

Lecture 7: Complete Metric Spaces and Function Spaces

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1 Complete Metric Space

- **Definition (Cauchy Net in Topological Vector Space)**

A net $\{x_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ in **topological vector space** X is called **Cauchy** if the net $\{x_\alpha - x_\beta\}_{(\alpha, \beta) \in I \times I}$ **converges** to zero. (Here $I \times I$ is **directed** in the usual way: $(\alpha, \beta) \prec (\alpha', \beta')$ if and only if $\alpha \prec \alpha'$ and $\beta \prec \beta'$.)

- **Definition (Completeness)**

A topological vector space X is **complete** if every Cauchy net converges.

- **Proposition 1.1 (Complete First Countable Topological Vector Space)**

If X is a **first-countable topological vector space** and every **Cauchy sequence** in X converges, then every **Cauchy net** in X converges.

- **Proposition 1.2 (Completeness of Euclidean Space)** [Munkres, 2000]

Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^k is **complete** in either of its usual **metrics**, the **euclidean metric** d or the **square metric** ρ .

- **Lemma 1.3 (Convergence in Product Space is Weak Convergence)** [Munkres, 2000]

Let X be the product space $X = \prod_{\alpha} X_{\alpha}$; let x_n be a sequence of points of X . Then $x_n \rightarrow x$ if and only if $\pi_{\alpha}(x_n) \rightarrow \pi_{\alpha}(x)$ for each α .

- **Proposition 1.4 (Completeness of Countable Product Space)** [Munkres, 2000]

There is a metric for the product space \mathbb{R}^{ω} relative to which \mathbb{R}^{ω} is **complete**.

- **Definition (Uniform Metric in Function Space)**

Let (Y, d) be a metric space; let $\bar{d}(a, b) = \min\{d(a, b), 1\}$ be the **standard bounded metric** on Y derived from d . If $x = (x_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in J}$ and $y = (y_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in J}$ are points of the cartesian product Y^J , let

$$\bar{\rho}(x, y) = \sup \{ \bar{d}(x_{\alpha}, y_{\alpha}) : \alpha \in J \}.$$

It is easy to check that $\bar{\rho}$ is a metric; it is called **the uniform metric** on Y^J corresponding to the metric d on Y .

Note that **the space of all functions** $f : J \rightarrow Y$, denoted as Y^J , is a subset of the product space $J \times Y$. We can define uniform metric in the function space: if $f, g : J \rightarrow Y$, then

$$\bar{\rho}(f, g) = \sup \{ \bar{d}(f(\alpha), g(\alpha)) : \alpha \in J \}.$$

- **Proposition 1.5 (Completeness of Function Space Under Uniform Metric)** [Munkres, 2000]

If the space Y is **complete** in the metric d , then the space Y^J is **complete** in the **uniform metric** $\bar{\rho}$ corresponding to d .

- **Definition (Space of Continuous Functions and Bounded Functions)**

Let Y^X be the space of all functions $f : X \rightarrow Y$, where X is a **topological space** and Y is a **metric space** with metric d . Denote the **subspace** of Y^X consisting of all **continuous functions** f as $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$.

Also denote the set of all **bounded functions** $f : X \rightarrow Y$ as $\mathcal{B}(X, Y)$. (A function f is said to be **bounded** if its image $f(X)$ is a **bounded subset** of the metric space (Y, d) .)

- **Proposition 1.6** (*Completeness of $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ and $\mathcal{B}(X, Y)$ Under Uniform Metric*) [Munkres, 2000]

Let X be a topological space and let (Y, d) be a metric space. The set $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ of **continuous functions** is **closed** in Y^X under the **uniform metric**. So is the set $\mathcal{B}(X, Y)$ of **bounded functions**. Therefore, if Y is **complete**, these spaces are **complete** in the **uniform metric**.

