

Functional Analysis and PDE

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Chapter 0

Introduction

Functional Analysis is the analysis on infinite dimensional spaces. Applications of FA are in geometry and topology, probability theory, numerical analysis mathematical physics, and PDEs.

Example.

$C^2(U)$, $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is the set of functions which are 2 times differentiable and have a bounded derivative. U should be a bounded, open set. Consider $f \rightarrow 0$ on ∂U and

$$\Delta = \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} \right)^2.$$

Fix $f \in C(U)$ and look for a solution $u \in C^2(U)$, s.t.

$$\Delta u = f, \quad u = \delta^{-1} f.$$

What is the inverse operator δ^{-1} in this case? That's what we need to study here.

Program of the lecture

- Structures: We need to define *Topologies*, *Metrics*, *Norms* and *Scalarproducts* on infinite-dimensional spaces
- We introduce *Functional Spaces* as infinite-dimensional vector spaces of functions
- We need to talk about *Linear Operators* to be able to talk about their inverse (see ??)

Chapter 1

Structures

We consider *convergence*. We have already seen

$$x_n \rightarrow x \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists n_0 \forall n > n_0 : x_n \in (x - \varepsilon, x + \varepsilon)$$

In order to do so, we need the definition of a neighbourhood (topology), distances (metric), the length of a vector (norm, Banach spaces), the length and angles (scalar product, Hilbert spaces).

All vector spaces we consider should base on $\mathbb{K} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$!

1.1 Topological spaces

Let X be a set, let 2^X the set of all possible subsets of X (including the empty set).

Definition 1.1 (Topology). A Topology \mathcal{T} on the set X is a family of subsets of X , that means

$$\mathcal{T} \subseteq 2^X,$$

satisfying

T1 $\emptyset, X \in \mathcal{T}$

T2 Stability under finite intersection:

$$\forall A, B \in \mathcal{T} : A \cap B \in \mathcal{T}$$

T3 Stability under any possible union: Let \mathcal{I} be some set of indices (may not be countable). Then

$$\forall \{A_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \subseteq \mathcal{T} : \bigcup_{i \in \mathcal{I}} A_i \in \mathcal{T}$$

Any subset $A \subset X$ is called an *open set*, if $A \in \mathcal{T}$. Else it is called a *closed set*.

(X, \mathcal{T}) is called a *topological space*!

Remark 1.2. Note that

$$\left(\bigcup_{i \in \mathcal{I}} A_i \right)^c = \bigcap_{i \in \mathcal{I}} A_i^c$$

for all families of open sets $\{A_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{I}}$ and each index-set \mathcal{I} .

Definition 1.3 (Coarser / finer topologies). Let $\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2$ be two topologies on X with $\mathcal{T}_1 \subset \mathcal{T}_2$, then we say that

- \mathcal{T}_1 is *coarser* / *weaker* than \mathcal{T}_2
- \mathcal{T}_2 is *finer* / *stronger* than \mathcal{T}_1

Example.

a) $\mathcal{T} = 2^X$ is a topology on $X \Rightarrow 2^X$ is the strongest (finest) topology on X .

Also $\mathcal{T} = \{\emptyset, X\}$ is a topology on $X \Rightarrow$ any topology \mathcal{T}' needs to contain \emptyset and X , so $\mathcal{T} \subset \mathcal{T}'$. This means that \mathcal{T} is the weakest / coarsest topology on X

b) On \mathbb{R} there is a standard topology \mathcal{T}_{st} :

$$V \in \mathcal{T}_{st} \text{ iff } \forall x \in V \exists \varepsilon > 0 : (x - \varepsilon, x + \varepsilon) \subset V$$

c) relative topology: Let $A \subset X$, let \mathcal{T} be a topology on X . Then

$$\mathcal{T}_A \{A \cup V : V \in \mathcal{T}\}$$

- d) Intersection of topologies: Let \mathcal{I} an index set (may be uncountable), let $(\mathcal{T}_i)_{i \in \mathcal{I}}$ be a family of topologies on X . Then we can define

$$\bigcap_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{T}_i$$

and this is again a topology on X !

- e) Product topology: Let (X, \mathcal{T}_X) and (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y) two topological spaces. Let

$$\mathcal{S} = \{(V, X) \mid V \in \mathcal{T}_X\} \cup \{(X, W) \mid W \in \mathcal{T}_Y\}.$$

The product topology on $X \times Y$ is the coarsest (weakest) topology on $X \times Y$, that contains \mathcal{S} . In particular it must contain all sets of the form $U \times V$ for $U \in \mathcal{T}_X, V \in \mathcal{T}_Y$.

Remark 1.4. If nothing else is said, we consider the standard topology \mathcal{T}_{st} on \mathbb{R} !

Definition 1.5 (Closure / boundary of a set). Let (X, \mathcal{T}) topological space, $A \subseteq X$.

The *interior* of A , A° is the largest open set inside

$$A = \bigcup_{V \in \mathcal{T}, V \subseteq A} V \text{ (open).}$$

The *closure* of A , \bar{A} is the smallest closed set containing

$$A = \bigcup_{V \text{ s.t. } V^c \in \mathcal{T}, V \supseteq A} V \text{ (closed).}$$

The *boundary* of A is given by

$$\partial A = \bar{A} \setminus A^\circ = \bar{A} \cap \underbrace{(X \setminus A^\circ)}_{(A^c)^c} \text{ (closed).}$$

Definition 1.6 (dense set / separable set). (X, \mathcal{T}) topological space in X . Then

- $A \subseteq X$ is called *dense in X* , if $\bar{A} = X$
- X is called *separable*, if there is a countable dense subset of X

Definition 1.7 (open neighbourhood). (X, \mathcal{T}) topological space, $x \in X$. A subset $V \subseteq X$ is called an open neighbourhood of x , if $V \in \mathcal{T}$ and $x \in V$.

Definition 1.8 (Convergence in topology). Let (\mathcal{T}, X) topological space. A sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, i.e. a map

$$\begin{aligned} x : \mathbb{N} &\rightarrow X \\ n &\rightarrow x_n, \end{aligned}$$

converges to $x^* \in X$, if

$$\forall V \text{ open neighbourhood of } x^* : \{n \mid x_n \in V^c\} \text{ is finite}$$

(i.e. there is just a finite number of elements that's not contained in V). Then we say that x^* is a limit point for the sequence x_n .

Example.

- a) Let \mathcal{T} the standard topology on \mathbb{R} . Then the definition of converges equals the ε - δ -Definition of convergence in Analysis 3.
- b) If $\mathcal{T} = 2^X$, then $x_n \rightarrow x^*$ iff x_n is constant up to a finite number of terms: As we have $\mathcal{T} = 2^X$ especially the set $V = \{x^*\}$ is open. This set gives us the result.
- c) If $\mathcal{T} = \{\emptyset, X\}$, then every sequence is convergent! Every point $x^* \in X$ is a limit point.

Definition 1.9 (Hausdorff space). Let (X, \mathcal{T}) topological space. It is called a Hausdorff space, if

$$\forall x, y \in X, x \neq y \exists U_x, U_y \in \mathcal{T} \text{ s.t. } x \in U_x, y \in U_y \text{ and } U_x \cap U_y = \emptyset.$$

Proposition 1.10 (Limits in Hausdorff spaces are unique)

If (X, \mathcal{T}) is a Hausdorff space, then every sequence has at most one limit, so either the sequence has no limit or it is unique!

