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Proof:

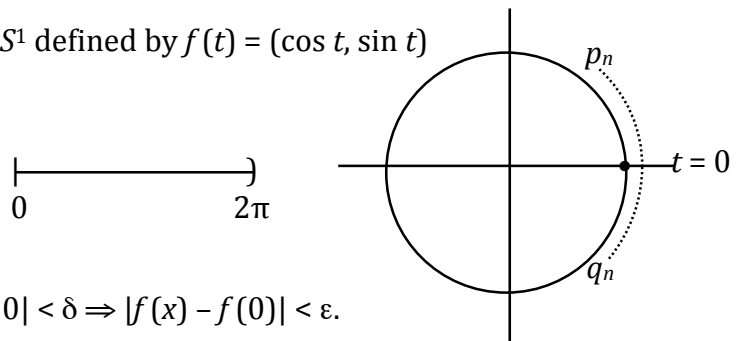
By Theorem 4.8 (Let X, Y be metric spaces. Then $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous function $\Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(V)$ is open for every open set, $V \subset Y$.), it suffices to show U open $\Rightarrow f(U)$ is open.

$Y \setminus V = Y \setminus f(U) = f(X \setminus U)$. Since U is open, then $X \setminus U$ is closed.

As X is compact and f is continuous, then $f(X \setminus U)$ is compact (Thm 4.13).

Thus $Y \setminus V$ is closed in Y , hence V is open in Y .

Example (1) 4.21 $f: [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow S^1$ defined by $f(t) = (\cos t, \sin t)$



f is continuous as

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \ni |x - 0| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(0)| < \epsilon.$$

But f^{-1} is not continuous as,

$$p_n \rightarrow (1, 0) \text{ and } q_n \rightarrow (1, 0), \text{ but } f^{-1}(p_n) \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } f^{-1}(q_n) \rightarrow 2\pi.$$

(2) Define $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ by $f(x) = x$.

Define the metric on the domain as the discrete metric and the metric on the codomain as the standard metric $d(x, y) = |x - y|$.

Note that for $x_n \subset \text{dom}(f)$, $x_n \rightarrow x_0 \Leftrightarrow x_n = x_0$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

f is continuous as $x_n \rightarrow x_0 \Rightarrow f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x_0) = x_0$.

But f^{-1} is not continuous as,

$$\forall y_n \in f[0, 1] \ni y_n \neq y \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, y_n \rightarrow y \not\Rightarrow f^{-1}(y_n) \rightarrow f^{-1}(y).$$

Note The examples above demonstrate the need for compactness of the domain. $[0, 1]$ is not compact in (2) as $B(x, 1/2)_{x \in [0, 1]}$ is an open cover of $[0, 1]$, but there is no finite subcover.

Definition 4.18 For X, Y metric spaces, $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is *uniformly continuous* if $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta = \delta(\varepsilon) \ni d(x, y) < \delta \Rightarrow d(f(x), f(y)) < \varepsilon$.
For this $\delta, \delta(\varepsilon) = \inf \delta(\varepsilon, x_0)_{x_0 \in X}$.

Example (1) Define $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $f(x) = x^2$. To show f is continuous, let $\varepsilon < 0$ and let $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$. Note that

$$|x - x_0| < \frac{x_0}{2} \Rightarrow -\frac{x_0}{2} < x - x_0 < \frac{x_0}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{3x_0}{2} = -\frac{x_0}{2} + 2x_0 < x + x_0 < \frac{x_0}{2} + 2x_0 = \frac{5x_0}{2}. \text{ Choose } \delta = \frac{2\varepsilon}{5x_0}. \text{ Then}$$

$$|x^2 - x_0^2| = |x - x_0| |x + x_0| < \frac{2\varepsilon}{5x_0} |x + x_0| < \frac{2\varepsilon}{5x_0} \cdot \frac{5x_0}{2} = \varepsilon.$$

However, f is not uniformly continuous.

(2) Define $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (-\pi/2, \pi/2)$ by $f(x) = \tan^{-1} x$.
 f is uniformly continuous.

Definition $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is called Lipschitz if $\exists L \geq 0 \ni d(f(x), f(y)) \leq Ld(x, y)$.
So then if we want $d(f(x), f(y)) < \varepsilon$, we need $d(x, y) < \delta = \varepsilon/L$.
Note that if $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Lipschitz, then $|f'(x)| < L$ as $d(f(x), f(y)) \leq Ld(x, y) \Rightarrow f'(x) = d(f(x), f(y))/d(x, y) \leq L$.

Example $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ defined by $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ is not Lipschitz as its derivative is ∞ at $x = 0$.

Note If f is Lipschitz, then it is uniformly continuous.
If f is uniformly convergent, we can see by the above example that f may not be Lipschitz.

Theorem 4.19 If X is a compact metric space, Y is a metric space, and f is continuous, then f is uniformly continuous.

Proof:

Let $x_0 \in X$ be arbitrary.

Fix $\varepsilon > 0$. Then $\exists \delta = \delta(\varepsilon) \ni d(x, y) < \delta \Rightarrow d(f(x), f(y)) < \varepsilon$.

Consider the open cover of X by the balls $B(x_i, \frac{1}{2}\delta(\varepsilon, x_i))$.

By compactness of X we can select a finite subcover

$B(x_1, \frac{1}{2}\delta(\varepsilon, x_1)), \dots, B(x_n, \frac{1}{2}\delta(\varepsilon, x_n))$. Choose $\delta = \frac{1}{2} \min\{\delta(\varepsilon, x_1), \dots, \delta(\varepsilon, x_n)\}$.

Let $x, y \in X \ni d(x, y) < \delta$. Then $\exists x_{n_0} \in X \ni d(x, x_{n_0}) < \frac{1}{2}\delta_{n_0}$.

$$d(x_{n_0}, y) \leq d(x_{n_0}, x) + d(x, y) < \frac{1}{2}\delta_{n_0} + \frac{1}{2}\delta_{n_0} = \delta_{n_0}.$$

$$d(f(x), f(y)) \leq d(f(x), f(x_{n_0})) + d(f(x_{n_0}), f(y)) < \varepsilon/2 + \varepsilon/2 = \varepsilon.$$

$\therefore f$ is uniformly continuous.

Exercise Consider $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ defined by $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Construct $\delta(\varepsilon)$ to show f is uniformly continuous.

Hint: Use $|\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{x_0}| = \left| \frac{x - x_0}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x_0}} \right|$.

Homework #7, Change to $[0, 1]$ as compactness gives uniform continuity.

Theorem 4.20 Let E be a noncompact set in \mathbb{R}^1 . Then

- (a) $\exists f$, continuous on E , not bounded.
 - (b) $\exists f$, continuous and bounded on E , which has no maximum.
- If, in addition, E is bounded, then
- (c) $\exists f$, continuous on E which is not uniformly continuous.

Proof:

For E unbounded,

(a) $f(x) = x$ is continuous and not bounded.

For E bounded,

(a) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x - x_0}$ where $x_0 \in E \setminus E$ is continuous and unbounded.

For E unbounded,

(b) $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{1 + x^2}$ is continuous, bounded, and has no maximum.

For E bounded,

(b) $f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + (x - x_0)^2}$ is continuous, bounded, and has no maximum.

For E bounded,

(c) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x - x_0}$ is not uniformly continuous.