- **Definition** (*Sup Metric on Bounded Functions*)

If (Y, d) is a metric space, one can define another metric on the set $\mathcal{B}(X, Y)$ of **bounded functions** from X to Y by the equation

$$\rho(x, y) = \sup \{d(f(x), g(x)) : x \in X\}.$$

It is easy to see that ρ is well-defined, for the set $f(X) \cup g(X)$ is **bounded** if both $f(X)$ and $g(X)$ are. The metric ρ is called **the sup metric**.

- **Theorem 1.7** (*Existence of Completion*) [Munkres, 2000]

Let (X, d) be a metric space. There is an **isometric embedding** of X into a **complete metric space**.

- **Definition** (*Completion*)

Let X be a metric space. If $h : X \rightarrow Y$ is an **isometric embedding** of X into a **complete metric space** Y , then the **subspace** $h(X)$ of Y is a **complete metric space**. It is called **the completion of X** .

- **Definition** (*Topological Complete*)

A space X is said to be **topologically complete** if there *exists* a metric for the *topology* of X relative to which X is *complete*.

- **Proposition 1.8** (*Properties of Topological Complete*) [Munkres, 2000]

The followings are properties of topological completeness:

1. A **closed** subspace of a topologically complete space is topologically complete.
2. A **countable product** of topologically complete spaces is topologically complete (in the **product topology**).
3. An **open** subspace of a topologically complete space is topologically complete.
4. A G_δ **set** in a topologically complete space is topologically complete.

2 Compactness in Metric Spaces

2.1 Total Boundedness and Equicontinuous

- **Remark** (*Relate Compactness to Completeness*)

How is **compactness** of a metric space X related to **completeness** of X ?

The followings is from *the sequential compactness* and definition of *completeness*:

Proposition 2.1 *Every compact metric space is complete.*

The *converse* does not hold – **a complete metric space need not be compact**. It is reasonable to ask what **extra condition** one needs to impose on a complete space to be

assured of its compactness. Such a condition is the one called *total boundedness*.

- **Definition (*Total Boundedness*)**

A metric space (X, d) is said to be **totally bounded** if for every $\epsilon > 0$, there is a **finite covering** of X by ϵ -balls.

- **Theorem 2.2 (*Total Boundedness + Completeness = Compactness*)** [Munkres, 2000]
A metric space (X, d) is **compact** if and only if it is **complete** and **totally bounded**.

- **Remark** We now apply this result to find **the compact subspaces** of the space $\mathcal{C}(X, \mathbb{R}^n)$, in the **uniform topology**. We know that a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n is compact if and only if it is **closed** and **bounded**.

One might hope that an analogous result holds for $\mathcal{C}(X, \mathbb{R}^n)$. **But** it does not, even if X is **compact**. One needs to assume that the subspace of $\mathcal{C}(X, \mathbb{R}^n)$ satisfies an **additional condition**, called **equicontinuity**.

- **Definition (*Equicontinuity*)** [Reed and Simon, 1980, Munkres, 2000]

Let (Y, d) be a *metric space*. Let \mathcal{F} be a *subset* of the function space $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ (i.e. $f \in \mathcal{F}$ is continuous). If $x_0 \in X$, the set \mathcal{F} of functions is said to be **equicontinuous at x_0** if given $\epsilon > 0$, there is a neighborhood U of x_0 such that for all $x \in U$ and **all $f \in \mathcal{F}$** ,

$$d(f(x), f(x_0)) < \epsilon.$$

If the set \mathcal{F} is *equicontinuous at x_0* for each $x_0 \in X$, it is said simply to be **equicontinuous** or \mathcal{F} is an **equicontinuous family**.

We say \mathcal{F} is a **uniformly equicontinuous family** if and only if for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $d(f(x), f(x')) < \epsilon$ whenever $p(x, x') < \delta$ for all $x, x' \in X$ and **every** $f \in \mathcal{F}$.

- **Remark** An *equicontinuous family* of functions is a *family of continuous functions*.

- **Remark *Continuity*** of the function f at x_0 means that **given** f and given $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a neighborhood U of x_0 such that $d(f(x), f(x_0)) < \epsilon$ for $x \in U$. **Equicontinuity of \mathcal{F}** means that **a single neighborhood U can be chosen that will work for all the functions f in the collection \mathcal{F}** .

