

2.39b: (a) Prove that every convergent sequence is bounded. That is, if (p_n) converges in the metric space M , prove that there is some neighborhood $M_r(q)$ containing the set $\{p_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$.

(b) Is the same true for a Cauchy sequence in an incomplete metric space?

Solution: The same is not true for a Cauchy sequence in an incomplete metric space.

Let (x_n) be a Cauchy sequence in an incomplete metric space. Therefore, it follows that for all $\epsilon > 0$ there exists N such that $k, n \geq N \implies d(x_k, x_n) < \epsilon$. So then, choose $\epsilon = 1$, and therefore there exists N such that $k, n \geq N \implies d(x_k, x_n) < 1$. So then, the sequence past N is bounded by 1. Because the first $N-1$ terms are finite, the sequence to N is trivially bounded. So then, if the sequence up to N is bounded, and the sequence past N is bounded, x_n must be bounded.

2.22: If every closed and bounded subset of a metric space M is compact, does it follow that M is complete? (Proof or counterexample.)

Solution: By way of contradiction, suppose M is not complete. Thus, there exists a Cauchy sequence $p_n \rightarrow p \notin M$. Because (p_n) is Cauchy, it is also bounded, and therefore there exists closed $S \subset M$ where $(p_n) \in S$. From the question, S is then compact. From compactness, there exists $(p_{n_k}) \rightarrow m \in S$. Because (p_n) is Cauchy, (p_{n_k}) is Cauchy. So, for all $\epsilon > 0$ there exists N_1 such that for all $k, n \geq N_1$ we have $d(p_k, p_n) < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$. Since (p_{n_k}) converges to $m \in M$, for all $\epsilon > 0$ there exists N_2 such that for all $k \geq N_2$, we have $d(p_{n_k}, m) < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$. Choose $N = \max(N_1, N_2)$, then for all $k, n \geq N$, $d(p_n, m) \leq d(p_{n_k}, p_n) + d(p_{n_k}, m) < \epsilon$. Because $p_n \rightarrow m, p = m, p \in S$ which is a contradiction.

2.43: Assume that the Cartesian product of two nonempty sets $A \subset M$ and $B \subset N$ is compact in $M \times N$. Prove that A and B are compact.

Solution: Suppose the Cartesian product of two nonempty sets $A \subset M$ and $B \subset N$ is compact in $M \times N$. Then for all sequences $(x_n, y_n) \in A \times B$ there exists a subsequence such that $(x_{n_k}, y_{n_k}) \rightarrow (x, y) \in A \times B$. Without loss of generality, we'll show A is compact. Suppose that we have sequence x_n, y_0 where y_0 is fixed. Therefore, there exists $(x_{n_k}, y_0) \rightarrow (x, y) \in A \times B$. Moreover, because $y = y_0$, we conclude $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x \in A$. The same holds for B , and therefore A and B are each compact.

2.46: Assume that A and B are compact, disjoint, nonempty subsets of M . Prove that there are $a_0 \in A$ and $b_0 \in B$ such that for all $a \in A$ and $b \in B$ we have

$$d(a_0, b_0) \leq d(a, b).$$

[The points a_0, b_0 are closest together.]

Solution: Suppose that A and B are compact, disjoint, nonempty subsets of M . Because A, B are compact, it follows then that $A \times B$ is also compact from Theorem 28. Moreover, since a real-valued function defined on a compact set attains a minimum, we can construct a minimizing sequence (a_n, b_n) in $A \times B$ where $d(a_n, b_n) \rightarrow d_0$. It follows from compactness, (a_n, b_n) has a convergent subsequence (a_{n_k}, b_{n_k}) where $a_{n_k} \rightarrow a_o \in A, b_{n_k} \rightarrow b_0 \in B$. Thus, $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(a_{n_k}, b_{n_k}) = d(a_o, b_0) = d_0$. Therefore, $d(a_0, b_0) \leq d(a, b)$ for all $a \in A, b \in B$.