PROOF. Proof can be done by contradiction. ■

Definition 1.11 (Connectedness). A topological space (X, \mathcal{T}) is *connected*, if we cannot write it as a union of 2 disjoint(!) (nonempty) open sets. So, if X is connected and $V \in \mathcal{T}$ is an open set, there is no $\emptyset \neq W \in \mathcal{T}$ with $V \cap W = \emptyset$ and $V \cup W = X$.

$A \subseteq X$ is *connected*, if A is connected in \mathcal{T}_A .

Definition 1.12 (Continuity). Let $(X, \mathcal{T}_X), (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$ topological spaces, $f : X \rightarrow Y$. f is called *continuous*, if

$$\forall V \in \mathcal{T}_Y : f^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{T}_X.$$

f is *continuous at a point* $x \in X$, if

$\forall V$ open neighbourhoods of $f(x) \exists U$ open neighbourhood of x in \mathcal{T}_X , s.t. $f(U) \subset V$ ($U \subset f^{-1}(V)$). f is a *homeomorphism* if f is bijective, and f, f^{-1} are continuous.

Remark 1.13. It holds that

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(A \cup B) &= f^{-1}(A) \cup f^{-1}(B) \\ f^{-1}(A \cap B) &= f^{-1}(A) \cap f^{-1}(B) \\ f^{-1}(Y \setminus A) &= X \setminus f^{-1}(A) \end{aligned}$$

It is also valid that if

$$f_1 : (X, \mathcal{T}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y), \quad f_2 : (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{T}_X)$$

and both are continuous, then $f_2 \circ f_1$ is also continuous!

Moreover

$$f \text{ continuous} \Leftrightarrow f \text{ continuous at every } x \in X$$

Example.

a) Let $\mathcal{T} = 2^X$, $f : X \rightarrow Y$, let \mathcal{T}_Y continuous. Any function is then continuous:

$$\forall V \in \mathcal{T}_Y : f^{-1}(V) \in 2^X = \mathcal{T}_X \Rightarrow \text{continuous!}$$

b) Let now $\mathcal{T}_X = \{\emptyset, X\}$, then the constant function $f(x) = y^*, \forall x \in X$ is continuous:

$$\forall V \in \mathcal{T}_Y : f^{-1}(V) = \begin{cases} X & \text{if } y^* \in V \\ \emptyset & \text{if } y^* \notin V \end{cases}$$

c) If $\mathcal{T}_X = \{\emptyset, X\}$, and Y is Hausdorff, then the *emphonly* continuous function is the constant function! (Exercise!)

We may consider the following: Let $f : (X, \mathcal{T}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$ and $A \subset X$. Then we can define the restriction $f|_A : A \rightarrow Y$. That's why we also need a topology on A (that is the induced topology). If f was continuous, then $f|_A$ is also continuous as a function mapping between (A, \mathcal{T}_A) and (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y) .

Theorem 1.14 (Intermediate value theorem)

Let (X, \mathcal{T}) a connected topological space, $f : (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (on \mathbb{R} we consider the standard topology), and let f be continuous. Assume there is $x, y \in X$ s.t. $f(x) < 0 < f(y)$. Then there exists a $z \in X$ s.t. $f(z) = 0$.

PROOF. Assume that $f(z) \neq 0, \forall z \in X$. This would mean that $0 \notin f(X)$. Consider $V = (0, \infty)$, which is open in \mathcal{T}_{st} . Then $f^{-1}(V)$ is open (as f is continuous) and is nonempty. We can take the complement of this set: $X = f^{-1}(V) \cup [f^{-1}(V)]^c$, and

$$[f^{-1}(V)]^c = f^{-1}(V^c) = f^{-1}((-\infty, 0)) = f^{-1}\left(\underbrace{(-\infty, 0)}_{\text{open}}\right)$$

is an open and nonempty set. As the space X is connected, this is not possible!

\Rightarrow There must be $z \in X : f(z) = 0$. ■

1.2 Metric spaces

Definition 1.15 (Metric). A function $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$, $(x, y) \mapsto d(x, y)$ is called a *metric*, if

- M1) $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$ (Non-negativity)
- M2) $d(x, y) = d(y, x), \forall x, y \in X$ (Symmetry)
- M3) $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y), \forall x, y, z \in X$ (Triangle inequality)

If d is a metric on X , then the pair (X, d) is called a *metric space*.

Definition 1.16 (Semimetric). The map $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is called a *semi-metric*, if

- M2) $d(x, y) = d(y, x), \forall x, y \in X$ (Symmetry)
- M3) $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y), \forall x, y, z \in X$ (Triangle inequality)

The non-negativity (which would make d a metric) is not satisfied!

A semimetric d can be extended to a metric as follows:

Take equivalence relation $x \tilde{y}$, if $d(x, y) = 0$, and then take $\tilde{X} = X_{\sim}$, so

$$[x] \in \tilde{X} \Rightarrow [x] := \{z \in X \mid z \tilde{x}\} = \{z \in X \mid d(x, z) = 0\}.$$

Set then

$$\tilde{d} : \tilde{X} \times \tilde{X} \rightarrow [0, \infty), \quad \tilde{d}([x], [y]) = d(x, y).$$

Check, that \tilde{d} is a metric on \tilde{X} !

Example.

a) On $X = \mathbb{R}^n$, the map $d_\infty(x, y) := \max_{j=1, \dots, n} |x_j - y_j|$ is a metric.

b) On $X = \mathbb{R}^n$ define for $1 \leq p < \infty$:

$$d_p(x, y) := \left[\sum_{j=1}^n |x_j - y_j|^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

is a metric on X , for $p = 2$ it is the euclidean metric.

c) Let $X = \ell_\infty := \{a : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \text{bounded sequence}\}$. On this space we can define a metric by

$$d_\infty(a, b) := \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |a_j - b_j|.$$

This metric is well-defined as all sequences in ℓ_∞ are bounded!

d) On

$$\ell_p := \{a : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |a_j|^p < \infty\}$$

we can define a metric by

$$d_p(a, b) := \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |a_j - b_j|^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

This expression is finite since we take sequences in ℓ_p .

e) Pull-back metric: Let $X, (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$ given, $f : X \rightarrow Y$ injective. Then

$$d_X(x, y) := d_Y(f(x), f(y))$$

is a metric on X .

Exercise: Show that d_x is a metric iff f is injective and d_Y is a metric!

f) Let $x = \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\} \cup \{+\infty\}$, and $Y = [-1, 1]$ with the standard metric $d_Y(y_1, y_2) = |y_1 - y_2|$. Let now $f : X \rightarrow Y$ given by

$$f(x) := \begin{cases} -1 & x = -\infty \\ \frac{x}{1+|x|} & x \in \mathbb{R} \\ 1 & x = +\infty \end{cases}$$

Then we have that d_x [...??]

