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1 Big List Problems

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#27	NA
#28	NA
#29	NA

1.1 #1

Let A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots be a sequence of countable sets. Prove that $\bigcup_{i \geq 1} A_i$ is countable.

My previous submission did not take into account the fact that the sets could have been not disjoint. This resubmission should resolve that issue.

Changelog:

1. Fixed the argument to address the non-disjoint case.

Proof. Notice that

$$\bigcup_{i \geq 1} A_i = A_1 \cup (A_2 \setminus A_1) \cup (A_3 \setminus (A_1 \cap A_2)) \cup \dots$$

We define a new collection of sets $\{B_i\}$ as follows:

$$B_1 = A_1$$

$$B_k = A_k \setminus \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{k-1} A_i \right), \quad k > 1$$

Since A_i is countable, denote A_{ij} to be the j th element of set A_i . Noting that $\bigcup_{i \geq 1} A_i = \bigcup_{i \geq 1} B_i$, Define $f : \bigcup_{i \geq 1} B_i \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ as

$$f(A_{ij}) = 2^i 3^j$$

We will show that f is injective. Let $A_{pq}, A_{rs} \in \bigcup_{i \geq 1} B_i$. Suppose that $f(A_{pq}) = f(A_{rs})$. Then

$$2^p 3^q = 2^r 3^s$$

Since every integer has a unique prime factorisation, it follows that $p = r, q = s$. Thus $A_{pq} = A_{rs}$.

Now, define the injection $g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \bigcup_{i \geq 1} A_i$ to be $g(n) = A_{1n}$.

Therefore by the Schröder–Bernstein theorem, $|\bigcup_{i \geq 1} A_i| = |\mathbb{N}|$. Thus the set is countable. □

1.2 #2 - Incomplete

This problem is incomplete for a variety of reasons. Firstly, I did not show that ϕ is a linear mapping. Secondly, ϕ is not well-defined because based on the supposed codomain of ϕ , $\phi(T)$ should only take in one input, whereas I defined $\phi(T)$ by inputting two inputs. Finally, the basis argument I made when showing that ϕ is surjective was unnecessary, and I could have just directly defined $T(x, y) = U(x)(y)$.

Let X, Y, Z be three vector spaces. Prove that $L^2(X, Y; Z)$ is isomorphic to $L(X, L(Y, Z))$.

(For two vector spaces X, Y , we use $L(X, Y)$ to denote the space of linear mappings from X to Y . For three vector spaces X, Y, Z , and a function $\beta : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$, we let $\beta(\cdot, y_0)$ denote the function $X \rightarrow Z$ given by $x \mapsto \beta(x, y_0)$, where $y_0 \in Y$ is some fixed vector; this is called the y_0 -**slice** of β . The x_0 -**slice** $\beta(x_0, \cdot)$ is defined similarly.)

Proof. For a bilinear map $T \in L^2(X, Y; Z)$, $(x, y) \in X \times Y$, Define $\phi : L^2(X, Y; Z) \rightarrow L(X, L(Y, Z))$ such that

$$\phi(T)(x, y) = T(x, \cdot)(y)$$

where $T(x, \cdot)$ is the x -slice of T . We claim that this transformation is an isomorphism.

First, let $\phi(T) = 0$. Then $\forall x \in X, T(x, \cdot)(y) = 0$, from which it follows that $T(x, y) = 0$, meaning ϕ is injective.

Next, fix $U \in L(X, L(Y, Z))$. Let β be the basis for X . Let $T \in L^2(X, Y; Z)$ be the linear transformation such that $T(x, \cdot) = U(x)$, for all $x \in \beta$. We see that $\forall x, y \in X \times Y$,

$$\phi(T)(x, y) = T(x, \cdot)(y) = U(x)(y)$$

making ϕ surjective.

Thus ϕ is an isomorphism, and we get that $L^2(X, Y; Z) \cong L(X, L(Y, Z))$ as desired. □

1.3 #3

Let $I = (a, b)$ and $J = (c, d)$ be two open intervals on the real line. Let $f : I \rightarrow J$ be an increasing function such that $f(I)$ is dense in J . Prove that f is continuous.

(For two sets $D, S \subseteq \mathbf{R}$ we say that D is **dense** in S if $D \cap (s - \varepsilon, s + \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ for all $s \in S$ and all $\varepsilon > 0$.)

Proof. Fixing an $a \in I$, let $\varepsilon > 0$. We can assume without loss of generality that ε is small enough that $(f(a) - \varepsilon, f(a) + \varepsilon) \subseteq J$. Since $f(I)$ is dense in J , we can always find an $y_1 \in (f(a) - \varepsilon, f(a))$ and $y_2 \in (f(a), f(a) + \varepsilon)$ such that $y_1, y_2 \in f(I)$, which means $y_1 = f(x_1)$ and $y_2 = f(x_2)$ for some $x_1, x_2 \in I$.

Take $\delta = \min\{|a - x_1|, |a - x_2|\}$. Let $x \in I$. Suppose that $|x - a| \leq \delta$. If $x = a$, clearly $|f(x) - f(a)| < \varepsilon$. Consider when $x < a$.

We see that due to the choice of δ , we have that $x_1 < x < a$. Using the fact that f is increasing, we obtain

$$f(a) - \varepsilon < y_1 = f(x_1) < f(x) < f(a) \implies -\varepsilon < f(x) - f(a) < 0 \implies f(a) - f(x) = |f(x) - f(a)| < \varepsilon$$

The argument for the case when $x > a$ is almost the exact same, except for the use of x_2 and y_2 instead of x_1 and y_1 , as well as the inequalities being swapped.

With this, we can conclude that f is continuous. □

1.4 #4

- (a) Prove that there exists an infinitely differentiable function $\alpha : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ such that $\alpha(t) = 0$ for all $t \leq 0$, and $\alpha(t) > 0$ for all $t > 0$.

Proof. We define $\alpha(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } t \leq 0; \\ e^{-\frac{1}{t}}, & \text{if } t > 0. \end{cases}$

Trivially $\alpha(t) = 0$ if $t \leq 0$ and $\alpha(t) > 0$ if $t > 0$. It remains to show that α is infinitely differentiable.

Since 0 is infinitely differentiable, and $e^{-\frac{1}{x}}$ is infinitely differentiable for $x > 0$, it suffices to show that derivatives of all orders of α are continuous at $t = 0$.

We will continue by proving a lemma.

Lemma. $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, for $t > 0$, $\alpha^{(n)}(t) = Q(t)\alpha(t)$, where $Q(x)$ is a linear combination of nonpositive integer powers of t .

We will show this using induction.

Proof. When $n = 1$, fixing $t > 0$, we have

$$\alpha'(t) = \frac{1}{t^2} e^{-\frac{1}{t}} = \frac{1}{t^2} \alpha(t)$$

We let $Q(t) = t^{-2}$ and we are done.

Now suppose that the lemma holds for all $i \leq k$, for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Then for $t > 0$,

$$\alpha^{(k)}(t) = P(t)\alpha(t), \text{ where } P(t) \text{ is a linear combination of nonpositive integer powers of } t$$

Taking the derivative of both sides with respect to t , we obtain

$$\alpha^{(k+1)}(t) = P'(t)\alpha(t) + P(t)\alpha'(t)$$

The lemma holds for $i = 1$, therefore for some $R(t)$,

$$P'(t)\alpha(t) + P(t)\alpha'(t) = P'(t)\alpha(t) + P(t)R(t)\alpha(t) = (P'(t) + P(t)R(t))\alpha(t)$$

$P'(t) + P(t)R(t)$ is a linear combination of nonpositive integer powers of t , therefore letting $Q(t) = P'(t) + P(t)R(t)$, we get our desired conclusion.

By the principle of induction, the lemma holds true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

□

We now continue in proving that derivatives of all orders of α are continuous at 0. We show this by proving that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \alpha^{(n)}(t) = 0, \text{ where } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

We will only worry about the right hand limit, as the left hand limit always evaluates to 0.

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Since we only deal with positive t , by our lemma,

$$\alpha^{(n)}(t) = Q(t)\alpha(t)$$

Where $Q(t)$ is a linear combination of nonpositive integer powers of t . So

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \alpha^{(n)}(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} Q(t)\alpha(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \sum_{i=0}^k a_i t^{-i} \alpha(t)$$

Where a_i are real constants and $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Consider an arbitrary term $a_i t^{-i} \alpha(t) = a_i t^{-i} e^{\frac{-1}{t}}$. We want to show that $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} a_i t^{-i} e^{\frac{-1}{t}}$ exists and is equal to 0.

First, we will perform the substitution $x = \frac{1}{t}$. Then the limit becomes

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} a_i x^i e^{-x} = 0$$

The proof for this fact is omitted, but applying L'Hopital's rule i times produces the same result. Thus,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \alpha^{(n)}(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \sum_{i=0}^k a_i t^{-i} \alpha(t) = \sum_{i=0}^k \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} a_i t^{-i} \alpha(t) = \sum_{i=0}^k 0 = 0$$

Thus α is infinitely differentiable everywhere. □

- (b) Prove that there exists an infinitely differentiable function $\beta : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ such that $\beta(t) = 1$ for all $t \geq 1$, and $\beta(t) = 0$ for all $t \leq 0$.

Proof. Define

$$\beta(t) = \frac{\alpha(t)}{\alpha(t) + \alpha(1-t)}$$

If $t \geq 1$, we also have $1-t \leq 0$. Then

$$\beta(t) = \frac{\alpha(t)}{\alpha(t)} = 1$$

As well, if $t \leq 0$, we have

$$\beta(t) = 0$$

Since $\alpha(t)$ is infinitely differentiable and β is composed of α , it follows that β is also infinitely differentiable. □

- (c) Prove that there exists an infinitely differentiable function $\varphi : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ such that $\varphi(t) = 1$ for all $t \in [2, 3]$, and $\varphi(t) = 0$ for $t \in \mathbf{R} \setminus (1, 4)$.

Proof. Define $\phi(t) = \beta(t-1)\beta(4-t)$. Since β is infinitely differentiable, ϕ is as well. For $t \in [2, 3]$, $t-1 \geq 1$ and $4-t \geq 1$. Thus

$$\phi(t) = \beta(t-1)\beta(4-t) = 1$$

If $t \in \mathbf{R} \setminus (1, 4)$, then $t-1 \leq 0$ or $4-t \leq 0$. In each case $\beta(t-1) = 0$ or $\beta(4-t) = 0$, respectively, thus we have

$$\phi(t) = \beta(t-1)\beta(4-t) = 0$$

□

1.5 #5

Let $S \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$. Consider the following three statements:

- S is a bounded subset of $(\mathbf{R}^n, \|\cdot\|_1)$.
- S is a bounded subset of $(\mathbf{R}^n, \|\cdot\|_2)$.
- S is a bounded subset of $(\mathbf{R}^n, \|\cdot\|_{\max})$.

Among these statements, determine which implications are true and which are false. There are six implications to investigate. Supply proof or counterexample as appropriate. Include pictures.

Note. My previous submission did not consider when $d(x, y) = 0$ when proving symmetry. As well, I made a typo when writing the max-norm. Finally, the last paragraph was not written out mathematically. This resubmission should fix those issues.

Changelog.

1. Added an argument when proving symmetry to address division by 0
2. Fixed max-norm typo
3. Rewrote last explanation in a more mathematical fashion

Claim. Each statement implies all the other statements.

Proof. **Lemma.** Strong equivalence is an equivalence relation.

Proof. Let d_1, d_2, d_3 be metrics on some set X . We proceed by proving each property of equivalence relations.

1. Reflexivity: Let $\alpha = \beta = 1$. Clearly $d_1(x, y) \leq d_1(x, y) \leq d_1(x, y)$. Thus the relation is reflexive.
2. Symmetry: Suppose $\hat{\alpha}d_1(x, y) \leq d_2(x, y) \leq \hat{\beta}d_1(x, y)$. Let $\alpha = \frac{1}{\hat{\beta}}, \beta = \frac{1}{\hat{\alpha}}$. **If $x = y$, then $d_1(x, y) = d_2(x, y) = 0$, so the inequality trivially holds. Otherwise, $d_1(x, y) > 0, d_2(x, y) > 0$, so we see that**

$$\hat{\alpha} \leq \frac{d_2(x, y)}{d_1(x, y)} \leq \hat{\beta} \implies \frac{1}{\hat{\beta}} \leq \frac{d_1(x, y)}{d_2(x, y)} \leq \frac{1}{\hat{\alpha}} \implies \alpha d_2(x, y) \leq d_1(x, y) \leq \beta d_2(x, y)$$

Thus the relation is symmetric.

3. Transitivity: Suppose that $\hat{\alpha}d_1(x, y) \leq d_2(x, y) \leq \hat{\beta}d_1(x, y)$ and $\tilde{\alpha}d_2(x, y) \leq d_3(x, y) \leq \tilde{\beta}d_2(x, y)$. Let $\alpha = \hat{\alpha}\tilde{\alpha}, \beta = \hat{\beta}\tilde{\beta}$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha d_1(x, y) &= \hat{\alpha}\tilde{\alpha} \leq \tilde{\alpha}d_2(x, y) \leq d_3(x, y) \leq \tilde{\beta}d_2(x, y) \leq \hat{\beta}\tilde{\beta}d_1(x, y) = \beta d_1(x, y) \\ &\implies \alpha d_1(x, y) \leq d_3(x, y) \leq \beta d_1(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

Thus the relation is transitive.

Therefore, the relation is an equivalence relation. \square

We want to show that $\|\cdot\|_1, \|\cdot\|_2, \|\cdot\|_{\max}$ are strongly equivalent to each other. First, we will show that $\|\cdot\|_1 \sim \|\cdot\|_{\max}$ and $\|\cdot\|_2 \sim \|\cdot\|_{\max}$. We have that

$$\frac{1}{n} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|} \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i| \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{|x_i - y_i|\} \leq \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|$$

From this, we have the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|} &\leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{|x_i - y_i|\} \leq \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|} \text{ and } \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i| \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{|x_i - y_i|\} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i| \\ &\implies \frac{1}{n} \|x - y\|_2 \leq \|x - y\|_{\max} \leq \|x - y\|_2 \text{ and } \frac{1}{n} \|x - y\|_1 \leq \|x - y\|_{\max} \leq \|x - y\|_1 \\ &\implies \|\cdot\|_2 \sim \|\cdot\|_{\max} \text{ and } \|\cdot\|_1 \sim \|\cdot\|_{\max} \end{aligned}$$

Using transitivity and symmetry we can also conclude that $\|\cdot\|_1 \sim \|\cdot\|_2$. Thus every metric is strongly equivalent to one another. **It follows that for any $i, j \in \{1, 2, \max\}$, there exists $c_{ij} > 0$ such that for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $d_i(x, y) \leq c_{ij} \cdot d_j(x, y)$, meaning that for $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, if S is bounded with respect to the 1-norm, 2-norm, or the max-norm, it is bounded with respect to the other norms as well, from which our claim follows immediately after.** \square

1.6 #6

Let $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$ and $(Y, \|\cdot\|_Y)$ be two normed vector spaces. A linear mapping $T : X \rightarrow Y$ is called **bounded** if there exists a constant $M \geq 0$ such that

$$\|T(x)\|_Y \leq M\|x\|_X \quad \text{for all } x \in X.$$

Let $B(X, Y)$ denote the set of these bounded linear operators. The **operator norm** on $B(X, Y)$, denoted by $\|\cdot\|_{\text{op}}$, is defined as follows:

$$\|T\|_{\text{op}} = \sup\{\|T(x)\|_Y : x \in X \text{ and } \|x\|_X \leq 1\}.$$

(a) Prove that $B(X, Y)$ is a linear subspace of $L(X, Y)$.

Proof. The 0-transformation $\|Z(x)\| = 0 \leq \|x\|_X, \forall x \in X$, because of the definition of a norm. Thus $0 \in B(X, Y)$. Let $T, U \in B(X, Y)$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$. Then for all $x \in X$, there exist $M, N \geq 0$ such that

$$T(x) \leq M\|x\|_X \text{ and } U(x) \leq N\|x\|_X \implies T(x) + U(x) \leq (M + N)\|x\|_X$$

Which implies that $T + U$ is a member of $B(X, Y)$. As well, from the first inequality, depending on if c is positive or negative, we have

$$T(x) \leq M\|x\|_X \implies cT(x) \leq cM\|x\|_X \text{ or } -cT(x) \leq -cM\|x\|_X$$

Note that if $c = 0$, $cT = 0$. Regardless, this implies that cT is a member of $B(X, Y)$.

Since $0 \in B(X, Y)$ and $B(X, Y)$ is closed under addition and scalar multiplication, $B(X, Y)$ is a subspace of $L(X, Y)$. □

(b) Prove that $\|\cdot\|_{\text{op}}$ is a norm on $B(X, Y)$.

Proof. To prove that the operator norm is a norm, we first verify that $\|T\|_{\text{op}} = 0 \iff T = 0$.

We denote the set of elements x in X such that $\|x\|_X \leq 1$ as X' .

Fix $T \in B(X, Y)$ and suppose that $T = 0$. Then for all $x \in X'$, $\|T(x)\|_Y = \|0\|_Y = 0$. Thus $\|T\|_{\text{op}} = 0$.

Now suppose the converse, that $\|T\|_{\text{op}} = 0$. Then

$$\forall x \in X', \|T(x)\|_Y \leq \|T\|_{\text{op}} = 0.$$

But by the definition of the norm in Y ,

$$0 \leq \|T(x)\|_Y$$

It follows that $\|T(x)\|_Y = 0 \implies T(x) = 0$.

To show nonnegativity, we note that for $x \in X'$,

$$\|T\|_{\text{op}} \geq \|T(x)\|_Y \geq 0$$

To show homogeneity, let $T \in B(X, Y)$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$\|cT\|_{\text{op}} = \sup\{\|cT(x)\|_Y : x \in X'\} = \sup\{|c| \|T(x)\|_Y : x \in X'\} = |c| \sup\{\|T(x)\|_Y : x \in X'\} = |c| \|T\|_{\text{op}}$$

Now we show that the triangle inequality holds with respect to the operator norm.

Fix $T, U \in B(X, Y)$. Let $x \in X'$. By definition,

$$T(x) \leq \sup T(X') \text{ and } U(x) \leq \sup U(X')$$

Adding both together obtains

$$T(x) + U(x) \leq \sup T(X') + \sup U(X')$$

We see that $\sup T(X') + \sup U(X')$ is an upper bound for $T(x) + U(x)$. By the definition of the least upper bound,

$$\sup\{T(X') + U(X')\} \leq \sup T(X') + \sup U(X') \implies \|T + U\|_{op} \leq \|T\|_{op} + \|U\|_{op}$$

Thus the operator norm is, indeed, a norm. □

- (c) Let $T : \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$ be the linear mapping given by $T(x, y) = (x + y, x)$. Find, with proof, the exact value of $\|T\|_{op}$. (Here, \mathbf{R}^2 is equipped with the usual norm.)

Claim. $\|T\|_{op} = \sqrt{\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2}}$

Proof. We will show that $\|T(x, y)\|_2$ is bounded above by this value, and that equality is possible.

