

Notes

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$f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is continuous iff $\forall C$ is closed in \mathbb{R}^m then $f^{-1}(C)$ is closed in \mathbb{R}^n .
assume f is continuous. let $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ be closed. we want to show $f^{-1}(C)$ is closed.
first we pick a sequence $x_k \in f^{-1}(C)$. or $f(x_k) \in C$. we are picking x_k so that it converges to something (say y). now because $f(x)$ is continuous, then $f(x_k) \rightarrow f(y)$. and because $f(y) \in C$ then C is closed.

true false

$f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is continuous

1. if $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is open then $f(A)$ is open
2. if $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is closed then $f(A)$ is closed
3. if $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is compact then $f(A)$ is compact
4. if $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ is open then $f^{-1}(A)$ is open
5. if $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ is compact then $f^{-1}(A)$ is compact

unions, intersections of f or f^{-1} over two sets. $f(A^c) = (f(A))^c$ and same with f^{-1} .

5.5.A

note that $g'(x)$ is unbounded on $(0, \infty)$. so we cannot use the "bounded slope" argument for uniform continuity. need to show $\exists r = r(\varepsilon)$ such that if $|x - y| < r$ then $|\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}| < \varepsilon$

if we prove this then $\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y} \leq \sqrt{x - y} \sqrt{r} = \varepsilon$

$$\begin{aligned} x - y &= (\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y})(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) \geq (\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y})^2 \\ \sqrt{x - y} &\geq \sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y} \end{aligned}$$

5.5.D

show that $f(x) = x^p$ is not uniformly continuous on \mathbb{R} if $p > 1$

$$\frac{x^p - y^p}{x - y} = |x^{p-1} + x^{p-2}y + \dots + y^{p-1}| = x^{p-1} + x^{p-2}y + \dots + y^{p-1}$$

T is continuous, A is closed, is T(A) closed?

no, hint, look for $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{R}^2 where T is a linear transform (matrix), example $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2+1}$ on \mathbb{R} , $f(\mathbb{R}) = (0,1]$

5.4.J

let A be compact in \mathbb{R}^n . show that $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \exists a \in A$ such that a is the closest point from A to x . that is $\|x - a\| \leq \|x - y\| \forall y \in A$.

proof

x is a fixed point. $f(y) = \|x - y\|$. A is compact, if we show that f is continuous then f has min on A .

if $\|z - y\| < r$ then $|f(z) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$. $||x - z|| - \|x - y\| \leq \|z - y\|$. need $r = \varepsilon$

5.5.HI

let f be continuous on $(0,1]$ show f is uniformly continuous iff $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$ exists.

assuming f is uniformly continuous, $|f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$ whenever $|x - y| < r$. take x_k any decreasing sequence converging to zero. we use the Cauchy condition. $\forall \varepsilon \exists N$ such that $|x_k - x_l| < r$ if $k, l \geq N$. so $|f(x_k) - f(x_l)| < \varepsilon$ then $f(x_k)$ is Cauchy. and so $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(x_k) = L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$

other way, we need to show that r does not depend on ε