

# Further Analysis

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# 1 Euclidean Spaces

For  $n \geq 1$ , the  $n$ -dimensional *Euclidean space* denoted by  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , is the set of ordered  $n$ -tuples  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  for  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$ . Recall that  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ , we can use the usual vector space operations, i.e. vector addition and scalar multiplication. Furthermore,  $\mathbb{R}^n$  forms a inner product space with the operation,

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i.$$

Thus, as a inner product space induces a normed vector space, we find a natural norm defined for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  by,

$$\| \cdot \| : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \mathbf{x} \mapsto \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}.$$

By manually checking, we find that this norm satisfy the norm axioms, i.e. it satisfy the *triangle inequality*, is *absolutely scalable*, and *positive definite* (In fact, we do not need the norm to be non-negative as it can deduced from the other axioms).

## 1.1 Preliminary Concepts in $\mathbb{R}^n$

Sequences in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  can be defined similarly to that of  $\mathbb{R}$ , and we carry over all notations in all suitable places.

**Definition 1.1** (Convergence in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ). We say a sequence  $(\mathbf{x}_i)_{i=1}^\infty \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  converges to  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  if and only if for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $i \geq N$ ,  $\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}\| < \epsilon$ .

**Proposition 1.** A sequence  $(\mathbf{x}_i)_{i=1}^\infty \in \mathbb{R}^n$  converges to  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  if and only if each component of  $\mathbf{x}_i$  converges to the corresponding component of  $\mathbf{x}$ .

In the first dimension, we've considered the topology of  $\mathbb{R}$  including the examination of open and closed sets. We extend this idea for higher dimensions. The most basic examples we have of an open set (or closed set for that matter) in  $\mathbb{R}$  are the open and closed intervals respectively. This is extended in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to be sets of the form

$$\prod_{i=1}^n (a_i, b_i) := \{\mathbf{x} \mid a_i < x_i < b_i, \forall 1 \leq i \leq n\},$$

and similarly for closed intervals. However, while this is nice to look at, it is not very useful. So for this reason, we again will extend the notion of open and closed sets for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Definition 1.2** (Open Ball). Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $r \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , we define the open ball of radius  $r$  about  $\mathbf{x}$  as the set

$$B_r(\mathbf{x}) := \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| < r\}$$

.

**Definition 1.3** (Open). A set  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  if and only if for all  $\mathbf{x} \in U$ , there is some  $r \in \mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $B_r(\mathbf{x}) \subseteq U$ .

**Definition 1.4** (Closed). A set  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is closed if and only if its complement is open.

Straight away from the definition, we can see that every open ball is open (see [here](#)). Furthermore, we find the union and intersection of two open sets is open. In fact, the union and any collection of open sets is also open, however, this is not necessarily true for closed sets.

**Definition 1.5** (Continuity at a Point). Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be an open set, and let  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ . We say  $f$  is continuous at  $p \in A$  if and only if for all  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $x \in A \cap B_\delta(p)$ ,  $\|f(x) - f(p)\| < \epsilon$ .

If the function  $f$  is continuous at every point of  $A$ , then we say  $f$  is continuous on  $A$ .

**Definition 1.6.** Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be open in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ . For  $p \in A$ , we say that the limit of  $f$  as  $\mathbf{x}$  tends to  $\mathbf{p}$  in  $A$  is equal to  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  if and only if for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $x \in A \cap B_\delta(p)$ ,  $x \neq p$ ,  $\|f(x) - \mathbf{q}\| < \epsilon$ .

This is the same notion we used for continuity in the first dimension to say that  $f$  is continuous at  $p$  if and only if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x) = q$ .

**Proposition 2.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a function. Then  $f$  is continuous if and only if for all open subsets  $U$  of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

*Proof.* See [here](#) for the proof. □

## 1.2 Derivative of Maps in Euclidean Spaces

Let  $\Omega$  be a open in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a “nice behaving map”. We poses the question on how we should define the notion of derivatives for this mapping at some point  $p \in \Omega$ . We recall that the derivative at a point  $p$  in the first dimension is defined to be

$$f'(p) = \lim_{x \rightarrow p} \frac{f(x) - f(p)}{x - p}.$$

While we see that this equation makes no sense if we simply generalise this equation to higher dimensions, we see the following result.

**Lemma 1.1.** Let  $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , then  $f$  is differentiable at some  $p \in S$  if and only if there exists some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow p} \left| \frac{f(x) - A_\lambda(x)}{x - p} \right| = 0,$$

where  $A_\lambda(x) = \lambda(x - p) + f(p)$ .

*Proof.* Follows from algebraic manipulation. □

With this, we can conclude that  $f(x) - A_\lambda(x)$  tends to zero faster than  $x - p$ . We will generalise this result to higher dimensions.

We may rewrite  $A_\lambda(x) = \lambda(x - p) + f(p) = \lambda x + (f(p) - \lambda p)$ , so, we see that  $\lambda$  is the translation of a linear map  $\lambda x$ , i.e.  $A_\lambda = (x \mapsto x + (f(p) - \lambda p)) \circ (x \mapsto \lambda x)$ . We can easily generalise such maps to higher dimensions and we call such maps *affine maps*.

**Definition 1.7** (Differentiable Functions in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ). Recall the definition of linear maps for general vector spaces which we will use in the context of Euclidean spaces. Let  $L(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^m)$  denote the set of linear maps from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be open, and  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a function. Then we say  $f$  is differentiable at some point  $p \in \Omega$  if and only if there exists some  $\Lambda \in L(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^m)$ , such that

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

If this is true, we write  $Df(p) = \Lambda$  and call  $\Lambda$  the derivative of  $f$  at  $p$ .

**Remark.** Some book refers to  $Df(p)$  as the total derivative of  $f$  at  $p$ .

It is often useful to express the derivative criterion as

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

**Proposition 3.** Let  $f_i : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable for all  $i$ , then the function,  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m : x \mapsto (f_i(x))_{i=1}^m$  is differentiable for all  $p \in (a, b)$ .

*Proof.* Let the Jacobian  $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_i)$  where  $\lambda_i$  is the derivative of  $f_i$  at  $p$ . Then I claim,  $Df(p) = \Lambda p$ .

Consider

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(p + h) - f(p) - \Lambda h\|}{\|h\|} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m |f_i(p + h) - f_i(p) - \lambda_i h|}}{\|h\|}.$$

However, for all  $i$ ,  $\|h\| \geq |h_i|$ , so

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m |f_i(p + h) - f_i(p) - \lambda_i h|}}{\|h\|} \leq \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^m \sqrt{\frac{|f_i(p + h) - f_i(p) - \lambda_i h|}{|h_i|}} = 0$$

□

A lot of results from the first dimension generalises easily to higher dimensions. Similar to that of the first dimension, the chain rule in general Euclidean spaces states,

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\Omega' \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$  be open sets with  $g : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega'$  be differentiable at  $p \in \Omega$  and  $f : \Omega' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^l$  be derivatives at  $g(p)$ . Then  $h = f \circ g$  is differentiable at  $p$  with derivative

$$Dh(p) = Df(g(p)) \circ Dg(p).$$

*Proof.* Similar to the proof of the Chain rule in the first dimension using algebraic manipulation. □

Omitted many examples here, check official lecture notes for these examples.

### 1.3 Directional Derivatives

Although the definition of derivative in dimension one and higher is similar, it is different in that we verify whether a linear map is the total derivative at a point instead of computing the limit of some equation. This is difficult as often times, it is not easy to guess what the derivative of a function is. Thus, it is useful to somehow identify candidate linear maps for the derivative.

Assume  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is open and  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a differentiable function at some  $p \in \Omega$ . Let  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be a unit vector. We would like to identify  $Df(p)[v] \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .

By the definition of derivatives in higher dimensions,

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

So, by letting  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(p+tv) - f(p) - \Lambda(tv)\|}{\|tv\|} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(p+tv) - f(p) - t\Lambda v\|}{|t|} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(p+tv) - f(p)\|}{|t|} - \Lambda v, \end{aligned}$$

So,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|f(p+tv) - f(p)\|/|t| = \Lambda v$ . Thus, by finding the limits of the above equation for each basis vector  $v \in B$ , we find the Jacobian  $[\Lambda]_B$ .

**Remark.** For notation, we denote the limit as  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|f(p+tv) - f(p)\|/|t|$  as  $\partial f / \partial v|_p$  and we call it the directional derivative of  $f$  in the direction of  $v$  at  $p$ . We will normally consider the directional derivatives in the direction of the standard basis and we call them the partial derivatives of  $f$  at  $p$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be open, and  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m : x \mapsto [f_i(x)]$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  is differentiable at some  $p \in \Omega$ . Then the Jacobian of  $f$  at  $p$  is  $[\partial f_i / \partial e_j|_p]_{i,j}$ .

*Proof.* We recall that the Jacobian is simply the matrix form of the linear map that is the derivative. So, for all  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we have  $Jv = Df(p)(v)$ . As,  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , it can be represented as a sum of the standard basis, that is there exists  $v_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $v = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i e_i$ , so,  $Df(p)(v) = Df(p)(\sum_{i=1}^n v_i e_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i Df(p)(e_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \partial f / \partial e_i|_p = [\sum_{i=1}^n v_i \partial f_j / \partial e_i|_p]_j = [\partial f_i / \partial e_j|_p]_{i,j} v$ . (We used the fact that  $[\partial f / \partial e_i]_j = \partial f_j / \partial e_i$ .)  $\square$

**Remark.** We note that the reverse is not true, that is the existence of partial derivatives does not imply differentiability. A counter example of this is  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : (x, y) \mapsto$  if  $x = y = 0$ , then 0, else,  $\frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is open, and  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function. Suppose that the partial derivatives of  $f$ ,  $D_i f(x)$  exists for all  $i = 1 \dots n$  exists at all  $x \in \Omega$ . Furthermore, if the map  $x \mapsto D_i f(x)$  is continuous for all  $i$  at some point  $p$ . Then  $f$  is differentiable at  $p$ .

## 1.4 Higher Derivatives

Similar to the first dimension, we would like to think about how to differentiate more than once.

Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be open, and  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be differentiable everywhere on  $\Omega$ . Then we may consider the map

$$Df : \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^m) : p \mapsto Df(p).$$

As there is a trivial isomorphism between  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^m)$  and the matrices of dimension  $m \times n$ , we can represent every linear map from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$  as an element of  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . Thus,  $Df$  can be represented as a map from  $\Omega$  to  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . So, we may ask if  $Df$  is continuous at some  $p$  and furthermore, we can ask if  $Df$  is differentiable at some  $p \in \Omega$ . If this is the case, we have the second derivative

$$DDf : \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}).$$

**Definition 1.8** (Second Derivative). Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be open and  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be differentiable everywhere on  $\Omega$  with derivative  $Df : \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^m)$ . Then the second derivative of  $f$  at some  $p \in \Omega$  is the linear map  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^{m \times n})$  such that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow p} \frac{\|Df(x) - Df(p) - \Lambda(x - p)\|}{\|x - p\|} = 0.$$

Thus, with this definition, we can easily extend the notion of derivatives any number of times to get the  $k$ -th derivative of a function. However, this is formally difficult and requires the notion of multilinear maps. Luckily, instead of working with this difficult definition whenever we would like to work with higher derivatives, we can instead look at whether the  $k$ -th derivative exists and whether or not it is continuous by theorem 3.

Now that we have established the notion of higher derivatives we would like to ask how higher partial derivatives interact. That is, when does  $D_i D_j f(p) = D_j D_i f(p)$ ?

**Theorem 4** (Schwartz' Theorem). Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be open and  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable at every  $p \in \Omega$ . Suppose that for some  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  the second partial derivatives  $D_i D_j f$  and  $D_j D_i f$  exists and is continuous for all  $p \in \Omega$ , then

$$D_i D_j f(p) = D_j D_i f(p)$$

for all  $p \in \Omega$ .

If  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we call the matrix of second partial derivatives of  $f$  at some point  $p$  the **Hessian** of  $f$  at  $p$  and we write  $\text{Hess } f(p) = [D_i D_j f(p)]_{i,j=1,\dots,n}$ . Given that the hypothesis of Schwartz's theorem holds, we find that  $[\text{Hess } f(p)]_{i,j} = [\text{Hess } f(p)]_{j,i}$  so the Hessian is symmetric.

## 1.5 Taylor's Theorem

We recall that the first derivative of a map  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  allows us to find an affine map at some point  $p \in \Omega$  such that the error decreases faster than that of  $\|x - p\|$ . The existence of higher derivatives allows us to obtain better estimates with error decreasing even faster.

Let us first introduce some notations. We define a multi-index  $\alpha$  an element of  $\mathbb{N}^n$  and we write  $|\alpha| = \sum \alpha_i$ . Furthermore, given some function  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , we write

$$D^\alpha f := (D_1)^{\alpha_1} \cdots (D_n)^{\alpha_n} f,$$

and given  $h \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we write

$$h^\alpha := h_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots h_n^{\alpha_n}.$$

Lastly, we write  $\alpha! := \alpha_1! \cdots \alpha_n!$ .

With that, we can state the Taylor's theorem.

**Theorem 5** (Taylor's Theorem). Suppose  $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f : B_r(p) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $k$ -times differentiable on  $B_r(p)$  for some  $r > 0$  and  $k \geq 1$ . Then for any  $h \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\|h\| < r$ , we have,

$$f(p+h) = \sum_{\substack{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n, \\ |\alpha| \leq k-1}} D^\alpha f(p) \frac{h^\alpha}{\alpha!} + R_k(p, h),$$

where there exists some  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $0 < \|x - p\| < \|h\|$  such that

$$R_k(p, h) = \sum_{\substack{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n \\ |\alpha| = k}} D^\alpha f(x) \frac{h^\alpha}{\alpha!}.$$

*Proof.* See one dimensional version from year one. (Essentially boils down to finding the Taylor expansion of the restriction of  $f$  on  $\{p + th \mid t \in \mathbb{R}\} \cap B_r(p)$  which is isomorphic to a open set in the real line.)  $\square$

## 1.6 Inverse and Implicit Function Theorem

The inverse and implicit function theorem are two important theorems and we shall look at them in this section.

From last year, we looked at the inverse function theorem in the first dimension. Let  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuously differentiable, and suppose there exists  $p \in (a, b)$  such that  $f'(p) \neq 0$ . Then there exists a neighbourhood  $I$  around  $p$  such that  $f|_I : I \rightarrow f(I)$  is bijective and thus has a inverse on  $I$ ,  $f^{-1}$  that is differentiable and

$$(f^{-1})'(y) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(y))}.$$

This theorem can be generalised into higher dimensions.

**Theorem 6** ( $C^1$  Inverse Function Theorem). Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be open and  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be continuously differentiable on  $\Omega$ , and there exists some  $q \in \Omega$  such that  $Df(q) \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^m)$  is invertible. Then, there exist open neighbourhoods around  $q$  and  $f(q)$ , namely  $U, V$  respectively, such that,

- $f : U \rightarrow V$  is a bijection;
- $f^{-1} : V \rightarrow U$  is continuously differentiable;

- for all  $v \in V$ ,  $Df^{-1}(v) = (Df(f^{-1}(v)))^{-1}$ .

**Lemma 1.2** (Contraction Mapping Theorem). Let  $X$  be a complete metric space and let  $\phi : X \rightarrow X$  be a contraction of  $X$ . Then there exists a unique  $x$  such that  $\phi(x) = x$ .

**Remark.** We shall examine exactly what this theorem states in the later sections on metric spaces and topology.

*Proof.* (Part 1 of the  $C^1$  Inverse Function Theorem). We denote  $\|A\| = \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|Ax\|$  within this proof. Suppose  $q \in \Omega$  and  $Df(q) = A$  is invertible, then let us define  $\epsilon := 1/\|Df(q)\|$ . As  $f$  is continuously differentiable, there exists some open neighbourhood of  $q - U$  such that for all  $x \in U$

$$\|Df(x) - A\| < \epsilon,$$

(simply choose  $U$  to have diameter smaller than 1). Now, for all  $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , we define

$$\phi_y(x) = x + A^{-1}(y - f(x)).$$

It is easy to see that  $\phi_y$  is differentiable with derivative  $D\phi_y(x) = I - A^{-1}Df(x) = A^{-1}(A - Df(x))$ , so  $\|D\phi_y(x)\| = \|A^{-1}\|( \|A - Df(x)\| ) < \|A^{-1}\|\epsilon = 1$ . By the mean value theorem,  $\|\phi_y(x_1) - \phi_y(x_2)\| \leq \|x_1 - x_2\|$ , that is  $\phi_y$  is a contraction on  $B$ , and hence has a unique fixed point. Now as  $f(x) = y$  if and only if  $x$  is a fixed point of  $\phi_y$ , we are done.  $\square$

It is in general not easy to find the inverse of a function in the higher dimensions, so the inverse function theorem can help us obtain some properties about the inverse that is otherwise difficult or unobtainable.

The inverse function theorem can be used to show existence and uniqueness of solutions of non-linear system of equations. Given  $f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = y_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , we can define  $F(\mathbf{x}) = (f_i(\mathbf{x}))^T$ . Then, by looking at some open neighbourhood containing  $\mathbf{y}$ , it might be possible to determine  $F^{-1}(\mathbf{y})$ .

Let  $\Omega, \Omega' \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be open. Then, we say  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega'$  is a  $C^1$ -diffeomorphism is

- $f : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega'$  is a bijection;
- $f : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega'$  is continuously differentiable;
- for all  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $Df(x)$  is invertible.

**Remark.** In fact, the set of all  $C^1$ -diffeomorphisms from some open  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  to itself forms a group under composition.

**Theorem 7** (Implicit Function Theorem – Simple ver.). Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  be open and  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuously differentiable, moreover, suppose there exists  $q = (a, b) \in \Omega$  such that  $f(a, b) = 0$  and  $D_2f(a, b) \neq 0$ . Then, there exists open  $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : A \rightarrow B$  such that  $a \in A$ ,  $b \in B$  and  $(x, y) \in A \times B$  satisfies  $f(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $y = g(x)$ . Furthermore,  $g$  is continuously differentiable.

*Proof.* Wlog. We assume  $D_2f(p) > 0$ , then as  $f$  is continuously differentiable,  $D_2f(p)$  is continuous and thus, there exists some open neighbourhoods around  $a$  and  $b - A, B =$



$(a - \delta_a, a + \delta_a), (b - \delta_b, b + \delta_b)$  respectively, such that for all  $u \in A \times B$ ,  $D_2f(u) > 0$  (this can be obtained by drawing the a square insider the open ball). Now, suppose we define

$$h : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : y \mapsto f(a, y).$$

As  $h'(y) = D_2f(a, y) > 0$ , we see that  $h$  is strictly increasing. Furthermore, as  $h(b) = f(a, b) = 0$ , we have  $h(b - \delta_b/2) < h(b) = 0$ , and similarly,  $h(b + \delta_b/2) > 0$ . Thus, there exists some  $\delta_a > \delta' > 0$  such that  $f(x, b - \delta_b/2) < 0$  and  $f(x, b + \delta_b/2) > 0$  for all  $x \in (a - \delta', a + \delta')$ . Now, by the intermediate value theorem, for all  $x \in (a - \delta', a + \delta')$  there exists (uniquely) some  $y_x \in (b - \delta_b/2, b + \delta_b/2)$  such that  $f(x, y_x) = 0$  (unique as  $D_2f(x, y) > 0$ ). Thus, we can define

$$g : (a - \delta', a + \delta') \rightarrow (b - \delta_b/2, b + \delta_b/2) : x \mapsto y_x.$$

We see straight away that  $g$  is continuously differentiable as  $f$  is. So we are done.  $\square$

There is a more general version of this theorem applying to arbitrary dimensions.

**Theorem 8** (Implicit Function Theorem). Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n, \Omega' \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$  be open, and  $f : \Omega \times \Omega' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be continuously differentiable on  $\Omega \times \Omega'$ . Suppose there exists  $p = (a, b) \in \Omega \times \Omega'$  such that  $f(p) = 0$  and  $D_{n+j}f^i(p)$  is invertible for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq m$ . Then there are  $A \subseteq \Omega, B \subseteq \Omega'$  with  $a \in A, b \in B$  such that there exists a map  $g : A \rightarrow B$  in which,  $f(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $y = g(x)$  for some  $x \in A$ . Furthermore,  $g$  is continuously differentiable.

## 2 Metric and Topological Spaces

### 2.1 Metric Spaces

**Definition 2.1** (Metric). Let  $X$  be some set. Then, a metric  $d$  on  $X$  is a function from  $X^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  such that,

- for all  $x, y \in X$ ,  $d(x, y) \geq 0$  and  $d(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ ;
- for all  $x, y \in X$ ,  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ ;
- for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,  $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$ .

We call the ordered pair  $(X, d)$  where  $d$  is a metric on  $X$ , a metric space. In general, for short hand, we simply refer to the metric space  $(X, d)$  as  $X$ .