- **Lemma 2.3 (*Total Boundedness \Rightarrow Equicontinuous*)** [Munkres, 2000]

Let X be a **space**; let (Y, d) be a **metric space**. If the subset \mathcal{F} of $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ is **totally bounded** under the **uniform metric** corresponding to d , then \mathcal{F} is **equicontinuous** under d .

- **Lemma 2.4 (*Equicontinuous + Compactness \Rightarrow Total Boundedness*)** [Munkres, 2000]

Let X be a **space**; let (Y, d) be a **metric space**; assume X and Y are **compact**. If the subset \mathcal{F} of $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ is **equicontinuous** under d , then \mathcal{F} is **totally bounded** under the **uniform and sup metrics** corresponding to d .

- **Definition (*Pointwise Bounded*)**

If (Y, d) is a *metric space*, a *subset \mathcal{F}* of $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ is said to be **pointwise bounded** under d if for each $x \in X$, the subset

$$F_a = \{f(a) : f \in \mathcal{F}\}$$

of Y is **bounded** under d .

- **Theorem 2.5 (Ascoli's Theorem, Classical Version).** [Munkres, 2000]
Let X be a compact space; let (\mathbb{R}^n, d) denote euclidean space in either the square metric or the euclidean metric; give $\mathcal{C}(X, \mathbb{R}^n)$ the corresponding **uniform topology**. A subspace \mathcal{F} of $\mathcal{C}(X, \mathbb{R}^n)$ has compact closure if and only if \mathcal{F} is equicontinuous and pointwise bounded under d .
- **Corollary 2.6** [Munkres, 2000]
Let X be compact; let d denote either the square metric or the euclidean metric on \mathbb{R}^n ; give $\mathcal{C}(X, \mathbb{R}^n)$ the corresponding **uniform topology**. A subspace \mathcal{F} of $\mathcal{C}(X, \mathbb{R}^n)$ is compact if and only if it is closed, bounded under the sup metric ρ , and equicontinuous under d .
- **Corollary 2.7 (Ascoli's Theorem, Sequence Version)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]
Let $\{f_n\}$ be a family of **uniformly bounded equicontinuous functions** on $[0, 1]$. Then some subsequence $\{f_{n,m}\}$ converges uniformly on $[0, 1]$.
- **Definition (Continuous Functions that Vanish At Infinity $\mathcal{C}_0(X, \mathbb{R})$)**
Let X be a space. A subset \mathcal{F} of $\mathcal{C}(X, \mathbb{R})$ is said to vanish uniformly at infinity if given $\epsilon > 0$, there is a **compact subspace** C of X such that $|f(x)| < \epsilon$ for $x \in X \setminus C$ and $f \in \mathcal{F}$.
If \mathcal{F} consists of a single function f , we say simply that f vanishes at infinity. Let $\mathcal{C}_0(X, \mathbb{R})$ denote the set of continuous functions $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that vanish at infinity.
- **Corollary 2.8** [Munkres, 2000]
Let X be **locally compact Hausdorff**; give $\mathcal{C}_0(X, \mathbb{R})$ the uniform topology. A subset \mathcal{F} of $\mathcal{C}_0(X, \mathbb{R})$ has compact closure if and only if it is pointwise bounded, equicontinuous, and vanishes uniformly at infinity.

2.2 Pointwise and Compact Convergence

- **Definition (Topology of Pointwise Convergence / Point-Open Topology)**

Given a point x of the set X and an open set U of the space Y , let

$$S(x, U) = \{f : f \in Y^X \text{ and } f(x) \in U\}.$$

The sets $S(x, U)$ are a **subbasis** for topology on Y^X , which is called the topology of pointwise convergence (or the point-open topology)

