Topological_conjugacy_1

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1 Topological Conjugacy for homeomorphisms of \mathbb{R} .

Let $f : I \to I$ and $g : J \to J$ be continuous maps. We say they are topologically conjugate if there is a homeomorphism $h : I \to J$ so that $g \circ h(x) = h \circ f(x)$ for all $x \in I$.

We will demonstrate the idea behind the following result:

Theorem. Suppose I = (a, b) and J = (c, d) are intervals in \mathbb{R} . Suppose $f : I \to I$ and $g : J \to J$ are orientation-preserving homeomorphisms so that * f(x) > x for each $x \in I$, and * g(y) > y for each $y \in J$. Then f and g are topologically conjugate.

To demonstrate this, we will consider two such maps.

Out[1]:



In [2]: # Here we work out the inverse map
 x=var("x")
 y=var("y")
 assume(y>0) # Used to help Sage find the solution we want below.
 assume(y<1)
 show((f(x)==y).solve(x))</pre>

 $[x = -sqrt(-y^2 + 1) + 1, x = sqrt(-y^2 + 1) + 1]$

Note that the inverse must be the first one since the second takes values greater than one.

In [3]: # Here we define the inverse map
 finv(y) = -sqrt(-y^2 + 1) + 1

Lets plot f^{-1} with f to be sure.

In [4]: plot(finv, 0, 1, color="green", aspect_ratio=1) + plot(f,(x,0,1), color="blue")
Out[4]:



In [5]: g(x) = 1/2*(x*(3-x)) # Consider over the interval (0,pi)

plot(g, 0, 1, aspect_ratio=1) + plot(x,(x,0,1), color="red")
Out[5]:



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In [6]: # Here we work out the inverse map
    x=var("x")
    y=var("y")
    assume(y>0) # Used to help Sage find the solution we want below.
    assume(y<1)
    (g(x)==y).solve(x)</pre>
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Out[6]: [x == -1/2*sqrt(-8*y + 9) + 3/2, x == 1/2*sqrt(-8*y + 9) + 3/2]

In [7]: ginv(y) = -1/2*sqrt(-8*y + 9) + 3/2

In [8]: plot(ginv, 0, 1, color="green", aspect_ratio=1) + plot(g,(x,0,1), color="blue")

Out[8]:



1.0.1 Defining the topological conjugacy:

First we pick a points a_f and a_g in the domains of f and g:

The intervals $[a_f, b_f)$ is a fundamental domains for f. This means for each $x \in (0, 1)$, there is a unique $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ so that $f^n(x) \in [a_f, b_f)$. Similarly, $[a_g, b_g)$ is a fundamental domain for g. We define a homeomorphism $h_0 : [a_f, b_f) \to [a_g, b_g)$.

1/8*(2*x - 1)/(sqrt(3) - 1) + 1/2

Note that this function is more complex, so we define it using a Python type function. This allows us to use any Python or Sage type expression we want, including if statements and loops.

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In [12]: def h(x):
             assert 0 < x < 1 # Cause an error if not in the domain of f.
             if a_f <= x < b_f:
                 # Use h_0:
                 return h_0(x)
             if x >= b_f:
                 count = 0
                                  # Apply f \hat{} -1 until we land in the fundamental
                 while x >= b_f:
                     x = finv(x)
                                      # domain and count the number of times
                     count = count + 1 # we apply f^{-1}.
                 assert a_f <= x < b_f
                 y = h_0(x) # Move to the domain of g using h_0.
                 for i in range(count): # Now apply q to y, the same number of times.
                     y = g(y)
                 return y
             if x < a_f:
                 count = 0
                 while x < a_f:
                     x = f(x)
                     count = count + 1
                 assert a_f <= x < b_f
                 y = h_0(x)
                 for i in range(count):
                     y = ginv(y)
                 return y
In [13]: # Plot h.
         # Note that h is not defined at zero or at one, so
         # we have shrunk the interval we are plotting slightly.
         # Calling plot(h, 0, 1) will give rise to errors.
         plot(h, 0.001, 0.999)
  Out[13]:
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In [14]: # Check one value larger than b_f:
    show( h(9/10) )
    # Check the conjugacy equation:
    assert( h(f(9/10)) == g(h(9/10)) )
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-1/3200*((sqrt(19) - 5)/(sqrt(3) - 1) + 100)*((sqrt(19) - 5)/(sqrt(3) - 1) - 20)

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In [15]: # Check one value larger than b_f:
    show( h(1/4) )
    # Check the conjugacy equation:
    assert( h(f(1/4)) == g(h(1/4)) )
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-1/2*sqrt(-1/2*(sqrt(7) - 2)/(sqrt(3) - 1) + 5) + 3/2
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We can graphically check the conjugacy. For plot1 we will plot $h \circ f$ and for plot2 we will plot $g \circ h$.









In [18]: # Note that h is continuous but not differentiable: def approximate_derivative_of_h(x, epsilon=0.0001): return (h(x+epsilon)-h(x)) / epsilon

In [19]: plot(approximate_derivative_of_h,0.1,0.9)

Out[19]:



By fiddling appropriately with our function $h_0(x)$ we could get h to be smooth. The main issue is derivatives at a_f . At other points, h is defined to be h_0 or compositions of h_0 with powers of f and g. Note that for values slightly bigger than a_f , h is given by h_0 . While for values slightly to the left of a_f , h is given by $g^{-1} \circ h_0 \circ f$. Thus if we want the derivative to match at a_f , we would have to have

$$h'_0(a_f) = (g^{-1})' (h \circ f(a_f)) \cdot h'_0(f(a_f)) \cdot f'(a_f) = (g^{-1})' (b_g) h'_0(b_f) f'(a_f) = \frac{f'(a_f)}{g'(a_g)} h'_0(b_f).$$

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So we would have to choose h_0 to satisfy $g'(a_g)h'_0(a_f) = f'(a_f)h'_0(b_f)$.