Some definitions

Definition 1.17. Let (X, d) metric space, $A, B \subset X$. The *diameter* of A is defined as

$$\text{diam}(A) := \sup_{x, y \in A} d(x, y).$$

The *distance between two sets* is defined as

$$\text{dist}(A, B) := \inf_{x \in A, y \in B} d(x, y),$$

and the *distance between a set and a point* is defined as

$$\text{dist}(x, A) := \inf_{y \in A} d(x, y).$$

A *Neighbourhood of a set* A is given by

$$B_r(A) := \{y \in X : d(y, A) < r\}.$$

A *Ball of radius r centered at x* is given by

$$B(x, r) := \{y \in X : d(y, x) < r\}.$$

Proposition 1.18 (Topology induced by a metric)

Let (X, d) metric space. Define $\mathcal{T}_d \subset 2^X$ as

$$\mathcal{T}_d := \{V \in 2^X \mid \forall x \in V \exists \varepsilon > 0 : B(x, \varepsilon) \subset V\}.$$

Then, \mathcal{T}_d is a topology on X and (X, \mathcal{T}_d) is a Hausdorff-space.

PROOF. \mathcal{T}_d is a topology (easy exercise).

Let $x \neq y, x, y \in X$. We need to show that there are $U_x, U_y \in \mathcal{T}_d$ s.t. $x \in U_x, y \in U_y$ and $U_x \cap U_y = \emptyset$.

Try with $U_x = B(x, \varepsilon_1), U_y = B(y, \varepsilon_2)$. What is unknown up till now are the values of $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$. Define $z \in U_x \cap U_y$. This point exists, iff $d(z, x) < \varepsilon_1$ and $d(z, y) < \varepsilon_2$. This means

$$d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y) < \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2.$$

If $\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 < d(x, y)$ then $U_x \cap U_y = \emptyset$. This is always possible as we can choose $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$ so small, that the sum of them is smaller than $d(x, y)$.

Are those balls open in sense of the topology \mathcal{T}_d ?

It can be checked, that every ball $B(x, r) \in \mathcal{T}_d$ (is open in \mathcal{T}_d). ■

Definition 1.19. $B(x, r)$ is called an *open ball of radius r centered in x* . A *closed ball of radius r centered in x* is given by

$$\bar{B}(x, r) := \{y \in X \mid d(x, y) \leq r\}.$$

The *closure of an open ball $B(x, r)$* is defined as

$$\overline{B(x, r)} = \text{smallest open set (in the topol.) containing the ball.}$$

In general $\overline{B(x, r)} \subseteq \bar{B}(x, r)$.

Example.

Let $X = \{0, 1\}$ and

$$d(x, y) := \begin{cases} 1 & x \neq y \\ 0 & x = y \end{cases}$$

Then $B(0, 1) = \{z \in X \mid d(0, z) < 1\} = \{0\}$ and

$$[B(0, 1)]^c = \{1\} = B(1, 1).$$

So $B(0, 1)$ is open and $B(0, 1)^c$ is also open. But $B(0, 1)^c$ is the complement of an open set, so it has to be closed as well. Therefore $B(0, 1)$ is open and closed at the same time. One sees easily

$$\overline{B(0, 1)} = \{0\}, \quad \bar{B}(0, 1) = \{0, 1\}.$$

Whenever we have a metric space, we can make it a topological space. When does the opposite hold? This property is called *Metrizability* of a topological space

Definition 1.20. A topological space (X, \mathcal{T}) s.t. $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ s.t. (X, d) is a metric space, and $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}_d$, then the topological space (X, \mathcal{T}) is called *metrizable*.

Remark 1.21. Not all Hausdorff spaces are metrizable!

Remark 1.22. In a Hausdorff-space (X, \mathcal{T}_d) every convergent sequence has a unique limit.

Proposition 1.23

(X, d) metric space (hence (X, \mathcal{T}_d) is Hausdorff-space). Let $x : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$ a sequence in X . The following are equal

1.

$$(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ converges to } x^* \in X \text{ in sense of } (X, \mathcal{T}_d)$$

2.

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists k_0 \geq 0 : \forall k \geq k_0 \ x_k \in \underbrace{B(x^*, \varepsilon)}_{d(x^*, x_k) < \varepsilon}$$

PROOF. For all V open neighbourhood of x^* all but a finite number of x_k are in V .

$$\exists k_0 > 0 \forall k \geq k_0 x_k \in V \text{ iff } V = \text{ball}.$$

For the other direction: V is open neighbourhood of x^* . So there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ s.t.

$$B(x^*, \varepsilon) \subset V. \quad \blacksquare$$

Open and closed sets can be characterized using convergent sequences:

Proposition 1.24

Let (X, d) metric space, $X \subset X$. The following are equivalent

1. A is closed in topology, i.e. $A^c \in \mathcal{T}_d$
2. A is sequentially closed, i.e. all convergent sequences $x : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$ converge to a point $x^* \in A$

Moreover $\forall A \subset X$, the closure \bar{A} (topology) coincides with the sequential closure:

$$\bar{A} := \{x^* \in X \mid \exists x : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A : \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = x^*\}.$$

PROOF. Exercise! ■

Now we want to speak about continuity in metric spaces.

Proposition 1.25

Let $(X, d_X), (Y, d_Y)$ be two metric spaces, and let $f : X \rightarrow Y$. Since we have metric spaces, we can define the corresponding topologies $\mathcal{T}_{d_X}, \mathcal{T}_{d_Y}$, so we can talk about continuity of f in sense of the topological spaces.

The following statements are equivalent

1. f is continuous (in topology) as a map from $(X, \mathcal{T}_{d_X}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{T}_{d_Y})$.
2. $\varepsilon - \delta$ continuity (in metric, pointwise), i.e.

$$\forall x \in X, \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t. } d_X(x, y) < \delta \Rightarrow d_Y(f(x), f(y)) < \varepsilon.$$

3. (Sequential continuity)

$$\forall x^* \in X \forall \text{ sequence } x : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X, k \mapsto x_k : x_k \rightarrow x^* \Rightarrow f(x_k) \rightarrow f(x^*).$$

(So convergence in topology = convergence in metric)

PROOF. Exercise! ■

We now want to be able to compare metrics.

Definition 1.26. Let d_1, d_2 be two metrics on X . We say that d_1 is *stronger* than d_2 , if for the corresponding topologies it holds that \mathcal{T}_{d_1} is stronger (finer) than \mathcal{T}_{d_2} . Analogously d_1 is *weaker* than d_2 , if \mathcal{T}_{d_1} is weaker (coarser) than \mathcal{T}_{d_2} . d_1 and d_2 are called *equivalent*, if $\mathcal{T}_{d_1} = \mathcal{T}_{d_2}$.

We can give characterizations of stronger / weaker metrics in terms of continuity.

Proposition 1.27

Let d_1, d_2 two metrics on X . The following are equivalent:

- (1) d_1 is stronger than d_2 (i.e. $\mathcal{T}_{d_2} \subset \mathcal{T}_{d_1}$).
- (2) $Id : (X, \mathcal{T}_{d_1}) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{T}_{d_2})$, with $x \mapsto Id(x) = x$ is continuous.
- (3) Any sequence that is convergent in d_1 must also be convergent in d_2 .
- (4)

$$\forall x \in X \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t. } d_1(x, y) < \delta \Rightarrow d_2(x, y) < \varepsilon.$$

PROOF. (1) \Leftrightarrow (2) $f : X \rightarrow Y$ constant $\Leftrightarrow \forall V \subset \mathcal{T}_Y = \mathcal{T}_2 f^{-1} \in \mathcal{T}_X = \mathcal{T}_1$. Then $\forall V \subset \mathcal{T}_2 \Rightarrow V \in \mathcal{T}_1$. This means for $f = Id$ that

$$f^{-1}(V) = V \in \mathcal{T}_1, \quad \forall V \in \mathcal{T}_2.$$

(2) \Leftrightarrow (3) f is constant at x^* , if $\forall x_k \rightarrow x^* \Rightarrow f(x_k) \rightarrow f(x^*)$. For $f = Id : (X, \mathcal{T}_1) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{T}_2)$ we have therefore that

$$d_1(x_k, x^*) \rightarrow 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \underbrace{d_2(\underbrace{f(x_k)}_{=:x_k}, \underbrace{f(x^*)}_{=:x^*})}_{=:d_2(x_k, x^*)} \rightarrow 0$$

f is constant $\Leftrightarrow x_k$ converges in $d_1 \Rightarrow x_k$ converges in d_2 .

