

Lecture 4

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Lecture 4 Outline

- 1 Open and Closed Set
- 2 Continuity

Announcements:

- *Tomorrow: first test at 3pm, in WWPH 4716. The exam will last an hour.*
- *Tomorrow: recitation at 1pm, in WWPH 4716.*

Open and Closed Sets

- A set is open if at any point we can find a neighborhood of that point contained in the set.

Definition

Let (X, d) be a metric space. A set $A \subset X$ is **open** if

$$\forall x \in A \exists \varepsilon > 0 \quad \text{such that} \quad B_\varepsilon(x) \subset A$$

- Remember that $B_\varepsilon(x) = \{y \in X : d(y, x) < \varepsilon\}$... so openness depends on X .

Definition

A set $C \subset X$ is **closed** if $X \setminus C$ is open.

Draw Pictures

Open and Closed Sets: Examples

Open Interval in \mathbf{R}

(a, b) is open in \mathbf{R} (with the usual Euclidean metric).

- Given $x \in (a, b)$, $a < x < b$. Let

$$\varepsilon = \min\{x - a, b - x\} > 0$$

- Then

$$y \in B_\varepsilon(x) \Rightarrow y \in (x - \varepsilon, x + \varepsilon) \subset (x - (x - a), x + (b - x)) = (a, b)$$

- Hence $B_\varepsilon(x) \subset (a, b)$, so (a, b) is open.

- ε must depend on x ; in particular, ε gets smaller as x nears the boundaries of the interval.

Closed Interval in \mathbf{R}

$[a, b]$ is closed in \mathbf{R} (with the usual Euclidean metric).

- $\mathbf{R} \setminus [a, b] = (-\infty, a) \cup (b, \infty)$ is the union of two open sets, which must be open (prove this later).

Open and Closed Sets: Examples

An open ball is always an open set

Suppose $y \in B_\varepsilon(x)$. Then $d(x, y) < \varepsilon$.

- Let

$$\delta = \varepsilon - d(x, y) > 0$$

- If $d(z, y) < \delta$, then

$$\begin{aligned}d(z, x) &\leq d(z, y) + d(y, x) \\ &< \delta + d(x, y) \\ &= \varepsilon - d(x, y) + d(x, y) \\ &= \varepsilon\end{aligned}$$

- Hence $B_\delta(y) \subset B_\varepsilon(x)$, so $B_\varepsilon(x)$ is open.

- This is very useful since it holds for any X, d .

Open and Closed Sets: Examples

Openness and closedness depend on the underlying metric space

In the metric space $X = [0, 1]$ (with standard metric), $[0, 1]$ is open.

- Since $[0, 1]$ is the underlying metric space,

$$B_\varepsilon(0) = \{x \in X : d(x, 0) < \varepsilon\} = \{x \in [0, 1] : |x - 0| < \varepsilon\} = [0, \varepsilon)$$

Most sets are neither open nor closed

$[0, 1] \cup (2, 3)$ is neither open nor closed.

An open set may consist of a single point

If $X = \mathbf{N}$ and $d(m, n) = |m - n|$, then

$$B_{1/2}(1) = \{m \in \mathbf{N} : |m - 1| < 1/2\} = \{1\}$$

- Since 1 is the only element of the set $\{1\}$ and $B_{1/2}(1) = \{1\} \subset \{1\}$, the set $\{1\}$ is open.

Open and Closed Sets: Examples

In any metric space (X, d) , \emptyset and X are both open... and closed

- To see that \emptyset is open, note that the statement

$$\forall x \in \emptyset \exists \epsilon > 0 \quad \text{such that} \quad B_\epsilon(x) \subset \emptyset$$

is vacuously true since there aren't any $x \in \emptyset$ (any statement about points in the empty set is true).

- To see that X is open, note that $B_\epsilon(x) = \{z \in X : d(z, x) < \epsilon\}$ is trivially contained in X .
- Since \emptyset is open, X is closed; since X is open, \emptyset is closed.