**Definition 2.2** (Subspace). Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Then, for all  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $(Y, d|_Y)$  forms a metric space where

$$d|_Y: Y \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : (x, y) \mapsto d(x, y).$$

We call this metric space a metric subspace of  $(X, d)$ .

Up to now, we have seen examples of metric spaces in terms of normed vector spaces. It is not difficult to see that all normed vector spaces induces a metric space (where  $d(u, v) := \|u - v\|$ ) while the reverse is in general not true. We shall formally define the notion of norm here.

**Definition 2.3** (Norm). Let  $V$  be some vector space over a field  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then a function  $\|\cdot\| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a norm on  $V$  if

- for all  $v \in V$ ,  $\|v\| \geq 0$  and  $\|v\| = 0$  if and only if  $v = 0$ ;
- for all  $v \in V$ , and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\|\lambda v\| = |\lambda| \|v\|$ ;
- for all  $u, v \in V$ ,  $\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$ .

We see that this definition can be extending to vector spaces over arbitrary fields if and only if there is a notion of absolute value on that field.

Similar to metric spaces, we call the ordered pair  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  where  $\|\cdot\|$  is a norm on  $V$  a normed vector space.

**Definition 2.4** ( $n$ -Norm). Given  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the  $n$ -norm  $\|\cdot\|_n$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is the norm such that for all  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\|v\|_n = (\sum v_i^n)^{\frac{1}{n}}$ . We also define the  $\infty$ -norm as  $\|v\|_\infty = \max\{|v_i|\}$ .

As one might expect,  $d_n$  is the metric induced by the  $n$ -norm and similarly,  $d_\infty$  is the metric induced by the  $\infty$ -norm.

**Definition 2.5** (Open Ball). Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and suppose  $x \in X$ . Then a ball of radius  $\epsilon > 0$  at  $x$  is the set  $B_\epsilon(x) = \{y \in X \mid d(x, y) < \epsilon\}$ .

This is also called the  $\epsilon$ -ball about  $x$  or the  $\epsilon$ -neighbourhood of  $x$ .

**Definition 2.6** (Open). Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and let  $U \subseteq X$ . We say that  $U$  is open on  $(X, d)$  if and only if for all  $u \in U$ , there exists some  $\delta > 0$  such that  $B_\delta(u) \subseteq U$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** For all metric spaces  $(X, d)$ ,  $\emptyset$  and  $X$  are open.

*Proof.* Follows from definition. □

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a collection of open sets, then  $\bigcup \mathcal{C}$  is open. On the other hand, if  $\mathcal{C}$  is finite, then  $\bigcap \mathcal{C}$  is also open.

*Proof.* Easy. □

**Definition 2.7** (Topologically Equivalent). Let  $d_1, d_2$  be two metrics on  $X$ . We call  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  topologically equivalent if and only if for all  $U \subset X$ ,  $U$  is open with respect to  $d_1$  if and only if it is open with respect to  $d_2$ .

With this definition, we see that the family of  $\{d_n \mid n \in \bar{\mathbb{N}}\}$  is all topologically equivalent to one another.

There is another notion of equivalence for metrics called the Lipschitz equivalence.

**Definition 2.8** (Lipschitz Equivalence). Let  $d_1, d_2$  be two metrics on  $X$ . We call  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  Lipschitz equivalent if and only if there exists  $M_0, M_1 \in \mathbb{R}^+$  such that for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$M_0 d_1(x, y) \leq d_2(x, y) \leq M_1 d_1(x, y).$$

It is not difficult to see that Lipschitz equivalence is a stronger notion of equivalence since if two metrics are Lipschitz equivalent then they are topologically equivalent. This can be proved by choosing  $\delta' = M_0 \delta$ .

Sometimes, it is also useful to induce a new metric using an existing one by pushing it over some function. It turns out, this is possible over continuous and injective functions.

**Theorem 9.** Let  $(X, d_X)$  be a metric space and let  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  be continuous and injective. Then

$$d_Y : Y \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : (y_1, y_2) \mapsto d_X(f(y_1), f(y_2))$$

is a metric on  $Y$ .

*Proof.*  $d_Y$  is trivially non-negative and symmetric so let us consider whenever  $d_Y = 0$ . Let  $y_1, y_2 \in Y$  such that  $d_Y(y_1, y_2) = 0$ , then by definition,  $f(y_1) = f(y_2)$ , and so, as  $f$  is injective,  $y_1 = y_2$ .

Thus, it suffices to prove the triangle inequality for  $d_Y$ . let  $y_1, y_2, y_3 \in Y$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} d_Y(y_1, y_2) &= d_X(f(y_1), f(y_2)) \\ &\leq d_X(f(y_1), f(y_3)) + d_X(f(y_3), f(y_2)) \\ &= d_Y(y_1, y_3) + d_Y(y_3, y_2). \end{aligned}$$

□

## 2.2 Basic Notions in Metric Spaces

In this section, we will establish some basic notions regarding metric spaces.

**Definition 2.9** (Convergence). Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and suppose  $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence in  $X$ . Then, we say  $x_n$  converges to some  $x \in X$  if and only if for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \geq N$ ,  $d(x, x_n) < \epsilon$ .

As this definition of convergence is essentially the same as the one we looked at last year, it follows some similar properties.

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and suppose  $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence in  $X$ . Then, if  $x_n$  converges in  $X$ , its limit is unique.

*Proof.* Suppose  $x_n \rightarrow a$  and  $x_n \rightarrow b$  for some  $a, b \in X$ . Then for all  $\epsilon$ , there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \geq N$ ,  $d(x_n, a), d(x_n, b) < \epsilon/2$  and thus, by triangle inequality,  $d(a, b) < \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 = \epsilon$ . As  $\epsilon$  is an arbitrary positive number,  $d(a, b) = 0$  and so  $a = b$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.10** (Closed Set). Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $U \subseteq X$ . Then we say  $U$  is closed in  $X$  if and only if for any convergent sequence  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  in  $U$  converges in  $U$ .

We see that this is the same definition we had for closed sets in  $\mathbb{R}$  and similarly to what we had found last year, a set is closed if and only if its complement is open.

**Proposition 4.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and let  $U \subseteq X$ . Then  $U$  is closed in  $X$  if and only if  $U^c$  is open.

*Proof.* ( $\implies$ ) We prove the contrapositive. Suppose  $U^c$  is not open, then there exists  $x \in U^c$  such that for all  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $B_{\epsilon}(x) \not\subseteq U^c$ . So, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $B_{1/n}(x) \cap U \neq \emptyset$ . So, by defining the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  such that  $x_n \in B_{1/n}(x) \cap U$  we have a sequence in  $U$ . Now, we see that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as for all  $\epsilon$ , we can choose  $N \geq 1/\epsilon$  so, for all  $n \geq N$ ,  $x_n \in B_{1/n}(x) \subseteq B_{1/N}(x) \subseteq B_{\epsilon}(x)$ . But  $x \notin U$  and thus,  $U$  is not closed.

( $\impliedby$ ) The reverse is by similar argument. Suppose there exists a sequence  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  in  $U$  such that  $x_n$  converges to  $x \in U^c$ . Then, if  $U^c$  is open, there exists some  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $B_{\epsilon}(x) \subseteq U^c$ . But now as  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \geq N$ ,  $x_n \in B_{\epsilon}(x)$  implying  $B_{\epsilon}(x) \not\subseteq U^c$  since  $x_n \notin U^c$   $\#$   $\square$

We might sometimes find the above condition as the definition of closed sets instead, that is, a set is closed if and only if its complement is open. However, this does not matter by the above proposition. The question of which definition to use is rather pedagogical since the definition we presented resembles more of that we had defined for Euclidean spaces while the latter definition resembles the topological definition which we shall examine later.

**Definition 2.11** (Interior, Isolated, Limit and Boundary Point). Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $V \subseteq X$ . Then

- a point  $x \in V$  is an interior point (or inner point) of  $V$  if and only if there exists some  $\delta > 0$  such that  $B_{\delta} \subseteq V$ ;

- $x \in V$  is an isolated point of  $V$  if and only if there exists some  $\delta > 0$  such that  $B_\delta(x) \cap V = \{x\}$ ;
- $x \in X$  is a limit point (or accumulation point) of  $V$  if and only if for all  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $(B_\epsilon \cap V) \setminus \{x\} \neq \emptyset$ ;
- $x \in X$  is a boundary point of  $V$  if and only if for all  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $B_\epsilon(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and  $B_\epsilon(x) \cap V^c \neq \emptyset$ .

Straight away, we see that every element of an open set is an interior point while having no boundary points.

**Definition 2.12.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $V \subseteq X$ . Then,

- the interior of  $V$ ,  $V^\circ$  is the set of all interior points of  $V$ ;
- the closure of  $V$ ,  $\bar{V}$  is the union of  $V$  and all limit points of  $V$ ;
- the boundary of  $V$ ,  $\partial V$  is the set of boundary points of  $V$ .

Again, the notion of the closure might be different in other literatures. We might see the closure of  $V$  as the intersection of all closed sets that are greater or equal to  $V$ , that is the smallest closed set containing  $V$ . We once again find these two definitions to be equivalent.

**Proposition 5.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $V \subseteq X$ . Then,

$$\bar{V} = \bigcap_{\substack{V \subseteq U \subseteq X \\ U \text{ closed}}} U.$$

*Proof.* It is obvious that the intersection of collections of closed sets is closed, so to prove this proposition, it suffices to show that  $\bar{V}$  is closed in  $X$  and for all closed  $V \subseteq U \subseteq X$ ,  $U$  contains the limit points of  $V$ .

Let  $x \in V$  be a limit point of  $V$ , then, for all  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $B_\epsilon(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . Thus, we can construct a sequence in  $V$  converging to  $x$  by the same method as proposition 4. Now, as  $V \subseteq U$ , this is also a sequence in  $U$ , to its limit  $x$ , is also in  $U$ .

Now, we show  $\bar{V}$  is closed. Suppose there exists some sequence  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , we need to show  $x \in \bar{V}$ . But, we see straight away  $x$  is a limit point of  $V$  since for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \geq N$ ,  $x_n \in B_\epsilon(x)$ , and as  $x_n \in V$ ,  $x_n \in B_\epsilon(x) \cap V$ , so the intersection is not empty and we are done!  $\square$

**Proposition 6.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $V \subseteq X$ . Then,

$$V^\circ = \bigcup_{\substack{U \subseteq V \\ U \text{ open}}} U.$$

*Proof.* Similarly, it suffices to show that  $V^\circ$  is open and for all  $U \subseteq V$ ,  $U$  is open  $\implies U \subseteq V^\circ$ .  $V^\circ$  is open as, for all  $v \in V^\circ$ , there exists some  $\delta > 0$  such that  $B_\delta(v) \subseteq V$ . Now, we see that for all  $v' \in B_\delta(v)$ , we define  $\delta' = \delta - d_X(v, v')$ , then, for all  $u \in B_{\delta'}(v')$ ,

$d_X(u, v) \leq d_X(u, v') + d_X(v', v) < \delta' + d_X(v', v) = \delta$ , so  $B_{\delta'}(v') \subseteq B_\delta(v) \subseteq V$ , that is  $v'$  is an interior point of  $V$ . So  $v' \in V^\circ$  and  $B_\delta(v) \subseteq V^\circ$ .

