

A brief recap of Definition and Properties

1. Sets $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$, X -set, $\mathcal{P}(X) = \{A \mid A \subseteq X\}$ is the family of all subsets of X .

$A \subseteq X$, $C_A = X \setminus A$ - complement of A (wrt X)

$$C(C_A) = A$$

De Morgan's Laws: Let $(A_i)_{i \in I} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$

$$C\left(\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i\right) = \bigcap_{i \in I} C A_i; \quad C\left(\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i\right) = \bigcup_{i \in I} C A_i$$

X_1, \dots, X_m sets, $X_1 \times \dots \times X_m = \{(x_1, \dots, x_m) \mid x_i \in X_i, i = \overline{1, m}\}$ is the Cartesian product of sets X_1, \dots, X_m

2. Countability: A set A is called countable if there exists a bijective function $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$

A is countable $\Leftrightarrow A$ is at most finite and its elements can be enumerated: $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_2, \dots, a_m, \dots\}$

A is called at most countable if A is finite or countable

Examples

1. $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}$ are countable

2. X_1, \dots, X_m are countable $\Rightarrow X_1 \times \dots \times X_m$ is countable

If $X = \{x_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$, $Y = \{y_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$. The elements of $X \times Y$ can be enumerated by using the following pattern:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} (x_1, y_1) & \rightarrow & (x_1, y_2) & (x_1, y_3) & \rightarrow & & \\ & \swarrow & \uparrow & \searrow & & & \\ (x_2, y_1) & & (x_2, y_2) & (x_2, y_3) & \dots & & \\ & \downarrow & \swarrow & \searrow & & & \\ (x_3, y_1) & & (x_3, y_2) & (x_3, y_3) & \dots & & \\ & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & & \end{array}$$

3. A countable union of countable sets is countable

4. $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{N}$ are at most countable

3. The Euclidean Space \mathbb{R}^m : $m \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\mathbb{R}^m = \underbrace{\mathbb{R} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}}_{m \text{ times}} = \{(x_1, \dots, x_m) \mid x_i \in \mathbb{R}, i = \overline{1, m}\}$$

Together with the following two operations:

• addition: $\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^m \ni (x, y) \mapsto x + y \in \mathbb{R}^m$

• scalar multiplication: $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^m \ni (\alpha, x) \mapsto \alpha x \in \mathbb{R}^m$,

\mathbb{R}^m is a real vector space

The function $\|\cdot\|: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow [0, \infty)$, $\|x\| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_m^2}$ is the Euclidean norm in \mathbb{R}^m $\forall x = (x_1, \dots, x_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$

The function $d: \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow [0, \infty)$, $d(x, y) = \|x - y\| =$

$$= \sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + \dots + (x_m - y_m)^2} \quad \forall x = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$$

$y = (y_1, \dots, y_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is the Euclidean distance (metric) in \mathbb{R}^m .

Indeed, we have:

(i) $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$

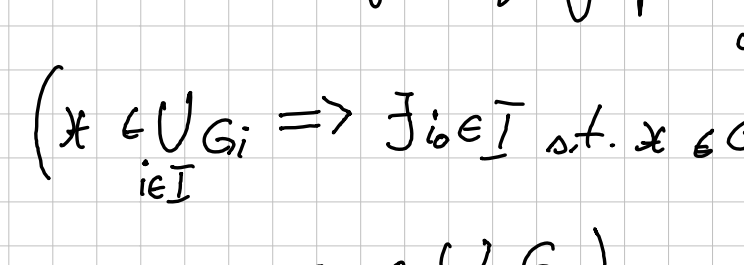
(ii) $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^m, d(x, y) = d(y, x)$

(iii) $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^m, d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$

So, (\mathbb{R}^m, d) is a metric space.

Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^m, r > 0$. $B(x, r) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid d(x, y) = \|x - y\| < r\}$ is the open ball of center x and radius r .

$\overline{B}(x, r) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid d(x, y) = \|x - y\| \leq r\}$ is the closed ball of center x and radius r .



Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$. We say that A is open if

$\forall x \in A, \exists r > 0$ s.t. $B(x, r) \subseteq A$

We have: (i) \emptyset, \mathbb{R}^m are open sets in \mathbb{R}^m

(ii) $(G_i)_{i \in I}$ is a family of open sets $\Rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in I} G_i$ is open

$(x \in \bigcup_{i \in I} G_i \Rightarrow \exists i_0 \in I$ s.t. $x \in G_{i_0} \Rightarrow \exists r > 0$ s.t.