Let $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ such that $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \leq 1 \implies y \leq \pm\sqrt{1 - x^2} \leq \sqrt{1 - x^2}$. For such (x, y) ,

$$\|T(x, y)\|_2 = \|(x + y, x)\|_2 = \sqrt{(x + y)^2 + x^2} = \sqrt{2x^2 + 2xy + y^2}$$

By the monotonicity of the squareroot,

$$\sqrt{2x^2 + 2xy + y^2} \leq \sqrt{x^2 + 2x\sqrt{1 - x^2} + 1}$$

We attempt to maximize this function for $x \in [0, 1]$ (The interval is the set of all x that satisfy the constraint $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$). Maximizing this function is synonymous to maximizing $f(x) = x^2 + 2x\sqrt{1 - x^2} + 1$ on the interval $[0, 1]$. Taking the derivative, we get

$$f'(x) = 2x + 2\sqrt{1 - x^2} - \frac{2x^2}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}} = \frac{2x\sqrt{1 - x^2} + 2 - 4x^2}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}$$

Now, we find every critical point. When f' is undefined, $x = 1$. Now, let $f'(x) = 0$, $x \neq 1$. Then through a series of calculations I really don't want to type out,

$$\frac{2x\sqrt{1 - x^2} + 2 - 4x^2}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}} = 0 \implies 5x^4 - 5x^2 + 1 = 0 \implies x^2 = \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}} \implies x = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}}$$

We disregard the negative solution since we want $x \in [0, 1]$. Now we evaluate f at the endpoints, as well as at every point we found:

$$f(0) = 1$$

$$f(1) = 2$$

$$f\left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}}\right) = \frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$f\left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}}\right) = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{5}}$$

It is not too hard to see that f achieves the maximum at $x = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}}$. Then $\sqrt{x^2 + 2x\sqrt{1 - x^2} + 1}$ also achieves a maximum at $x = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}}$, which is $\sqrt{\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2}}$.

In summary, we have for all $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$,

$$\|T(x, y)\|_2 \leq \sqrt{\frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2}}$$

Thus $\sqrt{\frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2}}$ is an upper bound for $\|T(x, y)\|_2$.

To show that $\sqrt{\frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2}}$ is the least upper bound, it suffices to show that $\|T(x, y)\|_2$ can achieve that value. Indeed, if we let $x = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}\right)}$, $y = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}\right)}$ we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(x, y)\| &= \sqrt{\left(\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}\right)} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}\right)}\right)^2 + \left(\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}\right)}\right)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{2\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}\right) + 2\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}\right)}\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}\right)} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}\right)} = \sqrt{\frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\|T\|_{op} = \sup\{\|T(x, y)\|_2 : \|(x, y)\|_2 \leq 1\} = \sqrt{\frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2}}$

□

(d) Find, with proof, an example of an unbounded linear operator.

Proof. Define ℓ^0 to be the set of all sequences that are eventually 0. Consider the metric spaces $(\ell^0, \|\cdot\|_{\ell^\infty})$ and $(C[0, 1], \|\cdot\|_{C^\infty})$. Here, we denote $\|\cdot\|_{\ell^\infty}$ as the sup norm on ℓ^∞ and $\|\cdot\|_{C^\infty}$ as the sup norm on $C[0, 1]$.

Let $T : \ell^0 \rightarrow C[0, 1]$ be defined by

$$T((a_n)_n) = \sum_{i=0}^k a_i i^x, \text{ where } k \text{ is the last index where } a_k \neq 0$$

First, we will show that T is a linear transformation. Fix $(a_n)_n, (b_n)_n \in \ell^0$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$. Let $k = \max\{k_a, k_b\}$, where k_a, k_b are the last index where a_{k_a} and b_{k_b} are non-zero, respectively. Then

$$T(c(a_n) + (b_n)) = \sum_{i=0}^k (ca_i + b_i) i^x = c \sum_{i=0}^k a_i i^x + \sum_{i=0}^k b_i i^x = c \sum_{i=0}^{k_a} a_i i^x + \sum_{i=0}^{k_b} b_i i^x = cT((a_n)) + T((b_n))$$

This verifies that T is a linear transformation.

Now we show that T is unbounded. Fix $M \geq 0$. Let $(a_n)_n \in \ell^0$ such that $a_i = 1$ if $i = M + 1$ and 0 otherwise. We have that

$$\|T((a_n))\|_{C^\infty} = \|(M + 1)^x\|_{C^\infty} = M + 1 > M = M \| (a_n) \|_{\ell^\infty}$$

Thus T is an unbounded linear operator.

□

1.7 #7

Let $S \subseteq C[0, 1]$. Consider the following two statements:

- S is an open subset of $(C[0, 1], \|\cdot\|_1)$.

- S is an open subset of $(C[0, 1], \|\cdot\|_\infty)$.

Determine if the first statement implies the second, and vice-versa. Supply proof or counterexample as appropriate.

Proof. We claim that the first statement implies the second, but not the converse.

Suppose that S is an open subset of $(C[0, 1], \|\cdot\|_1)$. For any $g \in S$, there is an open ball with respect to the 1-norm centered around g with radius ε such that $B_1(g, \varepsilon) \subseteq S$. We proceed to show that $B_\infty(g, \varepsilon) \subseteq B_1(g, \varepsilon)$. Let $f \in B_\infty(g, \varepsilon)$. Then $\|f - g\|_\infty < \varepsilon$. Thus we have

$$\|f - g\|_1 = \int_0^1 |f - g| \leq \int_0^1 \sup\{|f - g|\} = \|f - g\|_\infty < \varepsilon$$

Thus $B_\infty(g, \varepsilon) \subseteq B_1(g, \varepsilon) \subseteq S$. Thus S is an open subset of $(C[0, 1], \|\cdot\|_1)$.

Now we show that the converse is not necessarily true. Let $S = B_\infty(0, 1)$. This is an open subset of $(C[0, 1], \|\cdot\|_\infty)$. Consider $f(x) = 0 \in B_\infty(0, 1)$. For every $\varepsilon > 0$, we can always find $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$. Let $g(x) = x^{n-1}$. Since $\int_0^1 g(x)dx = \frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon$, $g(x) \in B_1(0, \varepsilon)$. But $g(1) = 1$, which means that $g(x) \notin B_\infty(0, 1)$. Thus f is not an interior point of $B_\infty(0, 1)$ with respect to the 1-norm, which means that $B_\infty(0, 1)$ is not an open subset of $(C[0, 1], \|\cdot\|_1)$. □

1.8 #8

Let X be any set. The **diagonal** of $X \times X$ is the following set:

$$\Delta = \{(x, x) : x \in X\}.$$

Prove that if (X, d) is a metric space, then Δ is a closed subset of $X \times X$ (with respect to the product metric).

Proof. We define d as the metric in X and d_X to be the product metric of $X \times X$. Suppose that (X, d) is a metric space. We want to show that every limit point of Δ is a member of Δ .

Let $(a, b) \in X \times X$ be a limit point of Δ and suppose for contradiction that (a, b) is not an element of Δ . This implies that $d(a, b) > 0$. Let $r = d(a, b)$, and consider the open ball $B((a, b), r)$. For all $(x, x) \in X$, by the triangle inequality,

$$d_X((a, b), (x, x)) = d(a, x) + d(b, x) \geq r$$

This means that no element lies within this open ball centered around (a, b) , contradicting the fact that (a, b) is a limit point of Δ . Thus $(a, b) \in \Delta$. □

1.9 #9

- (a) Let $C^\infty[0, 1]$ denote the set of infinitely differentiable functions $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$. Prove that $C^\infty[0, 1]$ is not a closed subset of $(C[0, 1], \|\cdot\|_\infty)$.

Proof. To show that this set is not closed, we just need to find a limit point that is not an element of the set. Let $f(x) = |x - \frac{1}{2}|$. Clearly $f \notin C^\infty[0, 1]$. To prove f is a limit point of $C^\infty[0, 1]$, first let $\varepsilon > 0$ and consider the open ball $B(f, \varepsilon)$. There exists an $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n > \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \implies \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} < \varepsilon$.

Let $g_n(x) = \sqrt{(x - \frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{1}{n}}$. Since $x^2 + \frac{1}{n}$ is always positive and the squareroot function is infinitely differentiable for all positive real numbers, g_n is infinitely differentiable for all $x \in [0, 1]$. Our goal is to find an upper bound for $|f - g_n|$. For convenience, we perform the change of variables $t = x - \frac{1}{2}$. Define a new function in $C[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]$ as $h(t) = f(t) - g_n(t)$. We find the global maximum and minimum of h . Taking the derivative with respect to t , we obtain

$$h'(t) = \frac{|t|}{t} - \frac{t}{\sqrt{t^2 + \frac{1}{n}}}$$

We see that h has a critical point at $t = 0$ since $h'(0)$ is undefined. Note that $\pm t \leq |t| \leq \sqrt{t^2 + \frac{1}{n}} \implies \sqrt{t^2 + \frac{1}{n}} \pm t > 0$. If $t > 0$,

$$h'(t) = 1 - \frac{t}{\sqrt{t^2 + \frac{1}{n}}} = \frac{\sqrt{t^2 + \frac{1}{n}} - t}{\sqrt{t^2 + \frac{1}{n}}} > 0$$

If $t < 0$,

$$h'(t) = -1 - \frac{t}{\sqrt{t^2 + \frac{1}{n}}} = \frac{-\sqrt{t^2 + \frac{1}{n}} - t}{\sqrt{t^2 + \frac{1}{n}}} < 0$$

Therefore h achieves a local minimum at $t = 0$. We evaluate h at its critical points and endpoints:

$$h\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{n}}$$

$$h(0) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{n}}$$

By the monotonicity of the squareroot, $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} < \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{n}} < \frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{n}} < 0$. Thus $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ is the global minimum of h and $\frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{n}}$ is the global maximum of h . Note that $|h(0)| > |h(\frac{1}{2})|$. Thus

$$\|f - g_n\|_\infty = \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} \{|f(x) - g_n(x)|\} = \sup_{-\frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2}} \{|h(t)|\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} < \varepsilon$$

Thus f is a limit point of C^∞ , but is not a member of the set. Thus C^∞ is not closed. □

- (b) Let C be the set of **convergent** sequences of real numbers. Prove that C is a closed subset of $(\ell^\infty, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$.

Proof. Let $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$ be a limit point of C . We want to show (a_n) is convergent. We will do this by showing that (a_n) is a Cauchy sequence.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Using the fact that (a_n) is a limit point of C , there exists a convergent sequence $b_n \in B((a_n), \frac{\varepsilon}{3}) \implies \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, |a_k - b_k| < \|(b_n) - (a_n)\|_\infty < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$. Since (b_n) converges, there is a $N' \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $m, n \geq N \implies |b_m - b_n| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$.

Let $N = N'$. Then for all $m, n \geq N$, we have

$$|a_m - a_n| = |(a_m - b_m) + (b_m - b_n) + (b_n - a_n)| \leq |a_m - b_m| + |b_m - b_n| + |b_n - a_n| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} = \varepsilon$$

Thus (a_n) is a Cauchy sequence, and therefore converges, which means that $(a_n) \in C$. Thus C is closed. □

- (c) Let $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed vector space, and let M be a **linear subspace** of X . Prove that M is an open set if and only if $M = X$.

Proof. First, suppose that $M = X$. Then for every $x \in X$, any open ball centered around x is obviously a subset of X . Thus M is open.

Next, suppose that M is an open. To show that $X = M$, it suffices to show that $X \subseteq M$, since we already have $M \subseteq X$ from M being a subspace of X .

Since M is a subspace, we know that $0 \in M$. Thus there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $B(0, \varepsilon) \subseteq M$.

For every $\vec{x} \in X$, $\left\| \frac{\varepsilon \vec{x}}{2\|\vec{x}\|} \right\| = \frac{\varepsilon \|\vec{x}\|}{2\|\vec{x}\|} = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} < \varepsilon$, which means that $\frac{\varepsilon \vec{x}}{2\|\vec{x}\|} \in M$. Since M is a subspace, it follows that $\vec{x} \in M \implies X \subseteq M$. Thus $M = X$ and we are done. \square

1.10 #10

- (a) Prove that every bounded sequence in $(\mathbf{R}^d, \|\cdot\|_2)$ has a convergent subsequence.

Proof. We take the Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem in \mathbb{R} for granted and use this to prove it for \mathbb{R}^d . We will do this using induction on d . When $d = 1$, it follows trivially from the theorem in \mathbb{R} .

Now suppose that the claim is true for some $d = k - 1$, for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$ be a bounded sequence in $(\mathbf{R}^k, \|\cdot\|_2)$. Define another sequence $(b_n)_{n \geq 1}$ in \mathbb{R}^{k-1} such that b_i is the first $k - 1$ components of a_i . Since (a_n) is bounded, (b_n) is also bounded. From our assumption, b_i has a convergent subsequence $(b_{n_i})_{i \geq 1}$. Consider another sequence $(c_{n_i})_{i \geq 1}$ in \mathbb{R} , where c_{n_i} is equal to the last component of a_{n_i} . By the Theorem in \mathbb{R} , $(c_{n_i})_{i \geq 1}$ has a convergent subsequence $(c_{n_{m_i}})_{i \geq 1}$. Since $(b_{n_i})_{i \geq 1}$ converges, we know that $(b_{n_{m_i}})_{i \geq 1}$ converges to the same value as well. Suppose that $(b_{n_{m_i}})_{i \geq 1}$ converges to $B = (B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{k-1})$ and $(c_{n_{m_i}})_{i \geq 1}$ converges to C . We claim that $(a_{n_{m_i}})_{i \geq 1}$ is our desired subsequence, which converges to $(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{k-1}, C)$.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Since $(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{k-1})$ and $(c_{n_{m_i}})_{i \geq 1}$ converge,

$$\exists N_b, N_c > 0 \text{ such that } n_b > N_b \implies \|b_{n_b} - B\|_2 < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \text{ and } n_c > N_c \implies |c_{n_c} - C| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

Let $N = \max\{N_b, N_c\}$. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n > N$. Then

$$\|a_n - (B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{k-1}, C)\|_2 = \sqrt{(a_1 - B_1)^2 + (a_2 - B_2)^2 + \dots + (a_{k-1} - B_{k-1})^2 + (a_k - C)^2}$$

Using an inequality that I don't know the name of, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{(a_1 - B_1)^2 + (a_2 - B_2)^2 + \dots + (a_{k-1} - B_{k-1})^2 + (a_k - C)^2} \\ & \leq \sqrt{(a_1 - B_1)^2 + (a_2 - B_2)^2 + \dots + (a_{k-1} - B_{k-1})^2} + \sqrt{(a_k - C)^2} = \|b_n - B\|_2 + |c_n - C|_2 \\ & < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Thus $(a_{n_{m_i}})_{i \geq 1}$ converges, which means that $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$ does indeed have a convergent subsequence. By the principle of induction, the Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem holds in $(\mathbb{R}^d, \|\cdot\|_2)$ and we are done. \square

- (b) Give an example of a normed vector space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ containing a (bounded?) sequence (x_n) which has no convergent subsequences.

Proof. Consider the normed vector space $(\ell^\infty, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$. Let $(\vec{x}_n)_{n \geq 1}$ be a sequence in $(\ell^\infty, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ defined by $\vec{x}_{i_k} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } k = i; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

Clearly $(\vec{x}_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is bounded. Let $(\vec{x}_{n_i})_{i \geq 1}$ be a subsequence of $(\vec{x}_n)_{n \geq 1}$. We will show that $(\vec{x}_{n_i})_{i \geq 1}$ diverges.

For any $(L_k)_{k \geq 1} \in \ell^\infty$ Let $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}$. Let $N \in \mathbb{N}$. If there are no values of $p \geq N$ so that $\|(\vec{x}_p)_k - L_k\|_\infty < \varepsilon$, we are done. Now suppose the opposite, that there is a $p \geq N$ such that $\|(\vec{x}_p)_k - L_k\|_\infty < \varepsilon$. Let $n = p + 1$. By the reverse triangle inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\vec{x}_n)_k - L_k\|_\infty &= \|(\vec{x}_n)_k - (\vec{x}_p)_k + (\vec{x}_p)_k - L_k\|_\infty \geq \|(\vec{x}_n)_k - (\vec{x}_p)_k\|_\infty - \|(\vec{x}_p)_k - L_k\|_\infty \\ &= |1 - \|(\vec{x}_p)_k - L_k\|_\infty| \geq 1 - \varepsilon = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Thus $(\vec{x}_{n_i})_{i \geq 1}$ diverges. □

1.11 #11

Let (X, d) be a metric space. A function $f : X \rightarrow X$ is called a **contraction mapping** if there exists a constant $M \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$d(f(x), f(y)) \leq Md(x, y) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in X.$$

- (a) Suppose that (X, d) is a complete metric space, and that $f : X \rightarrow X$ is a contraction mapping. Prove that f has a unique fixed point; *i.e.* there exists a unique point $x_0 \in X$ such that $f(x_0) = x_0$.

Proof. Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and f be a contraction mapping. In this proof, for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we denote f^n to be a composition of f n times.

Let $x \in X$. Define the sequence $(x_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ by $x_i = f^i(x)$. We show that this is a Cauchy sequence.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. There exists an $N > 0$ such that $\frac{M^N \cdot d(x, f(x))}{1 - M} < \varepsilon$, since $\frac{d(x, f(x))}{1 - M}$ is constant. Then for all $m, n \geq N, m < n$,

$$d(x_m, x_n) = d(f^m(x), f^n(x)) \leq M^m d(x, f^{n-m}(x))$$

By the triangle inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} M^m d(x, f^{n-m}(x)) &\leq M^m (d(x, f(x)) + d(f(x), f^2(x)) + d(f^2(x), f^3(x)) + \cdots + d(f^{n-m-1}(x), f^{n-m}(x))) \\ &\leq M^m (d(x, f(x)) + Md(x, f(x)) + M^2 d(x, f(x)) + \cdots + M^{n-m-1} d(x, f(x))) \\ &= M^m d(x, f(x)) (1 + M + \cdots + M^{n-m-1}) = \frac{M^m (1 - M^{n-m})}{1 - M} d(x, f(x)) < \frac{M^m}{1 - M} d(x, f(x)) \end{aligned}$$

Since $0 < M < 1$ and $M \geq N$, $M^m < M^N$. Thus

$$\frac{M^m}{1 - M} d(x, f(x)) < \frac{M^N}{1 - M} d(x, f(x)) < \varepsilon$$

All in all, we have that

$$d(x_m, x_n) < \varepsilon$$

which shows that (x_i) is a Cauchy sequence. By the completeness of X , (x_n) converges to some value which will be denoted as x_0 . In fact, x_0 is the fixed point we want. To prove this, we will show that if (x_n) converges to x_0 , then it also converges to $f(x_0)$.

Suppose $(x_n) \rightarrow x_0$. Letting $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists an $N' > 0$ such that $d(f^n(x), x_0) < \varepsilon$ for all $n \geq N'$. Let $N = N' + 1$. For all $n \geq N$,

$$d(f^n(x), f(x_0)) \leq Md(f^{n-1}(x), x_0)$$

$n - 1 \geq N'$ so

$$Md(f^{n-1}(x), x_0) < \varepsilon$$

We have shown that (x_0) converges to both x_0 and $f(x_0)$. By the uniqueness of limits, we have $x_0 = f(x_0)$.

