

13. Analysis

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1 Strange, but true

Very not continuous. There is a nowhere continuous function whose absolute value is everywhere continuous.

Very not bounded. There is a function that is everywhere finite but everywhere locally unbounded.

Periodicity. There is a nonconstant periodic function which has no smallest positive period.

Inverse continuity. There is a function which is continuous and injective from an interval to a range which is not necessarily a subset of \mathbb{R} , but whose inverse is not continuous.

Continuity and rationals. There is a function which is continuous at every irrational point and discontinuous at every rational point.

Monotonicity. There is a continuous function which is nowhere monotonic.

Hydra. There is a function with domain $[0, 1]$ whose range for every nondegenerate subinterval of $[0, 1]$ is $[0, 1]$.

Linearity. There is a discontinuous linear function (function which satisfies $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$ for every $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$).

Joint continuity. There is a function $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which is not continuous, but has the properties that (i) for every $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$, the function $f_{x_0} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f_{x_0}(t) = f(x_0, t)$ is continuous, and (ii) for every $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}$, the function $f_{y_0} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f_{y_0}(t) = f(t, y_0)$ is continuous.

2 More normal problems

1. Let X be the unit square $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$, and let f be a continuous function from X to \mathbb{R} . Suppose that $\int_Y f(x, y) dx dy = 0$ for all squares Y for which (i) $Y \subset X$, (ii) the sides of Y are parallel to those of X , and (iii) at least one of Y 's sides is contained in the boundary of X . Is it true that $f(x, y) = 0$ for all $(x, y) \in X$?
2. Given that $f(x)$ increases from 0 to 1 as x does, prove that the graph of $y = f(x)$ between $0 \leq x \leq 1$ can be covered by n rectangles with sides parallel to the axes and each having area $1/n^2$.
3. Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{x^2} = 1$ does not imply $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f'(x)}{2x} = 1$, but it does for convex f .
4. Let $f(x)$ be a continuous function which satisfies

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x + 2h) - f(x + h)}{h} = 0$$

for each x . Prove that $f(x)$ is a constant.

5. Show that $f(x) \in C^1[a, b]$ iff the limit as $h \rightarrow 0$ of

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

exists uniformly on $[a, b]$.

6. Let $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function with the properties that (i) for every $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$, the function $f_{x_0} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f_{x_0}(t) = f(x_0, t)$ is continuous, and (ii) for every $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}$, the function $f_{y_0} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f_{y_0}(t) = f(t, y_0)$ is continuous. Show that there is a sequence of continuous functions $g_n : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which tends to f pointwise.

3 Homework

Please write up solutions to two of the statements/problems, to turn in at next week's meeting. One of them may be a problem that we solved in class. You are encouraged to collaborate with each other. Even if you do not solve a problem, please spend two hours thinking, and submit a list of your ideas.