- **Remark (Basis of Point-Open Topology)**
The general *basis element* for this topology is a *finite intersection* of subbasis elements $S(x, U)$. Thus a typical **basis element** about the function f consists of all functions g that are "close" to f at finitely many points. Such a *neighborhood* is illustrated in Figure 1; it consists of all functions g whose graphs *intersect the three vertical intervals* pictured.
- **Remark The topology of pointwise convergence on Y^X is the product topology.**
If we replace X by J and denote the general element of J by α to make it look more familiar, then the set $S(\alpha, U)$ of all functions $x : J \rightarrow Y$ such that $x(\alpha) \in U$ is just the subset $\pi_\alpha^{-1}(U)$ of Y^J , which is the *standard subbasis element* for the product topology.
- **Proposition 2.9 (Pointwise Convergence Topology)**[Munkres, 2000]
A sequence f_n of functions **converges** to the function f in the **topology of pointwise**

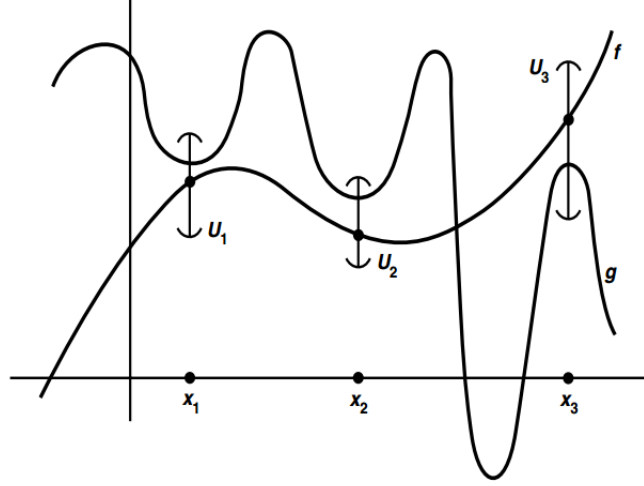


Figure 1: The function g in neighborhood of f in topology of pointwise convergence. [Munkres, 2000]

convergence if and only if for each x in X , the sequence $f_n(x)$ of points of Y converges to the point $f(x)$.

- **Remark** Compare the subbasis of the point-open topology on function space Y^X and the weak topology on space X

$$S(x, U) = \{f : f \in Y^X \text{ and } f(x) \in U\} \quad \text{point-open topology.}$$

$$B(f, U) = \{x : x \in X \text{ and } f(x) \in U\} \quad \text{weak topology.}$$

- **Example (Pointwise Convergence Does Not Preserve Continuity)**

Consider the space \mathbb{R}^I , where $I = [0, 1]$. The sequence (f_n) of continuous functions given by $f_n(x) = x^n$ converges in the **topology of pointwise convergence** to the function f defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 1 & \text{for } x = 1 \end{cases},$$

This example shows that the subspace $\mathcal{C}(I, \mathbb{R})$ of continuous functions is **not closed** in \mathbb{R}^I in the topology of pointwise convergence. Note that $\mathcal{C}(I, \mathbb{R})$ is **closed** in \mathbb{R}^I under **uniform topology** due to *Uniform Limit theorem*.

- **Definition (Topology of Compact Convergence)**

Let (Y, d) be a metric space; let X be a topological space. Given an element f of Y^X , a **compact subspace** C of X , and a number $\epsilon > 0$, let $B_C(f, \epsilon)$ denote the set of all those elements g of Y^X for which

$$\sup\{d(f(x), g(x)) : x \in C\} < \epsilon.$$

The sets $B_C(f, \epsilon)$ form a **basis** for a topology on Y^X . It is called the **topology of compact convergence** (or sometimes the “**topology of uniform convergence on compact sets**”).

- **Proposition 2.10 (Topology of Uniform Convergence in Compact Sets)** [Munkres, 2000]

A sequence $f_n : X \rightarrow Y$ of functions converges to the function f in the **topology of compact convergence** if and only if for **each compact subspace** C of X , the sequence $f_n|_C$ converges **uniformly** to $f|_C$.

- **Definition (Compactly Generated Space)**

A space X is said to be **compactly generated** if it satisfies the following condition: A set A is **open (or closed)** in X if $A \cap C$ is **open (or closed)** in C for each **compact subspace** C of X .

