

Theorem: Heine-Borel Theorem

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A subset of Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^n is **Compact Space** if and only if it is **Closed Set** and bounded.

Statement

For a subset $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ (with the standard **Metric Space** topology), the following are equivalent:

1. K is compact
2. K is closed and bounded

where bounded means there exists $M > 0$ such that $\|x\| \leq M$ for all $x \in K$.

Implications

Forward Direction

If K is compact in \mathbb{R}^n , then: - K is closed (since \mathbb{R}^n is Hausdorff) - K is bounded (by considering the open cover $\{B(0, n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$)

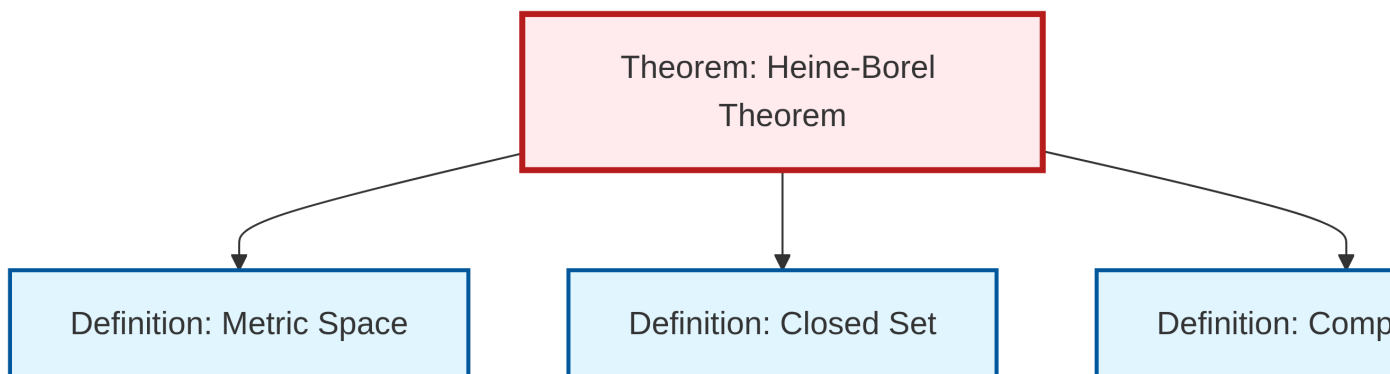
Reverse Direction

If K is closed and bounded in \mathbb{R}^n , then K is compact.

Applications

- Characterizing compact sets in finite-dimensional normed spaces
- Proving existence of extrema for continuous functions
- Establishing convergence of sequences in \mathbb{R}^n

Dependency Graph



Local dependency graph