(2) \Leftrightarrow (4) f const $\Leftrightarrow \varepsilon - \delta$ continuity:

$$\forall x \in X \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 : \underbrace{d_X(x, y)}_{=:d_1(x, y)} < \delta \Rightarrow \underbrace{d_Y(f(x), f(y))}_{=:d_2(x, y)} < \varepsilon \Rightarrow \left(d_1(x, y) < \delta \Rightarrow d_2(x, y) < \varepsilon \right)$$

Example.

Let $X = \ell_1 := \{x : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |x_j| < \infty\}$. Define

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(x, y) &:= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |x_j - y_j| \\ d_{\infty}(x, y) &:= \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |x_j - y_j|. \end{aligned}$$

Both metrics are well defined, as no sequence in ℓ_1 can be divergent.

d_∞ is a weaker metric than d_1 , if $d_1(x, y) < \delta \Rightarrow \sum_j |x_j - y_j| < \delta$ then $\sup_j |x_j - y_j| < \delta$, i.e. $d_2(x, y) < \delta$.

d_∞ is not equivalent to d_1 ! Take $x^{(k)} = (\underbrace{\frac{1}{k}, \frac{1}{k}, \dots, \frac{1}{k}}_k, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$. Then

$$d_\infty(x^{(k)}, 0) = \sup_j |x_j^{(k)} - 0| = \frac{1}{k} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0,$$

that means $x^{(k)} \rightarrow 0$ in d_∞ ! Nevertheless we have in the other metric

$$d_1(x^{(k)}, 0) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |x_j^{(k)} - 0| = k \frac{1}{k} = 1, \quad \forall k,$$

so $x^{(k)} \not\rightarrow 0$ in d_1 .

$\Rightarrow d_\infty$ cannot be equivalent to d_1 !

Definition 1.28 (Cauchy sequence). A sequence $x : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$ in a metric space (X, d) is a *Cauchy sequence*, if

$$\forall \delta > 0 \exists k_0 \geq 0 : \quad d(x_k, x_q) < \delta, \quad \forall k, q \geq k_0.$$

Remark 1.29. Any convergent sequence is a Cauchy sequence! The converse does not need to be true.

Definition 1.30 (Complete space). A metric space (X, d) is a *complete space*, if every Cauchy sequence has a limit in X .

Example.

- Let $X = \mathbb{Q}$, with the standard metric $d(x, y) = |x - y|$. (\mathbb{Q}, d) is not complete!
- (ℓ_p, d_p) for $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ with $d_p(x, y) = (\sum_j |x_j - y_j|^p)^{1/p}$ is complete!
- (ℓ_1, d_∞) is not complete! Take for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ the sequence $x^{(k)} = (1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots, \underbrace{\frac{1}{k+1}}_{k+1}, 0, \dots, 0)$,

then $d_\infty(x^k, x^{k'}) = \sup_j |x_j^k - x_j^{k'}| = \frac{1}{k+2}$, for $k' > k$, and this expression tends to 0 for $k, k' \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore it is a Cauchy sequence. However we have that $d_\infty(x^k, x^*) = \frac{1}{k+2} \rightarrow 0$.

- Suppose that (X, d) is complete and let $A \subset X$, s.t. $A \neq X$ and A is dense in X , i.e. $\bar{A} = X$. Then (A, d_A) cannot be complete, because

$$\forall x^* \in X \exists x : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A : x_k \rightarrow x^*,$$

which also has to hold for all $x^* \in X \setminus A$ (by assumption $A \neq X$).

When can we say that (A, d_A) is complete (for $A \subset X$)?

Proposition 1.31

Let (X, d) complete metric space and $A \subset X$ a closed subset of X . Then (A, d_A) is a complete metric space.

PROOF. Let $x : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$ Cauchy sequence. Then x is a Cauchy-sequence in a complete space X . Therefore exists $x^* \in X$ s.t. $x_k \rightarrow x^*$ and as A is closed ($\Leftrightarrow A$ sequentially closed) we have that $x^* \in A$. ■

Every noncomplete space can be extended to a complete space, up to an isometry.

Definition 1.32 (Isometry). Let $(X, d_X), (Y, d_Y)$ two metric spaces. A function $f : (X, d_X) \rightarrow (Y, d_Y)$ is an *isometry*, if

$$d_X(x, y) = d_Y(f(x), f(y)), \quad \forall x, y \in X.$$

Remark 1.33. If for the isometry f we have that $f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow d_X(x, y) = 0 \Rightarrow x = y$, so an isometry must always be injective! We can even make it bijective by restricting it's image to $f(X) \subseteq Y$, i.e. $(X, d_X) \rightarrow (f(X), d_Y|_{f(X)})$.

A sequence x is convergent in X iff $f(x)$ is convergent in $f(X)$.

A sequence x is Cauchy sequence in X iff $f(x)$ is Cauchy sequence in $f(X)$.

Theorem 1.34 (Completion)

Let (X, d) metric space. Then exists a complete space (\tilde{X}, \tilde{d}) and an isometry $f : (X, d) \rightarrow (\tilde{X}, \tilde{d})$ s.t. $\mathcal{J}(X)$, is dense in \tilde{X} .

Remark 1.35. It is not always possible to just complete the space in X . However it works (see [Theorem 1.34](#)), if we first map the space using an isometry.

PROOF. Do the proof in 3 steps: First construct (\tilde{X}, \tilde{d}) , then prove that this space is complete. Afterwards construct an embedding of X (define \mathcal{J}).

Step 1: We first define $X^{\mathbb{N}} := \{x : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X\}$ (the set of sequences in X). Now restrict this space to the Cauchy sequences: $\hat{X} := \{x \in X^{\mathbb{N}} | x \text{ Cauchy sequence}\}$.

We can now define an equivalence relation \sim by

$$x \sim y \text{ if } \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} d(x_j, y_j) = 0$$

Then define the set of equivalence classes as

$$\tilde{X} = \hat{X} / \sim = \{[x]\}$$

with

$$[x] := \{y \in \hat{X} | x \sim y\}.$$

Property of \hat{X} : $\forall x, y \in \hat{X}, a : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+, a_j = d(x_j, y_j)$. Then a is a Cauchy sequence in \mathbb{R} , so it is convergent!

$$|a_j - a_{j'}| \rightarrow 0, \quad j, j' \rightarrow \infty.$$

x, y Cauchy, so $\forall \delta > 0 \exists j_0, j'_0$ s.t.

$$d(x_j, x_{j'}) < \delta \quad \forall j, j' \geq j_0$$

and

$$d(y_j, y_{j'}) < \delta \quad \forall j, j' \geq j'_0.$$

Then

$$a_j = d(x_j, y_j) \leq \underbrace{d(x_j, x_k)}_{< \delta} + \underbrace{d(x_k, y_k)}_{a_k} + \underbrace{d(y_k, y_j)}_{< \delta}, \quad \forall k, j \geq \max\{j_0, j'_0\}$$

So $a_j \leq 2\delta + a_k, \forall j, k \geq \max\{j_0, j'_0\}$ and $a_k \leq 2\delta + a_j \forall k, j \geq \max\{j_0, j'_0\}$. Therefore $|a_j - a_k| \rightarrow 0$, for $j, k \rightarrow \infty$.