To show uniqueness, suppose that x_0, x_1 are two distinct fixed points of f . Then using the definition of contraction mapping, we have that

$$d(f(x_0), f(x_1)) \leq Md(x_0, x_1)$$

but because x_0, x_1 are fixed points, this implies that

$$d(x_0, x_1) \leq Md(x_0, x_1)$$

Since they are distinct, $d(x_0, x_1) \neq 0$, so

$$1 \leq M$$

which is a contradiction. Thus there is only one fixed point. □

- (b) Give an example of a normed vector space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ and a contraction mapping $f : X \rightarrow X$ such that f does **not** have a fixed point.

Proof. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ be defined by $f(x) = \frac{x}{2}$, where $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ is endowed with the usual metric in \mathbb{R} . First we verify that f is a contraction mapping. Let $M = \frac{2}{3}$ and $x, y \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$. Then indeed,

$$|f(x) - f(y)| = \left| \frac{x}{2} - \frac{y}{2} \right| = \frac{1}{2} |x - y| \leq \frac{2}{3} |x - y| = M |x - y|$$

Suppose for contradiction that f has a fixed point $x_0 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$. Then

$$x_0 = f(x_0) \implies x_0 = \frac{x_0}{2} \implies \frac{x_0}{2} = 0 \implies x_0 = 0$$

But $0 \notin \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$. There is a contradiction. Thus f has no fixed point. □

1.12 #12*

I specially selected this problem because at the time, I did not know how topology could be used in a way to prove theorems in calculus. It was interesting to see how proving the intermediate value theorem just amounts to showing that the image of an interval is an interval.

- (a) A subset $I \subseteq \mathbf{R}$ is called an **interval** if $a, b \in I$ implies $[a, b] \subseteq I$.

Let $I \subseteq \mathbf{R}$. Prove that I is connected (with respect to the usual metric on \mathbf{R}) if and only if I is an interval.

Proof. We prove the equivalent statement I is disconnected if and only if I is not an interval.

Suppose I is disconnected. Then there exist disjoint, relatively open, non-empty sets $A, B \subseteq I$ such that $A \cup B = I$. Take any $a \in A$ and $b \in B$. We can assume without loss of generality that $a < b$.

Let $S = [a, b] \cap A$. Notice that for all elements $x \in S$, $x \leq b$. Thus b is an upper bound for S . Since \mathbb{R} possesses the least upper bound property, this set has a supremum $m \in \mathbb{R}$. By the definition of least upper bound, we see that $a \leq m \leq b$, so $m \in [a, b]$. Now, we consider two cases.

If $m \notin A$, it suffices to show that $m \notin B$. Since m is the supremum of S , we can always find an element in S that is greater than $m - \varepsilon$, so there is always an element in A that is within the ε ball surrounding m . Thus m is a limit point of A , which means that it is impossible for m to be an element of B , which is an open set. Thus we have that $m \notin A \cup B = I$ as desired.

If $m \in A$, then since A is an open subset of I , m is an interior point of A . But we also know that m is greater than or equal to any other element in A . It must be that for some $\varepsilon > 0$, the interval $(m, m + \varepsilon)$ is disjoint from I . Otherwise, it contradicts the fact that A is open in I . Then take any value x from the set $(m, \varepsilon) \cap [a, b]$ and notice that $x \notin I$ but $x \in [a, b]$.

In both cases, we have shown that I is not an interval.

Conversely, suppose that I is not an interval. Then for $p < q \in I$, there is a $c \in [p, q]$ such that $c \notin I$. Define subsets A and B in I as $A = \{x \in I : x < c\}$ and $B = \{x \in I : x > c\}$. A and B are non-empty because $p \in A$ and $q \in B$. The sets are also disjoint by construction.

To show that A is open, first take any $a \in A$. For this value of a , take $\varepsilon = c - a > 0$. For all $x \in B_I(a, \varepsilon)$, note that $x \in I$. As well, if $x < a$, immediately we have $x < a < c \implies x \in A$. If $x > a$, since x is within the open ball surrounding a , $x - a = |x - a| < c - a \implies x < c \implies x \in A$. Thus every element of A is an interior point, so A is open.

We can use a very similar argument for the set B , so the proof is omitted. We conclude that B is open as well. Therefore I is disconnected. □

- (b) Let (X, d_X) and (Y, d_Y) be two metric spaces, and let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous function. Prove that if C is a connected subset of X , then $f(C)$ is a connected subset of Y .

Proof. We examine the contrapositive: if $f(C)$ is a disconnected subset of Y , then C is a disconnected subset of X .

Suppose that $f(C)$ is a disconnected subset of Y . Then there exist non-empty, disjoint, relatively open subsets $A, B \subseteq f(C)$ such that $A \cup B = f(C)$. Consider the sets $f^{-1}(A), f^{-1}(B) \subseteq C$. Notice that if $x \in f^{-1}(A)$, $f(x) \in A$. Since A, B are disjoint, $f(x) \notin B$, so $x \notin f^{-1}(B)$. It follows that $f^{-1}(A)$ and $f^{-1}(B)$ are disjoint.

Now, we will show that $f^{-1}(A)$ is non-empty and open.

We know that A is non-empty, so there exists an element $y \in A$. By the definition of image, $y = f(x)$ for some $x \in C$. It follows that $x \in f^{-1}(A)$. Thus $f^{-1}(A)$ is non-empty.

To show that $f^{-1}(A)$ is open, we use the topological definition of continuity of f to conclude that since A is open, $f^{-1}(A)$ is open as well.

We can apply the same argument for $f^{-1}(B)$, so B is non-empty and open as well.

Thus $f^{-1}(A), f^{-1}(B)$ are non-empty, disjoint, and open. It remains to show that $f^{-1}(A) \cup f^{-1}(B) = C$. Immediately, we know that $f^{-1}(A) \subseteq C$ and $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq C$, so $f^{-1}(A) \cup f^{-1}(B) \subseteq C$.

For the other direction, let $x \in C$. We know that $f(x) \in f(C)$, which means that either $f(x) \in A$ or $f(x) \in B$. It follows that $x \in f^{-1}(A)$ or $x \in f^{-1}(B) \implies x \in f^{-1}(A) \cup f^{-1}(B)$. Thus $f^{-1}(A) \cup f^{-1}(B) = C$.

We conclude that C is a disconnected subset of X , which shows that the contrapositive of the original statement is true, completing the proof. □

- (c) Recall the **Intermediate Value Theorem** from single-variable calculus. “Let $I \subseteq \mathbf{R}$ be an open interval and $f : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a continuous function. Suppose that $a, b \in f(I)$ are two numbers such that $a < b$, and suppose that $a < y_0 < b$. Then there exists $x_0 \in I$ such that $f(x_0) = y_0$.”

Prove that this theorem immediately follows from (a) and (b). Thus, (b) is a generalization of the Intermediate Value Theorem.

Proof. Let $a, b, y_0 \in f(I)$ and suppose that $a < y_0 < b$. Since I is an interval, by part (a) I is connected. As well, by continuity of f , it follows from the result of (b) that $f(I)$ is a connected subset of \mathbf{R} . By (a) once again, $f(I)$ is an interval. Thus $[a, b] \subseteq f(I)$. Since $a < y_0 < b$, $y_0 \in [a, b] \subseteq f(I)$ which implies that $y_0 = f(x_0)$ for some $x_0 \in I$, which is what we were looking for. □

1.13 #13 - Unfinished

Let $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$, $(Y, \|\cdot\|_Y)$ be two normed vector spaces and let $T : X \rightarrow Y$ be a linear mapping.

- (a) Prove that T is continuous if and only if T is a bounded linear mapping.

Proof. Suppose that T is continuous. Then at $x_0 = 0$, there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\|x\|_X < \delta \implies \|T(x)\|_Y \leq 1$$

We claim that our $M = \frac{2}{\delta}$. Let $x \in X$. Notice that $\left\| \frac{\delta \cdot x}{2\|x\|_X} \right\|_X \leq \delta$. By the continuity of T we have that

$$\left\| T \left(\frac{\delta \cdot x}{2\|x\|_X} \right) \right\|_Y \leq 1 \implies \frac{\delta}{2 \cdot \|x\|_X} \|T(x)\|_Y \leq 1 \implies \|T(x)\|_Y \leq \frac{2}{\delta} \|x\|_X$$

Thus T is a bounded linear mapping.

Next, suppose that T is a bounded linear mapping. Then there is an $M > 0$ such that for all $x \in X$,

$$\|T(x)\|_Y \leq M\|x\|_X$$

We will show that T is continuous everywhere. Fix $a \in X$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Let $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{M}$. Let $x \in X$ and suppose that $\|x - a\|_X < \delta$. Then

$$\|T(x) - T(a)\|_Y = \|T(x - a)\|_Y \leq M\|x - a\|_X < \varepsilon$$

and we are done. □

- (b) Suppose that $(Y, \|\cdot\|_Y) = (\mathbf{R}^n, \|\cdot\|_2)$. Prove that T is continuous if and only if $\ker(T)$ is closed.

Proof. Suppose that T is continuous. Let a be a limit point for $\ker(T)$. We want to show that $T(a) = 0$. By definition, T being continuous implies that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} T(x) = T(a)$$

or more formally, letting ε be arbitrary, there exists a δ such that

$$\|x - a\|_X < \delta \implies \|T(x) - T(a)\|_Y \leq \varepsilon$$

Since a is a limit point of $\ker(T)$, there exists $x \in \ker(T)$ such that

$$x \in B(a, \delta) \implies \|x - a\|_X < \delta \implies \|T(x) - T(a)\|_Y \leq \varepsilon \implies \|T(a)\|_Y \leq \varepsilon$$

By properties of norms $\|T(a)\|_Y \geq 0$, so we must have that $T(a) = 0 \implies a \in \ker(T)$. Thus $\ker(T)$ is closed.

I have no clue how to prove the converse so yeah. □

1.14 #16*

I specially selected this problem because the proof for this was very unorthodox and unintuitive, which I find pretty cool. This problem has inspired me to try and find creative ways to approach other problems in case I get stumped using conventional methods.

Let $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed vector space, let $B(X) = B(X, X)$ be the space of bounded linear operators on X , and equip $B(X)$ with the operator norm $\|\cdot\|_{\text{op}}$. Let $\text{GL}(X)$ be the set of invertible bounded linear operators:

$$\text{GL}(X) = \{T \in B(X) : T \text{ is invertible}\}.$$

(The notation GL means “general linear group.”)

Prove that if $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is complete, then $\text{GL}(X)$ is an open subset of $(B(X), \|\cdot\|_{\text{op}})$.

Proof. First, we prove a couple lemmas.

Lemma 1. For all $S, T \in B(X, X)$,

$$\|ST\|_{\text{op}} \leq \|S\|_{\text{op}}\|T\|_{\text{op}}$$

To prove this, let $x \in X$. If $x = 0$ the result is immediate, so suppose that $0 < \|x\|_X \leq 1$. Then

$$\|S(T(x))\|_X = \left\| S \left(\frac{\|T(x)\|_X}{\|T(x)\|_X} T(x) \right) \right\|_X = \|T(x)\|_X \left\| S \left(\frac{T(x)}{\|T(x)\|_X} \right) \right\|_X$$

Notice that $\left\| \frac{T(x)}{\|T(x)\|_X} \right\|_X = 1$. We obtain that

$$\|S(T(x))\|_X = \|T(x)\|_X \left\| S \left(\frac{T(x)}{\|T(x)\|_X} \right) \right\|_X \leq \|T\|_{\text{op}}\|S\|_{\text{op}}$$

Since $\|T\|_{\text{op}}\|S\|_{\text{op}}$ is an upper bound for $\|S(T(x))\|_X$ when $\|x\|_X \leq 1$, by definition of supremum we can conclude that $\|ST\|_{\text{op}} \leq \|S\|_{\text{op}}\|T\|_{\text{op}}$, proving the first lemma.

Next, the following lemma will help in proving Lemma 3.

Lemma 2. If $T, U \in B(X)$, then for $x \in X$, $\|T(x) - U(x)\|_X \leq \|x\|_X \|T - U\|_{\text{op}}$.

Let $T, U \in B(X)$. Then

$$\|(T - U)(x)\|_X = \left\| \|x\|_X (T - U) \left(\frac{x}{\|x\|_X} \right) \right\|_X = \|x\|_X \left\| (T - U) \left(\frac{x}{\|x\|_X} \right) \right\|_X$$

Since $\frac{x}{\|x\|_X} = 1$,

$$\|x\|_X \left\| (T - U) \left(\frac{x}{\|x\|_X} \right) \right\|_X \leq \|x\|_X \|T - U\|_{\text{op}}$$

which is what we wanted.

We will use the proceeding lemma to help us prove Lemma 4.

Lemma 3. If X is complete then $B(X, X)$ is complete.

For every Cauchy sequence (T_n) in $B(X, X)$, the sequence $(T_n(x_i))$, where x_i is an arbitrary element in X , is a Cauchy sequence in X . By the completeness of X , $(T_n(x_i))$ converges to some L_i . Let T be a linear operator on X defined by $T(x_i) = L_i$. We can see that this is indeed a linear operator because

$$cT(x_i) + T(x_j) = cL_i + L_j = c \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n(x_i) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n(x_j) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} cT_n(x_i) + T_n(x_j) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n(cx_i + x_j)$$

X is closed, so $cx_i + x_j$ is equal to some $x_k \in X$. Thus

$$cT(x_i) + T(x_j) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n(cx_i + x_j) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n(x_k) = L_k = T(x_k)$$

which implies that T is a linear operator.

To show that T is bounded, we know that T_n is bounded, so $\|T_n(x)\|_X < M_n\|x\|_X$, for some $M_n > 0$. As well, we have that T_n is uniformly continuous. Thus for a sufficiently large $n \in \mathbb{N}$, for all $x \in X$, using Lemma 2,

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(x)\|_X &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|T_m(x)\|_X \leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|T_m(x) - T_n(x)\|_X + \|T_n(x)\|_X < \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|T_n - T_m\|_{\text{op}}\|x\|_X + \|T_n(x)\|_X \\ &\leq \|x\|_X + M_n\|x\|_X \end{aligned}$$

We get the last inequality because T_n is Cauchy and bounded as well. Thus $T \in B(X)$. To show that T_n converges to T , fix $\varepsilon > 0$. For all $x \in X$ such that $\|x\|_X \leq 1$, there exists a sufficiently large N such that for all $x \in X$, if $n > N$ then

$$\|T(x) - T_n(x)\|_X < \varepsilon \implies \|T - T_n\|_{\text{op}} < \varepsilon$$

Thus we can conclude that $B(X, X)$ is complete.

Lemma 4. If $T \in B(X, X)$ such that $\|I - T\|_{\text{op}} < 1$, then T is invertible and

$$T^{-1} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (I - T)^i$$

Suppose that $T \in B(X, X)$ and $\|I - T\|_{\text{op}} < 1$. Let $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$ be a Cauchy sequence in $B(X, X)$ defined by

$$a_n = \sum_{i=0}^n (I - T)^i$$

We verify that this sequence is Cauchy. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Since $\|I - T\|_{\text{op}} < 1$, there exists natural N such that

$$\frac{\|I - T\|_{\text{op}}^N}{1 - \|I - T\|_{\text{op}}} < \varepsilon$$

Let $m, n > N$ and suppose that $m < n$. Then

$$\|a_n - a_m\|_{\text{op}} = \left\| \sum_{i=0}^n (I - T)^i - \sum_{i=0}^m (I - T)^i \right\|_{\text{op}} = \left\| \sum_{i=m+1}^n (I - T)^i \right\|_{\text{op}}$$

By the triangle inequality and Lemma 1,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{i=m+1}^n (I - T)^i \right\| &\leq \sum_{i=m+1}^n \|(I - T)^i\| \leq \sum_{i=m+1}^n \|I - T\|^i = \|I - T\|^{m+1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-m-1} \|I - T\|^i \\ &= \|I - T\|^{m+1} \frac{1 - \|I - T\|^{n-m}}{1 - \|I - T\|} \end{aligned}$$

$1 - \|I - T\|^{n-m} < 1$, so

$$\|I - T\|^{m+1} \frac{1 - \|I - T\|^{n-m}}{1 - \|I - T\|} < \frac{\|I - T\|^{m+1}}{1 - \|I - T\|} < \frac{\|I - T\|^N}{1 - \|I - T\|} < \varepsilon$$

We see that (a_n) is indeed a Cauchy sequence.

By Lemma 4, $B(X, X)$ is complete, so (a_n) converges, meaning that $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (I - T)^i$ exists. Now, notice that

$$T \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (I - T)^i \right) = (I - (I - T)) \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (I - T)^i \right) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (I - T)^i - \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (I - T)^{i+1} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} ((I - T)^i - (I - T)^{i+1})$$

This is a telescoping series. As $i \rightarrow \infty$, $(I - T)^i \rightarrow 0$. Thus

$$T \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (I - T)^i \right) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} ((I - T)^i - (I - T)^{i+1}) = I$$

Thus $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (I - T)^i$ is the inverse of T , which implies that T^{-1} exists.

Now we can show that $B(X)$ is open.

Let $T \in B(X)$. Consider the open ball $B(T, \frac{1}{\|T^{-1}\|_{\text{op}}})$. For all $S \in B(T, \frac{1}{\|T^{-1}\|_{\text{op}}})$,

$$\|T - S\|_{\text{op}} < \frac{1}{\|T^{-1}\|_{\text{op}}} \implies \|T - S\|_{\text{op}} \|T^{-1}\|_{\text{op}} < 1$$

By Lemma 1, we have that

$$1 > \|T - S\|_{\text{op}} \|T^{-1}\|_{\text{op}} \geq \|(T - S)T^{-1}\|_{\text{op}} = \|I - ST^{-1}\|_{\text{op}}$$

By Lemma 4, ST^{-1} is invertible. If we let $S^{-1} = T^{-1}(ST^{-1})^{-1}$, we see that

$$SS^{-1} = S(T^{-1}(ST^{-1})^{-1}) = (ST^{-1})(ST^{-1})^{-1} = I$$

Thus S is invertible, which means that $S \in B(X)$. Therefore $B(X)$ is open.

□

1.15 #17*

I specially selected this problem because it gave me a better understanding of topology and how to prove results in topology. It was my first time working with sequential compactness so everything felt unfamiliar. It was very satisfying solving the problem after thinking about it for a whole day, when everything clicked.

Let (X, d) be a metric space and let $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$ be an open cover of X ; this means that each U_i is an open subset of X , and that $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$. A **magic number** for $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a number $\delta > 0$ with the following property: if $A \subseteq X$ is a set with $\text{diam}(A) < \delta$, then $A \subseteq U_i$ for at least one index $i \in I$.

Suppose that (X, d) is a clustering metric space. Prove that every open cover has a magic number.

Proof. Suppose that (X, d) is a clustering metric space. Suppose for the sake of contradiction that there exists an open cover $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$ that doesn't have a magic number.

For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there is $A_n \subseteq X$ with $\text{diam} A_n < \frac{1}{n}$ so that $A_n \not\subseteq U_i$ for all indices $i \in I$. Since $\text{diam} A_n < \frac{1}{n}$, we can cover A_n with an open ball $B(a_n, \frac{1}{n})$, where a_n is some element in X .

