

Vv186 Mid1 Review

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1 Properties of continuous function at a certain point

1. Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}$ be some set and $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a function that is continuous at some point $x_0 \in \Omega$ and $f(x_0) > 0$. Then there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $f(x) > 0$ for any $x \in (x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta) \subset \Omega$.
2. Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}$ be some set and $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a function that is continuous at some point $x_0 \in \Omega$. Then there exists $\delta > 0$ such that f is bounded on $(x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta) \subset \Omega$.

2 Properties of continuous function on a closed interval

1. Let $a < b$ and $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function. Then f is bounded on $[a, b]$.
2. Let $a < b$ and $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function with $f(a) < 0 < f(b)$. Then there exists some $x \in [a, b]$ such that $f(x) = 0$.
3. Let $a < b$ and $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function. Then for $y \in [\min\{f(a), f(b)\}, \max\{f(a), f(b)\}]$ there exists some $x \in [a, b]$ such that $y = f(x)$.
4. Let $a < b$ and $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function with $\text{ran } f \subset [a, b]$. Then f has a fixed point, i.e., there exists some $x \in [a, b]$ such that $f(x) = x$.
5. Let $a < b$ and $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function with $f(x) \leq x$. Then there exists a $y \in [a, b]$ such that $f(y) = y$.

3 Inverse Function

1. Basic concepts:

- Injectivity: $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$

- Surjectivity: For all y there exists a x such that $f(x) = y$. ($\text{ran } f = \text{Codomain}$)
 - Bijectivity: Injectivity and surjectivity.
2. A bijective function has an inverse function.
 3. A strictly increasing and continuous function has an inverse function that is also strictly increasing and continuous.
 4. A continuous and bijective function must be strictly monotonic.

4 Uniformly continuous function

1. Definition:

$$\forall_{\varepsilon > 0} \exists_{\delta > 0} \forall_{x, y \in I} |x - y| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$$

2. A uniformly continuous function is continuous.
3. A continuous function on a closed interval is uniformly continuous.
4. The sum of two uniformly continuous function is still uniformly continuous.
5. The product of two uniformly continuous function is *not* necessarily uniformly continuous. (Counterexample: $f(x)=g(x)=x$ on $[0, +\infty)$)
6. The product of two uniformly continuous function on a *compact interval* is uniformly continuous. (Example: $f(x)=g(x)=x$ on $[0, 1]$)

5 Outlook

1. The image of a continuous function on a closed interval is also a closed interval.
2. A close and bounded set is called compact.
3. A continuous function on a compact set is uniformly continuous, bounded and has maximum and minimum value. Also, the image is also compact.

6 Operation on uniformly continuous function

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7 Exercise

1. Find the root of the function

$$p(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 3x + 2 = 0$$

2. Suppose $f(x)$ is continuous on $[0, 2]$ and $f(0)=f(2)$. Show that there exists $x, y \in [0, 2]$ such that $y-x=1$ and $f(x)=f(y)$.
3. Show that $f(x)$ is uniformly continuous on domain $X \Leftrightarrow$ For any two sequences x_n, y_n in X , if $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (x_n - y_n) = 0$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (f(x_n) - f(y_n)) = 0$.
4. Show that if f is uniformly continuous on $(0, 1)$, then $\lim_{x \searrow 0} f(x)$ exists.

8 Solution

1. By calculation, we can find

x	-2	0	1	3
p(x)	-20	2	-2	20

Therefore, by Intermediate Value Theorem we know that $p(x)=0$ has three roots.

2. Let $F(x)=f(x+1)-f(x)$, then $F(x)$ is continuous on $[0, 1]$. Moreover,

$$F(0) = f(1) - f(0) = f(1) - f(2) = -(f(2) - f(1)) = -F(1)$$

- (a) If $F(1)=F(0)=0$, then we simply have $x=0$ and $y=1$ such that

$$f(0) = f(1)$$

- (b) If $F(1) \neq 0$, then we apply the Intermediate Value Theorem to $[0, 1]$: there must have a $x_0 \in [0, 1]$ such that

$$F(x_0) = f(x_0 + 1) - f(x_0) = 0$$

Then we have $x = x_0$ and $y = x_0 + 1$.

3. \Rightarrow :

Since $f(x)$ is uniformly continuous on X , then we have

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \forall x, y \in I |x - y| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$$

For this δ , since $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (x_n - y_n) = 0$, then

$$\exists N, \forall n > N : |x_n - y_n| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x_n) - f(y_n)| < \varepsilon$$

Therefore, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (f(x_n) - f(y_n)) = 0$.

\Leftarrow :

Suppose $f(x)$ is not uniformly continuous on X , then we have

$$\exists \varepsilon > 0 \forall \delta > 0 \exists x, y \in I |x - y| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| \geq \varepsilon$$

Take $\delta = \frac{1}{n}$, then there exists x_n, y_n such that

$$|x_n - y_n| < \frac{1}{n} \quad |f(x_n) - f(y_n)| \geq \varepsilon$$

Therefore, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (x_n - y_n) = 0$ but $f(x_n) - f(y_n)$ does not converge to 0, which leads to a contradiction.

4. Since $f(x)$ is uniformly continuous on $(0, 1)$, then we simply have

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta_0 > 0 \forall x, y \in I |x - y| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$$

Suppose (x_n) is a sequence in $(0, 1)$ and converges to 0. We simply want the sequence $(f(x_n))$ also converges, so we check whether $(f(x_n))$ is Cauchy in the normal modulus metric space. Since (x_n) is a convergent sequence, then (x_n) is Cauchy

$$\forall \delta \exists M : \forall m, n > M : |x_n - x_m| < \delta$$

We simply let $\delta = \delta_0$, then we have

$$|f(x_n) - f(y_n)| < \varepsilon$$

which means $(f(x_n))$ is Cauchy and then convergent in the normal modulus metric space.

However, we still need to prove that no matter what (x_n) we choose, we simply have one unique limit of $(f(x_n))$. The proof can be simplified with the result in (3).

Suppose there are two sequences (x_n) and (y_n) in $(0,1)$ that both converge to 0. Then we simply know that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (x_n - y_n) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x_n - \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} y_n = 0 - 0 = 0$$

However, $f(x)$ is uniformly continuous on $(0,1)$. Then by (3) we simply know that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (f(x_n) - f(y_n)) = 0$$

Since both $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(y_n)$ exist (We have already proved it), then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(y_n)$$

To sum, for any (x_n) in $(0,1)$ that converges to 0, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n)$ exists and is unique. Therefore, $\lim_{x \searrow 0} f(x)$ exists.

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