We can now define

$$\tilde{d}([x], [y]) := \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} d(x_j, y_j).$$

This \tilde{d} is well defined: Let $x' \in [x]$. Then $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} d(x'_j, y_j) \leq \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} d(x'_j, x_j) + d(x_j, y_j) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} d(x_j, y_j)$. It is easy to check that \tilde{d} is a metric on \tilde{X} .

Step 2: Prove that (\tilde{X}, \tilde{d}) is complete.

Let $[x^{(k)}]$ (each $x^{(k)} \in \hat{X}$ is Cauchy sequence) be a Cauchy sequence in \tilde{X} . Then

$$\forall \delta > 0 \exists k_0 \geq 0 \text{ s.t. } \tilde{d}([x^{(k)}], [x^{(k')}]) < \delta, \quad \forall k, k' \geq k_0.$$

Construction of the limit: $x^{(k)}$ (for fixed k) is Cauchy in X , so

$$\forall \delta \exists k_0 \text{ s.t. } d(x_j^{(k)}, x_{j'}^{(k)}) < \delta, \quad \forall j, j' \geq k_0.$$

Choose now $\delta = \frac{1}{k}$, and $j_k - k_0$. Then

$$d(x_j^{(k)}, x_{j_k}^{(k)}) < \frac{1}{k}, \quad \forall j \geq j_k.$$

Define

$$y_k := \underbrace{x_{j_k}^{(k)}}_{\text{one element in the seq. } x^{(k)}}$$

and

$$y := (y_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \in X^{\mathbb{N}}.$$

We constructed a sequence in X . We need to prove that $y \in \hat{X}$ (then we can define $[y]$) and that $\tilde{d}([x^{(k)}], [y]) \rightarrow 0$ for $k \rightarrow \infty$.

We first show that $y \in \hat{X}$ is Cauchy sequence. Look at

$$d(x_k, y_{k'}) < \delta, \quad \forall k, k' \geq j_0.$$

For our sequence this is

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(x_{j_k}^k, x_{j_{k'}}^{(k)}) &\leq \underbrace{d(x_{j_k}^{(k)}, x_j^{(k)})}_{< \frac{1}{k}} + \underbrace{d(x_j^{(k)}, x_j^{(k')})}_{\text{same ele., diff. seq.}} + \underbrace{d(x_j^{(k')}, x_{j_k}^{(k)})}_{< \frac{1}{k'}} \\
 &\leq \underbrace{\frac{1}{k} + d(x_j^{(k)}, x_j^{(k')}) + \frac{1}{k'}}_{\forall j \geq \max\{j_k, j_{k'}\}} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{k} + \frac{1}{k} + \underbrace{\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} d(x_j^{(k)}, x_j^{(k')})}_{\substack{\tilde{d}([x^k], [x^{k'}]) \xrightarrow{\text{Cauchy}} 0, k, k' \rightarrow \infty}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$d(y_k, y_{k'}) \rightarrow 0, \quad k, k' \rightarrow \infty$$

so $y \in \hat{X}$.

Step 3: Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{d}([x^k], [y]) &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} d(x_l^k, y_l) \\
 &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} d(x_l^{(k)}, y_{j_l}^{(l)}) \\
 &\leq \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{d(x_l^k, x_{j_k}^k)}_{\leq \frac{1}{k}, f.l. \geq j_k} + \underbrace{d(x_{j_k}^k, x_{j_l}^l)}_{d(y_k, y_l) \rightarrow 0 \text{ Cauchy}}
 \end{aligned}$$

And therefore $[x^k] \rightarrow [y]$ in \tilde{X} .

(\tilde{X}, \tilde{d}) is complete. Define $\mathcal{J} : X \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ as $\mathcal{J}(x) = [\bar{x}]$, \bar{x} sequence with $\bar{x}_j = x$ for all j . Then

$$\tilde{d}(\mathcal{J}(x), \mathcal{J}(x')) = \tilde{d}([\bar{x}], [\bar{x}']) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} d(\bar{x}_j, \bar{x}_{j'}) = d(x, x').$$

Therefore \mathcal{J} is an isometry!

For $[x] \in \tilde{X}$ define $\bar{x}_j^{(k)} = (x_k)$, $\forall j$. Then \bar{x}^k is a sequence in $f(X)$ and $\tilde{d}([x], [x^k]) \rightarrow 0$ for $k \rightarrow \infty$, so $\mathcal{J}(X)$ is dense in \tilde{X} . \blacksquare

1.3 Normed spaces

To define a *normed space*, the set X must at least be a vector space (always over \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C}).

Definition 1.36 (Normed space). Let X be a \mathbb{K} -vector space, for $\mathbb{K} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$. A map $\|\cdot\| : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ with $x \mapsto \|x\|$ is called a *norm*, if

- $N_1)$ Definiteness $\|x\| = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$
- $N_2)$ Homogeneity $\|\alpha x\| = |\alpha| \|x\|, \forall x \in X, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{K}$
- $N_3)$ Triangle inequality $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in X$

In this case, the pair $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is called a *normed space*.

Remark 1.37. 1. $\|0\| = \|0x\| = 0\|x\| = 0$.

2. A *seminorm* just satisfies properties N_2 and N_3 , but not N_1 . We can extend a seminorm $\|\cdot\|$ to a norm by taking

$$X/\sim, \quad x \sim y \text{ if } \|x - y\| = 0$$

analogously to what we did for a semimetric in order to extend it to a metric.

3. Let $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed space. The function

$$\begin{aligned} d : X \times X &\rightarrow [0, \infty) \\ (x, y) &\mapsto d(x, y) = \|x - y\| \end{aligned}$$

then defines a metric on X .

Notions of convergence, continuity, completeness are defined on normed spaces, using the metric d , induced by the norm $\|\cdot\|$ (see remark above).

We have an additional property:

$$\|x - y\| \geq |\|x\| - \|y\||$$

This holds because of putting the following 2 estimates together:

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\| &\leq \|x - y\| + \|y\|, \\ \|y\| &\leq \|x - y\| + \|x\|; \end{aligned}$$

Definition 1.38 (Banach space). A normed space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is called a *Banach space*, if X is complete under the induced metric d (by the norm $\|\cdot\|$).

Example.

The spaces

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_p &:= \{x : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |x_j|^p < \infty\}, \quad 1 \leq p < \infty \\ \ell_\infty &:= \{x : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |x_j| < \infty\} \end{aligned}$$

can be equipped with the norm

$$\|x\|_p := \left(\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |x_j|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

respectively

$$\|x\|_\infty := \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |x_j|.$$

The spaces $(\ell_p, \|\cdot\|_p)$ is a Banach space for $1 \leq p \leq \infty$.

We also want to be able to compare norms.

Definition 1.39. Let $\|\cdot\|_1, \|\cdot\|_2$ be two norms on X . We say that $\|\cdot\|_1$ is *stronger* than $\|\cdot\|_2$, if d_1 is stronger than d_2 (i.e. for the corresponding topologies we have $\mathcal{T}_1 \subset \mathcal{T}_2$).