Now, let  $U \subseteq V$  be an open set. Then for all  $u \in U$ , there exists some  $\delta > 0$  such that  $B_\delta(u) \subseteq U \subseteq V$ , and so,  $u$  is an interior point of  $V$  and  $U \subseteq V^\circ$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 7.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $V \subseteq X$ . Then,  $\partial V = \bar{V} \setminus V^\circ$ .

*Proof.* Let  $v \in \partial V$ . If  $v \in V$  then it follows  $v \in \bar{V}$ . On the other hand, if  $v \in V^c$ , then  $v$  is a limit point of  $V$  as for all  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $B_\epsilon(x) \cap V = (B_\epsilon(x) \cap V) \setminus \{v\} \neq \emptyset$ . Thus, by excluded middle  $v \in \bar{V}$ . Now, if  $v \in V^\circ$  then there exists some  $\delta > 0$  such that  $B_\delta(v) \subseteq V$  implying  $B_\delta(v) \cap V^c = \emptyset$  contradicting  $v \in \partial V$ . Thus,  $\partial V \subseteq \bar{V} \setminus V^\circ$ .

Now, let  $v \in \bar{V} \setminus V^\circ$ . As  $v \in \bar{V}$ , for all  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $B_\epsilon(v) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , thus it suffices to show  $B_\epsilon(v) \cap V^c \neq \emptyset$ . Suppose  $B_\epsilon(v) \cap V^c = \emptyset$ , then  $B_\epsilon(v) \subseteq V$  implying  $v \in V^\circ$  #. So  $\bar{V} \setminus V^\circ \subseteq \partial V$ , and hence  $\partial V = \bar{V} \setminus V^\circ$ .  $\square$

## 2.3 Maps Between Metric Spaces

Just as how we can consider properties about functions of real numbers, we can define equivalent properties for function between metric spaces.

**Definition 2.13** (Continuity at a Point). Let  $(X, d_X), (Y, d_Y)$  be two metric spaces and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a map. Then, we say that  $f$  is continuous at some  $x \in X$  if and only if for all  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $f(B_\delta(x)) \subseteq B_\epsilon(f(x))$ .

**Definition 2.14** (Uniformly Continuous). Let  $(X, d_X), (Y, d_Y)$  be two metric spaces and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a map. Then, we say that  $f$  is uniformly continuous if and only if for all  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $x \in X$ ,  $f(B_\delta(x)) \subseteq B_\epsilon(f(x))$ .

This is essentially the same idea as the definition of continuity in Euclidean spaces. While, it makes sense to define it this way, we shall encounter a different notion of continuity later in this course – continuity on topological spaces. While we shall not talk about it too much here, it turns out that these notions of continuity is consistent on metric spaces, that is, a function is continuous on some metric spaces if and only if it is continuous on their induced topologies.

**Proposition 8.** Let  $(X, d_X), (Y, d_Y)$  be two metric spaces and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a map. Then  $f$  is continuous on  $X$  if and only if  $f^{-1}(U)$  is open in  $X$  for all open  $U \subset Y$

*Proof.* ( $\implies$ ) Suppose  $f$  is continuous, then, for all  $v \in f^{-1}(U)$ , where  $U$  is open in  $Y$ , we have  $f(v) \in U$ . So, as  $U$  is open, there exists some  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $B_\epsilon(f(v)) \subseteq U$ . By continuity of  $f$ , there exists some  $\delta > 0$  such that  $f(B_\delta(v)) \subseteq B_\epsilon(f(v)) \subset U$  so,  $B_\delta(v) \subset f^{-1}(U)$ , and thus,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is open.

( $\impliedby$ ) Suppose now that  $f^{-1}(U)$  is open in  $X$  for all open  $U \subset Y$ , then for all  $x \in X$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$ , as  $B_\epsilon(f(x))$  is open,  $f^{-1}(B_\epsilon(f(x)))$  is also open. Now, as  $x \in f^{-1}(B_\epsilon(f(x)))$ , there exists some  $\delta > 0$  such that  $B_\delta(x) \subseteq f^{-1}(B_\epsilon(f(x)))$  and so,  $f(B_\delta(x)) \subseteq B_\epsilon(f(x))$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 9.** Let  $(X, d_X), (Y, d_Y), (Z, d_Z)$  be metric spaces and let  $f$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  be maps, then, if  $f, g$  are both continuous at some  $x \in X$ , then  $g \circ f$  is continuous at  $x$ .

*Proof.* Trivial. □

**Definition 2.15** (Homeomorphism). Let  $(X, d_X), (Y, d_Y)$  be two metric spaces and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a map. Then, we call  $f$  a homeomorphism between  $X$  and  $Y$  if and only if  $f$  is a bijection and both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are continuous. If such a homeomorphism exists between two metric spaces, then we call them homeomorphic.

A classic example of homeomorphisms between metric spaces is the homeomorphism between  $(-1, 1)$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  by scaling  $\tan$  (of course this is not the only homeomorphism between the two, we see that  $x \mapsto \log(1+x) - \log(1-x)$  is also a homeomorphism). With this, we can conclude that  $\mathbb{R}$  is homeomorphic to any open intervals. Furthermore, we find that  $(a_1, b_1]$  is homeomorphic to  $[a_2, b_2)$  by considering that  $(-1, 1] \cong [-1, 1)$  by  $x \mapsto -x$ .

**Definition 2.16** (Lipschitz Continuous). Let  $(X, d_X), (Y, d_Y)$  be two metric spaces and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a map. We call  $f$  Lipschitz continuous if and only if there exists some  $M > 0$  such that for all  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ ,

$$d_Y(f(x_1), f(x_2)) \leq M d_X(x_1, x_2).$$

**Definition 2.17** (bi-Lipschitz). Let  $(X, d_X), (Y, d_Y)$  be two metric spaces and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a map. We call  $f$  bi-Lipschitz if and only if there exists  $M_0, M_1 > 0$  such that for all  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ , we have

$$M_2 d_X(x_1, x_2) \leq d_Y(f(x_1), f(x_2)) \leq M_1 d_X(x_1, x_2).$$

We see that bi-Lipschitz is stronger than Lipschitz continuity which is in turn a stronger condition than uniform continuity by simply choosing  $\delta = \epsilon/2M$ .

**Definition 2.18** (Isometry). Let  $(X, d_X), (Y, d_Y)$  be two metric spaces and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a map. We call  $f$  an isometry if and only if for all  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ ,

$$d_Y(f(x_1), f(x_2)) = d_X(x_1, x_2).$$

## 2.4 Topological Spaces

We generalise metric spaces such that instead of defining the notion of openness through metrics, we bundle it with in the structure itself – namely topologies.

**Definition 2.19** (Topological Space). The ordered pair  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is call a topologically space if and only if  $\mathcal{T}$  is a collection of subsets of  $X$  such that,

- $X \in \mathcal{T}$ ;
- for all  $U, V \in \mathcal{T}$ ,  $U \cap V \in \mathcal{T}$ ;
- for all  $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathcal{T}$ ,  $\bigcup \mathcal{I} \in \mathcal{T}$ .

We call  $\mathcal{T}$  a topology on  $X$  and for all  $U \in \mathcal{T}$ , we say  $U$  is open.

In many literatures, topologies must also satisfy the condition that  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$ . We have omitted it here since the above conditions imply that  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$ .

**Proposition 10.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space. Then  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be the empty collection of subsets of  $X$ . Then, as for all  $U \in \mathcal{I}, U \in \mathcal{T}$  (as  $\mathcal{I}$  is empty), by definition  $\emptyset = \bigcup \mathcal{I} \in \mathcal{T}$ .  $\square$

We can construct topologies quite easily. In fact, all metrics  $d$  induces a topology with their notion of openness, i.e.  $\mathcal{T} := \{U \subseteq X \mid U \text{ is open w.r.t } d\}$ . With this definition, we have the topology induced by the discrete metric, resulting in the discrete topology where  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{P}(X)$ . Another trivial topology is the coarse topology where  $\mathcal{T} := \{\emptyset, X\}$ .

**Proposition 11.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space and  $U \subseteq X$ , then,  $U \in \mathcal{T}$  if and only if for all  $u \in U$ , there exists some open neighbourhood  $\mathcal{N}$  of  $u$ ,  $\mathcal{N} \subseteq U$ .

Again, by open neighbourhood of  $u$  we mean an open set containing  $u$ .

*Proof.* If  $U \in \mathcal{T}$  then we can simply choose  $\mathcal{N} = U$  and we are done so let us consider the backwards direction. Suppose for all  $u \in U$ , there exists an open neighbourhood of  $u$ ,  $\mathcal{N}_u \subseteq U$ . Then, by defining the collection of open sets,  $\mathcal{I} := \{\mathcal{N}_u \mid u \in U\}$ , we have  $U = \bigcup \mathcal{I} \in \mathcal{T}$ .  $\square$

We in general refers to the above property where there exists some open neighbourhood  $\mathcal{N}$  of  $u$  such that  $\mathcal{N} \subseteq U$  as  $U$  is *locally open* at  $u$ .

With a structure like this with clear correspondence with the metric spaces, we can straight away translate some definitions from metric spaces to topological spaces.

**Definition 2.20** (Subspace). Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space and suppose  $Y \subseteq X$ . Then the subspace  $(Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$  is a topological space where

$$\mathcal{T}_Y := \{Y \cap U \mid U \in \mathcal{T}\}.$$

**Definition 2.21** (Interior Point and Interior). Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space and suppose  $U \subseteq X$ . Then we call  $x \in U$  an interior point of  $U$  if and only if  $U$  is locally open at  $x$ . Furthermore, we define the interior of  $U$ , denoted  $U^\circ$  as the set of interior points of  $U$ .

