \varepsilon$ . Since  $f(p_n) = 0$ , we know that  $|f(p)| < \varepsilon$  for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ . This implies  $f(p) = 0$ , or  $p \in Z(f)$ . Therefore  $Z(f)$  is closed since it contains all its limit points.