$\|\cdot\|_1$ is *weaker* than $\|\cdot\|_2$ if d_1 is weaker than d_2 .

$\|\cdot\|_1$ and $\|\cdot\|_2$ are *equivalent*, if d_1, d_2 are equivalent.

Proposition 1.40

Let $\|\cdot\|_1, \|\cdot\|_2$ be two norms on X . Then $\|\cdot\|_1$ is stronger than $\|\cdot\|_2$, if there is a constant $c > 0$, s.t.

$$\|x\|_2 \leq C\|x\|_1, \quad \forall x \in X.$$

$\|\cdot\|_1, \|\cdot\|_2$ are equivalent, if there are $c, C > 0$ s.t.

$$c\|x\|_1 \leq \|x\|_2 \leq C\|x\|_1, \quad \forall x \in X.$$

PROOF. $\|\cdot\|_1$ is stronger than $\|\cdot\|_2$. This means that

$$\forall x \in X \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta_{x,\varepsilon} > 0$$

s.t.

$$\underbrace{d_1(x, y)}_{\|x-y\|_1} < \delta_{x,\varepsilon} \Rightarrow \underbrace{d_2(x, y)}_{\|x-y\|_2} < \varepsilon.$$

So, for fix $x = 0, \varepsilon = 1$ there is $\delta > 0$ s.t.

$$\|y\|_1 < \delta \Rightarrow \|y\|_2 < 1.$$

For any $y \in X$ let $z_\varepsilon := y \frac{\delta}{\|y\|_1 + \varepsilon}$, for $\varepsilon > 0$. Using this we have

$$\|z_\varepsilon\|_1 \leq \delta \Rightarrow \|z_\varepsilon\|_2 < 1$$

so

$$\|y\|_2 \leq \frac{1}{\delta} (\|y\|_1 + \varepsilon), \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0.$$

For $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ we have then that $\|y\|_2 \leq \frac{1}{\delta} \|y\|_1$. ■

1.4 Hilbert spaces

We want to be able to measure angles between vectors, i.e. a scalar product.

Definition 1.41 (Sesquilinear form). Let X be a \mathbb{K} -vector space. A map

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{K}, \quad (x, y) \mapsto \langle x, y \rangle$$

is called a *sesquilinear form*, if it is linear in the first, and antilinear in the second argument, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \alpha x, y \rangle &= \alpha \langle x, y \rangle \\ \langle x, \alpha y \rangle &= \bar{\alpha} \langle x, y \rangle \\ \langle x + x', y \rangle &= \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x', y \rangle \\ \langle x, y + y' \rangle &= \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x, y' \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

A sesquilinear form is called

- *symmetric*, if $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle$, $\forall x, y \in X$;
- *positive semidefinite*, if $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$, $\forall x \in X$;
- *positive definite*, if $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$ and $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$ iff $x = 0$.

Notations for the sesquilinear form: $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle, (\cdot, \cdot), (\cdot, \cdot)_X$ depending on the situation.

In the following we assume the symmetry and positive semidefiniteness!

Lemma 1.42

Let X be a \mathbb{K} -vector space and $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ be a sesquilinearform, symmetrical and positive semidefinite. Set

$$\| \cdot \| : X \rightarrow [0, \infty), \quad x \mapsto \|x\| := \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}.$$

This is well defined, since $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0, \forall x \in X$.

Then we have

1. Homogeneity $\|\alpha x\| = |\alpha| \|x\|, \quad \forall x \in X, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$

2. Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in X$$

3. Triangle inequality

$$\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in X$$

4. Parallelogram identity

$$\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 = 2\|x\|^2 + 2\|y\|^2, \quad \forall x, y \in X$$

From above properties 1 and 3 we know that $\| \cdot \|$ is a seminorm. It is even a norm, if $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is positive definite.

PROOF. Exercise! ■

Definition 1.43. A positive definite, symmetrical sesquilinear form on X is called a *scalar product*.

The pair $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is called a *Pre-Hilbert space*.

Remark 1.44. Scalar product \Rightarrow norm \Rightarrow distance \Rightarrow Topology.

Lemma 1.45

Let $(X, \| \cdot \|)$ normed space. Then there exists a scalar product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ on X , s.t.

$$\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$$

iff $\| \cdot \|$ satisfies the parallelogram identity

$$\|x + y\| + \|x - y\| = 2\|x\|^2 + 2\|y\|^2, \quad \forall x, y \in X.$$

PROOF. Exercise! ■

Definition 1.46 (Hilbert space). A *Hilbert space* is a Pre-Hilbert space $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ (with a scalar-product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$) that is complete under the norm (i.e. the metric) induced by the scalar product.

Chapter 2

Function spaces

2.1 Bounded functions

We consider functions $f : X \rightarrow Y$, where X is some set and Y is at least a normed space.

Definition 2.1. Let X be a set and Y a normed \mathbb{K} -vector space $(Y, \|\cdot\|)$. The *space of bounded functions* is defined as

$$B(X; Y) := \{f : X \rightarrow Y \mid \sup_{x \in X} \|f(x)\| < \infty\}.$$

Remark 2.2. 1. Y is a vector space, so $B(X; Y)$ is a \mathbb{K} -vector space, with

$$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x), \quad (\alpha f)(x) = \alpha f(x)$$

2. Let $\|\cdot\| : B(X; Y) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ with $f \mapsto \|f\| := \sup_{x \in X} \|f(x)\|$. This defines a norm on $B(X; Y)$ (Exercise!), so $(B(X; Y), \|\cdot\|)$ is a normed space!

Is the space $(B(X; Y), \|\cdot\|)$ complete?

Proposition 2.3

Let Y be a Banach space. Then $(B(X; Y), \|\cdot\|)$ is a Banach space.

PROOF. We need to show that every Cauchy sequence has a limit in $B(X; Y)$. Let f_n be a Cauchy sequence in $B(X; Y)$. This means that

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists k_0 \geq 0 : \quad \forall n, m \geq k_0 \quad \|f_n - f_m\| < \varepsilon.$$

This shows that

$$\sup_x \|f_n(x) - f_m(x)\| < \varepsilon,$$

and therefore $f_n(x)$ is a Cauchy-sequence in Y , for all $x \in X$. As Y is complete (as it is Banach space), for each $x \in X$ there is $f(x) \in Y$ s.t.

$$f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x).$$

Remark: We know that f_n is Cauchy-sequence. Thus, for $\varepsilon = 1$ there is $k_0 \geq 0$ s.t.

$$\|f_n - f_m\| < 1, \quad \forall n, m \geq k_0,$$

and

$$\|f_n\| \leq \overbrace{\|f_n - f_{k_0}\|}^{<1} + \overbrace{\|f_{k_0}\|}^M, \quad \forall n \geq k_0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \|f_n\| \leq 1 + M, \quad \forall n \geq k_0 \text{ which means that } \|f_n(x)\| \leq 1 + M \text{ for all } x \in X, n \geq k_0.$$

Using this remark, we can do the following

$$\|f(x)\| \leq \underbrace{\|f(x) - f_n(x)\|}_{\rightarrow 0, \text{ for } n \rightarrow \infty} + \underbrace{\|f_n(x)\|}_{\leq 1+M}.$$

There is n s.t. $\|f(x) - f_n(x)\| < 1 \Rightarrow \|f(x)\| \leq 2 + M \Rightarrow \|f\| = \sup_x \|f(x)\| \leq 2 + M$.
Therefore $f \in B(X; Y)$.

