

"Subsubsequence Lemma" (just a name I made up):

If every subsequence (a_{n_k}) of a given sequence (a_n) ~~converges~~ has a subsequence $(a_{n_{k_i}})$ converging to a given real L , then (a_n) converges to L .

(Indirect) Proof. Suppose (a_n) & L are a counterexample. Then, for some

$\varepsilon > 0$, $|a_n - L| \geq \varepsilon$ frequently.

Hence, $|a_{n_k} - L| \geq \varepsilon$ for all k , (\star)

for some subsequence (a_{n_k}) .

But (a_{n_k}) has a subseq. $(a_{n_{k_i}})$ converging to L . So, eventually $|a_{n_{k_i}} - L| < \varepsilon$, contradicting (\star) . \blacksquare

ϵ -free proof of Uniform

Continuity Theorem:

Assume A compact & $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ cts.

We will prove f is unif. cts.

Assume $x_n, y_n \in A$ & $(x_n - y_n) \rightarrow 0$.

We will prove $(f(x_n) - f(y_n)) \rightarrow 0$.

Let $(x'_k) = (x_{n_k})$ & $(y'_k) = (y_{n_k})$

For some $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < n_4 < \dots$.

By the Subsubsequence Lemma,

it's enough to find $k_1 < k_2 < k_3 < k_4 < \dots$

such that $(f(x'_{k_i}) - f(y'_{k_i})) \rightarrow 0$.

By compactness, some subseq. (x''_i)

$= (x'_{k_i})$ of (x'_k) converges to some

$c \in A$. Let $(y''_i) = (y'_{k_i})$.

Since $(x_n - y_n) \rightarrow 0$, its subseq's

$(x'_k - y'_k)$ and $(x''_i - y''_i)$ also

converge to 0. Hence,

$$(y''_i) = (x''_i - (x''_i - y''_i)) \rightarrow c - 0 = c.$$

By continuity of f , $(f(x''_i)) \rightarrow c$

and $(f(y''_i)) \rightarrow c$. Therefore,

$$(f(x''_i) - f(y''_i)) \rightarrow c - c = 0. \quad \blacksquare$$