Again, alike the metric spaces definition, we see that the interior of any set is open since, for all  $u \in U^\circ$ , there exists  $\mathcal{N}_u \subseteq U$ . Now as  $\mathcal{N}_u$  is open, for all  $n \in \mathcal{N}_u$ , there exists  $\mathcal{N}_n \subseteq \mathcal{N}_u \subseteq U$ , that is  $n$  is also an interior point of  $U$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{N}_u \subseteq U^\circ$  and hence,  $U^\circ$  is locally open everywhere and therefore, is open.

**Definition 2.22** (Closed Sets). Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space and suppose  $U \subseteq X$ . Then we say  $U$  is closed if and only if  $U^c$  is open.

We can deduce some properties about closed sets straight away.



**Proposition 12.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space. Then

- $\emptyset$  and  $X$  are both closed;
- the intersection of a collection of closed sets is also closed;
- the union of any finite number of closed sets is also closed.

*Proof.* Trivial. □

**Definition 2.23** (Limit Point and Closure). Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space and suppose  $U \subseteq X$ , then we call  $u \in U$  a limit point of  $U$  if and only if for all  $\mathcal{N} \in \mathcal{T}$  containing  $x$ ,  $U \cap \mathcal{N} \neq \emptyset$ . We denote the set of limit points of  $U$  by  $\bar{U}$  and we call it the closure of  $U$ .

Similarly, we see that the set of limit points is closed. This is because for all  $u \in \bar{U}^c$ ,  $u$  is not a limit point of  $U$ , so there exists some open neighbourhood of  $u$ ,  $\mathcal{N}$  such that  $U \cap \mathcal{N} = \emptyset$ . Now, as  $\mathcal{N}$  is open, it is locally open, so for all  $n \in \mathcal{N}$  there exists an open neighbourhood of  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{N}_n$  such that  $\mathcal{N}_n \subseteq \mathcal{N}$  and so  $U \cap \mathcal{N}_n = \emptyset$  implying  $n \in \bar{U}^c$  and hence,  $\mathcal{N} \subseteq \bar{U}^c$ , that is,  $\bar{U}^c$  is locally open, and hence, is open.

Furthermore, we see that the interior and the set of limit points of  $U$  are the largest open set contained by  $U$  and the smallest closed set containing  $U$  respectively. We will provide a proof of the former while the proof of the latter is similar.

**Proposition 13.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space and let  $U \subseteq X$ . Then

$$U^\circ = \bigcup \{V \in \mathcal{T} \mid V \subseteq U\},$$

and

$$\bar{U} = \bigcap \{V \subseteq X \mid U \subseteq V \wedge V^c \in \mathcal{T}\}.$$

*Proof.*  $U^\circ \subseteq \bigcup \{V \in \mathcal{T} \mid V \subseteq U\}$  trivially as  $U^\circ \in \mathcal{T}$  as shown previously.

Let  $v \in \bigcup \{V \in \mathcal{T} \mid V \subseteq U\}$ , then there exists some  $V \in \mathcal{T}$  such that  $v \in V$  and  $V \subseteq U$ , so  $U$  is locally open at  $v$ , and hence  $v \in U^\circ$ . Thus,  $U^\circ = \bigcup \{V \in \mathcal{T} \mid V \subseteq U\}$  as required. □

Lastly, we find the interior and closure operations to be monotonic.

**Proposition 14.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space and suppose  $U, V \subseteq X$ ,  $U \subseteq V$ . Then  $U^\circ \subseteq V^\circ$  and  $\bar{U} \subseteq \bar{V}$ .

*Proof.* See problem sheet 7. □

## 2.5 Convergence in Topological Spaces

Just as all the spaces we have studied thus far, there is also a notion of convergence in the topological spaces.

**Definition 2.24.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space and suppose  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is a sequence in  $X$ . Then we say that  $(x_n)$  converges in  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  if and only if there exists some  $x \in X$  such that for all  $U \in \mathcal{T}$ ,  $x \in U$ , there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that for all  $n \geq N$ ,  $x_n \in U$ .

Whenever this is true, we say that  $x_n$  converges to  $x$  and we write  $x_n \rightarrow x$ .

However, unlike the Euclidean and metric spaces, it is not necessarily true that every convergent sequence has a unique limit. This is easy to see by considering that, given the coarse topology on  $X, \mathcal{T}$ , every sequence is convergent to any point within  $X$ , thus a counterexample. Because of this, we propose the notion of *Hausdorff* which does imply the uniqueness of limits.

**Definition 2.25 (Hausdorff).** A topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is called Hausdorff if and only if for all  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$ , there exists  $U, V \in \mathcal{T}$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

We in general refer to a topological space that is Hausdorff as a Hausdorff space.

**Theorem 10.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a Hausdorff space and suppose  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is a convergent sequence in  $X$ . Then, if there exists  $x, y \in X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $x_n \rightarrow y$ , then  $x = y$ .

*Proof.* Suppose otherwise that  $x \neq y$ . Then, as  $X$  is Hausdorff, it separates  $x$  and  $y$ , so there exists  $U, V \in \mathcal{T}$ , such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$  such that  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . By the definition of convergence, there exists  $N_1, N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \geq N_1$ ,  $x_n \in U$  and for all  $n \geq N_2$ ,  $x_n \in V$ . But then  $x_{\max\{N_1, N_2\}} \in U \cap V = \emptyset$  #.

□

With the notion of convergence of sequence defined, we see that the notion of closeness on topological spaces is related to the definition of closeness on metric spaces.

**Proposition 15.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space and suppose  $U \subseteq X$ . Then  $U$  is closed if and only if for all  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  in  $U$ , if  $(x_n)$  converges then it converges in  $U$ .

*Proof.* Identical to the proof for metric spaces.

□

**Proposition 16.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a Hausdorff space and suppose  $x \in X$ . Then the singleton  $\{x\}$  is closed.

*Proof.* Consider for all  $y \in X \setminus \{x\}$ ,  $y \neq x$  and thus, by Hausdorff, there exists  $U, V \in \mathcal{T}$  such that  $x \in U, y \in V$ , and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ , and so,  $x \notin V$ , that is  $V \subseteq X \setminus \{x\}$ . Now, as  $V$  by definition is a open set containing  $y$  in  $X \setminus \{x\}$ ,  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is locally open everywhere, and hence  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is open and  $\{x\}$  is closed.

□

**Proposition 17.** The induced topology of any metric space is Hausdorff.

*Proof.* Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and let  $x, y$  be unique points of  $X$ . Then, by letting  $\epsilon = d(x, y)/2 > 0$ , we have  $B_\epsilon(x), B_\epsilon(y) \in \mathcal{T}_d$  containing  $x$  and  $y$  respectively that are disjoint. Hence,  $(X, \mathcal{T}_d)$  is Hausdorff.

□

## 2.6 Maps on Topological Spaces

As alluded towards during our discussion of continuous maps between metric spaces, there is a natural definition of continuity on topological spaces by considering the preimage of an open set.

**Definition 2.26** (Continuous on Topological Spaces). Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_X)$ ,  $(Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$  be topological spaces and suppose  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a mapping between the two. Then we say  $f$  is continuous on  $X$  if and only if for all  $U \in \mathcal{T}_Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(U) \in \mathcal{T}_X$ .

To prove that a map is continuous on some topology, it is often helpful to consider the preimage of closed sets instead. We will show that this is possible.

**Proposition 18.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_X)$ ,  $(Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$  be topological spaces and suppose  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a mapping between the two. Then,  $f$  is continuous if and only if the  $f$ -preimage of any closed sets is closed.

*Proof.* We note that  $f^{-1}(U)^c = f^{-1}(U^c)$  for all  $U \subseteq Y$  and the result follows.  $\square$

**Proposition 19.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_X)$ ,  $(Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$  and  $(Z, \mathcal{T}_Z)$  be topological spaces and suppose  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  are continuous. Then  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is also continuous.

*Proof.* Trivial.  $\square$

Again with all structures, we would like to consider a notion of equivalence.

**Definition 2.27** (Homeomorphism). Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_X)$ ,  $(Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$  be topological spaces and suppose  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a mapping between them. Then we call  $f$  a homeomorphism if and only if  $f$  is bijective and both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are continuous.

If such a homeomorphism exists between  $X$  and  $Y$  then we say  $X$  and  $Y$  are homeomorphic or topologically equivalent and we write  $X \cong Y$ .

**Definition 2.28** (Topological Property). Given a predicate  $P$  on the set of topological spaces (that is given a topological space  $X$ ,  $P(X)$  is either true or false), we say  $P$  is a topological property if and only if for all homeomorphic  $X, Y$ ,  $P(X) \rightarrow P(Y)$ .

Consider the set of all topological spaces. One can show that homeomorphisms gives us an equivalence relation on this set, and thus, the set of all topological spaces is partitioned into equivalence classes. In general, we would rather study theses classes instead of individual topological spaces themselves and this definition of what is means to be a topological property gives use the means to do exactly that. That is, we study topological properties on theses equivalence classes by simply examining the property on a single element of this class.

**Proposition 20.** Hausdorff is a topological property.

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_X), (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$  be topological spaces with homeomorphism  $f : X \cong Y$ . Suppose that  $X$  is Hausdorff, and let  $y_1, y_2 \in Y, y_1 \neq y_2$ . Then, as  $f$  is bijective, there exists  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ , such that  $f(x_1) = y_1$  and  $f(x_2) = y_2$ . Now, as  $X$  is Hausdorff, there exists  $U, V \in \mathcal{T}_X$  such that  $x_1 \in U, x_2 \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . So, as  $f$  is a homeomorphism,  $f^{-1}$  is continuous, and thus,  $(f^{-1})^{-1}(U), (f^{-1})^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{T}_Y$ . Now, as  $x_1 = f^{-1}(y_1) \in U$  and  $x_2 = f^{-1}(y_2) \in V$ , we have  $y_1 \in (f^{-1})^{-1}(U)$  and  $y_2 \in (f^{-1})^{-1}(V)$ . Furthermore, as  $U \cap V = \emptyset, (f^{-1})^{-1}(U) \cap (f^{-1})^{-1}(V) = \emptyset$ , and so  $Y$  is also Hausdorff.  $\square$

## 2.7 Connectedness

We would like to consider a notion of connectedness in both the metric and topological spaces. To motivate this, let us recall the intermediate value theorem for the real numbers.

**Proposition 21.** Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous and let  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(a) < r < f(b)$ . Then, there exists some  $c \in [a, b]$  such that  $f(c) = r$ .

We would like to generalise this function and as we will see, this is closely related to the notion of connectedness.

**Definition 2.29** (Connected Sets). Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space and let  $S \subseteq X$ . We say that  $S$  is disconnected if and only if there exists  $U, V \in \mathcal{T}$  such that  $S \subseteq U \sqcup V$  and  $S \cap U, S \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . We say  $S$  is connected if and only if it is not disconnected.

