

Continuous Real Valued Mappings

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Let X be a metric space, then $C(X) = \{f \mid f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is conts}\}$ is the set of all continuous real valued mappings.

$C(X) \neq \emptyset$, since $\exists f \in C(X)$ s.t. $f(x) = c \forall x \in X$ is conts.

Theorems If f and g are continuous real valued mappings, then

① $f+g$ is continuous s.t. $(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$.

② $f \cdot g$ is continuous s.t. $(f \cdot g)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$.

③ $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$, $a \cdot f$ is continuous s.t. $(a \cdot f)(x) = a \cdot f(x)$.

④ If $g(x) \neq 0$, then $\frac{f}{g}$ is continuous s.t. $(\frac{f}{g})(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$.

⑤ $|f|$ is continuous s.t. $|f|(x) = |f(x)|$.

Proof

① T.P. $f+g: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is conts

Let $x_0 \in X$ and $\langle x_n \rangle$ be a sequence in X s.t. $x_n \rightarrow x_0$.

$\because f$ is conts $\implies f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x_0)$ in \mathbb{R} .

$\because g$ is conts $\implies g(x_n) \rightarrow g(x_0)$ in \mathbb{R} .

By th $\implies f(x_n) + g(x_n) \rightarrow f(x_0) + g(x_0)$ in \mathbb{R} .

$\implies (f+g)(x_n) \rightarrow (f+g)(x_0) \implies f+g$ is conts at x_0 .

Remarks: ① From ① & ② in above theorem $(C(X), +, \cdot)$ is a vector space.

② Any polynomial $p(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$ is conts.

Real Mappings on Compact Spaces

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Definition (Bounded mapping)

A mapping $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called bounded if there is $M > 0$ such that

$$|f(x)| \leq M \quad \forall x \in X.$$

or R_f is bounded in \mathbb{R} .

Examples A mapping $f: (0,1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $f(x) = 2x \ \forall x \in (0,1)$ is bounded, since $\exists 2 > 0$ s.t. $|f(x)| = |2x| \leq 2 \ \forall x \in (0,1)$.

Theorem Let X and X' be metric spaces and $f: X \rightarrow X'$ be a continuous mapping, if X is compact, then $f(X)$ is compact.

proof Let X be a compact space.

Tip $f(X)$ is compact.

Let $\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in A\}$ be any open cover of $f(X)$.

$\rightarrow f(X) \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} V_\alpha$ & $V_\alpha \subseteq X' \ \forall \alpha \in A$.

$\rightarrow f^{-1}(f(X)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} V_\alpha) \rightarrow X \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} f^{-1}(V_\alpha)$

$\because f$ is conts & $V_\alpha \subseteq X' \ \forall \alpha \in A \rightarrow f^{-1}(V_\alpha) \subseteq X \ \forall \alpha \in A$.

$\rightarrow \{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) / \alpha \in A\}$ is an open cover of X .

$\because X$ is compact $\rightarrow \exists \{f^{-1}(V_{\alpha_i}) / i=1,2,\dots,n\}$ is a finite subcover.

i.e. $X \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n f^{-1}(V_{\alpha_i}) \rightarrow f(X) \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_{\alpha_i} \rightarrow f(X)$ is compact.

Theorem A mapping $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded if f is continuous on a compact space X .

proof $\because f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is conts and X is compact, then by above theorem

$f(X)$ is compact in $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow f(X)$ is bounded (any compact subset of a metric space is bounded)

$\rightarrow \exists M > 0$ s.t. $|f(x)| \leq M \ \forall x \in X \rightarrow f$ is bounded.

Observe

Remarks If $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous and X is not compact, then f is not necessarily bounded. Consider the following examples.

① $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \ \forall x \in (0, \infty) \rightarrow f$ is conts and not bounded, since $\forall M > 0, \exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $f(\frac{1}{n}) = n > M$ (w.r.t. \mathbb{R}) or $f(X) = f((0, \infty)) = (0, \infty)$ not bounded.

② $f(x) = 2x \ \forall x \in (0,1) \rightarrow f$ is conts and bounded, since $\exists 2 > 0$ s.t. $|2x| \leq 2 \ \forall x \in (0,1)$ or $f(X) = f((0,1)) = (0,2)$ is bounded $\rightarrow f$ is bounded.

Theorem If $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a real continuous mapping and X is a compact space, ⇒

then there are $x_0, y_0 \in X$ such that $f(y_0) \leq f(x) \leq f(x_0) \quad \forall x \in X$

Proof f is continuous and X is compact $\Rightarrow f(X) = Y$ is compact in \mathbb{R} .

$\Rightarrow f(X) = Y$ is bounded and closed [any compact subset of a metric space is closed and bounded]

$\Rightarrow Y$ has sup and inf.

Let $\sup Y = M \Rightarrow M \in Y$ (Y closed).

$\Rightarrow \exists x_0 \in X$ s.t. $f(x_0) = M$.

Also, let $m = \inf Y \Rightarrow m \in Y$ (Y closed).

$\Rightarrow \exists y_0 \in X$ s.t. $f(y_0) = m$.

$\Rightarrow \exists x_0, y_0 \in X$ s.t. $f(y_0) \leq f(x) \leq f(x_0) \quad \forall x \in X$.