

Homework 4

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Chapter 3: Metrics and Norms

6. If d is any metric on M , show that $\rho(x, y) = \sqrt{d(x, y)}$, $\sigma(x, y) = \frac{d(x, y)}{1+d(x, y)}$, and $\tau(x, y) = \min\{d(x, y), 1\}$ are also metrics on M .

Proof. ρ : Clearly ρ is non-negative since d is non-negative by being a metric, and

$$\rho(x, y) = 0 = \sqrt{d(x, y)} \iff d(x, y) = 0 \iff x = y$$

It is also symmetric because d is symmetric, and finally

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(x, y) + \rho(y, z) &= \sqrt{d(x, y)} + \sqrt{d(y, z)} \\ \implies [\rho(x, y) + \rho(y, z)]^2 &= d(x, y) + d(y, z) + 2\sqrt{d(x, y)d(y, z)} \\ &\geq d(x, z) + 2\sqrt{d(x, y)d(y, z)} \geq d(x, z) \\ \implies \rho(x, y) + \rho(y, z) &\geq \sqrt{d(x, z)} = \rho(x, z) \end{aligned}$$

σ : Clearly σ is non-negative since d is non-negative, and

$$\sigma(x, y) = 0 = \frac{d(x, y)}{1+d(x, y)} \iff d(x, y) = 0 \iff x = y$$

It is also symmetric because d is symmetric. Now, define $F(t) = \frac{t}{1+t}$. Then $F'(t) = \frac{1}{(1+t)^2} > 0$ so F is increasing, and we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(t) + F(s) &= \frac{t}{1+t} + \frac{s}{1+s} = \frac{t+ts+s+st}{(1+t)(1+s)} = \frac{s+t+2st}{1+s+t+st} \\ &= \frac{s+t+st}{1+s+t+st} + \frac{st}{1+s+t+st} = F(s+t+st) + \frac{st}{1+s+t+st} \\ &\geq F(s+t) \end{aligned}$$

since F is increasing since $F'(t) = (1+t)^{-2} > 0$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(x, y) + \sigma(y, z) &= F(d(x, y)) + F(d(y, z)) \geq F(d(x, y) + d(y, z)) \\ &\geq F(d(x, z)) = \sigma(x, z) \end{aligned}$$

τ : Clearly τ is non-negative since d and 1 are non-negative, and

$$\tau(x, y) = 0 = \min\{d(x, y), 1\} \iff d(x, y) = 0 \iff x = y$$

It is also symmetric because d is symmetric. Suppose that

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(x, y) + \tau(y, z) &< \tau(x, z) \\ \min\{d(x, y), 1\} + \min\{d(y, z), 1\} &= m_1 + m_2 < \min\{d(x, z), 1\} \\ \implies m_1 + m_2 &< 1, \quad m_1 + m_2 < d(x, z) \end{aligned}$$

If $m_1 + m_2 < 1$, then we must have $m_1 = d(x, y)$ and $m_2 = d(y, z)$, but since d is a metric, $m_1 + m_2 = d(x, y) + d(y, z) \geq d(x, z)$, so it is impossible for both conditions to be true. Contradiction, so $\tau(x, y) + \tau(y, z) \geq \tau(x, z)$, and τ is a metric. \square

15. We define the diameter of a nonempty subset A of M by $\text{diam}(A) = \sup \{d(a, b) : a, b \in A\}$. Show that A is bounded if and only if $\text{diam}(A)$ is finite.

Proof. (\implies) : If A is bounded, then $\exists x_0 \in M$ and $C < \infty$ such that $d(a, x_0) \leq C$ for all $a \in A$. Then

$$\text{diam}(A) = \sup \{d(a, b) : a, b \in A\} \leq \sup \{d(a, x_0) + d(x_0, b) : a, b \in A\} \leq 2C < \infty$$

(\impliedby) : If $\text{diam}(A)$ is finite, say $s = \text{diam}(A)$. Then take any $x_0 \in A \subset M$, and take $C = s$. Since s is the supremum, it follows that

$$C = s = \sup \{d(a, b) : a, b \in A\} \geq d(a, x_0)$$

for any $a \in A$, so A is bounded, as desired. \square

22. Show that $\|x\|_\infty \leq \|x\|_2$ for any $x \in \ell_2$, and that $\|x\|_2 \leq \|x\|_1$ for any $x \in \ell_1$.
23. The subset of ℓ_∞ consisting of all sequences that converge to 0 is denoted by c_0 . (Note that c_0 is actually a linear subspace of ℓ_∞ ; thus c_0 is also a normed vector space under $\|\cdot\|_\infty$.) Show that we have the following proper set inclusions: $\ell_1 \subset \ell_2 \subset c_0 \subset \ell_\infty$.
25. The same techniques can be used to show that $\|f\|_p = \left(\int_0^1 |f(t)|^p dt \right)^{1/p}$ defines a norm on $C([0, 1])$ for any $1 < p < \infty$. State and prove the analogues of Lemma 3.7 and Theorem 3.8 in this case. (Does Lemma 3.7 still hold in this setting for $p = 1$ and $q = \infty$?)
31. Give an example where $\text{diam}(A \cup B) > \text{diam}(A) + \text{diam}(B)$. If $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$, show that $\text{diam}(A \cup B) \leq \text{diam}(A) + \text{diam}(B)$.
37. A Cauchy sequence with a convergent subsequence converges.