

1. In this and the following problem, use  $d(x, y) = \max\{|x_1 - y_1|, |x_2 - y_2|\}$  as the distance function on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Use  $\epsilon$ - $\delta$  definition of continuity to prove that the multiplication map  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous.

*Proof.* The multiplication map is  $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1x_2$ . For  $f(x_1, x_2)$  to be continuous we must show that  $|x_1x_2 - y_1y_2| < \epsilon$  whenever  $\max\{|x_1 - y_1|, |x_2 - y_2|\} < \delta$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 |x_1x_2 - y_1y_2| &= |x_1x_2 - x_1y_2 - y_1y_2 + x_1y_2| \\
 &= |(x_1x_2 - x_1y_2) - (y_1y_2 - x_1y_2)| \\
 &= |x_1(x_2 - y_2) - y_2(y_1 - x_1)| \\
 &\leq |x_1(x_2 - y_2)| + |y_2(y_1 - x_1)| \\
 &= |x_1||x_2 - y_2| + |y_2||y_1 - x_1| \\
 &= |x_1||x_2 - y_2| + |y_2||x_1 - y_1| \\
 &< \delta(|x_1| + |y_2|)
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $\delta < \frac{\epsilon}{|x_1| + |y_2|}$ , then  $|x_1x_2 - y_1y_2| < \epsilon$  as desired.  $\square$

2. Let  $p_i : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the projection on the  $i$ -th coordinate. Prove that  $p_i$  is continuous.

*Proof.* Assume the same distance function on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  as in question (1).

If the  $i^{\text{th}}$  projection is  $p_i(x_1, x_2) = x_i$ , then

$$|p_i(x_1, x_2) - p_i(y_1, y_2)| = |x_i - y_i| < \delta$$

If  $\delta < \epsilon$ , then  $|p_i(x_1, x_2) - p_i(y_1, y_2)| < \epsilon$  as desired.  $\square$

3. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Let  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a map, and write  $f(x) = (f_1(x), f_2(x))$  for every  $x \in X$ . In particular we have two functions  $f_i : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . Prove that  $f$  is continuous if and only if  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are.

*Proof.* Assume the same distance function on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  as in question (1). If  $f(x)$  is continuous then  $|f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$  whenever  $\max\{|f_1(x) - f_1(y)|, |f_2(x) - f_2(y)|\} < \delta$  for  $\epsilon, \delta > 0$ . Choose  $\epsilon$  positive but less than  $\delta$  then  $|f_i(x) - f_i(y)| < \epsilon < \delta$ .

On the other hand, if  $f_1(x)$  and  $f_2(x)$  are continuous then  $|f_i(x) - f_i(y)| < \epsilon$  whenever  $|x - y| < \delta$ . If both  $|f_1(x) - f_1(y)| < \epsilon$  and  $|f_2(x) - f_2(y)| < \epsilon$  then the  $\max\{|f_1(x) - f_1(y)|, |f_2(x) - f_2(y)|\} < \delta$  if  $\epsilon$  is chosen to be positive, but less than  $\delta$ . This implies that  $|f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$  whenever  $\max\{|f_1(x) - f_1(y)|, |f_2(x) - f_2(y)|\} < \delta$ .

Therefore  $f$  is continuous if and only if  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are.  $\square$

4. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = x^n$ . Use the inductive definition  $x^n = x \cdot x^{n-1}$  and previous exercises to prove that  $f$  is continuous.

*Proof.* If  $n = 1$  then  $f(x) = x$ . By the result from problem (2) above this is continuous. Assume that  $x^{n-1}$  is continuous and show that  $x^n$  is continuous. Since  $x^n = x \cdot x^{n-1}$  by the result from question (1) above the multiplication of these functions is also continuous.  $\square$

5. Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function such that  $f(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . Prove that  $\int_a^b f = 0$  implies  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ .

*Proof.* Assume  $f(x) \not\equiv 0$  on  $[a, b]$ , then there is a point  $x_0$  such that  $f(x_0) > 0$ . Since  $f(x)$  is continuous, given  $\epsilon, \delta > 0$ , there exists an interval  $[x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta]$  such that  $d(f(x), f(x_0)) < \epsilon$ . The integral of  $f(x)$  is defined to be a number such that the greatest lower bound of the lower sums and least upper bound of the upper sums are equal. If the integral of  $f(x)$  on  $[x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta]$  is equal to zero then the least upper bound of the upper sums must also be zero. The upper sum is defined by  $\sum_{i=0}^n M_i(x_i - x_{i-1})$  where  $M_i$  is the maximum value attained by  $f(x)$  on the interval. Since the least upper bound of the upper sums is equal to zero this implies that  $M_i = 0$ , but we assumed that  $f(x_0) > 0$ , contradiction. Therefore  $\int_a^b f = 0 \implies f(x) = 0 \forall x \in [a, b]$ .  $\square$

6. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Let  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  be two Cauchy sequences in  $X$ . Prove that  $\{d(x_n, y_n)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, y_n) &\leq d(x_n, x_m) + d(x_m, y_n) \\ d(x_n, y_n) &\leq d(x_n, x_m) + d(x_m, y_m) + d(y_m, y_n) \\ d(x_n, y_n) - d(x_m, y_m) &\leq d(x_n, x_m) + d(y_m, y_n) \\ d(d(x_n, y_n), d(x_m, y_m)) &\leq d(x_n, x_m) + d(y_m, y_n) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are Cauchy sequences in  $X$  this means for all  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a  $N$  such that  $d(x_n, x_m) < \epsilon/2$  if  $n, m > N$  and an  $M$  such that  $d(y_n, y_m) < \epsilon/2$  if  $n, m > M$ .

$$d(d(x_n, y_n), d(x_m, y_m)) \leq d(x_n, x_m) + d(y_m, y_n) \leq \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 = \epsilon$$

if  $n, m > N + M$  which is the definition of Cauchy.  $\square$

7. Let  $K \subset \mathbb{R}$  be a set consisting of 0 and all  $1/n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Prove that  $K$  is compact directly using the definition, i.e. every open cover has a finite subcover.