We can easily generalise this notion of connectedness to the entire topological space and furthermore, to metric spaces and its subsets. We say a topological space is disconnected if and only if it is disconnected in itself, and for metric spaces, we can simply apply the definition to the induced topology.

**Proposition 22.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space, then  $X$  is disconnected if and only if there exists some surjective continuous map  $f : X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ , where we equip  $\{0, 1\}$  with the discrete topology.

*Proof.* As  $\{0, 1\}$  is equipped with the discrete topology, both  $\{0\}$  and  $\{1\}$  are open, and thus,  $f^{-1}(\{0\}), f^{-1}(\{1\}) \in \mathcal{T}$ . Now, as  $f$  is surjective,  $f^{-1}(\{0\}) \sqcup f^{-1}(\{1\}) = X$  and furthermore, neither  $f^{-1}(\{0\})$  nor  $f^{-1}(\{1\})$  are empty, we have  $X$  is disconnected.

Now, suppose  $X$  is disconnected and  $U, V \in \mathcal{T}$  such that  $X = U \sqcup V$ , then we can easily construct the function

$$f = 0 \text{ if } x \in U, 1 \text{ otherwise.}$$

We see straight away that  $f$  is a continuous surjection so we are done!  $\square$

The above proposition can be rearranged into alternative forms that are useful for some situations. One can easily prove that the above condition holds whenever  $\{0, 1\}$  is considered as a set of  $\mathbb{R}$  equipped with the Euclidean metric. This results in the direct corollary that an interval in  $\mathbb{R}$  is connected.

**Corollary 2.1.** Let  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be an interval. Then  $I$  is connected.

*Proof.* Suppose otherwise, then there exists some continuous  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(I) = \{0, 1\}$ . Then there exists  $a, b \in I$  such that  $f(a) = 0$  and  $f(b) = 1$ . WLOG. let us assume that  $a < b$ , then by the intermediate value theorem, there exists some  $c \in [a, b]$  such that  $f(c) = 1/2$ . But, by definition  $1/2 \notin f(I)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 23.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_X), (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$  topological spaces and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous mapping. Then if  $X$  is connected, so is  $f(X)$  connected in  $Y$ .

*Proof.* Suppose otherwise, then there exists some continuous surjective  $g : f(X) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ . Thus, as  $f : X \rightarrow f(X)$  is obviously surjective, and as the composition of continuous surjective functions are continuous surjective, we have  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  is continuous surjective implying  $X$  is disconnected  $\#$ .  $\square$

From this, we can deduce that *connectedness* is a topological property as if  $f : X \cong Y$  is a homeomorphism, then  $f(X) = Y$  and  $f^{-1}(Y) = X$  implying one being connected implies the other is also connected.

Finally, let us generalise the intermediate value theorem for arbitrary topological spaces, and thus, also for metric and Euclidean spaces.

**Theorem 11.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a connected topological space and suppose  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous such that there exists  $a, b \in X$ ,  $f(a) < r < f(b)$  for some  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , then there exists some  $c \in X$  such that  $f(c) = r$ .

*Proof.* Suppose otherwise that for all  $x \in X$ ,  $f(x) \neq r$ , then let us consider the sets  $U := f^{-1}(-\infty, r)$  and  $V := f^{-1}(r, \infty)$ . We see straight away that  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  and  $U, V \in \mathcal{T}$  as  $f$  is continuous. Furthermore, for all  $x \in X$ ,  $f(x) \in (-\infty, r) \cup (r, \infty)$ , so  $X = U \cup V$ , and thus,  $X$  is disconnected  $\#$ .  $\square$

With that, we have provided an alternative proof of the intermediate value theorem as any closed intervals of  $\mathbb{R}$  is connected.

**Proposition 24.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space and let  $(A_n)_{n \in I}$  be a family of connected subsets of  $X$  indexed by some set  $I$  such that for all  $i, j \in I$ ,  $i \neq j$ ,  $A_i \cap A_j \neq \emptyset$ . Then,  $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$  is also connected.

*Proof.* Suppose otherwise, that  $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$  is disconnected, then there exists some  $U, V \in \mathcal{T}$  such that  $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i \subseteq U \cup V$ . Now, if there exists some  $i \in I$  such that  $A_i \not\subseteq U$  and  $A_i \not\subseteq V$ , we have  $A_i$  is disconnected, that is  $A_i \subseteq U$  or  $A_i \subseteq V$ . Thus,  $I = \{i \in I \mid A_i \subseteq U\} \cup \{i \in I \mid A_i \subseteq V\}$ , furthermore, as neither sets are empty since otherwise  $U \cap \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i = \emptyset$  or  $V \cap \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i = \emptyset$ , we have, there exists  $i, j \in I$ ,  $A_i \subseteq U$  and  $A_j \subseteq V$ . But, by assumption  $A_i \cap A_j \neq \emptyset$  and so  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .  $\square$

This fits well with our intuition that we can “glue” connected sets together (with some overlaps) such that the resulting set to also be connected. Another intuitive method of visualising connectedness is that a set is connected if we can draw a continuous line from any point within the set to any other points. This results in the definition of *path-connected* sets which is a stronger notion of connectedness then connected.

**Definition 2.30** (Path). Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space and let  $x_0, x_1 \in X$ . Then a path from  $x_0$  to  $x_1$  is a continuous function  $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow X$ , such that  $\gamma(0) = x_0$  and  $\gamma(1) = x_1$ .

**Definition 2.31** (Path-Connected). Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space. We call  $X$  path-connected if and only if for all  $x_0, x_1 \in X$ , there exists some path connecting  $x_0$  to  $x_1$ .

**Proposition 25.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space. Then, if  $X$  is path-connected, it is connected.

*Proof.* Suppose  $X$  is disconnected. Then there exists some continuous surjection  $f : X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  with respect to the discrete topology. Now, as  $f$  is surjective, there exists some  $x_0, x_1 \in X$  such that  $f(x_0) = 0$  and  $f(x_1) = 1$ . By path-connectedness of  $X$ , there exists some path  $\gamma$  from  $x_0$  to  $x_1$ . So, by letting  $I = \gamma[0, 1]$ , we have the continuous surjection  $f|_I \circ \gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  implying that the interval  $[0, 1]$  is disconnected  $\#$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 26.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_X), (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$  be two topological spaces, and suppose  $f : X \cong Y$  is a homeomorphism. Then,  $X$  is path-connected if and only if  $Y$  is path-connected, that is path-connectedness is a topological property.

*Proof.* Follows straight away by composing  $f$  and some appropriately chosen path.  $\square$

This notion of connectedness is useful and a nice corollary of the above is that  $\mathbb{R}^2 \not\cong \mathbb{R}$ . This is true since if they are homeomorphic, by say  $f$ , we have the restriction homeomorphism on the subspaces  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\} \cong \mathbb{R} \setminus \{f(0)\}$ . But, we can easily see that while  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$  is path-connected,  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{f(0)\}$  is not  $\#$ .

## 2.8 Compactness

**Definition 2.32** (Open Cover). Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space and suppose  $Y \subseteq X$ . Then, the collection of open sets  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$  is called an open cover of  $Y$  if and only if

$$Y \subseteq \bigcup_{U \in \mathcal{C}} U$$

and we write  $\bigcup \mathcal{C} = \bigcup_{U \in \mathcal{C}} U$  for shorthand. If there exists some  $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$  such that  $\mathcal{D}$  is also an open cover of  $Y$  then we call  $\mathcal{D}$  a subcover of  $\mathcal{C}$  for  $Y$ .

**Definition 2.33** (Compactness). Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space and suppose  $Y \subseteq X$ . Then we call  $Y$  compact if and only if every open cover of  $Y$  has a finite subcover.

As with other definitions for topological spaces, the notion of compactness extends naturally to the metric spaces.

**Proposition 27.** In  $(\mathbb{R}, d_1)$ , closed intervals in the form of  $[a, b]$  where  $a \leq b$  are compact.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an open cover of  $[a, b]$ , then we would need to show that  $\mathcal{C}$  has a finite open subcover. Suppose that we define,  $I := \{s \in [a, b] \mid \exists \text{ finite open subcover for } [a, s]\}$ , then, for all  $s \in I$  we have  $\mathcal{C}$  is an open cover of  $[a, s]$  as  $[a, s] \subseteq [a, b] \subseteq \bigcup \mathcal{C}$ . Trivially, we have  $I \neq \emptyset$  since  $a \in I$  as  $[a, a] = \{a\}$ , and so, as  $\mathcal{C}$  covers  $[a, b]$ , there exists  $U \in \mathcal{C}$  such that

$a \in U$  and so  $[a, a] \subseteq U$  implying  $\{U\}$  is a finite open subcover of  $\mathcal{C}$ , and furthermore,  $I$  is bounded above by  $b$  as  $I \subseteq [a, b]$ ; hence, by completeness, there exists  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $r = \sup I$ .

Now, it suffices to show that  $r \in I$  and  $b = r$ . First, we see that  $r > a$  since if  $a \in U \in \mathcal{C}$ , then there exists some  $\delta > 0$  such that  $[a, a + \delta] \subseteq U$  implying  $a + \delta \in I$ . Now, let  $U \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $r \in U$ , then, as  $U$  is open, there exists some  $\delta > 0$  such that  $(r - \delta, r + \delta) \cap [a, b] \subseteq U$ . Then, as  $r - \delta < r$ , by the definition of the supremum, there exists some  $p \in [r - \delta, r)$  such that  $p \in I$ . Now, as  $p \in I$ , there exists a finite open subcover  $\mathcal{D}$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  for  $[a, p]$  and so,  $\mathcal{D} \cup \{U\}$  is a finite open subcover of  $[a, r]$  and so,  $r \in I$ . However, by the same cover, if there exists  $p \in (r, b)$ , then,  $\mathcal{D} \cup \{U\}$  is also a finite open subcover of  $[a, p]$  and hence,  $p \in I$  contradicting the supremum condition. So  $(r, b) = \emptyset$  and hence  $r = b$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 28.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space and  $Y \subseteq X$ . If  $X$  is compact and  $Y$  is closed then  $Y$  is also compact.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an open cover for  $Y$ . Then  $\mathcal{C} \cup \{Y^c\}$  is an open cover for  $X$  as  $Y$  is closed and so  $Y^c$  is open and furthermore,  $X = Y \cup Y^c \subseteq \bigcup \mathcal{C} \cup Y$ . Now, as  $X$  is compact, there is a finite subcover  $\mathcal{D}$  of  $\mathcal{C} \cup \{Y^c\}$  for  $X$ . If  $Y^c \notin \mathcal{D}$ , then  $\mathcal{D}$  is simply a finite open subcover of  $\mathcal{C}$  for  $Y$ . On the other hand, if  $Y^c \in \mathcal{D}$ , I claim  $\mathcal{D} \setminus \{Y^c\}$  is a finite open subcover of  $\mathcal{C}$  for  $Y$ . This is because, as  $\mathcal{D}$  covers  $X$ , we have, for all  $y \in Y$ ,  $y \in \bigcup \mathcal{D} = \bigcup \mathcal{D} \setminus \{Y^c\} \cup \{Y^c\}$ , and since  $y \notin Y^c$ ,  $y \in \bigcup \mathcal{D} \setminus \{Y^c\}$ . So,  $Y$  is compact.  $\square$

**Proposition 29.** The product space of two compact (metric/topological) spaces is also compact.

*Proof.* See problem sheet.  $\square$

We will now look at compactness specifically with relation to metric spaces and we shall generalise the result from Heine-Borel last year to higher dimensional Euclidean spaces.