- **Lemma 2.11** [Munkres, 2000]

If X is **locally compact**, or if X satisfies **the first countability axiom**, then X is **compactly generated**.

- The crucial fact about compactly generated spaces is the following:

Lemma 2.12 (Continuous Extension on Compactly Generated Space) [Munkres, 2000]

If X is compactly generated, then a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is **continuous** if for each **compact subspace** C of X , the restricted function $f|_C$ is **continuous**.

Proof: Let V be an *open* subset of Y ; we show that $f^{-1}(V)$ is *open* in X . Given any subspace C of X ,

$$f^{-1}(V) \cap C = (f|_C)^{-1}(V).$$

If C is *compact*, this set is *open* in C because $f|_C$ is *continuous*. Since X is *compactly generated*, it follows that $f^{-1}(V)$ is *open* in X . ■

- **Theorem 2.13 ($\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ on Compactly Generated Space)** [Munkres, 2000]

Let X be a **compactly generated space**: let (Y, d) be a *metric space*. Then $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ is **closed** in Y^X in the **topology of compact convergence**.

Proof: Let $f \in Y^X$ be a *limit point* of $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$; we wish to show f is *continuous*.

It suffices to show that $f|_C$ is *continuous* for each *compact subspace* C of X , since by lemma above, we can extend f on entire space. For each n , consider the *neighborhood* $B_C(f, 1/n)$ of f ; it *intersects* $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$, so we can choose a function $f_n \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ lying in this neighborhood. The sequence of functions $f_n|_C : C \rightarrow Y$ *converges uniformly* to the function $f|_C$, so that by the *uniform limit theorem*, $f|_C$ is *continuous*. ■

- **Corollary 2.14 (Compact Convergence Limit)** [Munkres, 2000]

Let X be a **compactly generated space**; let (Y, d) be a *metric space*. If a sequence of **continuous** functions $f_n : X \rightarrow Y$ converges to f in the **topology of compact convergence**, then f is **continuous**.

- **Remark (Useful Topologies on Y^X)**

1. **Uniform Topology**: generated by the **basis**

$$B_U(f, \epsilon) = \left\{ g \in Y^X : \sup_{x \in X} \bar{d}(f(x), g(x)) < \epsilon \right\}$$

It corresponds to **the uniform convergence** of f_n to f in Y^X . $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ is **closed** in Y^X under the *uniform topology*, following the *Uniform Limit Theorem*.

2. **Topology of Pointwise Convergence:** generated by the **basis**

$$\begin{aligned} B_{U_1, \dots, U_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n, \epsilon) &= \bigcap_{i=1}^n S(x_i, U_i) \\ &= \{f \in Y^X : f(x_1) \in U_1, \dots, f(x_n) \in U_n\}, \quad 1 \leq n < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

It corresponds to **the pointwise convergence** of f_n to f in Y^X . $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ is **not closed** in Y^X under the *topology of pointwise convergence*

3. **Topology of Compact Convergence:** generated by the **basis**

$$B_C(f, \epsilon) = \left\{ g \in Y^X : \sup_{x \in C} d(f(x), g(x)) < \epsilon \right\}.$$

It corresponds to **the uniform convergence** of f_n to f in Y^X for $x \in C$. $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ is **closed** in Y^X under the *topology of compact convergence* **if X is compactly generated**.

- **Theorem 2.15 (Relationship between Topologies on Y^X)** [Munkres, 2000]
Let X be a space; let (Y, d) be a metric space. For the function space Y^X , one has the following **inclusions of topologies**:

$$(\text{uniform}) \supseteq (\text{compact convergence}) \supseteq (\text{pointwise convergence}).$$

If X is **compact**, the **first two** coincide, and if X is **discrete**, the **second two** coincide.

- **Remark** Note that both *uniform topology* and *topology of compact convergence* made specific use of the metric d for the space Y , i.e. it can only be defined when the image of function Y is a metric space.

But **the topology of pointwise convergence** does not use the definition of metric d in Y . In fact, **it is defined for any image space Y** .

