

Topology

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Assignment-2

§ Problem 4

Consider $X = C([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$ with the norm $\|f\| = \int_0^1 |f(x)|dx$ giving the metric $d(f, g) = \|f - g\|$. Define $f_n \in X$ by $f_n(x) = 1$ for $x \in [0, 1/2]$, $f_n(x) = 1 - 2^n(x - 1/2)$ for $x \in [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^n}]$ and $f_n(x) = 0$ for $x \in [1/2 + 1/2^n, 1]$. Prove that (f_n) is a Cauchy sequence in X Which is not convergent.

Solution. Given, $X = \mathcal{C}([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$. Set of all Continuous function from $[0, 1]$ to \mathbb{R} . We are giving this space a norm,

$$\|f\| = \int_0^1 |f|dx$$

Here, The metric is defined as, $d(f, g) = \|f - g\|$. The given function,

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in [0, \frac{1}{2}], \\ 1 - 2^n(x - \frac{1}{2}), & \text{if } x \in [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^n}], \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let $m > n$, then,

$$f_m(x) - f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \in [0, \frac{1}{2}], \\ (2^n - 2^m)(x - \frac{1}{2}), & \text{if } x \in [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^m}], \\ 1 - 2^n(x - \frac{1}{2}), & \text{if } x \in [\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^m}, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^n}], \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
d(f_n, f_m) &= \|f_n - f_m\| \\
&= \int_0^1 |f_n - f_m| dx \\
&= \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^m}} (2^m - 2^n) \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) dx + \int_{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^m}}^{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^n}} 1 - 2^n \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) dx \\
&= \frac{2^m - 2^n}{2} \left[\frac{1}{2^{2m}} \right] + \left[\frac{1}{2^n} - \frac{1}{2^m} \right] + \frac{2^n}{2} \left[-\frac{1}{2^{2n}} + \frac{1}{2^{2m}} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2^n} - \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} = \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}
\end{aligned}$$

For every $\epsilon > 0$ we must get $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that, $\frac{1}{2^{n+1}} < \epsilon$ for all $n > N$. So, $d(f_n, f_m) < \epsilon$ for all $m, n > N$. Hence the Sequence is a Cauchy sequence.

If we assume, $\mathcal{C}([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$ to be Complete metric space, then f_n must converge to a unique limit f , in $X = \mathcal{C}([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$. But if we take limit for f_n , we will end up getting $f = \begin{cases} 0 & x \in [0, \frac{1}{2}] \\ 1 & x \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \end{cases}$ clearly this is not continuous function. so, $f \notin X$. And hence X is not Complete metric space. \blacksquare

§ Problem 13

Let, X be an arbitrary discrete metric space. Prove that $C(X, \mathbb{R})$ is separable $\Leftrightarrow X$ is finite.

Solution. Let, X is a discrete metric space. Now, Assume $\mathcal{C}(X, \mathbb{R})$ is separable. For contrary let X is not finite. Every function (that is bounded) in $\mathcal{C}(X, \mathbb{R})$ can be interpreted as sequence of points,

$$\prod_{\alpha \in X} (x_\alpha) \text{ and } x_\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

From now we will represent any function $f \in C(X, \mathbb{R})$ as above, $f \equiv \prod_{\alpha \in X} (x_\alpha); x_\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$. Let, D be a Countable dense set of, $\mathcal{C}(X, \mathbb{R})$. Let,

$$D = \left\{ \prod_{\alpha \in X} (x_\alpha^i) \mid i \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.$$

By definition $D = \mathcal{C}(X, \mathbb{R})$. Now we will prove a lemma.

The Sequence Lemma: Let X be a topological Space; let $A \subset X$. If there is a sequence of points of A converging to x , then $x \in \bar{A}$; the converse is true for a metrizable space.

Proof. Suppose, $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x; \{x_n\} \subset A$. Then every neighborhood of x Contains a point of A . So, $x \in \bar{A}$. Conversely let X is metrizable and $x \in \bar{A}$. Let, d be the metric for topology of x . For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the ball $B(x, \frac{1}{n})$; choose x_n to be a point of $B(x, \frac{1}{n}) \cap A$. It's not hard to see that, this sequence x_n converges to x . \square

Since, X is infinite set. We must get a Countable subset of X . Let, $X' \subseteq X$ be that set. Let, $\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots\}$ be the elements of X' . Let, D be a dense subset of X . we can write D as,

$$D = \left\{ \prod_{j \in \mathbb{N}} (x_{\beta_j}^i) \times \prod_{\alpha \in X \setminus X'} (x_{\alpha}^i) \mid i \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

Since, $\bar{D} = \mathcal{C}(X, \mathbb{R})$. For any $f \in \bar{D}$ We must get a seq. $\{f_n\} \subseteq D$ such that $\{f_n\} \rightarrow f$

Now we will assign each function in the subset to a point β_i (the same function might be assigned to multiple points, but each function must be assigned to at least one point). Suppose the function f_i is assigned to β_i .

Note that for all i , $f_i(\beta_i)$ is a distance of at least a from at least one of 0 and $2a$.(Here $a > 0$ is a fixed real). Choose y_i from $\{0, 2a\}$ such that $f_i(\beta_i)$ is a distance of at least a from y_i .

Then define the function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $f(\beta_i) = y_i$ for all i and $f(x) = 0$ for $x \notin \{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots\}$. f is continuous since X is discrete, and f is bounded since it only takes the values 0 and $2a$. Since $|f(\beta_i) - f_i(\beta_i)| \geq 1$, $\|f(x_i) - f_i(\beta_i)\| \geq a$ and thus f does not lie in the closure of $\{f_1, f_2, \dots\}$.

Conversely, If X is finite then $\mathcal{C}(X, \mathbb{R})$ is same as \mathbb{R}^n . We know \mathbb{R}^n is separable so is $\mathcal{C}(X, \mathbb{R})$ ■