Define a sequence $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in X such that a_n is equal to the one above.

By the clustering property of X , (a_n) has a convergent subsequence (b_n) . Denote the limit of (b_n) as p . p is an element of X , so it is contained in some U_i in the open cover. Since U_i is open, we can find $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $B(p, \varepsilon) \subseteq U_i$. As well, since (b_n) converges to p we can find infinitely many entries of the sequence within the open ball $B(p, \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$. Thus we can find a large enough n such that $n > \frac{2}{\varepsilon}$, which gives $\frac{1}{n} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$, and still have that b_n is $\frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ -close to p .

Now, consider the open ball $B(b_n, \frac{1}{n})$. We will show that $B(b_n, \frac{1}{n}) \subseteq B(p, \varepsilon)$.

Let $x \in B(b_n, \frac{1}{n})$. Then $d(x, b_n) < \frac{1}{n} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$, so we have

$$d(x, p) \leq d(x, b_n) + d(b_n, p) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon \implies x \in B(p, \varepsilon)$$

which is what we wanted.

Recall that the set A_n is covered by $B(b_n, \frac{1}{n})$. Then we have

$$A_n \subseteq B(b_n, \frac{1}{n}) \subseteq B(p, \varepsilon) \subseteq U_i$$

contradicting the fact that $A_n \not\subseteq U_i$. Thus every open cover has a magic number. □

1.16 #18

The sequence space ℓ^1 has two norms: the 1-norm $\|\cdot\|_1$, and the sup norm $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ inherited from ℓ^∞ .

(a) Is $(\ell^1, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ separable?

(b) Is $(\ell^1, \|\cdot\|_1)$ separable?

Proof. Yes to both. We will show part (b) first and notice that part (a) follows right after.

Let D be the set of all sequences of rational numbers that are eventually 0. This set is obviously a subset of ℓ^1 . We can write D as the countable union of rational sequences that terminate after the n th term, which is countable since there is a bijection to \mathbb{Q}^n . It follows that D is countable. It remains to show that D is dense in ℓ^1 with respect to the 1-norm.

Let $x \in \ell^1$ and $\varepsilon > 0$. Since x is absolutely summable, every partial sum is strictly less than the limit of the series, denoted as L . Also, for all n greater than some $N > 0$,

$$\sum_{i=N+1}^n |x_i| = \sum_{i=0}^n |x_i| - \sum_{i=0}^N |x_i| < L - \sum_{i=0}^N |x_i| < L - \left(L - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right) = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

When $1 \leq i \leq N$, by the density of \mathbb{Q} in \mathbb{R} , we can find a $q_i \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $\|x_i - q_i\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2N}$.

Let $q = \begin{cases} q_i, & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq N; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$. We see that

$$\|x - q\|_1 = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} |x_i - q_i| = \sum_{i=0}^N |x_i - q_i| + \sum_{i=N+1}^{\infty} |x_i| < \frac{N\varepsilon}{2N} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$$

Thus D is dense, implying that ℓ^1 is separable with respect to the 1-norm.

Note that for all $x \in \ell^1$, $\|x\|_{\infty} \leq \|x\|_1$. it follows immediately that $(\ell^1, \|\cdot\|_{\infty})$ is separable as well. \square

1.17 #19 - Incomplete

This question is incomplete because when I argued that (K_n) is a compact exhaustion, I did not properly verify that it satisfied the conditions to be a compact exhaustion (i.e., I simply claimed that $K_n \subseteq (K_n)^{\circ}$ without proving it).

Let X be a metric space and let $A \subseteq X$. A **compact exhaustion** for A is a sequence of compact sets K_1, K_2, K_3, \dots such that $U = \bigcup_{i \geq 1} K_i$ and $K_i \subseteq K_{i+1}^{\circ}$.

(a) Let $U \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$ be a bounded open set. Show that U has a compact exhaustion.

(b) Now show that every open set $U \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$ has a compact exhaustion.

Proof. (a):

Let $U \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$ be a bounded open set. Let N be smallest natural number such that the set $S = \{x \in U : \text{dist}(\{x\}, U^c) \geq \frac{1}{N}\}$ is non-empty. Define the sequence of sets $(S_n)_{n \geq 1}$ by

$$S_n = \left\{ x \in U : \text{dist}(\{x\}, U^c) \geq \frac{1}{n+N} \right\}$$

We will show that S_n is closed. Let s be limit point of S_n . Then for $y \in U^c$,

$$d(s, y) \geq d(x, y) - d(x, s) \implies d(s, y) \geq \sup_{x \in S_n} (d(x, y) - d(x, s))$$

We will show that $\sup_{x \in S_n} (d(x, y) - d(x, s)) = \frac{1}{N+n}$. For all $\varepsilon > 0$, there is an $x \in S_n$ such that $d(x, s) < \varepsilon$. Thus

$$d(x, y) - d(x, s) > \frac{1}{N+n} - \varepsilon$$

which means that $\sup_{x \in S_n} (d(x, y) - d(x, s)) = \frac{1}{N+n}$. Therefore we have that

$$d(s, y) \geq \frac{1}{N+n} \implies s \in S_n$$

so it follows that S_n is closed. Since $S_n \subseteq U$, it is also bounded, so because we are working in \mathbf{R}^n , S_n is compact.

As well, we need to have that $S_n \subseteq S_{n+1}^{\circ}$. This result is quite quick, as we can notice that

$$S_{n+1}^{\circ} = \left\{ x \in U : \text{dist}(\{x\}, U^c) > \frac{1}{N+n} \right\}$$

From this, the inclusion follows nicely.

Then, as n tends to infinity, $S_n = \{x \in U : \text{dist}(\{x\}, U^c) > 0\}$ which is exactly $(U^c)^c = U$. Therefore U has compact exhaustion.

(b):

Now, let $U \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$ be open. Define the sequence of bounded open sets $A_n = U \cap B(\vec{0}, n)$. As n tends to infinity, $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = U$. By the previous part, A_n has a compact exhaustion $(K_{nk})_{k \geq 1}$. Take the sequence

$(K_k)_{k \geq 1}$ to be $K_k = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} K_{nk}$. This sequence of sets satisfies the conditions for a compact exhaustion. Now we attempt to prove that the sequence converges to U . We have

$$\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} K_k = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} K_{nk}$$

We swap the order of union and get that

$$\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} K_{nk} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} K_{nk} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = U$$

Thus every open subset of \mathbb{R}^n has a compact exhaustion. \square

1.18 #20*

I specially selected this question because I found that it increased my understanding of compactness and the idea of a set being 'large'. This problem was also pretty fun to solve because it utilised alternative definitions of compactness and completeness in a complete ambient space. I find proofs involving open/closed sets are pretty interesting.

Let $x, y \in \ell^\infty$ be two sequences. Let us say that y is **dominated** by x , denoted $x \geq y$, if $|x_n| \geq |y_n|$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let D_x denote the set of all sequences which are dominated by x :

$$D_x = \{y \in \ell^\infty : |y_n| \leq |x_n| \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Prove that D_x is compact if and only if $x_n \rightarrow 0$.

Proof. Suppose that D_x is compact. Suppose for contradiction that $x_n \not\rightarrow 0$. For some $\varepsilon > 0$, $|x_{N_k}| \geq \varepsilon$ for an infinite number of N_k . Consider the open cover $\{B(\vec{y}_i, \frac{\varepsilon}{2})\}_{i \in I}$, which is the collection of $\frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ -balls centered around every $\vec{y}_i \in D_x$. By compactness of D_x , there is a finite subcover $\{B(\vec{y}_i, \frac{\varepsilon}{2})\}_{i \leq m}$. Now, we construct a $y \in D_x$ as follows:

For every sequence \vec{y}_i , let

$$y_{N_i} = \begin{cases} \varepsilon, & \text{if } (\vec{y}_i)_{N_i} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}; \\ 0, & \text{if } (\vec{y}_i)_{N_i} \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}; \end{cases}$$

For all other terms in y , make it 0. Notice that for all $B(\vec{y}_i, \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$,

$$\|y - \vec{y}_i\|_\infty \geq |y_{N_i} - (\vec{y}_i)_{N_i}| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \implies y \notin D_x$$

which is a contradiction.

Conversely, suppose that $x_n \rightarrow 0$. We will show that D_x is complete and totally bounded, which is equivalent to compactness.

To show completeness, notice that the ambient space ℓ^∞ is complete. Thus if we can show that D_x is closed, it will follow that D_x is complete.

Let $a \notin D_x$. We will show that a is not a limit point of D_x , which means that D_x is closed. We know that there is a $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|a_k| > |x_k|$. Define $\varepsilon = |a_k| - |x_k|$. Fix $y \in D_x$. Then

$$\|a_k - y_k\|_\infty \geq |a_k - y_k| \geq |a_k| - |y_k| \geq |a_k| - |x_k| = \varepsilon$$

which implies that $y \notin B(a_k, \varepsilon)$, so a is not a limit point of D_x . Thus D_x is closed. It follows that D_x is complete.

To show that D_x is totally bounded, first let $\varepsilon > 0$. Since $x_n \rightarrow 0$, there is a large enough N such that for $n > N$, $|x_n| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$. For all $y \in D_x$, $|y_n| < |x_n| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$. Consider the set of elements in D_x such that their terms are 0 for $n > N$. This set is totally bounded, so there is a ε -ball cover $\{B(y_i, \varepsilon)\}_{i \leq n}$. We show that this collection also covers D_x .

For $y \in D_x$, there is an open ball $B(y_i, \varepsilon)$ such that $\sup_{n \leq N} |y_n - (y_i)_n| < \varepsilon$. But also notice that for $n > N$, $|(y_i)_n - y_n| \leq |(y_i)_n| + |y_n| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$. Thus $\|y - y_i\|_\infty < \varepsilon$ so $y \in B(y_i, \varepsilon)$. Thus D_x is totally bounded.

Since D_x is both complete and totally bounded, we can conclude that D_x is compact. \square

1.19 #22*

I specially selected this problem because I felt that it was rewarding to solve it with minimal help. I am not very strong at doing proofs by construction so I think I learned a lot by attempting this problem. It was very satisfying not only finding the right construction, but also proving that it works. Everything was done on my own and the only help I received was a tip on how to show surjectivity.

For a normed vector space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$, let $X^* = B(X, \mathbf{R})$ denote the set of bounded linear mappings from X to \mathbf{R} . Here X^* is equipped with the operator norm $\|\cdot\|_{\text{op}}$, and the normed vector space $(X^*, \|\cdot\|_{\text{op}})$ is called the **topological dual** of X .

Let c_0 denote the set of sequences converging to zero. Prove that $c_0^* \equiv \ell^1$.

Proof. Equip ℓ^1 with the 1-norm and c_0 with the sup-norm. Define the function $f : \ell^1 \rightarrow c_0^*$ by $f(\vec{x})(\vec{a}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i \cdot a_i$. This sum is convergent because for sufficiently large $N > 0$, $|a_n| < 1$ for $n > N$, so

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i \cdot a_i = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \cdot a_i + \sum_{i=N+1}^{\infty} x_i \cdot a_i < \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \cdot a_i + \sum_{i=N+1}^{\infty} x_i < \infty$$

We claim that this is a bijective isometry.

First, it can be quickly verified that this function is linear. Letting $a_n \in c_0$, for $x, y \in \ell^1$, $k > 0$,

$$f(kx + y)(a_n) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i \cdot (kx_i + y_i) = k \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i \cdot x_i + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i \cdot y_i = kf(x)(a_n) + f(y)(a_n).$$

To show that this function is an isometry, let $x, y \in \ell^1$.

Let $A = \{|f(x)(a) - f(y)(a)| : a \in c_0, \|a\|_{\infty} \leq 1\}$. It will be shown that $\|x - y\|_1 = \sup A$.

Let $a \in c_0$ such that $\|a\|_{\infty} \leq 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x)(a) - f(y)(a)| &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (x_i \cdot a_i - y_i \cdot a_i) \right| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i (x_i - y_i) \right| \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |a_i| |x_i - y_i| \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_i - y_i| \\ &= \|x - y\|_1. \end{aligned}$$

This means that $\|x - y\|_1$ is an upper bound for A . To prove that this is the least upper bound, let $\varepsilon > 0$. There is an $N > 0$ such that $\sum_{i=N+1}^{\infty} |x_i - y_i| < \varepsilon$. Define the sequence (a_n) in c_0 as the sequence of 1's until and including $n = N$ and 0 afterwards. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x)(a) - f(y)(a)| &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i (x_i - y_i) \right| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (1 - 1 + a_i) (x_i - y_i) \right| \\ &\geq \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (x_i - y_i) \right| - \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (1 - a_i) (x_i - y_i) \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (x_i - y_i) \right| - \sum_{i=N+1}^{\infty} |x_i - y_i| > \|x - y\|_1 - \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have that

$$\|f(x) - f(y)\|_{\text{op}} = \sup A = \|x - y\|_1$$

so f is an isometry.

To prove that f is bijective, it suffices to show that f is surjective, since we already have injectivity from the isometry.

Let $T \in c_0^*$. Construct a sequence (x_n) in ℓ^1 defined by $x_n = T(e_n)$, where (e_n) is the sequence with the only non-zero term being $e_n = 1$.

First, we need to verify that $(x_n) \in \ell^1$. To do this, we bound the absolute sum by a finite number. We have that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_i| = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |T(e_i)|$$

For all non-zero terms, we can rewrite it as $|T(e_i)| \cdot \frac{T(e_i)}{T(e_i)} = T\left(\frac{|T(e_i)|}{T(e_i)} e_i\right)$. Define (b_n) to be a sequence defined by

$$b_n = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } T(e_i) = 0; \\ \frac{|T(e_i)|}{T(e_i)} e_i, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |T(e_i)| = T(b_n)$$

Notice that $|b_n| \leq 1$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Thus $\|b_n\|_{\infty} = 1$, so

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_i| = T(b_n) \leq \|T\|_{\text{op}}$$

By monotone bounded convergence, $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_i|$ converges. Therefore $(x_n) \in \ell^1$.

Now, we want to show that $f(x_n) = T$. For $(a_n) \in c_0$, we have that

$$f(x_n)(a_n) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i \cdot a_i = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} T(e_i) \cdot a_i = T\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i(e_i)\right) = T((a_n))$$

so f is surjective.

Thus f is a bijective isometry, so $c_0^* \equiv \ell^1$. □

1.20 #23

Let S^2 denote the unit sphere in \mathbf{R}^3 . Let $N = (0, 0, 1)$ denote the “north pole”. In this problem, you will show that $S^2 \setminus \{N\}$ is homeomorphic to \mathbf{R}^2 . To do this, we define a function $\Phi : S^2 \setminus \{N\} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$ known as the **stereographic projection**: given a point P in $S^2 \setminus \{N\}$, draw a line between P and N , and let $\Phi(P)$ denote the point where this line intersects the xy -plane in \mathbf{R}^3 .

- Given $P = (x, y, z)$, find an explicit formula for $\Phi(P)$ in terms of x, y, z .
- Deduce that Φ is continuous.
- Prove that Φ is a bijection; in fact, given $p = (s, t) \in \mathbf{R}^2$, find an explicit formula for $\Phi^{-1}(p)$.
- Deduce that Φ is a homeomorphism.

Proof. We will work off the assumption that both metric spaces are equipped with the max-norm. We can do this because all norms on \mathbb{R}^n are equivalent.

(a):

Let $P = (x, y, z)$. First, we find the equation of the line that passes P and N . Consider the equation of the line $L(t) = (tx, ty, (z-1)t+1)$. Notice that $L(0) = N$ and $L(1) = P$, so L satisfies what we were looking for. Now we find the point where L intersects with the xy -plane. This happens exactly when $(z-1)t+1 = 0$. Solving for t gives $t = \frac{1}{1-z}$. This value is always defined as $z \neq 1$. As a result, it turns out that

$$L\left(\frac{1}{1-z}\right) = \left(\frac{x}{1-z}, \frac{y}{1-z}, 0\right).$$

Thus

$$\Phi(P) = \frac{1}{1-z} (x, y).$$

(b):

To show that Φ is continuous, fix $(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Then let $\delta = \min\{\frac{1-c}{2}, \frac{(1-c)\varepsilon}{4}, \frac{(1-c)^2\varepsilon}{4\max\{|a|, |b|\}}\}$. For $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ such that $\|(x, y, z) - (a, b, c)\|_{\max} < \delta$, notice that

$$z - c < |z - c| \leq \|(x, y, z) - (a, b, c)\|_{\max} < \frac{1-c}{2}$$

Manipulating this, we obtain

$$z < \frac{1+c}{2} \implies 1-z > \frac{1-c}{2} \implies \frac{1}{1-z} < \frac{2}{1-c}.$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Phi(x, y, z) - \Phi(a, b, c)\|_{\max} &= \left\| \left(\frac{x}{1-z}, \frac{y}{1-z} \right) - \left(\frac{a}{1-c}, \frac{b}{1-c} \right) \right\|_{\max} \\ &= \frac{\|(x(1-c) - a(1-z), y(1-c) - b(1-z))\|_{\max}}{(1-z)(1-c)} \\ &< \frac{2\|(x(1-c) - a(1-z), y(1-c) - b(1-z))\|_{\max}}{(1-c)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Without loss of generality, suppose that $|x(1-c) - a(1-z)| \geq |y(1-c) - b(1-z)|$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2\|(x(1-c) - a(1-z), y(1-c) - b(1-z))\|_{\max}}{(1-c)^2} &= \frac{2|x(1-c) - a(1-z)|}{(1-c)^2} \\ &= \frac{2|(x-a)(1-c) + a(z-c)|}{(1-c)^2} \leq \frac{2(|x-a||1-c| + |a||z-c|)}{(1-c)^2} \\ &< \frac{2\left(\frac{(1-c)^2}{4}\varepsilon + \frac{|a|(1-c)^2}{4\max\{|a|, |b|\}}\varepsilon\right)}{(1-c)^2} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\|\Phi(x, y, z) - \Phi(a, b, c)\|_{\max} < \varepsilon$, so Φ is continuous.