*Proof.* First we prove that the sequence  $\{a_n\} = 1/n$  converges to 0. Given any  $\epsilon > 0$  then there must be a  $N$  such  $d(1/n, 0) < \epsilon$  if  $n > N$ . Choose  $N = 1/\epsilon$ , then since  $n > N$  this implies  $d(1/n, 0) = 1/n < 1/N = \epsilon$ . Therefore  $\{a_n\} = 1/n$  converges to 0. Now to prove that  $K$  is compact consider  $\bigcup_{i=0}^N B(i, \epsilon)$ . Since  $N$  is finite and balls are open sets this is a finite collection of open sets that fully contain  $K$ . In particular there is a ball around each point up to  $1/N$  and then all the rest are contained in  $B(0, \epsilon)$  which follows from the fact that the sequence  $\{a_n\} = 1/n$  converges to 0.  $\square$

8. Let  $F_1 \supseteq F_2 \supseteq \dots$  be a descending sequence of non-empty compact subsets. Prove that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n$  is non-empty.

*Proof.* Assume  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n = \emptyset$ . For each  $n$  let  $U_n = F_1 \setminus F_n$ . Now  $\bigcup U_n = F_1 \setminus (\bigcap F_n) = F_1$ . All  $U_n$  are closed which means their complements are open. Since  $F_1$  is compact and  $U_n$  is an open cover of  $F_1$  there exists a finite subcover  $U_F$ . Let  $U_{\max F}$  be the largest most set containing all the other sets in the finite subcover. This means that  $F_1 = U_{\max F}$ , but this means that  $U_{\max F} = F_1 \setminus U_F = \emptyset$ , contradiction.  $\square$

9. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $\{f_n\}$  a sequence of continuous functions  $f_n : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  uniformly converging to  $f$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of points in  $X$  such that  $\lim_n x_n = x \in X$ . Prove that  $\lim_n f_n(x_n) = f(x)$ .

*Proof.*  $\{f_n\}$  is a sequence of continuous functions which means given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $d(f_n(x), f_n(y)) < \epsilon$  whenever  $x \in X$  and  $d(x, y) < \delta$ .

$\{f_n\}$  also converges uniformly to  $f$  which means given  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists an  $N$  such that  $d(f_n(x), f(x)) < \epsilon$  whenever  $x \in X$  and  $n > N$ .

It is also true that given  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $x \in X$  there exists an  $N$  such that  $d(x_n, x) < \epsilon$  whenever  $n > N$ .

Need to show that given  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $x \in X$  there exists an  $N$  such that  $d(f_n(x_n), f(x)) < \epsilon$  whenever  $n > N$ .

First we show that if  $\{f_n\}$  is a sequence of continuous functions converging to  $f$  that  $f$  is also continuous.

$$\begin{aligned} d(f(x), f(y)) &\leq d(f(x), f_n(x)) + d(f_n(x), f_n(y)) + d(f_n(y), f(y)) \\ &\leq \epsilon/3 + \epsilon/3 + \epsilon/3 = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

The first term and last term on the right hand side is less than  $\epsilon$  since  $f_n \rightarrow f$ , the second term since each  $f_n$  is continuous. Therefore  $f$  is also less than  $\epsilon$  and therefore

continuous. Now to show that  $f_n(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(f_n(x_n), f(x)) &\leq d(f_n(x_n), f_n(y)) + d(f_n(y), f(x)) \\
 &\leq d(f_n(x_n), f_n(y)) + d(f_n(y), f(y)) + d(f(y), f(x)) \\
 &\leq d(f_n(x_n), f_n(x)) + d(f_n(x), f_n(y)) + d(f_n(y), f(y)) + d(f(y), f(x)) \\
 &\leq \epsilon/4 + \epsilon/4 + \epsilon/4 = \epsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

The first term on the right hand side is less than  $\epsilon/4$  due to  $f_n$  being continuous provided that  $d(x_n, x) < \delta > 0$  which is true since we assumed that  $x_n \rightarrow x$ . The second term is less than  $\epsilon/4$  due to each  $f_n$  being continuous. The third term is less than  $\epsilon/4$  due to uniform convergence of  $\{f_n\}$  and the last term is less than  $\epsilon/4$  due to continuity of  $f$ .  $\square$

10. A subset  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is convex if for any two points  $x, y \in C$ , the segment  $[x, y]$  is contained in  $C$ . Prove that  $C$  is connected.

*Proof.* Assume that  $C$  is not connected, that is  $C$  can be expressed as the union of two disjoint non-empty open sets  $U$  and  $V$ . Pick a point  $u \in U$  and  $v \in V$  and consider the line segment that goes from  $u$  to  $v$ ,  $\{u + t(v - u) : t \in [0, 1]\}$ . Since  $U$  and  $V$  are not connected this line must cross over the boundaries of  $U$  and  $V$  which implies it is not wholly contained in  $C$ , and therefore not convex.  $\square$