

Theorem 4. (Arzela-Ascoli Theorem). Let K be a compact subset of \mathbb{R}^p and let \mathcal{F} be a subset of the set of continuous functions on K , i.e. $\mathcal{F} \subset \{f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q \mid f \text{ is continuous on } K\}$. Then the following properties are equivalent:

- (1) The family \mathcal{F} is bounded and uniformly equicontinuous on K .
- (2) Every sequence from \mathcal{F} has a subsequence which is uniformly convergent on K to a uniformly continuous function f (which may not belong to \mathcal{F}).

Proof of (2) \Rightarrow \mathcal{F} is bounded : Suppose that \mathcal{F} is not bounded, then there exists a sequence $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathcal{F}$ such that $\|f_n\|_K \geq n$, i.e. $\exists x_n \in K$ such that $\|f_n(x_n)\| \geq n$. This implies that f_n cannot have any subsequence that converges uniformly on K , since if f_n had a subsequence, still denoted by f_n , that converges uniformly on K to a uniformly continuous function f (which may not belong to \mathcal{F}), then we have $\infty = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n\|_K \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - f\|_K + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f\|_K < \infty$ which is a contradiction.

Proof of (2) \Rightarrow \mathcal{F} is uniform equicontinuous: Suppose that \mathcal{F} is not uniformly equicontinuous on K , then there exists an $\epsilon_0 > 0$, such that for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there exist $f_n \in \mathcal{F}$, and $x_n, y_n \in K$ satisfying that $\|x_n - y_n\| < \frac{1}{n}$ and $\|f_n(x_n) - f_n(y_n)\| \geq \epsilon_0$. This implies that f_n cannot have any subsequence that converges uniformly on K , since if f_n had a subsequence, still denoted by f_n , that converges uniformly on K to a uniformly continuous function f (which may not belong to \mathcal{F}), thus

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \epsilon_0 &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n(x_n) - f_n(y_n)\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n(x_n) - f(x_n) + f(x_n) - f(y_n) + f(y_n) - f_n(y_n)\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n(x_n) - f(x_n)\| + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f(x_n) - f(y_n)\| + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n(y_n) - f(y_n)\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - f\|_K + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f(x_n) - f(y_n)\| + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - f\|_K = 0, \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Note that, in the last equality,

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - f\|_K = 0$ since f_n converges to f uniformly on K , and

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f(x_n) - f(y_n)\| = 0$ since f is uniformly continuous on K , and $\|x_n - y_n\| < \frac{1}{n}$.

Proof of (1) \Rightarrow (2) Step (1): Using diagonal process to extract a subsequence from a given sequence $\{f_n\} \subset \mathcal{F}$ (a bounded family): Let $S = K \cap \mathbb{Q}^p = \{x_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$. Note that S , called a dense subset of K , is a countable set, and $\bar{S} = K$, i.e. for each $x \in K$, and for each $\delta > 0$, there exists $x_i \in S$ such that $x_i \in B(\delta, x) = \{z \in \mathbb{R}^p \mid \|z - x\| < \delta\}$.

Suppose that \mathcal{F} is bounded and $\{f_n\}$ is any sequence in \mathcal{F} , then, since

(*) $\{f_n(x_1)\}$ is bounded in $\mathbb{R}^q \Rightarrow \{f_n\}$ has a subsequence, denoted $\{f_n^1\}$, converges at x_1 .

Next, since

(*) $\{f_n^1(x_2)\}$ is bounded in $\mathbb{R}^q \Rightarrow \{f_n^1\}$ has a subsequence, denoted $\{f_n^2\}$, converges at x_2 , and x_1 (since $\{f_n^2\}$ is a subsequence of $\{f_n^1\}$ that converges at x_1).

Inductively, for each $k \geq 2$, since

(*) $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{f_n^k(x_{k+1})\} \text{ is bounded in } \mathbb{R}^q \Rightarrow \{f_n^k\} \text{ has a subsequence, denoted } \{f_n^{k+1}\}, \text{ converges at } \\ x_{k+1}, \text{ and } x_j \text{ (since } \{f_n^{k+1}\} \text{ is a subsequence of } \{f_n^j\} \text{ that converges at } x_j \text{ for each } j = 1, \dots, k.) \end{array} \right.$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\{f_n\} \\
\cup \\
\{f_1^1 \ f_2^1 \ f_3^1 \ \cdots \ f_k^1 \ \cdots\}(x_1) \rightarrow f(x_1) \\
\cup \\
\{f_1^2 \ f_2^2 \ f_3^2 \ \cdots \ f_k^2 \ \cdots\}(x_2) \rightarrow f(x_2) \\
\cup \\
\{f_1^3 \ f_2^3 \ f_3^3 \ \cdots \ f_k^3 \ \cdots\}(x_3) \rightarrow f(x_3) \\
\cup \\
\cdots \\
\cup \\
\{f_1^k \ f_2^k \ f_3^k \ \cdots \ f_k^k \ \cdots\}(x_k) \rightarrow f(x_k)
\end{array}$$

By setting $g_n = f_n^n$, we obtain a subsequence of $\{f_n\}$. Note that for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$, and for each $1 \leq j \leq k$, $g_n = f_n^n \in \{f_m^j\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$ whenever $n \geq j$. This implies that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n(x_j) = f(x_j)$ for each $1 \leq j \leq k$ and for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n(x_j) = f(x_j)$ for each $x_j \in S$.