(c):

Let $p = (s, t) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Our goal is to find $(x, y, z) \in S^2 \setminus \{N\}$ such that $\Phi(x, y, z) = \left(\frac{x}{1-z}, \frac{y}{1-z}\right) = (s, t)$. Immediately, we obtain the following system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x}{1-z} &= s, \\ \frac{y}{1-z} &= t, \\ x^2 + y^2 + z^2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

We also have the restriction $z \neq 1$ because $(x, y, z) \neq N$. Isolating for x and y yields

$$\begin{aligned} x &= s(1-z) \\ y &= t(1-z) \end{aligned}$$

Then we substitute this into the third equation and get

$$s^2(1-z)^2 + t^2(1-z)^2 + z^2 = 1 \implies (s^2 + t^2 + 1)z^2 - 2(s^2 + t^2)z + s^2 + t^2 - 1 = 0$$

We can replace the term $t^2 + s^2$ with $\|p\|_2^2$, and the equation becomes

$$(\|p\|_2^2 + 1)z^2 - 2\|p\|_2^2 z + \|p\|_2^2 - 1 = 0$$

Using the quadratic formula:

$$\begin{aligned}
z &= \frac{2(\|p\|_2^2) \pm \sqrt{4(\|p\|_2^2)^2 - 4(\|p\|_2^2 + 1)(\|p\|_2^2 - 1)}}{2(\|p\|_2^2 + 1)} \\
&\implies z = \frac{\|p\|_2^2 \pm \sqrt{\|p\|_2^4 - (\|p\|_2^4 - 1)}}{\|p\|_2^2 + 1} \\
&= \frac{\|p\|_2^2 \pm 1}{\|p\|_2^2 + 1}
\end{aligned}$$

Notice that we cannot use the positive solution, for then

$$z = \frac{\|p\|_2^2 + 1}{\|p\|_2^2 + 1} = 1$$

Thus it must be true that

$$\begin{aligned}
z &= \frac{\|p\|_2^2 - 1}{\|p\|_2^2 + 1} \\
x &= s(1 - z) = \frac{2s}{\|p\|_2^2 + 1} \\
y &= \frac{2t}{\|p\|_2^2 + 1}
\end{aligned}$$

It can be verified that these values of x, y, z result in $\Phi(x, y, z) = (s, t)$, which show that Φ is surjective. Additionally, it was also proven that these values are the only ones that work, so Φ is bijective. In fact, using this, we obtain that the formula for Φ^{-1} is

$$\Phi^{-1}(s, t) = \left(\frac{2s}{\|p\|_2^2 + 1}, \frac{2t}{\|p\|_2^2 + 1}, \frac{\|p\|_2^2 - 1}{\|p\|_2^2 + 1} \right)$$

(d):

We know that Φ^{-1} is bijective because its inverse exists. It remains to show that it is continuous. This can be done by verifying pointwise continuity.

Let $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Considering the first component, fix $\varepsilon > 0$, and let $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$. Let $(s, t) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ so that $\|(s - a, t - b)\|_2 < \delta$. Consider the case where $\frac{2s}{\|(s, t)\|_2^2 + 1} - \frac{2a}{\|(a, b)\|_2^2 + 1} > 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \frac{2s}{\|(s, t)\|_2^2 + 1} - \frac{2a}{\|(a, b)\|_2^2 + 1} \right| &= \frac{2s}{\|(s, t)\|_2^2 + 1} - \frac{2a}{\|(a, b)\|_2^2 + 1} < \frac{2s(\|(s, t)\|_2^2 + 1)}{\|(s, t)\|_2^2 + 1} - 2a \\
&= 2(s - a) < \varepsilon
\end{aligned}$$

The case when $\frac{2s}{\|(s, t)\|_2^2 + 1} - \frac{2a}{\|(a, b)\|_2^2 + 1} \leq 0$ is the exact same but the variables are swapped. Thus the first component is continuous. We can do the same thing for the second component so we can accept that it is continuous as well.

Finally, notice that since norms are continuous, so the third component is a composition of continuous functions, making it continuous. Therefore Φ^{-1} is continuous.

We can conclude that Φ is indeed a homeomorphism and we are done. \square

1.21 #24

Let X be a normed vector space. Prove that the following statements are equivalent.

- (i) X is finite-dimensional.
- (ii) The unit ball $\overline{B}(\vec{0}, 1)$ is compact.
- (iii) X is **locally compact**: each point $p \in X$ is contained in some open set U such that \overline{U} is compact.

Proof. It will be proven that (i) \implies (ii) \iff (iii) \implies (i).

(i) \implies (ii):

Suppose that X has finite dimension n . Then there is a continuous linear isomorphism Φ between X and \mathbb{R}^n . Since $\overline{B}(0, 1)$ is closed and bounded, $\Phi(\overline{B}(0, 1))$ is also closed and bounded in \mathbb{R}^n , so the set is compact. Since homeomorphisms preserve compactness, we can conclude that the closed unit ball in X is compact.

(ii) \implies (iii):

Suppose that the unit ball $\overline{B}(\vec{0}, 1)$ is compact. Let $p \in X$. We claim that $U = B(p, 1)$. Consider $\overline{U} = \overline{B}(p, 1)$. There is an isometry Φ from $\overline{B}(0, 1)$ to $\overline{B}(p, 1)$ defined by $\Phi(x) = p + x$. Since the closed unit ball is compact, it follows that $\overline{B}(p, 1)$ is compact. Thus X is locally compact.

(iii) \implies (ii):

Suppose that X is locally compact. Then $\vec{0}$ is contained in an open set U such that \overline{U} is compact. Since U is open, $B(0, \varepsilon) \subseteq U$ for some ε -ball centered around 0. It follows that $\overline{B}(0, \varepsilon)$ is compact, as it is a closed subset of \overline{U} . Since there is a homeomorphism from this closed ball to $\overline{B}(0, 1)$, the closed unit ball is also compact, as desired.

(iii) \implies (i):

Suppose that X is locally compact. We know previously that this implies that the closed unit ball is compact. Firstly, a quick lemma will be proven.

Lemma 1. $\forall x \in X, r > 0, B(x, r) = \{x\} + rB(0, 1)$.

Let $y \in B(x, r)$. Notice that $y - x \in B(0, r)$. Thus $y = x + (y - x)$ so $y \in \{x\} + rB(0, 1)$.

Then, let $y \in \{x\} + B(0, r)$, so $y = x + s$, for some $s \in B(0, r)$. Since $\|y - x\| = \|s\| < r$, it follows that $y \in B(x, r)$ and we are done.

Moving on, we construct a finite set of vectors in the following way:

Since $\overline{B}(0, 1)$ is totally bounded, we can find a finite set of vectors β such that $\bigcup_{x \in \beta} B(x, \frac{1}{2})$.

Lemma 2. $B(0, 1) \subseteq \text{span}(\beta) + 2^{-n}B(0, 1), \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

To prove this, let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $y \in B(0, 1)$. It follows that $y \in B(x_1, \frac{1}{2})$ for some $x_1 \in \beta$. Using Lemma 1,

$$y \in \{x_1\} + B\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right) = \{x_1\} + \frac{1}{2}B(0, 1)$$

We can repeatedly use this argument to obtain that

$$y \in \left\{x_1 + \frac{1}{2}x_2 + \frac{1}{2^2}x_3 + \cdots + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}x_n\right\} + \frac{1}{2^n}B(0, 1)$$

Note that x_i are not necessarily distinct. This simplifies down to

$$y \in \text{span}(\beta) + \frac{1}{2^n}B(0, 1) \implies B(0, 1) \subseteq \text{span}(\beta) + \frac{1}{2^n}B(0, 1)$$

which is what we wanted.

Finally, we claim that β is the basis for X .

Let $v \in X$. Since $\frac{v}{2\|v\|} \in B(0, 1)$, by Lemma 2,

$$\frac{v}{2\|v\|} \in \text{span}(\beta) + \frac{1}{2^n}B(0, 1), \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Then we construct a sequence $\{v_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ in $\text{span}(\beta)$ where $v_n \in \text{span}(\beta)$ such that $y = v_n + p$, for some $p \in \frac{1}{2^n}B(0, 1)$. Notice that

$$\|y - v_n\| = \|p\| < \frac{1}{2^n}$$

which can become arbitrarily small. This implies that y is a limit point for $\text{span}(\beta)$. However, this set is closed because it is finite dimensional, so we also have that $y \in \text{span}(\beta)$. Therefore $X \subseteq \text{span}(\beta)$, and since X is spanned by a finite set, it is finite dimensional.

These implications are sufficient for proving that (i), (ii), (iii) are equivalent. \square

1.22 #25

Let $\varphi : M_n(\mathbf{R}) \rightarrow M_n(\mathbf{R})$ be the function given by $\varphi(A) = A^2$. For each $A \in M_n(\mathbf{R})$, find a linear approximation $L_A : M_n(\mathbf{R}) \rightarrow M_n(\mathbf{R})$ to φ at A . Give an explicit formula for $L_A(B)$ as a function of B , a proof that L_A is a bounded linear mapping, and a proof that L_A is a linear approximation to φ at A .

Proof. First, we supply a lemma.

Lemma. For all $B \in M_n(\mathbf{R})$, $\|B^2\| \leq K\|B\|^2$, for some positive constant K .

Define the isomorphism $\Phi : M_n(\mathbf{R}) \rightarrow B(\mathbf{R}^n, \mathbf{R}^n)$ as mapping a matrix representation of a linear mapping to the original linear mapping. We define the operator norm on $M_n(\mathbf{R})$ by $\|A\|_{\text{op}} = \|\Phi(A)\|_{\text{op}}$, where the right hand side is the operator norm on $B(\mathbf{R}^n, \mathbf{R}^n)$.

Since all norms are equivalent on $M_n(\mathbf{R})$, there are constants $M, N > 0$ so that for any norm $\|\cdot\|$,

$$M\|A\| \leq \|A\|_{\text{op}} \leq N\|A\|$$

From this, using the subnormality of bounded linear operators, it follows that

$$\|B^2\| \leq \frac{1}{M} \|\Phi(B^2)\|_{\text{op}} = \frac{1}{M} \|\Phi(B) \circ \Phi(B)\|_{\text{op}} \leq \frac{1}{M} \|\Phi(B)\|_{\text{op}}^2 \leq \frac{N^2}{M} \|B\|^2$$

Since $M, N > 0$, we have what we wanted.

We claim that for $A \in M_n(\mathbf{R})$, $L_A(B) = BA + AB$. For $C, D \in M_n(\mathbf{R})$, $k \in \mathbf{R}$,

$$L_A(kC + D) = (kC + D)A + A(kC + D) = k(CA + AC) + DA + AD = kL_A(C) + L_A(D)$$

so L_A is linear. As well, we get that L_A is bounded for free because we are working in a finite dimensional vector space. Finally, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq \frac{\|\varphi(A+B) - \varphi(A) - L_A(B)\|}{\|B\|} &= \frac{\|(A+B)^2 - A^2 - (BA+AB)\|}{\|B\|} \\ &= \frac{\|A^2 + AB + BA + B^2 - A^2 - BA - AB\|}{\|B\|} = \frac{\|B^2\|}{\|B\|} \leq K\|B\| \\ \implies 0 \leq \frac{\|\varphi(A+B) - \varphi(A) - L_A(B)\|}{\|B\|} &\leq K\|B\| \end{aligned}$$

By the Squeeze Theorem, $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|\varphi(A+B) - \varphi(A) - L_A(B)\|}{\|B\|} = 0$ and we are done. \square

1.23 #26

Let X be a finite-dimensional normed vector space, let U be an open convex subset of X , and let $f : U \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$ be a totally differentiable function. (Note: a set $C \subseteq X$ is called **convex** if $tx + (1-t)y \in C$ for all $x, y \in C$ and $t \in [0, 1]$.) Let $f : U \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$ be a totally differentiable function.

(a) Suppose that there exists a constant $C \geq 0$ such that $\|f'(p)\|_{\text{op}} \leq C$ for all $p \in U$. Prove that

$$\|f(p) - f(q)\| \leq C\|p - q\| \quad \text{for all } p, q \in U.$$

Conclude that f is uniformly continuous.

(b) Prove that $f'(p) = 0$ for all $p \in U$ if and only if f is a constant function.

(c) Assume $U = X$ and suppose that f is **twice totally differentiable** — meaning that $f' : X \rightarrow B(X, Y)$ itself is differentiable at every point of X , with total derivative $f'' = (f')'$. Show that $f'' = 0$ if and only if f is **affine-linear**: there exists a bounded linear mapping $M : X \rightarrow Y$ and a vector $b \in Y$ such that

$$f(p) = M(p) + b \quad \text{for all } p \in X.$$

(Compare with the formula $y = mx + b$ from single-variable calculus.)

Proof. (a):

Fix $p, q \in U$. If $f(p) = f(q)$, the inequality is trivially true. Otherwise, since U is open, there is some open ball $B(p, \varepsilon_1) \subseteq U$ and $B(q, \varepsilon_2) \subseteq U$. Let $\delta = \frac{\min\{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2\}}{\|q - p\|}$. For all $t \in (-\delta, 1 + \delta)$, we have that

$$\text{If } t \in [0, 1],$$

$$tq + (1 - t)p \in U$$

since U is convex. If $t \in (-\delta, 0)$, then

$$\|(tq + (1 - t)p) - p\| = \|t(q - p)\| = |t|\|q - p\| < \varepsilon_1$$

$$\implies tq + (1 - t)p \in B(p, \varepsilon_1) \subseteq U$$

If $t \in (1 + \delta)$, then

$$\|(tq + (1 - t)p) - q\| = \|(t - 1)q - (t - 1)p\| = |t - 1|\|q - p\| < \varepsilon_2$$

$$\implies tq + (1 - t)p \in B(q, \varepsilon_2) \subseteq U$$

Thus we can construct a function $\alpha : (-\delta, 1 + \delta) \rightarrow U$ defined by $\alpha(t) = tq + (1 - t)p$. We will show that $\alpha'(t)(\varphi) = \varphi(q - p)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|((t + h)q + (1 - t - h)p) - (tq + (1 - t)p) - h(q - p)\|}{\|h\|} \\ = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|hq - hp - h(q - p)\|}{\|h\|} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since α is totally differentiable and f is totally differentiable, by the chain rule, we can say that

$$(f \circ \alpha)'(t) = f'(a(t))(h(q - p)) = hf'(a(t))(q - p)$$

Now, we construct a function from $(-\delta, 1 + \delta)$ to \mathbb{R} by

$$g(t) = (f(q) - f(p)) \cdot f(\alpha(t))$$

Now, we will show that for $t \in (-\delta, 1 + \delta)$,

$$g'(t) = (f(q) - f(p)) \cdot f'(\alpha(t))(q - p)$$

First, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|g(t + h) - g(t) - (f(q) - f(p)) \cdot f'(\alpha(t))(q - p)|}{|h|} \\ = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|(f(q) - f(p)) \cdot f(\alpha(t + h)) - (f(q) - f(p)) \cdot f(\alpha(t)) - (f(q) - f(p)) \cdot f'(\alpha(t))(q - p)|}{|h|} \end{aligned}$$

By the linearity of the dot product,

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left| (f(q) - f(p)) \cdot \frac{f(\alpha(t + h)) - f(\alpha(t)) - f'(\alpha(t))(q - p)}{|h|} \right| = 0$$

Using this, consider the limit

$$g'(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(t + h) - g(t)}{h}.$$

Adding and subtracting $h(f(q) - f(p)) \cdot f'(\alpha(t))(q - p)$,

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[g(t + h) - g(t) - h(f(q) - f(p)) \cdot f'(\alpha(t))(q - p)] + h(f(q) - f(p)) \cdot f'(\alpha(t))(q - p)}{h}$$

The first sum is exactly the limit that was computed above and is equal to zero. The limit then reduces to

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(f(q) - f(p)) \cdot f'(\alpha(t))(q - p)}{h} = (f(q) - f(p)) \cdot f'(\alpha(t))(q - p)$$

which shows that g is differentiable on its domain and is equal to $(f(q) - f(p)) \cdot f'(\alpha(t))(q - p)$. In particular, we have continuity on $[0, 1]$ and differentiability on $(0, 1)$. Applying the Mean Value Theorem, there is some $c \in (0, 1)$ so that

$$\begin{aligned} g(1) - g(0) = g'(c) &\implies (f(q) - f(p)) \cdot f(q) - (f(q) - f(p)) \cdot f(p) = (f(q) - f(p)) \cdot f'(a(c))(q - p) \\ &\implies (f(q) - f(p)) \cdot (f(q) - f(p)) = (f(q) - f(p)) \cdot f'(\alpha(c))(q - p) \\ &\implies \|f(q) - f(p)\|^2 = \|f(q) - f(p)\| \|f'(\alpha(c))(q - p)\| \cos(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

where θ is the angle between the vectors $f(q) - f(p)$ and $f'(\alpha(c))(q - p)$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(q) - f(p)\|^2 &\leq \|f(q) - f(p)\| \|f'(\alpha(c))(q - p)\| \leq \|f(q) - f(p)\| \|f'(\alpha(c))\|_{\text{op}} \|q - p\| \\ &\implies \|f(q) - f(p)\|^2 \leq \|f(q) - f(p)\| C \|q - p\| \\ &\implies \|f(q) - f(p)\| \leq C \|q - p\| \end{aligned}$$

which is the desired inequality.

With this, the uniform continuity of f is easy to show.

For $\varepsilon > 0$, let $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{C}$. For all $p, q \in X$ so that $\|q - p\| < \delta$,

$$\|f(q) - f(p)\| \leq C \|q - p\| < \varepsilon$$

(b):

Suppose that $f'(p) = 0$ for all $p \in U$. Then $\|f'(p)\|_{\text{op}} \leq 0 = C$, so by part (a), for all $a, b \in U$,

$$\|f(a) - f(b)\| \leq 0 \implies \|f(a) - f(b)\| = 0 \implies f(a) = f(b)$$

so f is constant.

Conversely, suppose that f is a constant function. To show that $f'(p) = 0$, notice that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(p+h) - f(p)\|}{\|h\|} = 0$$

Thus $f'(p) = 0$ for all $p \in U$.

(c):

We know that X is convex because it is a vector space. Suppose that $f'' = 0$. Then by part (b), f' is a constant function. We will denote $f' = L \in B(X, Y)$. We claim that $M = L$ and $b = f(0)$, that is, $f(p) = L(p) + f(0)$ for all $p \in U$.

Define the function $g : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ by $g(p) = f(p) - f(0) - L(p)$. For all $p \in U$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|g(p+h) - g(p)\|}{\|h\|} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|(f(p+h) - f(0) - L(p+h)) - (f(p) - f(0) - L(p))\|}{\|h\|} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(p+h) - f(p) - L(h)\|}{\|h\|} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

where the last step is from the fact that $f'(p) = L$. We can see that $g'(p) = 0$ for all $p \in U$. From part (b), it follows that g is a constant function. Finally, notice that

$$g(0) = f(0) - f(0) - L(0) = 0,$$

so $g = 0$. Therefore for all $p \in U$,

$$f(p) - f(0) - L(p) = 0 \implies f(p) = L(p) + f(0)$$

as desired.

Conversely, suppose that f is affine-linear. Then for some $M \in B(X, \mathbb{R}^m)$, $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$,

$$f(p) = M(p) + b.$$

We claim that $f'(p) = M$ using the definition. Immediately, we have that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|(M(p+h) + b) - (M(p) + b) - M(h)\|}{\|h\|} = 0$$

which verifies our claim. Since $f'(p) = M$ for all $p \in U$, f' is constant, and from part (b), this implies that $f'' = 0$, which completes the proof. \square

1.24 #27

Let $f : \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a continuously differentiable function.

(a) Show that the partial function $\mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, $t \mapsto f(x, t)$ is integrable (over any bounded interval in \mathbf{R}).

(b) By (a), we can define a function $\varphi : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ by

$$\varphi(x) = \int_a^b f(x, t) dt.$$

Show that φ is differentiable, and that its (classical) derivative is given by

$$\frac{d\varphi}{dx}(x_0) = \int_a^b \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, t) dt.$$

This formula is known as **differentiation under the integral sign**, or **Feynmann's trick**.

