

(1) Let E be a nonempty, closed, and bounded subset of \mathbb{R} . Prove that $\sup E$ and $\inf E$ both belong to E .

- $\sup E, \inf E$ exists and are real numbers since E is bounded.

Claim: $z := \sup E \in E$. (the proof for $\inf E$ is similar).

pf: • Assume that $z \notin E$.

- $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists x \in E$ s.t. $z - \varepsilon < x \leq z$. (HW1 #4),
and since $x \in E, z \notin E$, we have $x \neq z \implies z - \varepsilon < x < z$.
 $\implies x \in B_\varepsilon(z) \setminus \{z\}$.

- Hence, z is a limit point of E .

- $z \in \overline{E} = E$ since E is closed. Contradiction. \square

(2) Consider the following two functions on \mathbb{R} :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x \sin(\frac{1}{x}) & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = \begin{cases} \sin(\frac{1}{x}) & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

For each of the functions, prove or disprove that it is continuous at the point $x = 0$.

Claim: f is continuous at $x = 0$.

pf: $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, take $\delta = \varepsilon$, then

$$|f(x) - f(0)| = |x \sin(\frac{1}{x})| \leq |x| < \varepsilon \quad \forall 0 < |x| < \delta = \varepsilon. \quad \square$$

Claim: g is not continuous at $x = 0$.

pf: consider $x_n = \frac{1}{2n\pi + \pi/2}$, $g(x_n) = 1$

$$\lim x_n = 0, \quad \text{but} \quad \lim g(x_n) = 1 \neq 0 = g(0). \quad \square$$

(3) Let $\epsilon > 0$ be a positive number. In each case, find a $\delta > 0$ (which should depend on ϵ) such that

$$|x - x_0| < \delta \implies |f(x) - f(x_0)| < \epsilon \text{ holds.}$$

(a) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$; $x_0 = 1$.

(b) $f(x) = \sqrt{|x|}$; $x_0 = 0$.

(c) $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$; $x_0 = 1$.

(a) Let $\delta = \min \left\{ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\epsilon}{3} \right\} > 0$.

Then $\forall |x - x_0| = |x - 1| < \delta$, we have:

- $|x - 1| < \delta \leq \frac{1}{2} \implies |x| > \frac{1}{2}$

- $|f(x) - f(x_0)| = \left| \frac{1}{x} - 1 \right| = \frac{|x - 1|}{|x|} < \frac{\delta}{\frac{1}{2}} < \epsilon. \quad \square$

(b) Let $\delta = \epsilon^2 > 0$.

Then $\forall |x - x_0| = |x| < \delta$, we have:

$$|f(x) - f(x_0)| = \sqrt{|x|} < \sqrt{\delta} = \epsilon. \quad \square$$

(c) Let $\delta = \min \left\{ \frac{1}{2}, \epsilon \right\} > 0$

Then $\forall |x - x_0| = |x - 1| < \delta$, we have:

- $|x - 1| < \delta \leq \frac{1}{2} \implies |x| > \frac{1}{2}$

- $|f(x) - f(1)| = |\sqrt{x} - 1| = \frac{|x - 1|}{\sqrt{x} + 1} \leq \frac{\delta}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + 1} < \epsilon. \quad \square$

(4) Suppose f, g are real-valued continuous functions on the closed interval $[a, b]$, and $f(a) < g(a)$ and $f(b) > g(b)$. Prove that $f(c) = g(c)$ for some $c \in (a, b)$.

• By #5, $h(x) := f(x) - g(x)$ is continuous on $[a, b]$.

• $h(a) < 0$, $h(b) > 0$. By Intermediate value thm, $\exists c \in (a, b)$

st. $h(c) = 0. \implies f(c) = g(c). \quad \square$

- (5) Prove the following generalization of Ross, Theorem 17.4: Let (X, d) be any metric space, and let $f, g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two real-valued functions that are continuous at $x_0 \in X$. Prove that the functions $f + g$ and fg are both continuous at x_0 . Moreover, if $g(x_0) \neq 0$, then f/g is also continuous at x_0 . (The proofs are very similar, so you can pick one of $f + g, fg, f/g$ and prove it.)

Let's prove $f + g$ is continuous at x_0 :

$\forall (x_n)$ in X converging to x_0 ,

- since f is conti. at x_0 , we have: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = f(x_0)$.
- since g ————— " —————: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(x_n) = g(x_0)$.
- By limit thm.,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f(x_n) + g(x_n)) = f(x_0) + g(x_0). \quad \square$$

- (6) Prove the following generalization of Ross, Theorem 17.5: Let $(X, d_X), (Y, d_Y), (Z, d_Z)$ be three metric spaces and let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ be two maps among them. Define the composite function $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$ via $(g \circ f)(x) := g(f(x))$. Prove that if f is continuous at $x_0 \in X$ and g is continuous at $f(x_0) \in Y$, then the composition $g \circ f$ is continuous at x_0 .

$\forall (x_n)$ seq. in X converging to x_0 .

- since f is conti. at x_0 , we have: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = f(x_0)$.
 - since g is conti. at x_0 , we have: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(f(x_n)) = g(f(x_0))$.
- \square .