

Problem 4: Part (b) Let $g(x) = f(x) - f(1+x)$, $x \in [0, 1]$.

Now consider the following cases:

If $f(1) = f(0) = f(2)$ then:

$$g(0) = f(0) - f(1) = f(1) - f(1) = 0 \Rightarrow f(0) = f(1)$$

So $x = 0$ is s.t. $x \in [0, 2]$ and $f(x) = f(0) = f(1) = f(x+1)$

Otherwise: Suppose $f(1) \neq f(0) \Rightarrow f(1) \neq f(2)$, since $f(0) = f(2)$

Note that f is continuous on $[0, 2]$ and since g is the difference between two continuous functions we can conclude that g is continuous. Therefore, we can use the Intermediate Value Property on g .

as follows:

$$g(0) = f(0) - f(1) = f(2) - f(1) \quad (\text{since } f(0) = f(2)).$$

$$g(1) = f(1) - f(2)$$

So, consider the cases:

(i) $f(1) > f(2)$. then $f(2) - f(1) < 0$ and $f(1) - f(2) > 0$

But then, by our definition of g :

$g(0) < 0 < g(1)$. By I.V.P., there exists $x \in [0, 1]$ s.t.

$g(x) = 0 \Rightarrow g(x) = 0 = f(x) - f(x+1) \Rightarrow f(x) = f(x+1)$, so

x is the value we wanted.

(ii) $f(1) < f(2)$. then $f(2) - f(1) > 0$ and $f(1) - f(2) < 0$

$g(0) > 0 > g(1)$. Likewise, the result follows, i.e., there

exists $x \in [0, 1]$ s.t. $g(x) = 0 \Rightarrow g(x) = 0 = f(x) - f(x+1) \Rightarrow f(x) = f(x+1)$

In either case let $x_1 = x$ and $x_2 = 1+x$. Note that since $x \in [0, 1]$

$x_1 \in [0, 1]$ and $x_2 \in [0, 2]$.



Problem 3 : Part (b).

Consider $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$ which converges by the alternating series test,

i.e., by Leibnitz result : If $c_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$, then \textcircled{a} $|c_1| > |c_2| > \dots$

\textcircled{b} $c_{2m-1} > 0, c_{2m} < 0$ and \textcircled{c} $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n} = 0$.

Now, If we let $x_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n} = y_n$, then $x_n y_n = \frac{(-1)^{2n}}{n} = \frac{1}{n}$, for all n ,

and then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n y_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$, which is the harmonic series and

we know it diverges. (theorem 3.28 with $p=1$).

If one of the series is absolutely convergent, say x_n , then

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n|$ converges then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ converges and we will have that:

$$\textcircled{a} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n = A$$

$$\textcircled{b} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n = B$$

then we know by theorem ~~3.50~~^{NO} that the Cauchy product will converge and moreover, it will converge to the right place,

i.e., If $c_n = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_{n-k}$ then $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n = AB$.

Problem 5: Part (b). YES, f is necessarily continuous. **NO**

Let $p \in X$. We say that f is continuous at p if: (note $\text{domain}(f) = X$)

$$\forall \epsilon > 0: \exists \delta > 0: \forall x \in X: \text{If } d(x, p) < \delta \text{ then } d(f(x), f(p)) < \epsilon.$$

Now, f is continuous if it is continuous for every point in X .

So, let $p \in X$. By hypothesis there exists a sequence $\{p_n\} \subset X$ s.t.

$p_n \rightarrow p$ and $f(p_n) \rightarrow f(p)$. Now, assume for a contradiction that

f is not continuous on X . This means that:

$$\exists p \in X: \exists \epsilon > 0: \forall \delta > 0: \exists x \in X: d(x, p) < \delta \text{ but } d(f(x), f(p)) > \epsilon.$$

Now, pick such a p and ϵ . Since $\delta > 0$ can be arbitrary, pick $\delta_n = \frac{1}{n}$