Does $f_n \rightarrow f$ hold? I.e. $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists n_0 \geq 0$ s.t.

$$\sup_x \|f_n(x) - f(x)\| = \|f_n - f\| < \varepsilon, \quad \forall n \geq n_0.$$

As f_n is Cauchy sequence there is n_0 independent of x , s.t.

$$\forall n, m \geq n_0 : \sup_x \|f_n(x) - f_m(x)\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

$\forall x \in X : f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$, hence $\exists n_x \geq 0$ s.t. $\forall n \geq n_x$ it holds that

$$\|f_n(x) - f(x)\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Take any $n \geq n_0$. Then for $n \geq n_x \Rightarrow \|f_n(x) - f(x)\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$. Moreover we have for $n_0 \leq n < n_x$ that

$$\|f_n(x) - f(x)\| \leq \|f_m(x) - f_n(x)\| + \|f_m(x) - f(x)\|, \quad \forall m.$$

As m is freely chosen, we can especially take $m \geq n_x > n_0$. Then

$$\|f_n(x) - f(x)\| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon.$$

This means that $\forall x \in X : \|f_n(x) - f(x)\| < \varepsilon$, so $\|f_n - f\| < \varepsilon$ and therefore $f_n \rightarrow f$. ■

Important special case: $Y = \mathbb{K} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$. Then we write $B(X; \mathbb{K}) = B(X)$.

We now want to know, when $B(X; Y)$ is separable. In general, this is not the case.

Proposition 2.4

The space $B(X; \mathbb{R})$ is separable iff X is finite. In particular

$$\ell_\infty = B(\mathbb{N}; \mathbb{R}) = \text{set of bounded sequences}$$

is not separable!

PROOF. Exercise! ■

2.2 Continuous functions

We again consider functions of the form $f : X \rightarrow Y$, where Y is a vector space. For considering continuous functions, we need at least a topology on X .

Definition 2.5. Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be a topological, and $(Y, \|\cdot\|)$ a normed space. The space of continuous functions $X \rightarrow Y$ is defined as

$$C(X; Y) := \{f : X \rightarrow Y \mid f \text{ continuous}\}.$$

The set of bounded continuous functions $X \rightarrow Y$ is defined as

$$C_b(X; Y) := B(X; Y) \cap C(X; Y).$$

Remark 2.6. $(B(X; Y), \|\cdot\|)$ is complete. Now we have $(C_b(X; Y), \|\cdot\|)$ (with the norm of $B(X; Y)$ restricted to continuous functions), which is again a normed space.

Is the space $(C(X; Y), \|\cdot\|)$ complete?

Theorem 2.7

Let Y be a Banach space. Then, $(C(X, Y), \|\cdot\|)$ is Banach space too.

Proposition 2.8

Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ open and let $(K_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ family of compact sets $K_i \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, s.t.

$$K_i \subseteq K_{i+1}, \quad \forall i$$

with

$$U = \bigcup_{i=0}^{\infty} K_i.$$

We assume, that $\forall x \in U \exists i_k \in \mathbb{N}, r_k > 0$ s.t. $B(x, r_k) \subset K_{i_k}, (\forall i \geq i_k)$. We define for any $f \in C(U; Y)$

$$\|f\|_i := \sup_{x \in K_i} \|f(x)\| < \infty, \quad \text{since } K_i \text{ compact}, \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Moreover, $\forall f, g \in C(U; Y)$ let

$$d(f, g) := \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 2^{-1} \underbrace{\frac{\|f - g\|_i}{1 + \|f - g\|_i}}_{\leq 1} \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 2^{-1} = 1.$$

Then: $\|\cdot\|_i$ is a seminorm on $C(U; Y)$, $\forall i$ and d is a metric on $C(U; Y)$.

Remark 2.9. Above metric d is called the *Fréchet metric*, generated by the family of seminorms $(\|\cdot\|_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}$.

PROOF. Exercise! ■

Proposition 2.10

Let $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow C(U; Y)$ be a sequence of functions in $C(U; Y)$, and let U as in [Proposition 2.8](#). The following statements are equivalent

- (a) $g \in C(U; Y)$ s.t. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(f_n, g) \rightarrow 0$ (i.e. $f_n \rightarrow g$ in d).
- (b) $\forall i \geq 1 : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - g\|_i = 0$.
- (c) $\forall K \subset U$ compact, it holds that $\sup_{x \in K} \|f_n(x) - g(x)\| \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$.

PROOF. (a) \Rightarrow (b)

$$d(f_n, g) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 2^{-1} \frac{\|f_n - g\|_i}{1 + \|f_n - g\|_i} \Rightarrow \left[d \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \|f_n - g\|_i \rightarrow 0, \quad \forall i \right].$$

(b) \Rightarrow (a)

$$\|\cdot\|_i \rightarrow 0, \quad \forall i$$

implies that

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists i_0(\varepsilon) \text{ s.t. } \sum_{i \geq i_0} 2^{-2} \frac{\|\cdot\|_i}{1 + \|\cdot\|_i} \leq \sum_{i \geq i_0} 2^{-1} < \varepsilon,$$

and this implies

$$d(f_n, g) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{i_0-1} 2^{-1} \frac{\|f_n - g\|_i}{1 + \|f_n - g\|_i} + \varepsilon$$

so there is n s.t. $\|f_n - g\|_i < \varepsilon$, $\forall n \geq n_0$, $\forall i \in [1, \dots, i_0]$. Therefore $d(f_n, g) \leq 2\varepsilon$, $\forall n \geq n_0$, so $d \rightarrow 0$.

(b) \Leftarrow (c) Easy.

(b) \Rightarrow (c) $K \subset U$ compact, therefore $\forall x \in K \exists i_k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $r_x > 0$ s.t.

$$B(x, r_x) \subset K_{i_x}.$$

$K \subset \bigcup_{x \in K} B(x, r_x)$ and as K compact there are x_1, \dots, x_q with

$$K \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^q B(x_j, r_{x_j}) \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^q K_{i_{x_j}} \subset K_{\bar{i}},$$

where $\bar{i} = \max_{j=1, \dots, q} \{i_{x_j}\}$. Then

$$\|f_n - g\|_{\bar{i}} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \sup_{x \in K} \|f_n(x) - g(x)\| \rightarrow 0. \quad \blacksquare$$

Theorem 2.11

Let $X = U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ open (as in ??). If $(Y, \|\cdot\|)$ is a Banach space, then $(C(X; Y), d)$ is a complete metric space. If $(Y, \|\cdot\|)$ is a separable normed space, then $(C(X; Y), d)$ is a separable metric space.

Remark 2.12. The space above is just a complete metric, not a Banach space (there is no norm defined).

PROOF. Exercise: Use [Proposition 2.10](#) \(\blacksquare\)

2.3 Differentiable functions

Definition 2.13. Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ open. Then we define

$$C^k(U; \mathbb{R}^m) := \{f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \mid f \text{ } k \text{ times differentiable and } D^l f \text{ continuous, } \forall 0 \leq l \leq k\}$$

$$C^\infty(U, \mathbb{R}^m) := \{f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \mid f \text{ smooth}\}.$$

Remark 2.14. For $l = 2$:

$$D^l f(x) = \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{j_1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{j_2}} f \right\}_{j_1, j_2=1}^n = \partial_{x_1}^{\alpha_1} \partial_{x_2}^{\alpha_2} \dots \partial_{x_n}^{\alpha_n} f = \partial^\alpha f,$$

with the multi-index α satisfying $|\alpha| = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j = 2$, and $\alpha_j \in \mathbb{N}$, $\forall j$.

