

§3.3 Ascoli's compactness theorem.

HW: Show that the sequence f_1, f_2, \dots in $C([0, 1])$ given by $f_k = x^k$, is bounded but does not contain any uniformly convergent subsequence.

HW: Show that the sequence f_1, f_2, \dots in $C([0, 1])$ given by $f_k = \sin kx$, is bounded but does not contain any uniformly convergent subsequence.

Let E be a metric space and $F \subseteq C(E)$.

The subset F is equicontinuous if F satisfies:

if $x \in E$ and $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ then there exists $\delta \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that if $f \in F$ and

$$d(y, x) < \delta \text{ then } |f(y) - f(x)| < \varepsilon.$$

The subset F is uniformly equicontinuous if F satisfies

if $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ then there exists $\delta \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that

if $f \in F$ and $x, y \in E$ and $d(y, x) < \delta$

$$\text{then } |f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon.$$

Lemma 3.11 Let E be a compact metric space and let $F \subseteq C(E)$, with F equicontinuous. Then F is uniformly equicontinuous.

HW Let E be a metric space and let $F \subseteq C(E)$

(a) Define F is relatively compact.

(b) Define F is precompact.

(c) Show that if E is compact then the following are equivalent

(1) F is relatively compact

(2) F is precompact

(3) If f_1, f_2, \dots is a sequence in F then there exists a subsequence converging uniformly to a function $f \in C(E)$.

Theorem 3.12 (Ascoli). Let E be a compact metric space. Let $F \subseteq C(E)$ be equicontinuous such that

$\forall x \in E$ then $\sup \{ |f(x)| \mid f \in F \} < \infty$,

Then F is relatively compact.

Corollary 3.13 Let E be a compact metric space.

Let f_1, f_2, \dots be a sequence in $C(E, \mathbb{R}^n)$ such that

(i) $\{f_1, f_2, \dots\}$ is equicontinuous, and

(ii) if $x \in E$ then $\sup \{ |f_k(x)| \mid k \in \mathbb{N}_{>0} \} < \infty$.

Then f_1, f_2, \dots has a uniformly convergent subsequence.

§3.4 Spaces of Hölder continuous functions.

Let $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be open. For $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n) \in (\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})^n$ let

$$D^\alpha f = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}\right)^{\alpha_1} \dots \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}\right)^{\alpha_n} f.$$

Let $\alpha \in (0, 1]_{\mathbb{R}}$. The space $C^{0, \alpha}(\Omega)$ of bounded Hölder continuous functions ^{with} exponent α is

is the set of functions $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that f is bounded and there exists a ~~constant~~ $C \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that

$$\text{if } x, y \in \Omega \text{ then } |f(x) - f(y)| \leq C |x - y|^\alpha, \quad (*)$$

and $C^{0, \alpha}(\Omega)$ has norm given by

$$\|f\|_{C^{0, \alpha}(\Omega)} = \sup \{ |f(x)| \mid x \in \Omega \} + \sup \left\{ \frac{|f(x) - f(y)|}{|x - y|^\alpha} \mid x, y \in \Omega \text{ and } x \neq y \right\}$$

Let $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$.

The space $C^{k, \alpha}(\Omega)$ is

$$C^{k, \alpha}(\Omega) = \left\{ f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \text{if } (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n \text{ and } |\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n| \leq k \right. \\ \left. \text{then } D^\alpha f \text{ satisfies } (*) \right\}$$

with norm given by

$$\|f\|_{C^{k, \alpha}(\Omega)} = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} \sup \{ |D^\alpha f(x)| \mid x \in \Omega \} + \sum_{|\alpha| = k} \sup \left\{ \frac{|D^\alpha f(x) - D^\alpha f(y)|}{|x - y|^\alpha} \mid x, y \in \Omega \text{ and } x \neq y \right\}$$

Theorem (3.14) (Hölder spaces are complete).

Let $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be open, $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ and $\delta \in [0, 1]_{\mathbb{R}}$.

Then $C^{k, \delta}(\Omega)$ is a Banach space.

Remark We should really define

$$C^{k, \delta}(\Omega) = \{f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \|f\|_{C^{k, \delta}(\Omega)} < \infty\}.$$