(c) Use Feynmann's trick to solve the single-variable integral:

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-t^2} dt$$

Proof. (a):

Since f is continuous, it follows immediately that its partial function is continuous, which implies that it is integrable.

(b):

Let $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$. We will show that as $h \rightarrow 0$,

$$\frac{1}{h} \left(\int_a^b f(x_0 + h, t) dt - \int_a^b f(x_0, t) dt - h \int_a^b \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, t) dt \right) \rightarrow 0,$$

which is equivalent to saying

$$\frac{d\varphi}{dx}(x_0) = \int_a^b \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, t) dt.$$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. By the partial differentiability of f , we obtain a δ so that

$$\left| f(x_0 + h, t) - f(x_0, t) - h \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, t) \right| < \frac{|h|\varepsilon}{b-a}$$

for all $0 < |h| < \delta$.

Fix $h \in \mathbb{R}$ so that $0 < |h| < \delta$. By the linearity of the integral,

$$\left| \frac{1}{h} \left(\int_a^b f(x_0 + h, t) dt - \int_a^b f(x_0, t) dt - h \int_a^b \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, t) dt \right) \right|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left| \frac{1}{h} \int_a^b (f(x_0 + h, t) - f(x_0, t) - h \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, t)) dt \right| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{|h|} \int_a^b \left| f(x_0 + h, t) - f(x_0, t) - h \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, t) \right| dt \\
&< \frac{1}{|h|} \int_a^b \frac{|h|\varepsilon}{b-a} dt = \varepsilon
\end{aligned}$$

as desired. Thus we have found an expression for $\varphi'(x_0)$.

(c):

Let $I = \int_0^\infty e^{-t^2} dt$. We will first show that this integral converges. We make the observation that the integrand is continuous and positive. Splitting the integral in two, we see that

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-t^2} dt = \int_0^1 e^{-t^2} dt + \int_1^\infty e^{-t^2} dt$$

The first integral has finite bounds so it is convergent. For $t \geq 1$, $-t^2 \leq -t$. Since $\exp(t)$ is an increasing function,

$$e^{-t^2} \leq e^{-t} \implies \int_1^\infty e^{-t^2} dt \leq \int_1^\infty e^{-t} dt = 1$$

Therefore I converges by the basic comparison test.

Define $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\varphi(x) = \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-x^2(t^2+1)}}{t^2+1} dt$$

Notice that $\int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-x^2(t^2+1)}}{t^2+1} dt \leq \int_0^\infty e^{-x^2(t^2+1)} dt$, so φ always converges for similar reasons.

From part (b), we see that

$$\varphi'(x) = -2x \int_0^\infty e^{-x^2(t^2+1)} dt = -2xe^{-x^2} \int_0^\infty e^{-x^2 t^2} dt$$

We perform the substitution $u = xt$. Changing u back to t gives us

$$\varphi'(x) = -2e^{-x^2} \int_0^\infty e^{-t^2} dt$$

Thus we have that

$$\varphi'(x) = -2e^{-x^2} I$$

We can take the definite integral of both sides with respect to x :

$$\int_0^\infty \varphi'(x) dx = \int_0^\infty -2e^{-x^2} I dx \implies \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(n) - \varphi(0) = -2I^2$$

Now we will analyse $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(n)$ and $\varphi(0)$ separately.

First, we will show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(n) = 0$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. For $n > N$, where N is a fixed number, we have that $e^{-n^2(t^2+1)} < \frac{2\varepsilon}{\pi}$, so

$$\begin{aligned}
|\varphi(n)| &= \left| \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-n^2(t^2+1)}}{t^2+1} dt \right| \leq \int_0^\infty \left| \frac{e^{-n^2(t^2+1)}}{t^2+1} \right| dt < \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{\varepsilon}{t^2+1} dt \\
&\implies \frac{2\varepsilon}{\pi} \arctan(t) \Big|_0^\infty = \varepsilon.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we can conclude that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(n) = 0$.

Now, notice that

$$\varphi(0) = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{t^2 + 1} dt = \arctan(t) \Big|_0^\infty = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Applying this to our original equation,

$$0 - \frac{\pi}{2} = -2I^2 \implies 2I^2 = \frac{\pi}{2} \implies I^2 = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Finally, taking the squareroot of both sides gives us the result:

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-t^2} dt = I = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$$

□

1.25 #28

Let U be an open set in a normed vector space X and let $f : U \rightarrow Y$ be a **twice continuously differentiable** function, meaning that the second derivative $f'' : U \rightarrow B(X, B(X, Y))$ exists and is continuous on U . We also say that f is a **C^2 -function**.

- (a) Let $f : \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be given by $f(x, y) = x^2 - xy + y^2$. Find, with proof, an explicit formula for the linear mapping $f''(2, -1)$. Also, write down the matrix that represents this linear mapping with respect to a suitable “standard” basis.
- (b) Now we investigate the case $X = \mathbf{R}^n$ and $Y = \mathbf{R}$, and let $f : U \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be some function defined on an open set $U \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$. We use the notation $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$ to refer to the (i, j) **th second partial derivative** of f : this is the i th partial derivative of the j th partial derivative $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}$.
 - (i) Show that f is twice continuously differentiable if and only if all second partial derivatives exist and are continuous.
 - (ii) Let f be twice continuously differentiable. Let $v \in \mathbf{R}^n$ and let $D_v f : U \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be the directional derivative of f along v . Show that $D_v f$ is continuously differentiable.
 - (iii) Let f be twice continuously differentiable and let $v \in \mathbf{R}^n$. By (ii), we know that $D_v f$ is C^1 , hence differentiable in every direction $\in \mathbf{R}^n$. Show that the directional derivatives commute:

$$D_v(D_w f) = D_w(D_v f) \quad \text{for all } v, w \in \mathbf{R}^n.$$

- (iv) Deduce **Clairaut’s Theorem**: that the second partial derivatives commute.

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_j \partial x_i} \quad \text{for all } i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}.$$

Proof. (a):

We claim that $f''(2, -1) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow B(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R})$ is a bounded linear map given by

$$f''(2, -1)(p, q)(x, y) = (2p - q)x - (p - 2q)y$$

Let $(p, q), (r, s) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$. Then for all $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$,

$$\begin{aligned} f''(2, -1)(cp + r, cq + s)(x, y) &= [2(cp + r) - (cq + s)]x - [(cp + r) - 2(cq + s)]y \\ &= c[(2p - q)x - (p - 2q)y] + [(2r - s)x - (r - 2s)y] = cf''(2, -1)(p, q)(x, y) + f''(2, -1)(r, s) \end{aligned}$$

so $f''(2, -1)$ is linear.

Recall that $f'(p, q)(x, y) = (2p - q)x - (p - 2q)y$. In particular, for $(p, q) = (2, -1)$, $f'(2, -1)(x, y) = 5x - 4y$.

Fix $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(2 + h_1, -1 + h_2)(x, y) - f'(2, -1)(x, y) - L_p(h)}{\|h\|} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[(5 + 2h_1 - h_2)x - (4 + h_1 - 2h_2)y] - [5x - 4y] - L_p(h)}{\|h\|} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2h_1 - h_2)x - (h_1 - 2h_2)y - L_p(h)}{\|h\|} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

which verifies that $f''(2, -1)(p, q)(x, y) = (2p - q)x - (p - 2q)y$.

(b):

Let $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function, where U is open in \mathbb{R}^n .

(b)(i):

Suppose that f is twice continuously differentiable. This implies that all its partial derivatives exist.

Consider an arbitrary partial derivative $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}$ for $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. It will be shown that their directional derivatives all exist and are continuous.

Let $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$. We see that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(p + tv) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(p) \right)$$

Recall that $f'(q)(v) = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(q)$. Now, notice that

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(p + tv) = f'(p + tv)(x_j) \text{ and } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(p) = f'(p)(x_j)$$

We make this substitution in the limit expression, so it becomes

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} (f'(p + tv)(x_j) - f'(p)(x_j)) = D_v f'(p)(x_j)$$

by definition. Thus $D_v \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(p) \right) = D_v f'(p)(x_j)$. This is continuous because every directional derivative of f' is continuous by our assumption. Taking $v = x_i$, we conclude that all the second partial derivatives of f exist and are continuous.

Conversely, suppose that all second partial derivatives of f exist and are continuous. Since all first partial derivatives will exist and are continuous, then f is continuously differentiable, meaning that f' exists.

Let $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. We claim that $\frac{\partial f'}{\partial x_i}$ exists and is continuous, where x_i represents the i th standard ordered basis vector of \mathbb{R}^n .

Fix $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Recall that $f'(p)(\vec{v}) = \sum_{j=1}^n v_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(p)$ from the differentiability theorem. For $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(p + hx_i)(\vec{v}) - f'(p)(\vec{v})}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{v_j}{h} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(p + hx_i) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(p) \right)$$

Since all second partial derivatives exist, the limit evaluates to

$$\sum_{j=1}^n v_j \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(p)$$

By definition, this is the i th partial derivative of f' .

Notice that it is also continuous, as it is a finite linear combination of second partial derivatives, which are continuous by assumption.

Since we have that all partial derivatives of f' exist and are continuous, by the differentiability theorem, f' is continuously differentiable, which implies that f is twice continuously differentiable.

Therefore we can conclude that twice continuously differentiable is equivalent to having all second partial derivatives exist and continuous.

(b)(ii):

Suppose that f is twice continuously differentiable. Consider the directional derivative $D_v f$. We will show that for all $p \in U$, $D_v f(p) = f'(p)(v)$.

We can assume that $p + v \in U$ by making $\|v\|$ small enough. Define a function $\alpha : [0, 1] \rightarrow U$ by $\alpha(t) = p + tv$. The derivative is given by $\alpha'(t) = v$. Now, construct a new function $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $g(t) = (f \circ \alpha)(t)$. By the chain rule, we see that $g'(t) = f'(\alpha(t))(v)$.

Thus we get that

$$D_v f(p) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(p + hv) - f(p)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(h) - g(0)}{h} = g'(0) = f'(\alpha(0))(v) = f'(p)(v),$$

Now, we can compute the derivative of $D_v f$ directly and obtain that $(D_v f)'(p) = (f')'(p)(v)$. But we know by that f is twice continuously differentiable, so $(D_v f)'$ is continuous.

Thus $D_v f$ is continuously differentiable.

(b)(iii):

We will evaluate $D_v(D_w f)$ from the definition and show that it is equal to $D_w(D_v f)$.

Fix $p \in U$. There exists $\delta > 0$ so that $p + \delta v \in U$. For any such h , construct a function $g : [0, \delta] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined as

$$g(t) = D_w f(p + tv)$$

g is differentiable on its domain because it is a composition of differentiable functions. By the chain rule, we see that

$$g'(t) = (D_w f)'(p + tv)(v)$$

Using the fact that for all continuously differentiable functions, $D_v h(q) = h'(q)(v)$, we get

$$g'(t) = D_v(D_w f)(p + tv)$$

Now we compute $D_v(D_w f)$:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{D_w f(p + hv) - D_w f(p)}{h}$$

For $|h| < \delta$, the limit becomes

$$D_v(D_w f)(p) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(h) - g(0)}{h} = g'(0) = D_v(D_w f)(p)$$

Therefore the directional derivatives commute.

(b)(iv):

From the previous part, simply take $v = x_i$ and $w = x_j$ and the result follows immediately. \square

1.26 #29

Let $U \subseteq \mathbf{R}^2$ be an open set, and let $f : U \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be some differentiable function. This data defines an **explicit surface** in \mathbf{R}^3 , also known as the **graph** of f :

$$S = S(f) = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbf{R}^3 : (x, y) \in U, z = f(x, y)\}.$$

Colloquially, we often say “Let $z = f(x, y)$ be a surface in \mathbf{R}^3 .”

- (a) Find the equation of the tangent plane to the surface $z = x + xy^2 - y^3$ at the point $p = (2, 1, 3)$, as follows.

- (i) First, fix $x = 2$ and set $y = 1 + t$; write z as a function of t , and find $z'(0)$. This is the “slope in the x direction.”

- (ii) Similarly, find the “slope in the y direction.”
- (iii) Now you have two slopes in orthogonal directions. This gives you two vectors which span a plane. Shift this plane so that it becomes tangent at p . Write the equation of this plane in the form $Ax + By + Cz = D$, where $A, B, C, D \in \mathbf{R}$.
- (b) Find — with proof! — the equations of all planes in \mathbf{R}^3 which (i) are tangent to the surface $z = x + xy^2 - y^3$; (ii) are parallel to the vector $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$; and (iii) pass through the point $p = (-1, -2, 3)$.
- (c) Let $f : \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a continuously differentiable function, and define a new function $g : \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ by

$$g(x, y) = f(f(xy, x), f(y, xy)).$$

You are given the following information about f and g :

- $f(3, 1) = 5$ and $\nabla f(3, 1) = (1, 2)$
- $f(3, 3) = 2$ and $\nabla f(3, 3) = (0, -1)$
- $g(1, 3) = 6$ and $\nabla g(1, 3) = (3, 4)$

Find $\nabla f(5, 2)$.

Proof. (a)(i):

Fix $x = 2$ and set $y = 1 + t$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} z_y(t) &= 2 + 2(1+t)^2 - (1+t)^3 \implies z'_y(t) = 4(1+t) - 3(1+t)^2 \\ &\implies z'_y(0) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

(a)(ii):

Fix $y = 1$ and set $x = 2 + t$. Then

$$z_x(t) = (2+t) + (2+t) - 1 = 2t + 3 \implies z'_x(0) = 2$$

(a)(iii):

From the previous two parts gave us two vectors $(1, 0, 2)$ and $(0, 1, 1)$. This spans the plane given by the equation $2x + y - z = 0$. Translate this plane by the vector $(2, 1, 3)$ which yields the equation

$$2(x-2) + (y-1) - (z-3) = 0 \implies 2x + y - z = 2$$

(b):

We claim that there are only two planes that satisfy all three conditions:

$$5x - 14y - z = 20 \text{ and } 5x - 11y - 4z = 5$$

Let $(p, q) \in \mathbf{R}^n$ and suppose that the plane tangent to the surface z at this point has the properties above. We find the equation of this tangent plane like the previous part.

Fix $x = p$ and set $y = q + t$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} z_y(t) &= p + p(q+t)^2 - (q+t)^3 \implies z'_y(t) = 2p(q+t) - 3(q+t)^2 \\ &\implies z'_y(0) = 2pq - 3q^2 \end{aligned}$$

Next, fix $y = q$ and set $x = p + t$. Then

$$z_x(t) = (x+t) + (x+t)q^2 - q^3 \implies z'_x(t) = q^2 + 1$$

This gives two vectors $(0, 1, 2pq - 3q^2)$ and $(1, 0, q^2 + 1)$ that span a plane given by the equation $(q^2 + 1)x + (2pq - 3q^2)y - z = 0$. Translating this plane by $(p, q, p + pq^2 - q^3)$ gives another plane with the equation

$$\begin{aligned} & (q^2 + 1)(x - p) + (2pq - 3q^2)(y - q) - (z + q^3 - pq^2 - p) = 0 \\ \implies & (q^2 + 1)x + (2pq - 3q^2)y - z = p(q^2 + 1) + q(2pq - 3q^2) + (q^3 - pq^2 - p) \\ \implies & (q^2 + 1)x + (2pq - 3q^2)y - z = 2pq^2 - 2q^3 \end{aligned}$$

Now, take the initial vectors $(0, 1, 2pq - 3q^2)$ and $(1, 0, q^2 + 1)$ and compute their cross product to find the normal vector \vec{n} :

$$\vec{n} = (0, 1, 2pq - 3q^2) \times (1, 0, q^2 + 1) = (q^2 + 1, 2pq - 3q^2, -1)$$

This vector is normal to the plane. We only want planes that are parallel to \vec{v} , which means that this normal vector should be normal to \vec{v} as well. We calculate the dot product of this normal vector and \vec{v} :

$$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{v} = 3(q^2 + 1) + (2pq - 3q^2) - 1$$

Set this equal to 0. Simplifying, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} 3(q^2 + 1) + (2pq - 3q^2) - 1 &= 0 \implies 2pq = -2 \\ \implies pq &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

We see that $p, q \neq 0$ and get the relationship $p = -\frac{1}{q}$. Substitute this into our plane equation and we get that

$$\begin{aligned} & (q^2 + 1)x + (2pq - 3q^2)y - z = 2pq^2 - 2q^3 \\ \implies & (q^2 + 1)x + (-2 - 3q^2)y - z = -2q - 2q^3 \\ \implies & (q^2 + 1)x - (3q^2 + 2)y - z = -2q(q^2 + 1) \end{aligned}$$

Finally, recall that our plane should pass through the point $p = (-1, -2, 3)$. Substituting $(x, y, z) = (-1, -2, 3)$, we can solve for q and obtain our answer:

$$\begin{aligned} -(q^2 + 1) + 2(3q^2 + 2) - 3 &= -2q(q^2 + 1) \\ \implies 2q^3 + 5q^2 + 2q &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

We disregard the case where $q = 0$ and end up with the quadratic equation

$$2q^2 + 5q^2 + 2 = 0 \implies q = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 16}}{4} \implies q_1 = -2, q_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Substituting these values into our plane equation, we see that there are two planes that satisfy the above properties:

$$5x - 14y - z = 20 \text{ and } 5x - 11y - 4z = 5$$

(c):

In general,

$$\nabla g(p, q) = \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x}(p, q), \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}(p, q) \right)$$

For $a(x, y) = xy$, $b(x, y) = x$, and $c(x, y) = y$, we make the quick note that

$$[a'(x, y)] = [y \quad x], [b'(x, y)] = [1 \quad 0], \text{ and } [c'(x, y)] = [0 \quad 1]$$

Differentiating g at $(1, 3)$, by multiple applications of the chain rule, we get

$$[g'(1, 3)] = [f'(f(3, 1), f(3, 3))] \times \begin{bmatrix} [f'(3, 1)] \times \begin{bmatrix} a'(1, 3) \\ b'(1, 3) \end{bmatrix} \\ [f'(3, 3)] \times \begin{bmatrix} c'(1, 3) \\ a'(1, 3) \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= [f'(5, 2)] \times \begin{bmatrix} [1 \ 2] \times \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ [0 \ -1] \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= [f'(5, 2)] \times \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ -3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

Suppose that $[f'(5, 2)] = [r \ s]$, for some $r, s \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
[g'(1, 3)] &= [f'(5, 2)] \times \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ -3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\
\implies [3 \ 4] &= [r \ s] \times \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ -3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\
\implies [3 \ 4] &= [5r - 3s \ r - s] \\
\implies 5r - 3s &= 3 \text{ and } r - s = 4
\end{aligned}$$

Solving the system of equations gives

$$r = -\frac{9}{2} \text{ and } s = -\frac{17}{2}$$

Therefore $\nabla f(5, 2) = \left(-\frac{9}{2}, -\frac{17}{2}\right)$. □

2 Handout Exercises

2.1 Written by Me

2.1.1 Exercise 4.10.

Solvers: Sanchit, Ethan, Udo

Writeup: Ethan

Let (X, d_X) and (Y, d_Y) be two metric spaces, and let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function. Prove that if f is continuous, then $f^{-1}(U)$ is an open subset of X if U is an open subset of Y .

