

7 Compactness 7.1

Let A be a subset of a topological space X , and let \mathcal{O} be a collection of subsets of X

7.1 Definition of Cover

The collection \mathcal{O} is said to **cover** A if A is contained in the union of the sets in \mathcal{O} .

7.2 Definition of Open Cover

If \mathcal{O} covers A , and each set in \mathcal{O} is open, then we call \mathcal{O} an **open cover** of A .

7.3 Definition of Subcover

If \mathcal{O} covers A , and \mathcal{O}' is a subcollection of \mathcal{O} that also covers A then \mathcal{O}' is called a **subcover** of \mathcal{O} .

7.4 Definition of Compact

A topological space X is **compact** if every open cover of X has a finite subcover.

7.5 Definition of Compact In

Let X be a topological space, and assume $A \subset X$. Then A is said to be **compact in X** if A is compact in the subspace topology inherited from X .

7.6 Lemma: Checks whether or not a subspace A is compact

Let X be a topological space, and assume $A \subset X$. Then A is compact in X if and only if every cover of A by sets that are open in X has a finite subcover.

Proof:

Let A be compact in X , and suppose that \mathcal{O} is a cover of A by open sets in X . Then $\mathcal{O}' = \{U \cap A \mid U \in \mathcal{O}\}$ is a cover of A by open sets in A . Hence, there exists a finite subcover $\{U_1 \cap A, U_2 \cap A, \dots, U_n \cap A\}$ of \mathcal{O}' . But then $\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n\}$ is a finite subcover of \mathcal{O} . Therefore every cover of A by open sets in X has a finite subcover.

Conversely, suppose every cover of A by sets that are open in X has a finite subcover. Let $\mathcal{O} = \{V_\beta\}_{\beta \in B}$ be a cover of A by open sets in A . Then, by definition of the subspace topology, for each V_β there is an open set U_β in X such that $V_\beta = U_\beta \cap A$. It follows that the collection $\mathcal{O}' = \{U_\beta\}_{\beta \in B}$ is a cover of A by open sets in X . Since \mathcal{O}' has a finite subcover

$\{U_{\beta_1}, \dots, U_{\beta_n}\}$, it follows that $\{V_{\beta_1}, \dots, V_{\beta_n}\}$ is a finite subcover of \mathcal{O} . Thus every cover of A by open sets in A has a finite subcover, and therefore A is compact.

7.7 Compactness will be preserved through continuous functions

Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be continuous, and let A be compact in X . Then $f(A)$ is compact in Y .

Proof:

7.8 Compact sets unioned together are compact

Let X be a topological space. If C_1, \dots, C_n are each compact in X , then $\bigcup_{j=1}^n C_j$ is compact in X .

7.9 Intersection of Hausdorff compact sets are compact

If X is Hausdorff, and $\{C_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ is a collection of sets that are compact in X , then $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} C_\alpha$ is compact in X .

7.10 If a subset of a compact set is closed, then that subset is also compact

Let X be a topological space and let D be compact in X . If C is closed in X , and $C \subset D$, then C is compact in X .

7.11 All compact subsets of a Hausdorff space are closed

Let X be a Hausdorff topological space and A be compact in X . Then A is closed in X .

7.12 Tube Lemma i.e. You can take a slice of a space and it'll be compact still

Let X and Y be topological spaces, and assume that Y is compact. If $x \in X$, and U is an open set in $X \times Y$ containing $\{x\} \times Y$, then there exists a neighborhood W of x in X such that $W \times Y \subset U$.

7.13 Product topology preserves compactness

THEOREM 7.10. If X and Y are compact topological spaces, then the product $X \times Y$ is compact.

7 Compactness in Metric Spaces 7.2

7.1 Closed Bounded Intervals are compact

Every closed and bounded interval $[a, b]$ is a compact subset of \mathbb{R} with the standard topology.

7.2 Product of closed bounded intervals are compact

Let $[a_1, b_1], \dots, [a_n, b_n]$ be closed bounded intervals in \mathbb{R} . Then $[a_1, b_1] \times \dots \times [a_n, b_n]$ is a compact subset of \mathbb{R}^n .

7.3 The standard topology in standard metric in \mathbb{R}^n is compact iff it is closed and bounded

Let \mathbb{R}^n have the standard topology and the standard metric d . A set $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is compact in \mathbb{R}^n if and only if it is closed and bounded.

7.4 In a metric space with compact subset A , if there is a sequence, then there is a subsequence that converges to a limit in A

Let (X, d) be a metric space, and assume that A is compact in X . If (x_n) is a sequence in A , then there exists a subsequence (x_{n_m}) of (x_n) that converges to a limit in A .

7.5 Definition of Cauchy Sequence

Let (X, d) be a metric space. A sequence (x_n) in X is called a **Cauchy Sequence** if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $N \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ such that $d(x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon$ for every $n, m \geq N$.

7.6 With everything standard, a Cauchy Sequence converges to a limit

Let (x_n) be a Cauchy sequence in \mathbb{R}^n with the standard metric d . Then (x_n) converges to a limit in \mathbb{R}^n .

7.7 Definition of Complete

A metric space X is called **complete** if every Cauchy sequence in X converges to a limit in X .