Open and Closed Sets: Results

Theorem

Let (X, d) be a metric space. Then

- 1 \emptyset and X are both open and closed.
- 2 The union of an arbitrary (finite, countable, or uncountable) collection of open sets is open.
- 3 The intersection of a finite collection of open sets is open.

Proof.

- 1 Already done.
- 2 Suppose $\{A_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ is a collection of open sets.

$$x \in \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} A_\lambda \Rightarrow \exists \lambda_0 \in \Lambda \text{ such that } x \in A_{\lambda_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \varepsilon > 0 \text{ such that } B_\varepsilon(x) \subset A_{\lambda_0} \subset \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} A_\lambda$$

so $\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} A_\lambda$ is open. □

Prove that the intersection of a finite collection of open sets is open.

Proof.

Suppose $A_1, \dots, A_n \subset X$ are open sets.

- If $x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$, then

$$x \in A_1, x \in A_2, \dots, x \in A_n$$

- so

$$\exists \varepsilon_1 > 0, \dots, \varepsilon_n > 0 \text{ such that } B_{\varepsilon_1}(x) \subset A_1, \dots, B_{\varepsilon_n}(x) \subset A_n$$

- Let

$$\varepsilon = \min\{\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n\} > 0$$

- Then

$$B_\varepsilon(x) \subset B_{\varepsilon_1}(x) \subset A_1, \dots, B_\varepsilon(x) \subset B_{\varepsilon_n}(x) \subset A_n \text{ hence } B_\varepsilon(x) \subset \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$$

which proves that $\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$ is open. □

- This needs finite intersection as the infimum of an infinite set of positive numbers could be zero and the proof would fail.
- The intersection of an infinite collection of open sets need not be open.

Interior, Closure, Exterior and Boundary

Let (X, d) be a metric space and $A \subset X$.

Definition

The **interior** of A , denoted $\text{int}A$, is the largest open set contained in A (alternatively, the union of all open sets contained in A).

Definition

The **closure** of A , denoted \bar{A} , is the smallest closed set containing A (alternatively, the intersection of all closed sets containing A).

Definition

The **exterior** of A , denoted $\text{ext}A$, is the largest open set contained in $X \setminus A$.

- Note that $\text{ext}A = \text{int}(X \setminus A)$.

Definition

The **boundary** of A , denoted ∂A is equal to $\overline{(X \setminus A)} \cap \bar{A}$.

Interior, Closure, Exterior and Boundary

Let (X, d) be a metric space and $A \subset X$.

FACTS

- A point is interior if and only if it has an open ball that is a subset of the set

$$x \in \text{int}A \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \exists \varepsilon > 0, B_\varepsilon(x) \subset A$$

- A point is in the closure if and only if any open ball around it intersects the set

$$x \in \bar{A} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, B_\varepsilon(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset$$

- A point is exterior if and only if an open ball around it is entirely outside the set

$$x \in \text{ext}A \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \exists \varepsilon > 0, B_\varepsilon(x) \subset X \setminus A$$

- A point is on the boundary if any open ball around it intersects the set and intersects the outside of the set

$$x \in \partial A \Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0, \quad \begin{array}{l} B_\varepsilon(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset \\ \text{and} \\ B_\varepsilon(x) \cap X \setminus A \neq \emptyset \end{array}$$

Interior, Closure, Exterior and Boundary

Interior, Closure, Exterior and Boundary Example

Let $A = [0, 1] \cup (2, 3)$. Then

$$\text{int } A = (0, 1) \cup (2, 3)$$

$$\bar{A} = [0, 1] \cup [2, 3]$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{ext } A &= \text{int } (X \setminus A) \\ &= \text{int } ((-\infty, 0) \cup (1, 2] \cup [3, +\infty)) \\ &= (-\infty, 0) \cup (1, 2) \cup (3, +\infty)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\partial A &= \overline{(X \setminus A)} \cap \bar{A} \\ &= ((-\infty, 0] \cup [1, 2] \cup [3, +\infty)) \cap ([0, 1] \cup [2, 3]) \\ &= \{0, 1, 2, 3\}\end{aligned}$$

Sequences and Closed Sets

- We can characterize closedness also using sequences: a set is closed if it contains the limit of any convergent sequence within it, and a set that contains the limit of any sequence within it must be closed.