Proof. Suppose that f is continuous. Let U be an open subset of Y . We will now show that $f^{-1}(U)$ is an open subset of X . Let $x_0 \in f^{-1}(U)$. It follows that $f(x_0) \in U$. We need to find an open ball centered around x_0 such that it is a subset of $f^{-1}(U)$.

Since U is open, there exists an $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $B_Y(f(x_0), \varepsilon) \subseteq U$. By the continuity of f , there is a $\delta > 0$ such that $d_X(x_0, x) < \delta \implies d_Y(f(x_0), f(x)) < \varepsilon$.

Take the open ball $B_X(x_0, \delta)$ in X . We want to show that $B_X(x_0, \delta) \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$.

Let $x \in B_X(x_0, \delta)$. Then $d_X(x_0, x) < \delta$, which implies that $d_Y(f(x_0), f(x)) < \varepsilon$ from continuity. It follows that $f(x) \in B_Y(f(x_0), \varepsilon) \subseteq U$. By definition, this means that $x \in f^{-1}(U)$. Thus $B_X(x_0, \delta) \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$, which means that $f^{-1}(U)$ is an open subset of X . □

2.1.2 Exercise 6.33.

Solvers: Sanchit, Ethan

Writeup: Ethan

Prove that $[0, 1]^2$ is homeomorphic to the closed unit ball $\overline{B}(0, 1)$ in \mathbb{R}^2 .

Proof. It is pretty easy to see that the closed box $[0, 1]^2$ is homeomorphic to $[-1, 1]^2$. We define the function $h : [-1, 1]^2 \rightarrow \overline{B}(0, 1)$ by

$$h(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\|(x, y)\|_{\max}}{\|(x, y)\|_2}(x, y), & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0); \\ (0, 0), & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

We can verify that this function is indeed well defined because for $(x, y) \in [-1, 1]^2$,

$$\|h(x, y)\|_2 \leq \left\| \frac{\|(x, y)\|_{\max}}{\|(x, y)\|_2}(x, y) \right\|_2 = \frac{\|(x, y)\|_{\max}}{\|(x, y)\|_2} \|(x, y)\|_2 = \|(x, y)\|_{\max} \leq 1$$

which implies that $h(x, y) \in \overline{B}(0, 1)$.

We show that this is a homeomorphism by first showing continuity, and then showing that the inverse is continuous.

Fact! Norms are continuous. Therefore h is continuous when $(x, y) \neq 0$. It remains to show continuity at $(0, 0)$.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. By the strong equivalence of norms on \mathbb{R}^2 , there is an $M > 0$ such that $\frac{\|(x, y)\|_{\max}}{\|(x, y)\|_2} \leq M$ for all $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Let $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{M}$. Let $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ such that $\|(x, y)\| < \delta$. Then

$$\|h(x, y)\| = \left\| \frac{\|(x, y)\|_{\max}}{\|(x, y)\|_2}(x, y) \right\| = \frac{\|(x, y)\|_{\max}}{\|(x, y)\|_2} \|(x, y)\| \leq M \|(x, y)\| < \varepsilon$$

Thus h is continuous everywhere. We can explicitly define the inverse h^{-1} as

$$h^{-1}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\|(x, y)\|_2}{\|(x, y)\|_{\max}}(x, y), & \text{if } (x, y) \neq 0; \\ (0, 0), & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

By a similar argument, we can prove that h^{-1} is continuous. Therefore h is indeed a homeomorphism.

Since $[0, 1]^2 \cong [-1, 1]^2 \cong \overline{B}(0, 1)$, $[0, 1]^2 \cong \overline{B}(0, 1)$ by transitivity. □

2.1.3 Lemma 6.44

Solvers: Ali, Ethan, Samip

Writeup: Ethan

Let X be a vector space with finite dimension n equipped with an arbitrary norm $\|\cdot\|$. Define the linear isomorphism $\Phi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ by

$$\Phi(\vec{x}) = (x_1, \dots, x_n), \text{ where } \vec{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \vec{b}_i, \{b_1, \dots, b_n\} \text{ is a basis for } X.$$

Define $\|\cdot\|_1$ on X as

$$\|\vec{x}\|_1 = \|\Phi(\vec{x})\|_1$$

Note that the norm on the right hand side is the 1-norm in \mathbb{R}^n . Next, we introduce a lemma that has already been proven.

Lemma 6.43. The closed unit ball of $(X, \|\cdot\|_1)$ is compact.

Corollary. The unit circle in $(X, \|\cdot\|_1)$ is compact.

This follows from the fact that the unit circle is a closed subset of the closed unit ball.

Now, we prove the following lemma:

Lemma 6.44. There exists a constant $m > 0$ such that $m\|\vec{x}\|_1 \leq \|\vec{x}\|$ for all $\vec{x} \in X$.

Proof. Let C' denote the unit circle in $(X, \|\cdot\|_1)$. Define a function $f : C' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$f(\vec{x}) = \frac{\|\vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{x}\|_1}.$$

Since C' is compact, by the generalized EVT, f attains a minimum m . Notice that since norms are positive, $f(\vec{x}) > 0$, so $m > 0$. We claim that this m is the value we are looking for. That is, $m\|\vec{x}\|_1 \leq \|\vec{x}\|$ is true for all $\vec{x} \in X$.

If $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$, then the inequality follows immediately.

Otherwise, for $\vec{x} \in X \setminus \{\vec{0}\}$, notice that $\frac{\vec{x}}{\|\vec{x}\|_1} \in C'$, so

$$f\left(\frac{\vec{x}}{\|\vec{x}\|_1}\right) = \frac{\left\|\frac{\vec{x}}{\|\vec{x}\|_1}\right\|}{\left\|\frac{\vec{x}}{\|\vec{x}\|_1}\right\|_1} \geq m \implies \frac{\frac{1}{\|\vec{x}\|_1}\|\vec{x}\|}{\frac{1}{\|\vec{x}\|_1}} \geq m \implies \|\vec{x}\| \geq m\|\vec{x}\|_1$$

and the proof is complete. □

2.1.4 Exercise 7.16. Chain Rule

Solvers: Ali, Ethan, Ryan

Writeup: Ethan

Let X, Y, Z be normed vector spaces, and $g : X \rightarrow Y$, $f : Y \rightarrow Z$ be functions. For some $p \in X$, suppose that g is totally differentiable at p and f is totally differentiable at $g(p)$. Then the function $f \circ g$ is totally differentiable at p , and $(f \circ g)' = f'(g(p)) \circ g'(p)$.

Proof. Let $L_f = f'(g(p))$ and $L_g = g'(p)$. First, let's prove that $L_f \circ L_g$ is a linear bounded operator. For $a, b \in X$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$L_f(L_g(ca + b)) = L_f(cL_g(a) + L_g(b)) = cL_f(L_g(a)) + L_f(L_g(b))$$

Thus $L_f \circ L_g$ is linear. Now, since L_f, L_g are bounded linear operators, there exist constants $M_f, M_g > 0$ such that for all $x \in X$, $y \in Y$,

$$\|L_f(y)\|_Z \leq M_f\|y\|_Y \text{ and } \|L_g(x)\|_Y \leq M_g\|x\|_X$$

Then we have that for all $x \in X$,

$$\|L_f(L_g(x))\|_Z \leq M_f\|L_g(x)\|_Y \leq M_f \cdot M_g\|x\|_X$$

so it is bounded as well. Now we can move on to the long part of the proof.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. By our assumption, there exists positive numbers δ_f, δ_g such that for h_f, h_g with $\|h_f\|_X < \delta_f$, $\|h_g\|_X < \delta_g$,

$$\|f(g(p) + h_f) - f(g(p)) - L_f(h_f)\|_Z \leq \min\left\{\sqrt{\varepsilon}, \frac{\varepsilon}{4M_g}\right\}\|h_f\|_X \quad (1)$$

and

$$\|g(p + h_g) - g(p) - L_g(h_g)\|_Y \leq \min\left\{\frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}{4}, \frac{\varepsilon}{2M_f}\right\}\|h_g\|_X \quad (2)$$

As well, since g being totally differentiable at p implies continuity at p , then for all $\|h_c\|_X < \delta_c$,

$$\|g(p + h_c) - g(p)\| < \delta_f \quad (3)$$

Define $\varepsilon_f = \min\left\{\sqrt{\varepsilon}, \frac{\varepsilon}{4M_g}\right\}$ and $\varepsilon_g = \min\left\{\frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}{4}, \frac{\varepsilon}{2M_f}\right\}$, and let $\delta = \min\{\delta_g, \delta_c, r\}$. For $h \in X$ with $\|h\|_X < \delta$,

$$\frac{\|f(g(p + h)) - f(g(p)) - L_f(L_g(h))\|_Z}{\|h\|_X}$$

$$\leq \frac{\|f(g(p+h)) - f(g(p)) - L_f(g(p+h) - g(p))\|_Z + \|L_f(g(p+h) - g(p)) - L_g(h)\|_Z}{\|h\|_X}$$

Consider the first term. Because of (3), we can apply (1) with $h_f = g(p+h) - g(p)$ and get that

$$\frac{\|f(g(p+h)) - f(g(p)) - L_f(g(p+h) - g(p))\|_Z}{\|h\|_X} < \frac{\|g(p+h) - g(p)\|_{\varepsilon_f}}{\|h\|_X}$$

Then applying (2) with $h_g = h$,

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \frac{\|g(p+h) - g(p) - L_g(h)\|_Y + \|L_g(h)\|_Y}{\|h\|_X} \varepsilon_f \leq \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}{4} \varepsilon_f + M_g \varepsilon_f \leq \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}{4} \sqrt{\varepsilon} + M_g \frac{\varepsilon}{4M_g} \\ &= \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Now, we examine the second term. Using the fact that L_f is a bounded linear operator and (2),

$$\frac{\|L_f(g(p+h) - g(p) - L_g(h))\|_Z}{\|h\|_X} \leq \frac{M_f \|g(p+h) - g(p) - L_g(h)\|_Y}{\|h\|_X} < \frac{M_f \varepsilon}{2M_f} = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

Adding the two together we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\|f(g(p+h)) - f(g(p)) - L_f(g(p+h) - g(p))\|_Z + \|L_f(g(p+h) - g(p)) - L_g(h)\|_Z}{\|h\|_X} \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

and we are done. □

2.1.5 Exercise 8.12 (c) (iii)

Solvers: Ethan

Writeup: Ethan

Let $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open set and let $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a scalar function. Then if all partial derivatives exist and are continuous on U , then f is continuously differentiable and $f'(p)$ is given by $f'(p)(v) = D_v f(p)$.

Recall the statement in (ii): There exists a point $q_k \in U$ such that

$$\frac{f(p_k) - f(p_{k-1})}{h_k} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k}(q_k)$$

We make the additional distinction that q_k is of the form $p_{k-1} + \gamma e_k$, where $|\gamma| < |h_k|$.

Proof. Define $\|\cdot\|$ on U to be the 1-norm.

Let $L_p = f'(p)$. We will show that $\frac{|f(p+h) - f(p) - L_p(h)|}{\|h\|} \rightarrow 0$.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Utilising part (i), we define a sequence of points $p_0, \dots, p_n \in X$ by

$$p_0 = p \text{ and } p_i = p_{i-1} + h_i e_i.$$

We know that for $\|h\|$ smaller than some positive δ_1 , $p_i \in U$. By the uniform continuity of $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$ there is also

a δ_2 such that for all $a, b \in U$ such that $\|a - b\| < \delta_2$, $\left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(a - b) \right| < \varepsilon$.

Let $\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$. Let $h \in U$ so that $\|h\| < \delta$. Notice that $p + h = p_n$ and $p = p_0$. We have that

$$\frac{|f(p+h) - f(p) - L_p(h)|}{\|h\|} = \frac{|f(p_n) - f(p_0) - L_p(h)|}{\|h\|}$$

We can expand the numerator by adding and subtracting every term p_i and substituting

$$L_p(h) = D_h f(p) = \sum_{i=1}^n h_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(p),$$

which yields

$$\frac{\left| \sum_{i=1}^n \left(f(p_i) - f(p_{i-1}) - h_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(p) \right) \right|}{\|h\|} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\left| f(p_i) - f(p_{i-1}) - h_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(p) \right|}{\|h\|}.$$

Now, by part (ii), we can rewrite $f(p_i) - f(p_{i-1})$ as $h_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(q_i)$, for some $q_i \in U$, so the expression becomes

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\left| h_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(q_i) - h_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(p) \right|}{\|h\|} = \frac{1}{\|h\|} \sum_{i=1}^n |h_i| \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(q_i - p) \right|$$

Note that p_i can also be written as $p + \sum_{j=1}^i h_j e_j$. Thus we can say that $q_i = p_{i-1} + \gamma e_i = p + \gamma e_i + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} h_j e_j$. We get that

$$\frac{1}{\|h\|} \sum_{i=1}^n |h_i| \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(q_i - p) \right| = \frac{1}{\|h\|} \sum_{i=1}^n |h_i| \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \left(\gamma e_i + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} h_j e_j \right) \right|$$

We see that the norm of the argument inside the partial derivative is

$$\left\| \gamma e_i + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} h_j e_j \right\| \leq |\gamma| + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} |h_j| < \sum_{j=1}^i |h_j| \leq \sum_{j=1}^n |h_j| = \|h\| < \delta_2,$$

so by the continuity of $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$,

$$\frac{1}{\|h\|} \sum_{i=1}^n |h_i| \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \left(\gamma e_i + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} h_j e_j \right) \right| < \frac{1}{\|h\|} \sum_{i=1}^n |h_i| \cdot \varepsilon = \frac{\|h\|}{\|h\|} \cdot \varepsilon = \varepsilon$$

and the proof is complete. □

2.1.6 Exercise 9.10

Solvers: Ethan

Writeup: Ethan

Suppose that $D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ is a diagonal matrix, and let Q_D be the corresponding quadratic form. Q_D achieves a minimum at the origin if and only if $\lambda_i \geq 0$ for all $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

Proof. First note that $Q_D(x) = x^T D x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & \cdots & x_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i^2$.

Suppose that every $\lambda_i \geq 0$. It follows that $\lambda_i x_i^2 \geq 0$. Thus

$$Q_D(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i^2 \geq 0$$

Since $Q_D(0) = 0$, Q_D achieves a minimum at the origin.

Conversely, suppose that $\lambda_j < 0$, for some $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. $Q_D(0) = 0$, but $Q_D(e_j) = \lambda_j < 0$, so the origin is not a minimum. □

2.2 Not Written by Me

2.2.1 Exercise 0.6.

Solvers: Ethan, Hana, Ryan

Writeup: Ryan

Let $K = [a, b]$ be a closed, bounded interval and let $f : K \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a continuous function. Prove that $f(K)$ is also a closed, bounded interval.

Proof. To show that $f(K)$ is a bounded interval, recall that for an interval to be bounded, $\forall x \in K$, there must exist some $c, d \in \mathbf{R}$ such that $c \leq f(x) \leq d$.

As the function f is a continuous function on K from the question statement, we use the Extreme Value Theorem, and determine that f has a minimum m and a maximum M on K . Thus, we have it that $\forall x \in K, m \leq f(x) \leq M$. Thus, $f(K)$ is bounded.

To prove that $f(K)$ is a closed interval, begin by assuming that $f(K)$ is an open interval. This means that there is no $y \in f(K)$ such that either $f(a) = y$ or $f(b) = y$. (Note that the y value specified can be different for $f(a), f(b)$, respectively). Since $f(K)$ is bounded, we know that $f(K)$ has both a minimum and a maximum. Call the minimum m and the maximum M . Define x_{\min}, x_{\max} such that $f(x_{\min}) = m$ and $f(x_{\max}) = M$.

Let $y \in f([a, b])$ (or $f(K)$). Since we know that $f(K)$ is continuous and $f(x_{\min}) \leq y \leq f(x_{\max})$, we can use Intermediate Value Theorem (IVT) and conclude that $\exists x \in K$ such that $f(x) = y$. This indicates that every y value in $f(K)$ has at least one associated x such that $f(x) = y$.

This means, that for some $y_a, y_b \in f(K)$, $f(a) = y_a$ and $f(b) = y_b$. This contradicts our earlier statement, of which there was no y value in $f(K)$ such that $f(a) = y$ or $f(b) = y$.

Thus, $f(K)$ must be a closed interval. □

2.2.2 Exercise 2.21

Solvers: Sanchit, Udo, Ethan

Writeup: Sanchit

What can be said about $\overline{A \cup B}$?

Note: For notation we denote $\{1, \dots, n\} = [n]$

Claim 1. Let (X, d) be a metric space, then for $X_i \subseteq X$ for $i \in \mathbf{N}$ we have $\overline{\bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} X_i} = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} \overline{X_i}$.

Proof. First we show $\overline{\bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} X_i} \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} \overline{X_i}$.

Let $x \in \overline{\bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} X_i}$ be arbitrary, then for all $\varepsilon > 0$, $B(x, \varepsilon) \cap \bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} X_i \neq \emptyset$. Then we see that for all $\varepsilon > 0$, $\bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} B(x, \varepsilon) \cap X_i \neq \emptyset$ as intersection distributes over union. However this implies there exists an $k \in \mathbf{N}$ such that for all $\varepsilon > 0$, $B(x, \varepsilon) \cap X_k \neq \emptyset$ and thus $x \in \overline{X_k}$ and so $x \in \bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} \overline{X_i}$. Thus $\overline{\bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} X_i} \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} \overline{X_i}$.

Next we show $\bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} \overline{X_i} \subseteq \overline{\bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} X_i}$.

Let $x \in \bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} \overline{X_i}$ be arbitrary, then there exists $k \in \mathbf{N}$ such that $x \in \overline{X_k}$. Then by definition we see that for all $\varepsilon > 0$, $B(x, \varepsilon) \cap X_k \neq \emptyset$. However this implies that for all $\varepsilon > 0$, $B(x, \varepsilon) \cap \bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} X_i \neq \emptyset$. However this implies $x \in \overline{\bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} X_i}$. Thus $\bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} \overline{X_i} \subseteq \overline{\bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} X_i}$.

By double subset inclusion we conclude that $\overline{\bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} X_i} = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} \overline{X_i}$. □

Claim 2. Let (X, d) be a metric space and let $\Omega \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ be a collection of subsets of X . Then we have $\bigcup_{X' \in \Omega} \overline{X'} \subseteq \overline{\bigcup_{X' \in \Omega} X'}$.

The difference between this claim and the result from the previous claim is that the previous claim only holds for finitely many sets. However this claim holds for an arbitrary amount of sets.

Proof. Let $x \in \bigcup_{X' \in \Omega} \overline{X'}$ be arbitrary, then there exists $X' \in \Omega$ such that $x \in \overline{X'}$. Then by definition we see that for all $\varepsilon > 0$, $B(x, \varepsilon) \cap X' \neq \emptyset$. However this implies that for all $\varepsilon > 0$, $B(x, \varepsilon) \cap \bigcup_{X' \in \Omega} X' \neq \emptyset$. However this implies $x \in \overline{\bigcup_{X' \in \Omega} X'}$. Thus $\bigcup_{X' \in \Omega} \overline{X'} \subseteq \overline{\bigcup_{X' \in \Omega} X'}$. \square

Claim 3. Let (X, d) be a metric space, then for $X_i \subseteq X$ for $i \in \mathbf{N}$ we do **NOT** have $\overline{\bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} X_i} \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} \overline{X_i}$.

