

Remark: If we want to show

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bounded  $\Rightarrow$  compact, here is what we do!

$E$  is bounded  $\Rightarrow E \subseteq \overline{B(\vec{0}, R)}$  some  $R > 0$ .

this is compact.

$E$  is closed  $\Rightarrow E$  is closed subset of compact set.  $\Rightarrow E$  compact

HW problem.

9. Theorem. Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then the following are equivalent.

- $A$  is compact.
- $A$  is closed and bounded.
- Every sequence of points in  $A$  has a limit point in  $A$  that is, every sequence in  $A$  has a (B-W) convergent subsequence.

Proof: We already showed (a)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (b)

We must show (b)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (c).

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c) Assume  $A$  is closed and bounded and let  $\vec{x}^k$  be a sequence in  $A$ . Since  $A$  is bounded,  $A \subseteq B(\vec{0}, R)$  for some  $R > 0$ . This means  $\vec{x}^k$  is a bounded sequence. By B-W  $\vec{x}^k$  has a convergent subsequence, say  $\vec{x}^{k_j} \rightarrow \vec{x}$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ . It remains to show that  $\vec{x} \in A$ . Suppose  $\vec{x} \notin A$ . Then since  $A$  is closed,  $\vec{x}$  is not a limit point of  $A$ . But given  $\varepsilon > 0$

$\mathbb{E}^n$  is closed and not bounded.

$[0, \infty)$  is closed in  $\mathbb{R}$  but not open

there is a  $J$  such that  $j \geq J$  implies  $\vec{x}^{k_j} \in B(\vec{x}, \varepsilon)$ . But since  $\vec{x}^{k_j} \in A$  this implies  $\vec{x}$  is a limit point of  $A$ . Hence  $\vec{x} \in A$ .

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) Suppose (b) does not hold. Then  $A$  is either not closed or not bounded. If  $A$  is not bounded then for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there is an  $\vec{x}^n \in A$  such that  $\|\vec{x}^n\| \geq n$ . Hence every subsequence

of  $\vec{x}^n$  is unbounded hence not convergent. So (c) fails to hold. If  $A$  is not closed then there is an  $\vec{x}$  such that  $\vec{x} \notin A$  and  $\vec{x}$  is a limit point of  $A$ . Then for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there is an  $\vec{x}^n \in A$  such that  $0 < \|\vec{x}^n - \vec{x}\| < \frac{1}{n}$ . This means  $\vec{x}^n \rightarrow \vec{x}$  and hence every subsequence of  $\vec{x}^n \rightarrow \vec{x}$  but  $\vec{x} \notin A$ . Thus (c) fails again.

## 9.1 Limits of Functions.

### A. Definition of limit.

1. Definition. We will consider *vector-valued functions*,  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^m$ , with domain  $D = D_f \subseteq \mathbb{E}^n$ . We write

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (f_1(\mathbf{x}), f_2(\mathbf{x}), \dots, f_m(\mathbf{x}))$$

where  $f_i: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and we usually write

$$f_i(\mathbf{x}) = f_i(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n).$$

2. Definition. Let  $a$  be a limit point (cluster point) of the domain  $D_f$  of a function  $f$ . Then

$$\lim_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow a} f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{L}$$

if for all  $\epsilon > 0$  there is an  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $\mathbf{x} \in D_f$ , if  $0 < \|\mathbf{x} - a\| < \delta$ , then  $\|f(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{L}\| < \epsilon$ .

Note that

$\vec{a}$  need not be in  $D_f$ ,

so  $f(\vec{a})$  need not be defined.

3. Remark. If  $a$  is an isolated point of  $D_f$  then it does not make sense to talk about

$$\lim_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow a} f(\mathbf{x}).$$

why? If  $\vec{a}$  is an isolated point of  $D_f$  then given  $\epsilon > 0$ , choose  $\delta > 0$  such that  $0 < \|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\| < \delta \Rightarrow \vec{x} \notin D_f$ .

Hence  $\forall \vec{x} \in D_f$ ,  $0 < \|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\| < \delta \Rightarrow \|f(\vec{x}) - \mathbf{L}\| < \epsilon$  holds no matter what  $\mathbf{L}$  is.

Theorem 1. (9.1.1) Suppose that  $a$  is a limit point of the domain  $D_f$  of the function  $f$ .

Then the following are equivalent

a.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$ .

b. For every sequence  $\{x^{(j)}\} \in D_f$ , with  $x^{(j)} \neq a$  for all  $j$ , such that  $x^{(j)} \rightarrow a$ ,  
 $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} f(x^{(j)}) = L$ .

Proof. (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) Suppose  $\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} f(\vec{x}) = L$

and let  $\vec{x}^j \in D_f$  satisfy  $\vec{x}^j \rightarrow \vec{a}$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\vec{x}^j \neq \vec{a}$  for all  $j$ . We must show that  $f(\vec{x}^j) \rightarrow L$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} f(\vec{x}) = L$ , given  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $0 < \|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\| < \delta$  then  $\|f(\vec{x}) - L\| < \epsilon$ . Since  $\vec{x}^j \rightarrow \vec{a}$  there is an  $N$  such that if  $j \geq N$  then  $\|\vec{x}^j - \vec{a}\| < \delta$  and since  $\vec{x}^j \neq \vec{a}$ ,  $0 < \|\vec{x}^j - \vec{a}\| < \delta$  for all  $j \geq N$ . But this implies  $\|f(\vec{x}^j) - L\| < \epsilon$  for all  $j \geq N$ . Hence  $f(\vec{x}^j) \rightarrow L$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ .

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) Next time.