

Real Analysis. Assignment 1. Due: Fri 3/3 13:00

Exercise 1. Direct calculation.

Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}^3$, where a consists of the 3 last digits of your student ID, b consists of the 3 last digits of your phone number, and c consists of the 3 last digits of your birthday (MMDD).

For 3 metrics $d = d_1, d_3, d_\infty$ on \mathbb{R}^3 , directly calculate $d(a, c)$, $d(a, b)$, and $d(b, c)$, and verify that triangle inequality $d(a, c) \leq d(a, b) + d(b, c)$ indeed holds.

Exercise 2. Check definition of “metric”

(a) Let l^∞ be the set of all bounded sequences of real numbers, and define $d_\infty((a_n), (b_n)) := \sup_n (|a_n - b_n|)$. Show that d_∞ is indeed a metric on l^∞ .

(b) Let l^1 be the set of all sequences (a_n) satisfying $\sum_{n=1}^\infty |a_n| < \infty$, i.e. (a_n) corresponds to an absolutely convergent series. Define $d_1((a_n), (b_n)) := \sum_{n=1}^\infty |a_n - b_n|$. Show that d_1 is indeed a metric on l^1 .

(c) Let $c_0 := \{(a_n) : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0\}$ be the set of all sequences converging to 0. Briefly explain why $l^1 \subset c_0 \subset l^\infty$. Bonus: use examples to show that $l^1 \neq c_0 \neq l^\infty$.

Exercise 3. Let (M, d) be a metric space. Define a new \tilde{d} by $\tilde{d}(x, y) := \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)}$. Check that \tilde{d} is also a metric on M .

Exercise 4. (a) Consider \mathbb{R}^2 with the Euclidean metric. Use $\varepsilon - N$ definition to directly show that $(1/n, 1/n^2) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

(b) Let \tilde{d} be as defined in Exercise 3. Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence converging to x in the metric space (M, d) . Show that in (M, \tilde{d}) , $\{x_n\}$ still converges to x .

Exercise 5. In a metric space (M, d) , let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence converging to x , and let $\{y_n\}$ converge to y . Show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, y_n) = d(x, y)$, using $\varepsilon - N$ definition and triangle inequality.

WARNING: the following “solution” is WRONG:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, y_n) = d\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n\right) = d(x, y)$$

because this assumed that d is a “continuous function”!