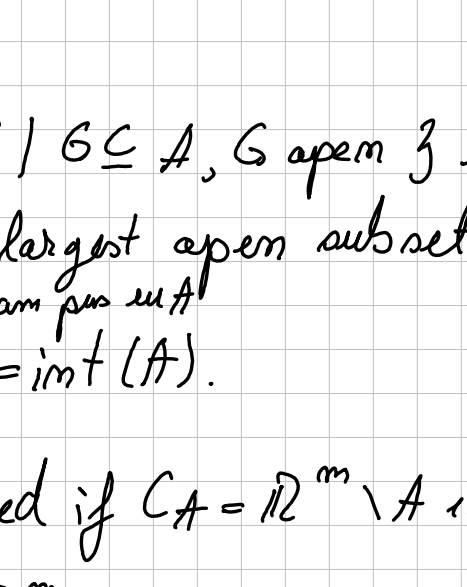
$$B(x, r) \subseteq G_{i_0} \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} G_i)$$

(iii) G_1, G_2 open $\Rightarrow G_1 \cap G_2$ open

$(x \in G_1 \cap G_2 \Rightarrow x \in G_1, x \in G_2 \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow \forall i \in \{1, 2\}, \exists r_i > 0$ s.t. $B(x, r_i) \subseteq G_i \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow B(x, \underbrace{\min\{r_1, r_2\}}_{>0}) \subseteq G_1 \cap G_2)$$



So, \mathbb{R}^m together with the family of all open subsets of \mathbb{R}^m is a topological space.

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$. $A^\circ = \text{int}(A) = \bigcup \{G \mid G \subseteq A, G \text{ open}\}$ is called the interior of A and is the largest open subset of A

$\text{int}(A) \subseteq A$ and A is open $\Leftrightarrow A = \text{int}(A)$.

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$. We say that A is closed if $C_A = \mathbb{R}^m \setminus A$ is open

We have: (i) \emptyset and \mathbb{R}^m are closed in \mathbb{R}^m .

(ii) $(F_i)_{i \in I}$ is a family of closed sets $\Rightarrow \bigcap_{i \in I} F_i$ closed.

(iii) F_1, F_2 are closed $\Rightarrow F_1 \cup F_2$ closed.

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$. $\bar{A} = \text{cl}(A) = \bigcap \{F \mid A \subseteq F, F \text{ closed}\}$ is called the closure of A , and is the smallest closed set which contains A .

$A \subseteq \bar{A}$ and A is closed $\Leftrightarrow A = \bar{A}$

Remark: The only sets in \mathbb{R}^m that are open and closed are \emptyset and \mathbb{R}^m . For any $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and $r > 0$, $B(x, r)$ is open and $\overline{B}(x, r) = \overline{B}(x, r)$ is closed.

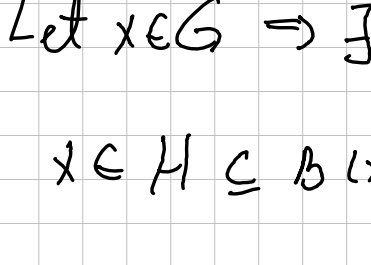
$\mathcal{H} = \{[a_1, b_1] \times \dots \times [a_m, b_m] \mid a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{R}, a_i \leq b_i, i = \overline{1, m}\}$ is the family of all closed hyperrectangles (rectangles) in \mathbb{R}^m .

