

(Exercise sessions: 4.-5.2.2021)

Hand-in due: Tue 9.2.2021 at 23:59

Fill-in-the-blanks 1. Let (X, d) be a metric space and $(V, \|\cdot\|)$ a normed space. On V , we use the metric induced by the norm, $d_V(u, v) = \|v - u\|$ for $u, v \in V$. Complete the proof of the following statement.

Claim. If $f, g: X \rightarrow V$ are two continuous functions, then the function $f + g: X \rightarrow V$ is also continuous.

Remark: The function $f + g: X \rightarrow V$ is the pointwise sum of the vector valued functions f and g , defined by the formula $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$ (the right hand side is vector addition in vector space V).

Proof. First fix $x \in X$. Let us show that $f + g$ is continuous at the point x . Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Then also $\frac{\varepsilon}{2} > 0$, and since by assumption f is continuous at x , there exists a

such that we have $\|f(x') - f(x)\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ whenever $x' \in X$ and

_____ .

Similarly, since g is also continuous at x by assumption, there exists a

_____ such that _____ .

Now let $\delta = ______ > 0$.

Then whenever $x' \in X$ and $d(x, x') < \delta$, we have both

$$d(x, x') < ______ \quad \text{and} \quad d(x, x') < ______ , \quad \text{so}$$

$$\|(f + g)(x') - (f + g)(x)\| = ______$$

$$\leq ______$$

$$< ______ = \varepsilon.$$

This implies that $f + g$ is continuous at x . Since $x \in X$ was arbitrary, $f + g$ is therefore a continuous function. \square

Fill-in-the-blanks 2. Complete the proofs of the following statements.

a) **Claim.** If (X, d) is a metric space and $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a convergent sequence in the space X , then the sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is bounded.

Proof. Let $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a convergent sequence in X and denote its limit by

$$a = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n.$$

Apply the definition of limit by choosing $\varepsilon = 1$. Then there exists an $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$, such that

$$\text{_____} < 1 \quad \text{whenever} \quad \text{_____}.$$

Since $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n_1-1}$ is a finite list of points, we can define

$$R = \max\{1, d(x_1, a), \text{_____,} \dots, \text{_____}\} < \infty.$$

Then for all members x_k of the sequence we have

$$d(x_k, a) \leq \text{_____},$$

so the members of the sequence are contained in the closed ball

$$\text{_____}.$$

This proves that the sequence is bounded. □

b) **Claim.** Consider the metric space $(\mathbb{R}, d_{0/1})$, where on the real line \mathbb{R} we use the discrete 0/1-metric $d_{0/1}$. Then the sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in $(\mathbb{R}, d_{0/1})$ defined by the formula $x_n = \frac{1}{n}$ does not have 0 as its limit.

Proof. For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have

$$d_{0/1}(x_n, 0) = \text{_____},$$

so there does not exist _____ such that

$$\text{_____} < 1/2 \quad \text{for all} \quad \text{_____}.$$

The defining condition of limit therefore is not fulfilled for $\varepsilon = 1/2$, so the sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ does not converge to 0. □