- **Definition (Compact-Open Topology on Continuous Function Space)**
Let X and Y be topological spaces. If C is a **compact subspace** of X and U is an open subset of Y , define

$$S(C, U) = \{f \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y) : f(C) \subseteq U\}.$$

The sets $S(C, U)$ form a **subbasis** for a *topology* on $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ that is called **the compact-open topology**.

- **Proposition 2.16 (Compact-Open on $\mathcal{C}(X, Y) = \text{Compact Convergence}$)** [Munkres, 2000]

Let X be a space and let (Y, d) be a metric space. On the set $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$, the **compact-open topology** and the **topology of compact convergence** coincide.

- **Corollary 2.17 (Compact Convergence on $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ Need Not d)** [Munkres, 2000]
Let Y be a metric space. The **compact convergence topology** on $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ does **not** depend on the **metric** of Y . Therefore if X is **compact**, the **uniform topology** on $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ does not depend on the metric of Y .

- **Remark** The fact that the definition of **the compact-open topology** does not involve a **metric** is just one of its useful features.

Another is the fact that it satisfies the requirement of “**joint continuity**”. Roughly speaking, this means that the expression $f(x)$ is *continuous* not only in the *single* “variable x ”, but is *continuous jointly in both* the x and f .

- **Theorem 2.18** (*Compact-Open Topology \Rightarrow Joint Continuity for x and f*)
Let X be **locally compact Hausdorff**; let $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ have the **compact-open topology**. Then the map

$$e : X \times \mathcal{C}(X, Y) \rightarrow Y$$

defined by the equation

$$e(x, f) = f(x)$$

is **continuous**. The map e is called the evaluation map.

- **Definition** Given a function $f : X \times Z \rightarrow Y$, there is a corresponding function $F : Z \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$, defined by the equation

$$(F(z))(x) = f(x, z).$$

Conversely, given $F : Z \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$, this equation defines a corresponding function $f : X \times Z \rightarrow Y$. We say that F is the map of Z into $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ that is induced by f .

- **Proposition 2.19** Let X and Y be spaces; give $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ the **compact-open topology**. If $f : X \times Z \rightarrow Y$ is **continuous**, then **so is** the induced function $F : Z \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$. The converse holds if X is **locally compact Hausdorff**.

2.3 Ascoli's Theorem

- **Theorem 2.20** (*Ascoli's Theorem, General Version*). [Munkres, 2000]
Let X be a space and let (Y, d) be a metric space. Give $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ the topology of compact convergence; let \mathcal{F} be a subset of $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$.

1. If \mathcal{F} is equicontinuous under d and the set

$$F_a = \{f(a) : f \in \mathcal{F}\}$$

has compact closure for each $a \in X$, then \mathcal{F} is contained in a compact subspace of $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$.

2. The **converse** holds if X is locally compact Hausdorff.

- **Remark** Compare with classical version, we see generalizations:

1. X need not to be **compact**; \Rightarrow does not even need X to be topological. \Leftarrow holds when X is **locally compact Hausdorff**.
2. $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ is under **compact-open topology** which is **weaker** than **uniform topology**, i.e. we does not require convergence of sequence *uniformly* but only *uniformly in a compact subset*.

3. \mathcal{F} does not need to be *pointwise bounded* under d . In other word, the set

$$F_a = \{f(a) : f \in \mathcal{F}\}$$

need not to be *bounded* but need to have *compact closure* for each $a \in X$. Note that for metric space Y , if Y is finite dimensional, it is the same requirement as boundness. But compact closure is stronger than bounded.

- **Proposition 2.21** (*Equicontinuity + Pointwise Convergence \Rightarrow Compact Convergence*) [Munkres, 2000]

Let (Y, d) be a metric space; let $f_n : X \rightarrow Y$ be a sequence of *continuous* functions; let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function (not necessarily continuous). Suppose f_n converges to f in the *topology of pointwise convergence*. If $\{f_n\}$ is *equicontinuous*, then f is *continuous* and f_n converges to f in the *topology of compact convergence*.