**Proposition 30.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and let  $Y \subseteq X$ . Then, if  $Y$  is compact then it is closed.

*Proof.* To show  $Y$  is closed, it suffices to show that  $X \setminus Y$  is open. Let  $x \in X \setminus Y$  and for all  $y \in Y$  let  $\delta(y) = \frac{1}{2}d(x, y) > 0$  and so,  $B_{\delta(y)}(x) \cap B_{\delta(y)}(y) = \emptyset$ . Now, as  $\mathcal{C} := \{B_{\delta(y)}(y) \mid y \in Y\}$  forms an open cover of  $Y$ , by compactness of  $Y$ , there exists a finite index set  $I$  such that  $\mathcal{D} := \{B_{\delta(y_i)}(y_i) \mid i \in I\}$  is a finite open subcover of  $\mathcal{C}$  for  $Y$ . Now, by choosing  $\delta := \min\{\delta(y_i) \mid i \in I\}$ , we have  $B_\delta(x) \subseteq X \setminus Y$  since if otherwise, there exists  $y \in Y \cap B_\delta(x) \subseteq \bigcup \mathcal{D} \cap B_\delta(x)$ , so there exists some  $i \in I$  such that  $y \in B_{\delta(y_i)}(y_i)$ . But, by construction  $\emptyset = B_{\delta(y_i)}(y_i) \cap B_{\delta(y_i)}(x) \supseteq B_{\delta(y_i)}(y_i) \cap B_\delta(x) \neq \emptyset$ .  $\square$

The above statement can be generalised such that compact subsets of any Hausdorff topological space is closed.

**Definition 2.34** (Bounded). Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and suppose  $Y \subseteq X$ . We say that  $Y$  is bounded in  $X$  if and only if there exists some  $M \in \mathbb{R}$ , such that for all  $x, y \in Y$ ,  $d(x, y) \leq M$ . Furthermore, if  $f : S \rightarrow X$  be some arbitrary function, then we say  $f$  is bounded if and only if  $f(S)$  is bounded.

**Lemma 2.4.** If  $(X, d)$  is a compact metric space, then  $X$  is bounded.

*Proof.* Wlog,  $X \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\mathcal{C} := \{B_1(x) \mid x \in X\}$ . Trivially,  $\mathcal{C}$  is an open cover of  $X$  and so, there exists a finite subcover of  $\mathcal{C}$  for  $X$ ,  $\mathcal{D} := \{B_1(x_i) \mid i \in I\}$ , where  $I$  is a finite index set. Since  $I$  is finite, let  $K := \max\{d(x_i, x_j) \mid (i, j) \in I^2\}$ ; then, for all  $x, y \in X$ , as  $\mathcal{D}$  covers  $X$ , there exists  $i, j \in I^2$  such that  $x \in B_1(x_i)$  and  $y \in B_1(x_j)$ , and so,

$$d(x, y) \leq d(x, x_i) + d(x_i, x_j) + d(x_j, y) < 1 + K + 1 = K + 2.$$

Hence,  $X$  is bounded by  $K + 2$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 12** (Heine-Borel). Consider the Euclidean metric space  $\mathbb{R}^n, d_2$ , and let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $X$  is compact if and only if  $X$  is bounded and closed.

*Proof.* Suppose  $X$  is compact, then, by the above lemma, we have  $X$  is bounded. Furthermore, by proposition 30, it is also closed, and so, we have proved the forward direction.

Suppose now that  $X$  is bounded and compact. Then, there exists some  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $X \subseteq [-N, N]^n$ . As we have previously shown,  $[-N, N] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is compact, and so, by proposition 29, so is  $[-N, N]^n$ . Now, by proposition 28, we have  $X$  is compact.  $\square$

With Heine-Borel, we have established an easy criterion to check whether or not a subset of an Euclidean space is compact. However, we would also like to examine arbitrary metric spaces, and so, we shall develop an equivalent notion of compactness that are useful in certain situations. However, while this notion can be generalised to topological spaces, it is not necessarily equivalent to compactness in topological spaces.

**Definition 2.35** (Sequential Compactness). Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Then, we say  $X$  is sequentially compact if and only if every sequence within  $X$  has a convergent subsequence.

Immediately, by recalling Bolzano-Weierstrass, we have any compact sets within an Euclidean space are sequentially compact. This is good new as we are looking for an equivalent notion of compactness. We will provide a formal proof of this now.

**Lemma 2.5.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1} \subseteq X$  be a sequence. Then,  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  has a subsequence which converges in  $X$  if and only if there exists  $x \in X$  such that for all  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $B_\epsilon(x) \cap \{x_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is not finite.

*Proof.* We see that if there exists a convergent subsequence of  $(x_n)$ , say  $x_{n_i} \rightarrow x \in X$ , we have for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $I \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that for all  $i \geq I$ ,  $x_{n_i} \in B_\epsilon(x)$  and so,  $\{x_{n_i} \mid i \geq I\} \subseteq B_\epsilon(x) \cap \{x_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  which is not finite.

Now suppose there exists  $x \in X$  such that for all  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $B_\epsilon(x) \cap \{x_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is not finite. Let us define the following subsequence. Let  $n_1 = 1$  and for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , choose the smallest  $n_i \in B_{\frac{1}{i}}(x)$  such that  $n_i > n_{i-1}$ . This  $n_i$  exists for all  $i$  since, if otherwise, then there exists some  $I \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $i \geq I$ ,  $x_{n_i} \notin B_{\frac{1}{i}}(x)$  and so,  $B_{\frac{1}{i}}(x) \cap \{x_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq \{x_{n_i} \mid i \leq I\}$  which is finite  $\#$ . Now, trivially  $x_{n_i} \rightarrow x$ , so, we have found a subsequence of  $(x_n)$  that converges in  $X$ .  $\square$



**Theorem 13.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Then, if  $X$  is compact, it is also sequentially compact.

*Proof.* let  $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence in  $X$ . Suppose that  $X$  is not sequentially compact, then by the above lemma, for all  $x$  in  $X$ , there exists some  $\delta_x > 0$  such that  $B_{\delta_x}(x) \cap \{a_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is finite. Now, by defining the open cover of  $X$ ,  $\mathcal{C} := \{B_{\delta_x}(x) \mid x \in X\}$ , by compactness, there exists some finite index set  $I$ , such that  $\mathcal{D} := \{B_{\delta_{x_i}}(x_i) \mid i \in I\}$  is a finite open subcover of  $\mathcal{C}$  for  $X$ . Since,  $\mathcal{D}$  is an open cover for  $X$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists some  $i \in I$  such that  $a_n \in B_{\delta_{x_i}}(x_i)$ , and so, the set  $\{B_{\delta_{x_i}}(x_i) \cap \{a_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \mid i \in I\}$  forms a finite partition of  $\{a_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . However, as  $\{a_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is not finite, a finite partition must contain a infinite block  $\#$ .  $\square$

As mentioned before, the reverse of the above theorem is also true.

**Theorem 14.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Then, if  $X$  is sequentially compact, it is also compact.

*Proof.* See problem sheet.  $\square$

Let us now take a look at the behaviour of continuous maps between compact sets.

**Proposition 31.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_X)$ ,  $(Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$  be topological spaces and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a continuous map. Then if  $Z \subseteq X$  is compact, so is  $f(Z)$ .

*Proof.* Given a open cover on  $f(Z)$ , by the continuity of  $f$ , we can pull back the cover onto  $Z$  resulting in a open cover on  $Z$ . Now, by compactness there exists a finite open subcover of this cover for  $Z$  so we simply have to choose the original sets corresponding to this finite subcover to receive the finite open subcover for  $f(Z)$ .  $\square$

With this proposition, we can conclude that compactness is also a topological property.

From last year, we recall that the property that a continuous map on a closed interval is uniformly continuous. Now, with Heine-Borel, we know that the closed interval is compact so we wonder whether the result is true for arbitrary metric spaces. This turns out to be the case and we shall prove that here.

**Proposition 32.** Every continuous map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  from a compact metric space to another metric space is uniformly continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $\epsilon > 0$ , then as  $f$  is continuous, for all  $x \in X$ , there exists some  $\delta_x$  such that for all  $y \in B_{\delta_x}(x)$ ,  $f(y) \in B_{\epsilon/2}(f(x))$ . Now, by defining the open cover of  $X$ ,  $\mathcal{C} := \{B_{\delta_x/2}(x) \mid x \in X\}$ , by compactness, there exists a finite index set  $I$ , such that  $\mathcal{D} := \{B_{\delta_{x_i}/2}(x_i) \mid i \in I\}$  is a finite open subcover of  $X$ . So, by defining  $\delta = \frac{1}{2} \min_{i \in I} \delta_i$ , we have for all  $x \in X$ ,  $y \in B_{\delta}(x)$ , as  $\mathcal{D}$  is an open cover of  $X$ , there exists some  $i \in I$  such that  $x \in B_{\delta_{x_i}/2}(x_i)$ , and so,  $d(x_i, y) \leq d(x_i, x) + d(x, y) < \delta_{x_i}/2 + \delta \leq \delta_{x_i}/2 + \delta_{x_i}/2 = \delta_{x_i}$  and so,  $d(f(y), f(x_i)) < \epsilon/2$  and so,  $d(f(y), f(x)) \leq d(f(y), f(x_i)) + d(f(x_i), f(x)) < \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 = \epsilon$  where  $d(f(x_i), f(x)) < \epsilon/2$  since  $d(x_i, x) < \delta_{x_i}$ .  $\square$

## 2.9 Completeness

We recall the completion of the rationals resulting in the real numbers and we would like to extend this to arbitrary metric spaces. However, we are unable to do this straight away since we lack the ordering that is present on the rationals. Instead, we look at the construction of the reals using Cauchy sequences and extend that notion of convergence to metric spaces.

