

3.2.11 Show by example that a function can be uniformly continuous without being Lipschitz continuous. Hint: consider $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$.

Answer to exercise 3.2.11:

Suppose $S = [0,1]$. Let $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$.

By exercise 3.1.11.b, we know that f is continuous at $x = 0$. By exercise 3.1.11.a, we know that f is continuous at all $x \in (0,1]$. Therefore, f is continuous on $[0,1]$. Since $[0,1]$ is a closed interval, by theorem 3.2.5, we have that f is uniformly continuous on $[0,1]$.

But is f Lipschitz continuous on $[0,1]$?

$$\text{Take } x, y \in [0,1], x \neq y. \quad \frac{|\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}|}{|x - y|} = \frac{\left| \frac{x - y}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}} \right|}{|x - y|} = \frac{1}{|\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}}$$

Let $M > 0$ arbitrary. Let $y = 0$. Then $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} > M \quad \forall x < \left(\frac{1}{M}\right)^2$. Thus, there is no

$M > 0$ such that $\forall x, y \in [0,1], x \neq y, \frac{|\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}|}{|x - y|} \leq M$. i.e. f is not Lipschitz continuous on $[0,1]$.