$D^l f(x)$ is an l -multilinear form (= matrix is a tensor).

On a finite dimensional space, all norms are equivalent.

Euclidean norm: $\|D^l f(x)\| = \sqrt{\sum_{\alpha, |\alpha|=l} \|\partial^\alpha f(x)\|^2}$. If the space is \mathbb{R}^n , the norm is often just written as $|\cdot|$.

$C^k \subset C(U; \mathbb{R}^m) \Rightarrow$ Use the metric d ? (Yes, if U is bounded!) However, nothing guarantees the completeness of the space C^k with this metric d . We need to define a more suitable norm. If U is bounded, then \bar{U} is compact. We restrict ourselves to functions that have a “nice” behaviour on \bar{U} , i.e. that do not explode on the boundary of U .

Definition 2.15. Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ open and and bounded. Define

$$C^k(\bar{U}; \mathbb{R}^m) := \{f \in C^k(U; \mathbb{R}^m) \mid D^l f \text{ has a continuous extension to } \bar{U}\}$$

We do the same with smooth functions:

$$C^\infty(\bar{U}; \mathbb{R}^m) := \bigcap_{k=c}^{\infty} C^k(\bar{U}; \mathbb{R}^m)$$

Remark 2.16. If \bar{U} is closed and bounded in \mathbb{R}^n , then \bar{U} is compact, so

$$\sup_{x \in U} \|D^l f(x)\| \leq \infty, \quad \forall 0 \leq l \leq k$$

Using those definitions above, we can define norms on the spaces.

Definition 2.17. We define

$$[f]_{C^l} := \sup_{x \in \bar{U}} \|D^l f(x)\|, \quad 0 \leq l \leq k, \quad f \in C^k(\bar{U}; \mathbb{R}^m)$$

As $f \in C^k(\bar{U}; \mathbb{R}^m)$ has a continuous extension on \bar{U} , and \bar{U} is compact, the supremum exists. Therefore

$$[f]_{C^k} < \infty.$$

Next, we define

$$\|f\|_{C^k} := \sum_{l=0}^k [f]_{C^l}$$

and

$$d(f, g) := \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} 2^{-i} \frac{[f - g]_{C^i}}{1 + [f - g]_i}.$$

This metric is welldefined for all $f, g \in C^\infty(\bar{U}; \mathbb{R}^m)$.

Theorem 2.18

For all $0 \leq l \leq k$ we have that $[\cdot]_{C^l}$ is a seminorm on $C^k(\bar{U}; \mathbb{R}^m)$. Moreover, $\|\cdot\|_{C^k}$ is a norm on $C^k(\bar{U}; \mathbb{R}^m)$ and $d(\cdot, \cdot)$ is a metric on $C^\infty(\bar{U}; \mathbb{R}^m)$.

In this case, we have that $Y = \mathbb{R}^m$, and this space is complete and separable. Therefore $(C^k(\bar{U}; \mathbb{R}^m), \|\cdot\|_{C^k})$ is a separable Banach space. Analogously, the space $(C^\infty(\bar{U}; \mathbb{R}^m), d)$ is a complete, separable, metric space.

Theorem 2.19

Exercise!

Hint: For the last part of the claim consider $D^l f_n \rightarrow g_j$, and show that $g_l = D^l g_0$.

Remark 2.20. Consider a bounded subset $U \subset \mathbb{R}^m$. Then we can always construct a sequence $(K_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ of compact subsets, s.t.

$$\bigcup_i K_i = U.$$

Thus every $f \in C^k(U; \mathbb{R}^m)$ when restricted to a compact set, i.e. $f|_{K_i}$, implies that we can define $\|f|_{K_i}\|_{C^k}$, as $f \in C^k(K_i; \mathbb{R}^m)$. Using this, we can define a metric on $C^k(U; \mathbb{R}^m)$ (that is NOT a norm).

Next, we will talk about the *compact support* of a function.

Definition 2.21. Let (X, \mathcal{T}) , $(Y, \|\cdot\|)$, and let $f : X \rightarrow Y$. The *support* of f is defined as

$$\text{supp } f := \overline{\{x \in X \mid f(x) \neq 0\}}.$$

The emohspace of continuous functions with compact support is then defined as

$$C_c(X; Y) := \{f \in C(X; Y) \mid \text{supp } f \text{ is compact}\}.$$

For all $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ that are open, and $Y = \mathbb{R}^m$, we define

$$C_c^k(U; \mathbb{R}^m) := \{f \in C^k(U; \mathbb{R}^m) \mid \text{supp } f \text{ compact}\},$$

and

$$\mathcal{D}(U; \mathbb{R}^m) := C_c^\infty(U; \mathbb{R}^m) = C^\infty(U; \mathbb{R}^m) \cap C_c(U; \mathbb{R}^m).$$

In many cases the notion C_0^k instead of C_c^k is used.

If $Y = \mathbb{R}$, then we write $C^k(U)$, $C_c^k(U)$ instead of $C^k(U; \mathbb{R})$, $C_c^k(U; \mathbb{R})$.

For $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, we have that $\text{supp } f$ is compact $\Leftrightarrow \text{supp } f$ is bounded.

Example.

Let $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - x & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Then

$$f \in C_c([0, \infty), \mathbb{R}); \quad (2.1)$$

$$f \in C_c([0, \infty], \mathbb{R}); \quad (2.2)$$

$$f \notin C_c((0, 1), \mathbb{R}). \quad (2.3)$$

Let's talk about weaker continuity.

Definition 2.22 (Hölder continuity). Let $\alpha \in (0, 1]$, and let $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. We say that $f : A \rightarrow Y$ is *Hölder continuous with parameter α* , if

$$[f]_\alpha := \sup_{x, y \in A, x \neq y} \frac{\|f(x) - f(y)\|}{\|x - y\|^\alpha} < \infty.$$

Remark 2.23. f is continuous in the classical sense, but not necessary differentiable. An easy counterexample can be constructed using the square-root, as

$$\frac{\sqrt{x}}{x^\alpha} < \infty \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Definition 2.24. Let $\alpha \in (0, 1]$, and $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. We define

$$C^{0, \alpha}(A; \mathbb{R}^m) := \{f \in C_b(A; \mathbb{R}^m) \mid \underbrace{f \text{ is } \alpha\text{-Hölder continuous}}_{[f]_\alpha < \infty}\},$$

and let

$$\|f\|_\alpha := \sup_{x \in A} \|f(x)\| + \underbrace{[f]_\alpha}_{\text{Quasiderivative}}.$$

Let now $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ open and bounded. Define

$$C^{k, \alpha}(U; \mathbb{R}^m) := \{f \in C^k(\bar{U}; \mathbb{R}^m) \mid [D^k f]_\alpha < \infty\}$$

(those functions have normal derivatives up to order k , and this k -th derivative is nearly again differentiable, but in fact just the quasiderivative exists). On this space define a norm

$$\|f\|_{k, \alpha} := \|f\|_k + \underbrace{[D^k f]_\alpha}_{D^k f \text{ is 'almost' diff.}}$$