Theorem

A set A in a metric space (X, d) is closed if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} &\{x_n\} \subset A \\ &\text{and} \quad \Rightarrow x \in A \\ &x_n \rightarrow x \in X \end{aligned}$$

- We will prove the two directions in turn.

A set is closed if it contains the limit of any convergent sequence within it.

Proof.

Let A be closed. Then $X \setminus A$ is open.

- Consider a convergent sequence $x_n \rightarrow x \in X$, with $x_n \in A$ for all n .
- We need to show that $x \in A$. Suppose not.
- If $x \notin A$, then $x \in X \setminus A$, so there is some $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $B_\varepsilon(x) \subset X \setminus A$ (by the definition of open set).
- Since $x_n \rightarrow x$, there exists $N(\varepsilon)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}n > N(\varepsilon) &\Rightarrow x_n \in B_\varepsilon(x) \\ &\Rightarrow x_n \in X \setminus A \\ &\Rightarrow x_n \notin A\end{aligned}$$

- This is a contradiction. Therefore,

$$\{x_n\} \subset A, x_n \rightarrow x \in X \Rightarrow x \in A$$

as desired. □

A set that contains the limit of any sequence within it must be closed

Proof.

Suppose $\{x_n\} \subset A$
and $x_n \rightarrow x \in X$
 $\Rightarrow x \in A$.

We need to show that A is closed (or equivalently, that $X \setminus A$ is open).

- Suppose not: $X \setminus A$ is not open. Hence, there exists $x \in X \setminus A$ such that for every $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$B_\varepsilon(x) \not\subseteq X \setminus A$$

- So there exists $y \in B_\varepsilon(x)$ such that $y \notin X \setminus A$. Then $y \in A$, hence

$$B_\varepsilon(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset$$

- Construct a sequence $\{x_n\}$ as follows: for each n , choose

$$x_n \in B_{\frac{1}{n}}(x) \cap A$$

- Given $\varepsilon > 0$, by the Archimedean Property we can find $N(\varepsilon)$ such that $N(\varepsilon) > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$, so $n > N(\varepsilon) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} < \frac{1}{N(\varepsilon)} < \varepsilon$, therefore $x_n \rightarrow x$.
- Then $\{x_n\} \subseteq A$, $x_n \rightarrow x$, so $x \in A$, a contradiction. Therefore, $X \setminus A$ is open, and A is closed. □

Familiar (maybe) Terminology

Definitions

Let (X, d) be a metric space and $E \subset X$.

- A point x is a **limit point** of E if every $B_\epsilon(x)$ contains a point $y \neq x$ such that $y \in E$.
- If $x \in E$ and x is not a limit point of E , then x is called an **isolated point** of E .
- E is dense in X if every point of X is a limit point of E , or a point of E (or both).

Results

- E is closed if every limit point of E is a point of E .
- E is open if every point of E is an interior point of E .

Limits of Functions in Metric Spaces

- Yesterday we defined the limit of a sequence, and now we extend those ideas to functions from one metric space to another.
- For functions from reals to reals: $f : (c, d) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, y is the limit of f at x_0 if for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a $\delta(\varepsilon) > 0$ such that $0 < |x - x_0| < \delta(\varepsilon) \Rightarrow |f(x) - y| < \varepsilon$
- We extend this to metric spaces by replacing each absolute value with a metric.