Let $H = [a_1, b_1] \times \dots \times [a_m, b_m]$

(i) H is closed

(ii) $\text{int } H = (a_1, b_1) \times \dots \times (a_m, b_m)$

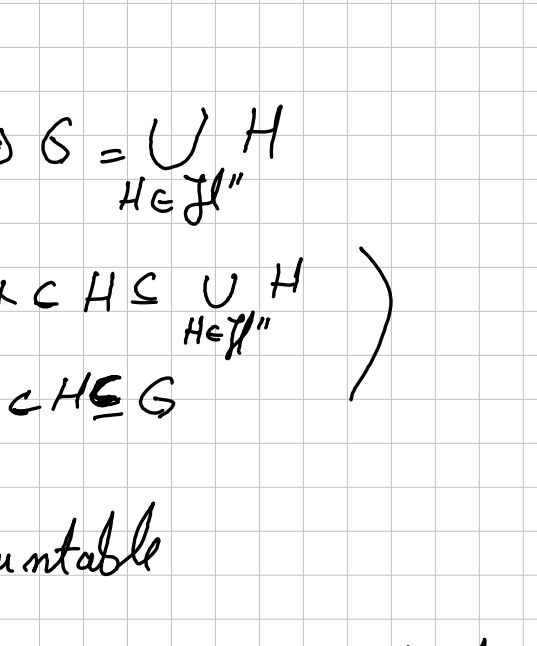
(with the convention $(\alpha, \alpha) = \emptyset, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$)



Ex.1 Show that every non-empty open set $G \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ is countable union of rectangles.

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Let $\mathcal{H}' = \{[a_1, b_1] \times \dots \times [a_m, b_m] \mid a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{Q}, a_i \leq b_i, i = \overline{1, m}\}$



$\Rightarrow \mathcal{H}'$ is countable, since $\mathbb{Q}^{2m} = \underbrace{\mathbb{Q} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Q}}_{2m \text{ times}} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{2m}$ is countable

Let $x \in G \Rightarrow \exists r > 0$ s.t. $B(x, r) \subseteq G \Rightarrow \exists H \in \mathcal{H}'$ s.t.

$$x \in H \subseteq B(x, r)$$

\Leftarrow

$$\mathcal{H}'' := \{H \in \mathcal{H}' \mid H \subseteq G\} \Rightarrow G = \bigcup_{H \in \mathcal{H}''} H$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{I. } x \in G \Rightarrow \exists H \in \mathcal{H}'' \text{ s.t. } x \in H \subseteq \bigcup_{H \in \mathcal{H}''} H \\ \text{II. } x \in \bigcup_{H \in \mathcal{H}''} H \Rightarrow \exists H \in \mathcal{H}'' \text{ s.t. } x \in H \subseteq G \end{array} \right)$$

Next, we show \mathcal{H}'' is countable

$\mathcal{H}'' \subseteq \mathcal{H}'$ - countable $\Rightarrow \mathcal{H}''$ is at most countable

If we assume that \mathcal{H}'' is finite $\Rightarrow G = \bigcup_{H \in \mathcal{H}''} H$ is closed

$\Rightarrow G = \mathbb{R}^m$, but \mathbb{R}^m cannot be covered by a finite family of rectangles. So, \mathcal{H}'' is at most finite $\Rightarrow \mathcal{H}''$ is countable.

Remark: It can be shown that any non-empty open subset of \mathbb{R}^m is a countable union of rectangles with disjoint interiors.

4. Compact Sets: Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$. A family $(A_i)_{i \in I}$ is called a covering of $A \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$. If $\forall i \in I$ A_i is open, $(A_i)_{i \in I}$ is an open covering of A .

A subcovering of the covering $(A_i)_{i \in I}$ is a subfamily

$(A_j)_{j \in J}$, where $J \subseteq I$ and $(A_j)_{j \in J}$ is a covering of A .

If J is finite, then we say that $(A_j)_{j \in J}$ is finite subcovering of the covering $(A_i)_{i \in I}$.

We say that the set A is called

• bounded, if $\exists M \geq 0$ s.t. $\forall x, y \in A, \|x - y\| \leq M$

• compact, if any open covering of A has a finite subcovering.

Theorem 1: Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$. The following statements are equivalent:

(i) A is compact.

(ii) A is bounded and closed.

(iii) A is sequentially compact, meaning that every sequence of points in A has a convergent subsequence with limit in A .

For example, closed balls and rectangles are compact.

5. Continuous Functions: Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ and $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a function

We say that f is cont. at $x \in A$ if:

$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$ s.t. $\forall y \in A$ with $\|x - y\| < \delta$ we have $|f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$

Theorem 2: Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ and $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. The following are equivalent:

(i) f is continuous

(ii) $\forall G \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ open, $f^{-1}(G) = A \cap U, U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ open.

$$= \{x \in A \mid f(x) \in G\}$$

Theorem 3: $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ compact, $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ cont, then $f(A)$ is compact.