3 Baire Category Theorem

- **Remark** (*Empty Interior = Complement is Dense*)

Recall that if A is a subset of a space X , the *interior* of A is defined as *the union of all open sets of X that are contained in A* .

To say that A has *empty interior* is to say then that A contains no open set of X other than the empty set. *Equivalently*, A has *empty interior* if every point of A is a *limit point of the complement* of A , that is, if the complement of A is dense in X .

$$\overset{\circ}{A} = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow A^c \text{ is dense in } X$$

In [Reed and Simon, 1980], if a subset \overline{A} of X has *empty interior*, A is said to be *nowhere dense* in X .

- **Example** Some examples:

1. The set \mathbb{Q} of *rational*s has *empty interior* as a subset of \mathbb{R}
2. The *interval* $[0, 1]$ has *nonempty interior*.
3. The *interval* $[0, 1] \times 0$ has *empty interior* as a *subset of the plane* \mathbb{R}^2 , and so does the *subset* $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{R}$.

- **Definition** (*Baire Space*)

A space X is said to be a *Baire space* if the following condition holds: Given *any countable* collection $\{A_n\}$ of *closed* sets of X each of which has *empty interior* in X , their *union* $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$ also has *empty interior* in X .

- **Example** Some examples:

1. The space \mathbb{Q} of *rational*s is *not a Baire space*. For each one-point set in \mathbb{Q} is *closed* and has *empty interior* in \mathbb{Q} ; and \mathbb{Q} is the *countable union of its one-point subsets*.
2. The space \mathbb{Z}_+ , on the other hand, does form a *Baire space*. Every subset of \mathbb{Z}_+ is *open*, so that there exist *no subsets* of \mathbb{Z}_+ having *empty interior*, except for the empty set. Therefore, \mathbb{Z}_+ satisfies the Baire condition vacuously.

3. The interval $[0, 1] \times 0$ has **empty interior** as a subset of the plane \mathbb{R}^2 , and so does the subset $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{R}$.

- **Definition (Baire Category)**

A subset A of a space X was said to be of the first category in X if it *was contained in the union of a countable collection of closed sets of X having empty interiors in X* ; otherwise, it was said to be of the second category in X .

- **Remark** A space X is a **Baire space** if and only if every **nonempty open** set in X is of the second category.

- **Lemma 3.1 (Open Set Definition of Baire Space)** [Munkres, 2000]

X is a **Baire space** if and only if given any **countable** collection $\{U_n\}$ of **open** sets in X , each of which is **dense** in X , their **intersection** $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n$ is also **dense** in X .

- **Theorem 3.2 (Baire Category Theorem).** [Munkres, 2000]

If X is a **compact Hausdorff** space or a **complete metric space**, then X is a **Baire space**.

- **Remark** In other word, neither **compact Hausdorff** space or a **complete metric space** is a countable union of closed subsets with empty interior (that are nowhere dense).

- **Lemma 3.3** [Munkres, 2000]

Let $C_1 \supset C_2 \supset \dots$ be a **nested** sequence of **nonempty closed sets** in the **complete metric space** X . If $\text{diam } C_n \rightarrow 0$, then $\bigcap_n C_n = \emptyset$.

- **Lemma 3.4** [Munkres, 2000]

Any **open** subspace Y of a **Baire space** X is itself a **Baire space**.

- **Theorem 3.5 (Discontinuity Point of Pointwise Convergence Function)** [Munkres, 2000]

Let X be a space; let (Y, d) be a metric space. Let $f_n : X \rightarrow Y$ be a sequence of continuous functions such that $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ for all $x \in X$, where $f : X \rightarrow Y$. If X is a **Baire space**, the set of points at which f is **continuous** is **dense** in X .

- **Remark (Use Baire Category Theorem as Proof by Contradiction)**

The Baire category theorem is used to prove a certain subset C is **dense** in X by stating that X is a **Baire space** and C is countable intersection of dense open subsets in X (C is a G_δ sets).

On the other hand, if $M = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$ has **nonempty interior**, then **some** of the sets \bar{A}_n **must have nonempty interior**. Otherwise, it contradicts with the Baire space definition.

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