

**Homework 8**  
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1. Let  $X = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ , denoted  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Let  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$  and  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, y_3)$  be elements of  $X$  and defined  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \max\{|x_1 - y_1|, |x_2 - y_2|, |x_3 - y_3|\}$ .

(a) Prove that  $d$  is a metric.

**Proof:** In order to prove  $d$  is a metric space, we need to show (i).  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \geq 0$  (ii).  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 0$  iff  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$ . (iii).  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = d(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x})$  (iv).  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \leq d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) + d(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y})$ .

(i). Consider three exhaustive cases,  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = |x_1 - y_1|$ ,  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = |x_2 - y_2|$ , and  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = |x_3 - y_3|$ . For those three cases, we have all of them greater than or equal to 0 since they are in the absolute value sign. Thus we have  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \geq 0$

(ii). We need to show (i).  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 0$  implies  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$  and (ii).  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$  implies  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 0$ .

(i). Consider three exhaustive Cases: (a).  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = |x_1 - y_1|$  (b).  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = |x_2 - y_2|$  (c).  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = |x_3 - y_3|$ . In (a), we have  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = |x_1 - y_1| = 0$ . Thus we have  $x_1 = y_1$ . Likewise we have  $x_2 = y_2$  and  $x_3 = y_3$ . Therefore we have  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$  if  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 0$ .

(ii). Consider three exhaustive Cases: (a).  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = |x_1 - y_1|$  (b).  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = |x_2 - y_2|$  (c).  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = |x_3 - y_3|$ . If  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$ , we have  $x_1 = y_1$ ,  $x_2 = y_2$  and  $x_3 = y_3$ . Thus  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 0$  for all three cases. Thus we have  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 0$  if  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$ .

(iii) Consider three exhaustive Cases: (a).  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = |x_1 - y_1|$  (b).  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = |x_2 - y_2|$  (c).  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = |x_3 - y_3|$ . In case (a) we have  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = |x_1 - y_1| = |-(x_1 - y_1)| = |y_1 - x_1|$ . Likewise, we can apply to  $x_2, y_2$  and  $x_3, y_3$ . Thus  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \max\{|y_1 - x_1|, |y_2 - x_2|, |y_3 - x_3|\} = d(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x})$ .

(iv) We have  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \max\{|x_1 - y_1|, |x_2 - y_2|, |x_3 - y_3|\} \leq \max\{|x_1 - z_1| + |z_1 - y_1|, |x_2 - z_2| + |z_2 - y_2|, |x_3 - z_3| + |z_3 - y_3|\}$ . Consider three exhaustive Cases: (a).  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = |x_1 - y_1|$  (b).  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = |x_2 - y_2|$  (c).  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = |x_3 - y_3|$ . In case (a), we have  $|x_1 - z_1| \leq \max\{|x_1 - z_1|, |x_2 - z_2|, |x_3 - z_3|\} = d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$ .  $|z_1 - y_1| \leq \max\{|z_1 - y_1|, |z_2 - y_2|, |z_3 - y_3|\} = d(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y})$ . Thus we have  $|x_1 - z_1| + |z_1 - y_1| = d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) + d(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y})$ . Likewise, we can apply to  $x_2, y_2$  and  $x_3, y_3$ . Thus  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \leq d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) + d(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y})$  holds.

Since all of the properties holds,  $d$  is a metric space.

- (b) For the metric  $d$ , describe  $N((0, 0, 0); 1)$  as a geometric shape. *Description must be typed out in sentence(s). Additionally, you may choose to include a hand-drawn sketch of the neighborhood.*

It is a cube centered at the origin in three dimensional space, with each edge having a distance of 1 from the corresponding axis.

2. Suppose that  $X = Y = \mathbb{R}^2$  and the metric  $d_1$  is defined on  $X$  by

$$d_1((x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2)) = \max\{|x_1 - y_1|, |x_2 - y_2|\}$$

and the metric  $d_2$  is defined on  $Y$  by

$$d_2((x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2)) = |x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2|.$$

Suppose  $f$  is a function that maps the metric space  $(X, d_1)$  to the metric space  $(Y, d_2)$  is defined by

$$f((x_1, x_2)) = (3x_1 - 4x_2, 5x_1 + 9x_2).$$

Use the definition of continuity on metric spaces to prove that  $f$  is continuous on  $X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given, we pick  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{18}$  such that for all  $z \in X$ ,  $d_1((x_1, x_2), (z_1, z_2)) < \delta$ . Thus we have  $|x_1 - z_1| < \delta$  and  $|x_2 - z_2| < \delta$ . Then it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} d_2(f(x_1, x_2), f(z_1, z_2)) &= d_2((3x_1 - 4x_2, 5x_1 + 9x_2), (3z_1 - 4z_2, 5z_1 + 9z_2)) \\ &= |3x_1 - 4x_2 - 3z_1 + 4z_2| + |5x_1 + 9x_2 - 5z_1 - 9z_2| \\ &= |3(x_1 - z_1) - 4(x_2 - z_2)| + |5(x_1 - z_1) + 9(x_2 - z_2)| \\ &< 4|(x_1 - z_1) - (x_2 - z_2)| + 9|(x_1 - z_1) + (x_2 - z_2)| \\ &< 9(|(x_1 - z_1) - (x_2 - z_2)| + |(x_1 - z_1) + (x_2 - z_2)|) \\ &\leq 9(|(x_1 - z_1)| + |(x_2 - z_2)| + |(x_1 - z_1)| + |(x_2 - z_2)|) \\ &< 9(2(|(x_1 - z_1)| + |(x_2 - z_2)|)) \\ &< 18\delta \\ &< \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Since our choice of  $\epsilon$  is arbitrary, we have proved  $f$  is continuous on  $X$ .