Definition

Let (X, d) and (Y, ρ) be metric spaces with $A \subset X$, $f : A \rightarrow Y$, and $\mathbf{x}_0 \in A$. We say that f has limit \mathbf{y}_0 as $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_0$ if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta(\varepsilon) > 0 \text{ such that } 0 < d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_0) < \delta(\varepsilon) \Rightarrow \rho(f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{y}_0) < \varepsilon$$

Notation

When f has limit \mathbf{y}_0 as \mathbf{x} goes to \mathbf{x}_0 we write

$$f(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \mathbf{y}_0 \text{ as } \mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_0 \quad \text{or} \quad \lim_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_0} f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{y}_0$$

- Notice the different metrics.

Limits of Functions and Sequences

- Standard results like the uniqueness of limits theorem hold. Also, the results we saw on sequences about sums, multiplication by a scalar, products, and division extend to functions (when appropriate).
- The limit of a function can also be characterized using sequences.

Theorem

Let (X, d) and (Y, ρ) be metric spaces, $f : X \rightarrow Y$, and $\mathbf{x}_0 \in X$. Then

$$\lim_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_0} f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{y}_0$$

if and only if

for each $\{\mathbf{x}_n\} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_0$ in (X, d) with $\mathbf{x}_n \neq \mathbf{x}_0$ the sequence $\{f(\mathbf{x}_n)\}$ converges to \mathbf{y}_0 in (Y, ρ)

- For every sequence that converges in the domain, the corresponding sequence given by the function converges to in the range.
- Prove these results as part of Problem Set 4.

Continuity in Metric Spaces

- For functions from reals to reals: $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is *continuous at* x_0 means for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a $\delta(\varepsilon) > 0$ such that $|x - x_0| < \delta(\varepsilon) \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(x_0)| < \varepsilon$ which is easy to generalize.

Definition

Let (X, d) and (Y, ρ) be metric spaces. A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is **continuous at a point** $\mathbf{x}_0 \in X$ if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta(\mathbf{x}_0, \varepsilon) > 0 \text{ such that } d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_0) < \delta(\mathbf{x}_0, \varepsilon) \Rightarrow \rho(f(\mathbf{x}), f(\mathbf{x}_0)) < \varepsilon$$

- Notice that different metrics are used when appropriate.
- Continuity at \mathbf{x}_0 requires:
 - $f(\mathbf{x}_0)$ is defined;
 - and either
 - \mathbf{x}_0 is an isolated point of X (i.e. $\exists \varepsilon > 0$ such that $B_\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}_0) = \{\mathbf{x}_0\}$); or
 - $\lim_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_0} f(\mathbf{x})$ exists and equals $f(\mathbf{x}_0)$

Definition

f is **continuous** if it is continuous at every element of its domain.

- $\delta(\mathbf{x}_0, \varepsilon)$ means that δ can depend on \mathbf{x}_0 . What if it does not? Later.

Continuity in Metric Spaces

- Remember, given $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $A \subset Y$ the inverse image is a subset of X defined as:

$$f^{-1}(A) = \{\mathbf{x} \in X : f(\mathbf{x}) \in A\} \subset X$$

- The inverse image is used to provide a characterization of continuous functions.

Theorem

Let (X, d) and (Y, ρ) be metric spaces, and $f : X \rightarrow Y$. Then

f is continuous

if and only if

$f^{-1}(A)$ is open in X for every $A \subset Y$ such that A is open in Y

- Continuity is equivalent to the fact that the inverse image of every open set in the range is an open set in the domain.

NOTE: an equivalent statement of the theorem

f is continuous if and only if $f^{-1}(C)$ is closed in X for every closed $C \subset Y$.

f is continuous $\Rightarrow f^{-1}(A)$ is open in X for every $A \subset Y$ such that A is open in Y .

Proof.

Suppose f is continuous.

Given $A \subset Y$, with A open, we must show that $f^{-1}(A)$ is open in X .