Proof of (1) \Rightarrow (2) Step (2): Using the uniform equicontinuity of \mathcal{F} to show that the subsequence g_n (of f_n) converges uniformly to f on K : In particular, we shall show that the sequence g_n (which is a subsequence of $\{f_n\} \subset \mathcal{F}$) satisfies the **Cauchy criterion** for uniform convergence on K **to a uniformly continuous function f** (which may not belong to \mathcal{F}), i.e.

for each $\epsilon > 0$ and for each $x \in K$, there exists $L \in \mathbb{N}$ such that if $m, n \geq L$, then $\|g_n(x) - g_m(x)\| < \epsilon$.

For each $\epsilon > 0$, since \mathcal{F} is uniformly equicontinuous on K , there exists a $\delta = \delta(\epsilon) > 0$ such that if $x, y \in K$ satisfying that $\|x - y\| < \delta$, then $\|h(x) - h(y)\| < \epsilon$ for all $h \in \mathcal{F}$. This implies that **for each each $x \in K$** , since $\overline{S} = K \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B(\delta, x_i)$, and each $g_n \in \mathcal{F}$, there exists an $x_i \in S$ such that

(*) $\|x - x_i\| < \delta \implies \|g_n(x) - g_n(x_i)\| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Also, for the same $\epsilon > 0$, since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n(x_i) = f(x_i)$, **there exists $L \in \mathbb{N}$ such that**

(†) for any $m, n \geq L$, we have $\|g_m(x_i) - g_n(x_i)\| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$.

Therefore, combining (*) and (†), we have for each $x \in K$ and **for any $m, n \geq L$, we have**

$$\|g_n(x) - g_m(x)\| \leq \|g_n(x) - g_n(x_i)\| + \|g_n(x_i) - g_m(x_i)\| + \|g_m(x_i) - g_m(x)\| < \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} = \epsilon.$$

This implies that for any $m, n \geq L$, $\|g_n - g_m\|_K < \epsilon$, and, g_n converges uniformly on K to a uniformly continuous function f (which may not belong to \mathcal{F}).

Study guide of Chapter 3:

Outlines of (3.1): Apply the Implicit Function Theorem to study the following question:

Q: Let W be an open subset of $\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$, $F : W \subset \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a (vector-valued) function of class C^1 , and (a, b) be a point in $W \subset \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$ satisfying $F(a, b) = 0$. When is there
 (1) a function $f(x)$, defined in some open set in \mathbb{R}^m containing a , and
 (2) an open set $U \subset W \subset \mathbb{R}^{m+n}$ containing (a, b) ,
 such that for $(x, y) \in U$,

$$F(x, y) = 0 \iff y = f(x)?$$

Read e.g. Theorem 3.1, Theorem 3.9 in the book, and Exercises 1 – 3, 5 – 7, 9 in (3.1)

Outlines of (3.2), (3.3), (3.5): There are three common ways of **locally representing smooth k -dimensional manifolds** (e.g. curves, or surfaces if $k = 1$ or 2 .) in \mathbb{R}^n :

Type (1) : as the graph of a function, $y = f(x)$, where f is of class C^1 , $x \in B$, and B is a connected open set in \mathbb{R}^k ;

Type (2) : as the locus of an equation $F(x, y) = 0$, where F is of class C^1 ;

Type (3) : parametrically, as the range of a C^1 function $g : U \subset \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ whose differential Dg has rank k everywhere in a connected open set U .

Note that **if a manifold can be represented locally in Type (1), then it can be represented in both Types (2) and (3)** by setting $F(x, y) = y - f(x)$, and $g(x) = (x, f(x))$ for $x \in B \subset \mathbb{R}^k$, respectively. It is natural to ask the following converse, i.e.

Q: When can a manifold given locally in Types (2) or (3) be represented in Type (1)?

Read e.g. Theorem 3.11, Theorem 3.15, Theorem 3.21 in the book, and Exercises 1 – 3 in (3.2), and 1, 2 in (3.3).

Outlines of (3.4), (3.5): A question concerned here is:

Q: When can a mapping (or a transformation) $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ of class C^1 have a local inverse? How smooth is the inverse (if it exists)?

Read e.g. the following The Inverse Function Theorem in the book.

Theorem 3.18: Let U and V be open sets in \mathbb{R}^n , $a \in U$, and $b = f(a)$. Suppose that $f : U \rightarrow V$ is a mapping of class C^1 and the Fréchet derivative $Df(a)$ is invertible (i.e. the Jacobian $\det Df(a)$ is nonzero). Then \exists neighborhoods $M \subset U$ and $N \subset V$ of a and b , respectively, so that f is a one-to-one map from M onto N , and the inverse map f^{-1} from N to M is also C^1 . Moreover, if $y = f(x) \in N$, $D(f^{-1})(y) = [Df(x)]^{-1}$.

Note that if f is C^1 with nonzero $\det Df(a)$ at an **interior** point a , then $b = f(a)$ is also an interior point of $f(U)$, i.e. **The Inverse Function Theorem also tells us that when an interior point in the domain is mapped to an interior point in the range.**

Also, read e.g. Theorem 3.20, Theorem 3.22 in the book, and Exercises 1, 2, 5 in (3.4) and 1 in (3.5).