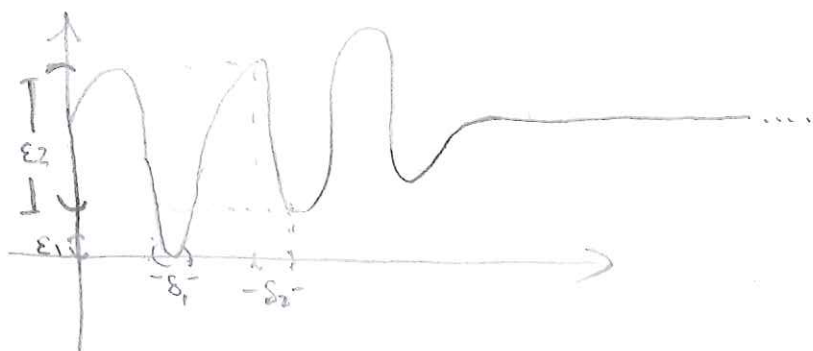
You will obtain a sequence $\{x_n\}$ s.t. $d(x_n, p) < \frac{1}{n}$ but

$d(f(x_n), f(p)) > \epsilon$. In particular, this means that we have

obtained a point $p \in X$ such that $\{x_n\} \rightarrow p$ but $f(x_n)$ does not converge to $f(p)$ since the distance between $f(x_n)$ and $f(p)$ can be made arbitrarily small. Therefore, we reach a contradiction.

what contradiction?

Problem 2: Part (a). By pictures:



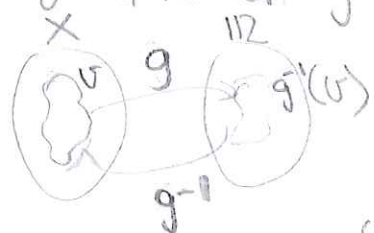
the function might oscillate at the beginning but the tail must necessarily converge since f has a horizontal asymptote at ∞ . $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$ exists.

Therefore, there are finitely many places before the tail of the function for which we might need different δ 's to be within a given ϵ . However, we can take the minimum of all such δ 's and we know it will work for all given ϵ . If it works for all ϵ before the tail it will clearly work for the tail because f converges as $x \rightarrow \infty$. Now, we are guaranteed the existence of such δ because f is continuous. Therefore f is uniformly continuous, just pick the $\min\{\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_n\}$ for all finite oscillations of f before the tail. *Idea is fine, proof is incomplete.*

Problem 4: Part (b). We want to prove that g is continuous using the open set characterization, let us prove that:

For every open set $U \subset \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow g^{-1}(U)$ is open in X .

we want to show that if $x \in g^{-1}(U)$ then x is interior to $g^{-1}(U)$. By definition $g^{-1}(U) = \{x \in X : g(x) \in U\} = \{x \in X : d(x, f(x)) \in U\}$.



Interior to $g^{-1}(U)$ means that there exist $N_r(x) \subset g^{-1}(U)$. Moreover, by definition,

$N_r(x) = \{y \in X : d(x, y) < r\}$. By hypothesis f is continuous. So in particular f is continuous at x . Let $\epsilon > 0$, we can find $\delta > 0$ s.t. $d(x, y) < \delta$ then $d(f(x), f(y)) < \epsilon$. In particular, $d(x, f(x)) < \delta$ then $d(f(x), f(f(x))) < \epsilon$.

Problem 4: Part (b) (cont.)

therefore, given $x \in g^{-1}(U)$, we can always find r small enough so that $N_r(x) = \{y \in X : d(x, y) < r\}$ is totally contained in $g^{-1}(U)$. Hence g is continuous.

An alternative proof would be directly from the definition.

Want to prove:

$$\forall p \in X : \forall \varepsilon > 0 : \exists \delta > 0 : \forall x \in X : d(x, p) < \delta \Rightarrow d(g(x), g(p)) < \varepsilon.$$

Fix $p \in X$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Pick $\delta > 0$ to be s.t. $d(g(x), p) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ and

$d(p, g(p)) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ which you can do because f is continuous.

then:

$$\begin{aligned} d(g(x), g(p)) &= d(\underbrace{d(x, f(x))}_?, \underbrace{d(p, f(p))}_?) \quad d \text{ is a distance on } X, \\ &\leq d(g(x), p) + d(p, g(p)) \quad d(x, f(x)) \in \mathbb{R}, \\ &= d(d(x, f(x)), p) + d(p, d(p, f(p))) \\ &\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow d(g(x), g(p)) < \varepsilon$, but since p was arbitrarily in X chosen, we can conclude that g is continuous in X .