Proof. Consider the following counter example:

Let $(X, d) = (\mathbf{R}, |\cdot|)$ and define $X_i = [0, 1 - \frac{1}{i}]$. Now we see that $\overline{X_i} = [0, 1 - \frac{1}{i}]$ and thus

$$\bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} \overline{X_i} = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} X_i = [0, 1)$$

However then one sees that

$$\overline{\bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} X_i} = \overline{[0, 1)} = [0, 1]$$

One trivially verifies $[0, 1] \not\subseteq [0, 1)$. \square

2.2.3 Exercise 3.12.

Solvers: Ethan, Jaohar, Ali.

Writeup: Ali.

Lemma: \mathbf{Q}^n is dense in \mathbf{R}^n (with respect to $\|\cdot\|_2$), for any $n \in \mathbf{Z}^+$.

Proof. Let $n \in \mathbf{Z}^+$ be arbitrary. To show that \mathbf{Q}^n is dense in \mathbf{R}^n , it is sufficient to show that $\forall \vec{x} \in \mathbf{R}^n, \forall \epsilon > 0, B(x, \epsilon) \cap \mathbf{Q}^n \neq \emptyset$. Let $\vec{x} \in \mathbf{R}^n$ be arbitrary

We can express \vec{x} as an n -tuple (x_1, \dots, x_n) . For every $i \in \mathbf{N}$ with $1 \leq i \leq n$, let $q_i \in (x_i - \epsilon/\sqrt{n}, x_i + \epsilon/\sqrt{n}) \cap \mathbf{Q}$ be arbitrary, by the density of \mathbf{Q} in \mathbf{R} . Let $\vec{q} = (q_1, \dots, q_n)$. $\vec{q} \in \mathbf{Q}^n$. Then $\|\vec{q} - \vec{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (q_i - x_i)^2} < \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\epsilon^2}{n}} = \sqrt{n \cdot \frac{\epsilon^2}{n}} = \epsilon$. Therefore $\vec{q} \in B(x, \epsilon) \cap \mathbf{Q}^n$, as needed.

\mathbf{Q}^n is dense in \mathbf{R}^n (with respect to $\|\cdot\|_2$) \square

Let $x \in \mathbf{R}^d$. Prove that there exists a sequence (q_n) of points in \mathbf{Q}^d such that $q_n \rightarrow x$ (with respect to $\|\cdot\|_2$).

Proof. Let $x \in \mathbf{R}^d$ be arbitrary. By the lemma, we know that $B(x, 1/n) \cap \mathbf{Q}^d$ is non empty, for any point $x \in \mathbf{R}^d$ and any positive real number n . Define q_n as any arbitrary element in the non-empty set $B(x, 1/n) \cap \mathbf{Q}^d$.

Now, we show that (q_n) converges to x .

Let $\epsilon > 0$ be arbitrary. Let $N \in \mathbf{N}$ be chosen such that $1/N < \epsilon$. Then $\forall n \geq N, q_n \in B(x, 1/n)$. Thus $\|q_n - x\|_2 < 1/n \leq 1/N < \epsilon$, as needed.

We have shown that $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbf{N}, \forall n \in \mathbf{N}, (n \geq N) \implies (\|q_n - x\|_2 < \epsilon)$. Therefore $q_n \rightarrow x$. \square

2.2.4 Exercise 4.24.

Solvers: Sanchit, Ethan

Writeup: Sanchit

Let X, Y be metric spaces and let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous function. If $A \subseteq X$ is compact, does it follow that $f(A)$ is also compact? If $B \subseteq Y$ is compact, does it follow that $f^{-1}(B)$ is also compact?

$f(A)$ is also compact.

Proof. Let $\{U_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ be an open cover of $f(A)$. We see as f is continuous we have that the preimage of an open set must be open and so the preimage of U_n must be open for each $n \in \mathbf{N}$. We then see that $\{f^{-1}(U_n)\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ forms a collection of open sets. Now as for each $x \in A$ we have $f(x) \in f(A) \subseteq \bigcup_{n \in \mathbf{N}} U_n$, we then have $f(x) \in U_k$ for some $k \in \mathbf{N}$ and so $x \in f^{-1}(U_k)$. We then have $A \subseteq \bigcup_{n \in \mathbf{N}} f^{-1}(U_n)$ and so $\{f^{-1}(U_n)\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ is an open cover of A . Now we have by the compactness of A that it permits a finite subcover $\{f^{-1}(U_n)\}_{n \in I}$ where $I \subseteq \mathbf{N}$ is a finite set. We then see that $f(A) \subseteq \bigcup_{n \in I} U_n$ and so $\{U_n\}_{n \in I}$ is a finite subcover of $f(A)$. \square

$f^{-1}(B)$ is not compact. Consider the following counter example.

Counter Example. Consider $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ defined by $f(x) = \sin(x)$

It is known that $[-1, 1]$ is compact and we have that $f^{-1}([-1, 1]) = \mathbf{R}$, however \mathbf{R} is not compact as it is unbounded in \mathbf{R} . \square

Unfortunately we see that even if we restrict f to being uniformly continuous the above counter example still holds.

Consider the follow up where we restrict X to be compact.

Proof. Let B be compact in Y , then we see that B is closed. Now as f is continuous we have $f^{-1}(B)$ is closed in X . Now by the theorem that a closed subset of a compact space is compact we have that $f^{-1}(B)$ is compact. \square

2.2.5 Exercise 6.28

Solvers: Sanchit, Ethan, Udo

Writeup: Sanchit

Show that if X is a finite set, then any two metrics on X are topologically equivalent.

Proof. Let d_1 and d_2 be two metrics on X . Now let U be an open set in (X, d_1) , we show it is open in (X, d_2) . We have that for all $x \in U$, there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $B_1(x, \varepsilon) \subseteq U$. Fix $k = \min\{d_2(x, y) \mid y \in X \setminus \{x\}\}$. We see that k exists by the finiteness of X , moreover it is non zero. Now we see that $B_2(x, k) = \{x\}$. We see that $\{x\}$ is open as $B_2(x, k) \subseteq \{x\}$ and so its only point x is an interior point. We see then that $B_2(x, k) \subseteq B_1(x, \varepsilon) \subseteq U$. Thus x is an interior point of U in (X, d_1) . Thus we see that if U is open in (X, d_1) then it is open in (X, d_2) . The proof for the reverse direction follows similarly. Thus we see that any two metrics on X are topologically equivalent. \square

3 Original Work

3.1 Theorem. Let (X, d) be a separable metric space. Then $A \subseteq X$ is separable with respect to the metric d .

Proof. Since X is separable, it is pre-totally bounded. We will show that a metric subspace A is separable by showing that it is pre-totally bounded.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Since X is pre-totally bounded, there exists a finite collection of open balls $\{B(x_i, \frac{\varepsilon}{2})\}_{i \leq n}$ that covers X . We define the desired collection of open balls in A with the following method:

If $B(x_i, \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$ contains some element $a_i \in A$, we add $B_A(a_i, \varepsilon)$ to the collection. Notice for $a \in B(x_i, \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) \cap A$,

$$d(a, a_i) \leq d(x, a) + d(x, a_i) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon,$$

which implies that $B(x_i, \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) \subseteq B_A(a_i, \varepsilon)$.

Continuing on, the number of open balls in this collection is at most the number of open balls in the original collection in X , so $\{B_A(a_i, \varepsilon)\}$ is finite.

It remains to show that the collection covers A . Let $a \in A$. Then $a \in B(x_i, \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$ for some i . It follows that $a \in B(x_i, \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) \cap A \subseteq B_A(a_i, \varepsilon)$. Thus A is covered by this collection, so A is pre-totally bounded.

Thus we can conclude that A is separable. □

3.2 Theorem. Let X, Y be metric spaces let and $f: C \rightarrow X$ be a continuous function. If $A \subseteq X$ is seperable, then $f(A)$ is seperable.

Proof. Define d_X and d_Y to be metrics on X and Y respectively. Suppose that A is seperable. We will show that $f(A)$ is seperable by equivalently showing that it is pre-totally bounded.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. By the continuity of f , for every $a \in A$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that for all $x \in A$, $d_X(x, a) < \delta \implies d_Y(f(x), f(a)) < \varepsilon$. Keep this value of δ .

Since A is seperable, A is pre-totally bounded. By definition, A is covered by a countable subcover $\{B_X(a_i, \delta)\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$.

Consider the countable collection $\{B_Y(f(a_i), \varepsilon)\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$. We will show that this collection covers $f(A)$. Let $y \in f(A)$. Then $y = f(x)$ for some $x \in A \subseteq \{B_X(a_i, \delta)\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$. This implies that x is in some open ball $B_X(a_k, \delta) \implies d_X(x, a_k) < \delta$. By the continuity of f , this implies that $d_Y(y, f(a_k)) = d_Y(f(x), f(a_k)) < \varepsilon \implies y \in B_Y(f(a_k), \varepsilon) \subseteq \{B_Y(f(a_i), \varepsilon)\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$.

We see that $f(A)$ is pre-totally bounded, which implies that $f(A)$ is seperable. □

3.3 Lemma. $\forall x \in X, r > 0, \overline{B}(0, 1) \simeq \overline{B}(x, r)$.

Proof. Let $x \in X, r > 0$. Define the homeomorphism $f: \overline{B}(0, 1) \rightarrow \overline{B}(x, r)$ by

$$f(y) = ry + x$$

First, we will show continuity. Let $p \in \overline{B}(0, 1)$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Let $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{|r|}$. Let $y \in \overline{B}(0, 1)$ such that $\|y - p\| < \delta$. Then

$$\|f(y) - f(p)\| = \|ry - rp\| = |r|\|y - p\| < \varepsilon$$

We can show that f is bijective by showing it has a left and right inverse.

Let $f^{-1}(z) = \frac{1}{r}(z - x)$. Notice that

$$f^{-1}(f(y)) = \frac{1}{r}(f(y) - x) = y$$

and

$$f(f^{-1}(z)) = rf^{-1}(z) - x = z$$

Thus f is bijective and its inverse is given by f^{-1} , which is continuous, which shows that f is a homeomorphism. □

3.4 Proposition. Let X be a normed vector space. Then $\overline{B}(0, 1)$ is compact if and only if X has a compact exhaustion.

Proof. Suppose that the closed unit ball is compact. Then we can construct the compact exhaustion $K_n = \overline{B}(\vec{0}, n)$. These sets are compact because compactness is preserved by the homeomorphism in the lemma. Notice that $(K_n)^\circ \subseteq K_{n+1}$, as

$$x \in (K_n)^\circ \implies \|x\| < n \leq n+1 \implies x \in K_{n+1}$$

Trivially, $\bigcup_{i=1}^\infty K_i \subseteq X$. Now, let $x \in X$. Then there exists $j \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\|x\| \leq j \implies x \in K_j \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^\infty K_i$. Thus $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^\infty K_i$, so X has a compact exhaustion.

Conversely, assume that X has a compact exhaustion $(K_n)_{n \geq 1}$. Take the first non-empty set K_j . Since $K_j \subseteq (K_{j+1})^\circ$, then for $v \in K_j$, there exists an open ball such that $B(v, \varepsilon) \subseteq (K_{j+1})^\circ$. It follows that $\overline{B}(v, \varepsilon) \subseteq K_{j+1}$. By the lemma, it follows that $\overline{B}(v, \varepsilon) \simeq \overline{B}(0, 1)$, which implies that $\overline{B}(0, 1)$ is compact. \square

3.5 Corollary. *Let X be a normed vector space. Then X has a compact exhaustion if and only if X is finite dimensional.*

3.6 Definition. Let $p > 0$. For $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the **p-norm** of x is defined by

$$\|x\|_p = \sqrt[p]{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p}$$

3.7 Proposition. *Equip \mathbb{R}^n with any norm $\|\cdot\|_a$. Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function given by $f(x) = \|x\|$, for any norm $\|\cdot\|$ on \mathbb{R}^n . Then f is not differentiable at $x = 0$.*

Proof. Suppose for contradiction that f is differentiable at $x = 0$. Then it has a linear approximation at 0. That is, for some $L \in B(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R})$,

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h) - f(0) - L(h)}{\|h\|_a} = 0 \implies \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|h\| - L(h)}{\|h\|_a} = 0$$

Since norms are equivalent in \mathbb{R}^n , there exists an $N > 0$ such that

$$N\|h\|_a \leq \|h\|, \text{ for all } h \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Using the limit definition, for $h \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $\|h\|$ is smaller than some δ ,

$$|\|h\| - L(h)| < N\|h\|_a$$

We can also take the negative of this h and use the linearity of L to see that

$$|\|h\| + L(h)| < N\|h\|_a$$

We see that for all h , $\|h\| < \delta$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|h\| &= \frac{1}{2} \|(h + L(h)) + (h - L(h))\| \leq \frac{1}{2} (\|h + L(h)\| + \|h - L(h)\|) < \frac{1}{2} (N\|h\|_a + N\|h\|_a) \\ &\implies \|h\| < N\|h\|_a \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. \square

3.8 Definition. A **monomial** in n variables is a function $m : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of the form $m(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_1^{i_1} \cdots x_n^{i_n}$, where $i_1, \dots, i_n \geq 0$. The degree of a monomial is $\deg(m) = i_1 + \cdots + i_n$. A **polynomial** is a linear combination of monomials, and its degree is defined to be the degree of the monomial with the highest degree.

3.9 Lemma. *Let $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a monomial in n variables. For each $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, there exists $k_i \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\frac{\partial^{k_i} g}{\partial x_i^{k_i}} = 0$.*

Proof. Fix $p = (p_1, \dots, p_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Let $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. Define a $g_i : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$g_i(x) = g(p_1, \dots, p_{i-1}, x, \dots, p_n) = p_1^{d_1} \cdots p_{i-1}^{d_{i-1}} p_{i+1}^{d_{i+1}} \cdots p_n^{d_n} x^{d_i}.$$

This is a monomial in 1 variable of degree d_i . Thus $g_i^{(d_i+1)} = 0$.

Notice that

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i}(p) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(p + tx_i) - g(p)}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{g_i(p_i + t) - g_i(p_i)}{t} = g_i'(p_i)$$

We can observe that this pattern continues for all i th partial derivatives, so we can conclude that

$$\frac{\partial^{d_i+1} g}{\partial x_i^{d_i+1}}(p) = g_i^{(d_i+1)}(p_i) = 0$$

which was what we wanted. □

3.10 Proposition. *Exact equations.* Let $M, N : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be totally differentiable functions. Then there exists a twice differentiable function $F : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = M$ and $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = N$ if and only if $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$.

Proof. Suppose that such F does indeed exist and is C^2 . By Clairaut's theorem we have

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

Conversely, suppose that $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$. We define $\int f \, dx$ to be the antiderivative of $f(., y)$ with additional constant $C = 0$, and likewise for $\int f \, dy$. Since N, M are continuous, they are integrable with respect to both x and y . Furthermore, their antiderivative and partial derivatives are integrable because they are continuous. Let F be defined by

$$F(x, y) = \int M(x, y) \, dx + \int N(x, y) \, dy - \frac{1}{2} \left(\iint \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \, dy \, dx + \iint \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \, dx \, dy \right)$$

Taking the partial derivative with respect to x , with the application of Feynmann's technique we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(x, y) &= M(x, y) + \int \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}(x, y) \, dy - \frac{1}{2} \left(\int \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \, dy + \int \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}(x, y) \, dy \right) \\ &= M(x, y) + \int \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}(x, y) \, dy - \frac{1}{2} \left(\int \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \, dy + \int \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \, dy \right) \\ &= M(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

Since F is symmetric, taking the partial derivative with respect to y will similarly give us $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(x, y) = N(x, y)$, and the proof is complete. □

3.11 Corollary. Suppose we have a differential equation of the form

$$M(x, y) + N(x, y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

where $M, N : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are C^1 functions in terms of x and y , $N \neq 0$, and $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$. Then this differential equation has a solution.

Proof. By the proposition above, we have that there exists some C^2 function $F : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = M$ and $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = N \neq 0$. In particular, for some $x_0, y_0 \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \neq 0.$$

Let C be an arbitrary constant, and set $F(x, y) = C$. By the Implicit Function Theorem, we have that there exists an open set $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ containing x_0 and a function $\Psi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ so that

$$F(x, \Psi(x)) = C.$$

We claim that a solution to the differential equation is given by Ψ . We see that by taking the derivative of the equation above, we immediately get the original differential equation:

$$M(x, \Psi(x)) + N(x, \Psi(x))\Psi'(x) = 0.$$

□

It may seem tricky to find the Ψ function, but the work involved amounts to isolating y in the equation $F(x, y) = C$, which we will illustrate with the following example.

3.12 Example. Find the solution to the differential equation

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 2xe^x + 6x^2.$$

Let $M(x, y) = 2xe^x + 6x^2 - y$, $N(x, y) = -x$. We see that

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y}(x, y) = -1 = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}(x, y)$$

By the proposition above, we can find a function $F : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ so that

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(x, y) = M(x, y) \text{ and } \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(x, y) = N(x, y).$$

In particular, by following the explicit formula, we have

$$F(x, y) = 2xe^x - 2e^x + 2x^3 - xy.$$

Set $2xe^x - 2e^x + 2x^3 - xy = C$, for some constant $C \in \mathbb{R}$. We claim the solution to the differential equation is $y = 2e^x - \frac{2}{x}e^x + 2x^2 - \frac{C}{x}$. Indeed, we have that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2e^x + \frac{2}{x^2}e^x - \frac{2}{x}e^x + 4x + \frac{C}{x^2}$$

so

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = x \left(2e^x + \frac{2}{x^2}e^x - \frac{2}{x}e^x + 4x + \frac{C}{x^2} \right) + 2e^x - \frac{2}{x}e^x + 2x^2 - \frac{C}{x} = 2xe^x + 6x^2$$

as desired.

3.1 Precompactness

We know that compactness can play a big role in proving results, such as the existence of partitions of unity. Here, we look into a slightly weaker version of compactness and see what results can be proved with it.

3.13 Definition. A metric space X is *precompact* if any open cover permits a *countable* subcover.

While it is cumbersome to directly find examples of precompact metric spaces, we can show that precompactness is equivalent to certain metric space properties, and thus show that all metric spaces with those properties are also precompact.

3.14 Proposition. *A metric space is precompact if and only if it is separable.*

Proof. Let X be a metric space. Suppose that X is precompact. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $U_n = \{B(x_{ni}, \frac{1}{n})\}_{i \in I}$ be an open cover of X , and suppose without loss of generality that U_n is countable. It follows that $U = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n$ is countable as well. Let $C = \{x_{ni}\}_{i \in I}$ be the collection of all the open ball centers in U . This set is countable, so it only remains to show that C is dense in X . Let $x \in X$, $\varepsilon > 0$. Take n such that $\frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon$. Then x is contained in some open ball $B(x_i, \frac{1}{n})$. But this implies that $x_i \in B(x, \varepsilon)$, so C is dense. Thus X is separable.

Conversely, suppose that X is separable. Let $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$ be an open cover for X . □