- Suppose $\mathbf{x}_0 \in f^{-1}(A)$. Let $\mathbf{y}_0 = f(\mathbf{x}_0) \in A$.
- Since A is open, we can find $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $B_\varepsilon(\mathbf{y}_0) \subset A$.
- Since f is continuous, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_0) < \delta &\Rightarrow \rho(f(\mathbf{x}), f(\mathbf{x}_0)) < \varepsilon \\ &\Rightarrow f(\mathbf{x}) \in B_\varepsilon(\mathbf{y}_0) \\ &\Rightarrow f(\mathbf{x}) \in A \\ &\Rightarrow \mathbf{x} \in f^{-1}(A)\end{aligned}$$

- So $B_\delta(\mathbf{x}_0) \subset f^{-1}(A)$, and therefore $f^{-1}(A)$ is open. □

The inverse image of any open set in the range is an open set in the domain $\Rightarrow f$ is continuous.

Proof.

Suppose

$f^{-1}(A)$ is open in X for each $A \subset Y$ such that A is open in Y

We need to show that f is continuous.

- Let $\mathbf{x}_0 \in X$, with $\varepsilon > 0$, and let $A = B_\varepsilon(f(\mathbf{x}_0))$.
- A is an open ball, hence an open set, so $f^{-1}(A)$ is open in X .
- $\mathbf{x}_0 \in f^{-1}(A)$, so there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $B_\delta(\mathbf{x}_0) \subset f^{-1}(A)$.
$$\begin{aligned}d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_0) < \delta &\Rightarrow \mathbf{x} \in B_\delta(\mathbf{x}_0) \\ &\Rightarrow \mathbf{x} \in f^{-1}(A) \\ &\Rightarrow f(\mathbf{x}) \in A \text{ which is nothing but } B_\varepsilon(f(\mathbf{x}_0)) \\ &\Rightarrow \rho(f(\mathbf{x}), f(\mathbf{x}_0)) < \varepsilon\end{aligned}$$
- Thus, we have shown that f is continuous at \mathbf{x}_0 .
- Since \mathbf{x}_0 is an arbitrary point in X , f is continuous. □

Algebra of Continuity

The composition of continuous functions is continuous:

Theorem

Let (X, d_X) , (Y, d_Y) and (Z, d_Z) be metric spaces. If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ are continuous, then $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$ is continuous.

Proof.

Suppose $A \subset Z$ is open.

- g is continuous, thus $g^{-1}(A)$ is open in Y ; f is continuous, thus $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(A))$ is open in X .

- I claim that

$$f^{-1}(g^{-1}(A)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(A)$$

- Observe

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x} \in f^{-1}(g^{-1}(A)) &\Leftrightarrow f(\mathbf{x}) \in g^{-1}(A) \\ &\Leftrightarrow g(f(\mathbf{x})) \in A \\ &\Leftrightarrow (g \circ f)(\mathbf{x}) \in A \\ &\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x} \in (g \circ f)^{-1}(A) \end{aligned}$$

which establishes the claim.

- This shows that $(g \circ f)^{-1}(A)$ is open in X , so $g \circ f$ is continuous. □

Uniform Continuity

- The definition of continuity at a point allows for δ to depend on that point.
- When it does not, the function is, for lack of a better expression, more continuous.

Definition (Uniform Continuity)

Let (X, d) and (Y, ρ) be metric spaces and $f : X \rightarrow Y$. We say f is **uniformly continuous** if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta(\varepsilon) > 0 \text{ such that } \forall \mathbf{x}_0 \in X, d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_0) < \delta(\varepsilon) \Rightarrow \rho(f(\mathbf{x}), f(\mathbf{x}_0)) < \varepsilon$$

- Contrast with the earlier definition of continuity at a point \mathbf{x}_0 :
 $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta(\mathbf{x}_0, \varepsilon) > 0$ such that $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_0) < \delta(\mathbf{x}_0, \varepsilon) \Rightarrow \rho(f(\mathbf{x}), f(\mathbf{x}_0)) < \varepsilon$. This allows δ to depend on \mathbf{x}_0 and ε .
- Uniform continuity requires δ to depend only on ε . It is more restrictive than continuity.

Uniform Continuity: Example

A continuous function that is not uniformly continuous

Consider $f : (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ defined as $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$.

f is continuous (check this) but **not** uniformly continuous.