**Definition 2.36** (Cauchy Sequence). Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and let  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $X$ . Then  $(x_n)$  is said to be a Cauchy sequence if and only if for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n, m \geq N$ ,  $d(x_n, x_m) < \epsilon$ .

**Definition 2.37** (Complete). A metric space  $(X, d)$  is called complete if and only if every Cauchy sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $X$  converges in  $X$ .

Equivalently, by the fact that every Cauchy sequence is convergent in  $X$  if it has a convergent subsequence (see problem sheet), a metric space is complete if and only if every Cauchy sequence has a convergent subsequence.

**Theorem 15.** If  $(X, d)$  is a compact metric space, then it is complete.

*Proof.* Since  $X$  is compact, it is sequentially compact, and so, if  $(x_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence of  $X$ , then  $(x_n)$  has a convergent subsequence. However, every Cauchy sequence that contains a convergent subsequence is convergent,  $(x_n)$  is convergent and so  $X$  is complete.  $\square$

**Proposition 33.** For all  $m \geq 1$ , the metric space  $(\mathbb{R}^m, d_2)$  is complete.

*Proof.* Let  $(x_n)$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . As Cauchy sequences are bounded, we have by Heine-Borel, some compact set  $U$  containing  $(x_n)$ . Then, as compactness implies sequential compactness  $(x_n)$  has a convergent subsequence, and hence  $(x_n)$  is convergent.  $\square$

Unlike all the previous properties we've examined before, while it is possible to extend the definition of completeness to topological spaces, the notion of completeness is not preserved over homeomorphisms and hence is not a topological property.

**Theorem 16.** Completeness is not a Topological Property.

*Proof.* To show this, we need find two metrics on some set that induces the same topology but one is complete while the other is not. We see that  $(0, 1)$  is not complete with respect to the Euclidean metric but  $\mathbb{R}$  is with  $\mathbb{R}$  being homeomorphic to  $(0, 1)$ . Thus, the main idea is to pull back the metric on  $\mathbb{R}$  on to  $(0, 1)$  over the homeomorphism.

By theorem 9, as  $\tan : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is injective we have a induced metric on  $(0, 1)$ ,  $d_{\tan}$ . I claim the topologies induced by  $(X, d_{\|\cdot\|})$  and  $(X, d_{\tan})$  are the same, that is for all  $U \subseteq (0, 1)$ ,  $U$  is open in  $d_{\|\cdot\|}$  if and only if it is open in  $d_{\tan}$ . But this is true as  $\tan$  and  $\arctan$  are both continuous, so we are done!  $\square$

**Definition 2.38** (Banach Space). A normed vector space  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach space if and only if the induced metric space is complete.

**Proposition 34.** The metric space  $(\mathcal{C}([a, b]), d_2)$  is not complete and equivalently,  $(\mathcal{C}([a, b]), \|\cdot\|_2)$  is not a Banach space.

*Proof.* Wlog. suppose  $a = -1$  and  $b = 1$ . Then, by defining  $\phi_n \in \mathcal{C}([a, b])$ , such that

$$\phi_n(t) = \begin{cases} -1, & -1 \leq t \leq -1/n, \\ nt, & -1/n < t < 1/n, \\ 1, & 1/n \leq t \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

We can show that  $\phi_n$  is Cauchy but is not convergent in  $\mathcal{C}([a, b])$ . □

On the other hand,  $(\mathcal{C}([a, b]), d_\infty)$  is complete since

$$d_\infty(f_n, f) = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} |f_n(x) - f(x)| \rightarrow 0,$$

if and only if  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly, and so, a sequence of functions is convergent with respect to  $d_\infty$  if and only if it is uniformly convergent, and hence, its limit is also continuous.

**Proposition 35.** The metric space  $(\mathcal{C}([a, b]), d_\infty)$  is complete.

*Proof.* Let  $(f_n) \subseteq \mathcal{C}([a, b])$  be a Cauchy sequence, then for all  $x \in [a, b]$ ,  $(f_n(x))$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$ , and so, is convergent. Now, by defining  $f$  such that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  pointwise, it suffices to show  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly. Since  $(f_n)$  is Cauchy, for all  $\epsilon$ , there exists  $N$  such that for all  $n, m \geq N$ ,

$$d_\infty(f_n, f_m) = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} |f_n(x) - f_m(x)| < \epsilon/2.$$

By taking  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\sup_{x \in [a, b]} |f_n(x) - f(x)| \leq \epsilon/2 < \epsilon,$$

and so,  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly and hence,  $(f_n)$  converges with respect to  $d_\infty$ . □

**Definition 2.39.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a collection of functions  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then,

- we say  $\mathcal{C}$  is uniformly bounded if there exists some  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  such that for all  $f \in \mathcal{C}$ , for all  $x \in [a, b]$ ,  $|f(x)| < M$ ;
- we say  $\mathcal{C}$  is uniformly equi-continuous, if for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists some  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $f \in \mathcal{C}$  and all  $x_1, x_2 \in [a, b]$  satisfying  $|x_1 - x_2| < \delta$ , we have  $|f(x_1) - f(x_2)| < \epsilon$ .

**Theorem 17** (Arzela-Ascoli). Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a collection of continuous functions  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . If  $\mathcal{C}$  is uniformly bounded and uniformly equi-continuous, then every sequence in  $\mathcal{C}$  has a subsequence which converges in  $(\mathcal{C}([a, b]), d_\infty)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(f_n)$  be a sequence in  $\mathcal{C}$  and let us consider the following three steps.

(Step 1) We show there exists a subsequence  $(f_{n_i})$  of  $(f_n)$  which converges pointwise on  $[a, b] \cap \mathbb{Q}$ . Since  $[a, b] \cap \mathbb{Q}$  is countable, we can write  $[a, b] \cap \mathbb{Q} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ . Then by denoting  $f_{0,i} = f_i$  for all  $i$ , we see that  $(f_{0,i}(x_1))$  is a bounded sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$ , and so, by

Bolzano-Weierstrass,  $(f_{0,i}(x_1))$  has a convergent subsequence, say  $(f_{1,i}(x_1))$ . Inductively, by repeating this process, we define  $(f_{j+1,i})$  to be the sequence of functions such that  $(f_{j+1,i}(x_{j+1}))$  is a convergent subsequence of  $(f_{j,i}(x_{j+1}))$ . Thus, by defining  $g_i = f_{i,i}$ , we have  $g_i$  is a subsequence of  $f_i$  that is convergent on  $[a, b] \cap \mathbb{Q}$ .

(Step 2) Now we show that  $(g_i)$  is Cauchy with respect to  $d_\infty$ . Since  $\mathcal{C}$  is equi-continuous, for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists some  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $x, y \in [a, b]$ ,  $|x - y| < \delta$ ,  $|g_i(x) - g_i(y)| < \epsilon/3$ , for all  $i$ . Furthermore, as  $[a, b]$  is closed and bounded, it is compact by Heine-Borel, and so, by considering the open cover of  $[a, b]$ ,  $\{(x - \delta, x + \delta) \mid [a, b] \cap \mathbb{Q}\}$  there exists rational numbers  $x_1, \dots, x_k \in [a, b]$  such that  $[a, b] \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^k (x_i - \delta, x_i + \delta)$ . Now, as  $g_i$  converges at the rational points in  $[a, b]$ , for each  $x_i$ , there exists some  $N_i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n, m \geq N_i$ ,  $|g_n(x_i) - g_m(x_i)| < \epsilon/3$ . So, by defining  $N := \max\{N_i \mid i = 1, \dots, k\}$ , we have, for all  $n, m \geq N$ , and for all  $x \in [a, b] \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^k (x_i - \delta, x_i + \delta)$ , there exists  $i$  such that  $x \in (x_i - \delta, x_i + \delta)$  and thus,

$$\begin{aligned} |g_n(x) - g_m(x)| &\leq |g_n(x) - g_n(x_i)| + |g_n(x_i) - g_m(x_i)| + |g_m(x_i) - g_m(x)| \\ &< \epsilon/3 + \epsilon/3 + \epsilon/3 = \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

(Step 3) With the proof that  $(g_i)$  is Cauchy, since we have previously proved that  $(\mathcal{C}([a, b]), d_\infty)$  is complete, we conclude that  $(g_i)$  is convergent in  $(\mathcal{C}([a, b]), d_\infty)$  and hence the result.  $\square$

Lastly, as promised much earlier, we shall take a look and prove the fixed point theorem and hence complete the inverse function.

**Definition 2.40** (Contracting Map). Let  $(X, d_X)$ ,  $(Y, d_Y)$  be metric spaces and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a map. Then, we say  $f$  is contracting if there exists some  $K \in (0, 1)$  such that for all  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ ,

$$d_Y(f(x_1), f(x_2)) \leq K d_X(x_1, x_2).$$

One can easily see that a contracting map is continuous and for a map  $f : X \rightarrow X$ , we call  $x \in X$  a fixed point of  $f$  if  $f(x) = x$ .

**Theorem 18** (Banach Fixed Point Theorem). Let  $(X, d)$  be a non-empty complete metric space and let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a contracting map. Then,  $f$  has a unique fixed point in  $X$ .

*Proof.* Uniqueness is trivial since if there exists two distinct fixed points of  $f$ ,  $x_1, x_2$ , then, as  $f$  is a contraction,  $K d(x_1, x_2) \geq d(f(x_1), f(x_2)) = d(x_1, x_2)$  # since  $K \in (0, 1)$ .

Now for existence, let  $x \in X$  and consider the sequence  $(f^n(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ . By induction, we see that  $d(f^n(x), f^{n+1}(x)) \leq K^n d(x, f(x))$  and so, by considering, for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , Wlog.  $m > n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(f^n(x), f^m(x)) &\leq \sum_{i=n}^{m-1} d(f^i(x), f^{i+1}(x)) \\ &\leq d(x, f(x)) \sum_{i=n}^{m-1} K^i = K^n d(x, f(x)) \sum_{i=0}^{m-n-1} K^i \\ &= K^n d(x, f(x)) \frac{1 - K^{m-n}}{1 - K} \leq \frac{K^n d(x, f(x))}{1 - K}, \end{aligned}$$

and so, we find that  $(f^n(x))$  is Cauchy, and hence, by completeness, it is convergent. Let  $x_0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(x)$ , then  $f(x_0) = x_0$  and hence  $x_0$  is a fixed point of  $f$ .  $\square$