- Fix $\varepsilon > 0$ and $x_0 \in (0, 1]$. Let $x = \frac{x_0}{1 + \varepsilon x_0}$. Clearly, $x < x_0$. Then

$$\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x_0} > 0$$

$$|f(x) - f(x_0)| = \left| \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x_0} \right| = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x_0} = \frac{1 + \varepsilon x_0}{x_0} - \frac{1}{x_0} = \frac{\varepsilon x_0}{x_0} = \varepsilon$$

- Thus, in the definition of continuity $\delta(x_0, \varepsilon)$ must be chosen small enough so that

$$\delta(x_0, \varepsilon) \leq x_0 - \frac{x_0}{1 + \varepsilon x_0} = \frac{\varepsilon(x_0)^2}{1 + \varepsilon x_0} < \varepsilon(x_0)^2$$

which converges to zero as $x_0 \rightarrow 0$.

- Hence there is no $\delta(\varepsilon) > 0$ that will work for all $x_0 \in (0, 1]$.

Uniform Continuity: Example

An $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ that has a bounded derivative is uniformly continuous on $[a, b]$. However, a function with an unbounded derivative can also be uniformly continuous.

A function with an unbounded derivative that is uniformly continuous

Consider $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ defined as $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$.

- f is continuous (verify this) and also uniformly continuous.
- Given $\varepsilon > 0$, let $\delta = \varepsilon^2$ (notice this does not depend on x).
- Then given any $x_0 \in [0, 1]$, $|x - x_0| < \delta$ implies (by the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus)

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(x_0)| &= \left| \int_{x_0}^x \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}} dt \right| \\ &\leq \int_0^{|x-x_0|} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}} dt = \sqrt{|x-x_0|} \\ &< \sqrt{\delta} = \varepsilon \\ &= \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

- Thus, f is uniformly continuous on $[0, 1]$, even though $f'(x) \rightarrow \infty$ as $x \rightarrow 0$.

Lipschitz Continuity

Definition

Let X, Y be normed vector spaces. A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is **Lipschitz on** $E \subset X$ if

$$\exists K > 0 \text{ such that } \|f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{z})\|_Y \leq K\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\|_X \quad \forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} \in E$$

f is **locally Lipschitz** on $E \subset X$ if

$$\forall \mathbf{x}_0 \in E \exists \varepsilon > 0 \text{ such that } f \text{ is Lipschitz on } B_\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}_0) \cap E$$

- The function is locally Lipschitz if every point in its domain has a neighborhood on which the function is Lipschitz.

Remark

Lipschitz continuity is stronger than either continuity or uniform continuity:

locally Lipschitz \Rightarrow continuous

Lipschitz \Rightarrow uniformly continuous

Every C^1 function is locally Lipschitz (a function $f : \mathbf{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$ is said to be C^1 if all its first partial derivatives exist and are continuous).

Homeomorphisms

Definition

Let (X, d) and (Y, ρ) be metric spaces. A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called a **homeomorphism** if it is one-to-one, onto, continuous, and its inverse function is continuous.

Note

Suppose that f is a homeomorphism and $U \subset X$, and let $g = f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$.

- Then

$$\mathbf{y} \in g^{-1}(U) \Leftrightarrow g(\mathbf{y}) \in U \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{y} \in f(U)$$

- and

U open in $X \Rightarrow g^{-1}(U)$ is open in $(f(X), \rho) \Rightarrow f(U)$ is open in $(f(X), \rho)$

- Therefore (X, d) and $(f(X), \rho|_{f(X)})$ are identical in terms of properties that can be characterized solely in terms of open sets.
- Such properties are called “topological properties.”

Remark

Topological properties are invariant under homeomorphisms.

Tomorrow

We study more properties of functions from \mathbf{R} to \mathbf{R} .

- 1 Boundedness and Extreme Value Theorem
- 2 Intermediate Value Theorem and Fixed Points
- 3 Monotonicity
- 4 Complete Spaces and Cauchy Sequences
- 5 Contraction Mappings