

Claim:

\mathbb{R}^n with $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ is complete

Pf: (\mathbb{R}^2) Suppose $\{p_n\}$ is Cauchy.

$$p_n = (x_n, y_n).$$

Observe $|x_n - x_m| \leq \|p_n - p_m\|_\infty$ and hence

$\{x_n\}$ is Cauchy in \mathbb{R} .

So $x_n \rightarrow x$ for some x .

Ditto, $y_n \rightarrow y$ for some y .

But if $p = (x, y)$,

$$0 \leq \|p - p_n\|_\infty \leq |x - x_n| + |y - y_n|.$$

Since $|x - x_n| \rightarrow 0$ and $|y - y_n| \rightarrow 0$, $\|p - p_n\| \rightarrow 0$

by the squeeze theorem and $p_n \rightarrow p$.

Cor: \mathbb{R}^n with any norm is complete.

Pf: Suppose $\|\cdot\|$ is a norm on \mathbb{R}^n and $\{p_n\}$ is Cauchy with respect to it.

Since $\|\cdot\|$ and $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ are equivalent,

$\{p_n\}$ is Cauchy with respect to $\|\cdot\|_\infty$.

Thus $p_n \rightarrow p$ for some p , w.r.t. $\|\cdot\|_\infty$.

But from equivalence of norms, $p_n \rightarrow p$ w.r.t. $\|\cdot\|$ as well.

Exercise (HW?) Any finite dim vector space is complete.

Def: A Banach space is a complete normed linear space.

All finite dimensional spaces are complete.

But: \mathbb{Z} with $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ norm.

$$x_n = \left(1, \frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}, 0, \dots\right)$$

$\|x_1 - x_m\|_\infty \leq \min\left(\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{m}\right)$, so is Cauchy.

But if $x = (x(1), \dots, x(N), 0, \dots, 0)$

then $\|x - x_n\| \geq \frac{1}{N+1}$ for $n \geq N+1$.

So $x_n \not\rightarrow x$.

So the sequence has no limit.

If $S \subseteq X$ is a subspace, finite dim, then S is closed.

ℓ_1 is Complete

x_n Cauchy in ℓ_1 .

Given $\epsilon > 0 \exists N, n, m \geq N \Rightarrow$

$$\|x_n - x_m\|_1 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |x_n(k) - x_m(k)| < \epsilon.$$

In particular, $n, m \geq N \Rightarrow |x_n(k) - x_m(k)| < \epsilon \ \forall k \geq N$.

I.e. for each k , $x_n(k)$ is Cauchy in \mathbb{R} and converges to some limit $x(k)$.

Q: Is $x = (x(1), \dots) \in \ell_1$?

Q: If so, does $x_n \rightarrow x$ in ℓ^1 ?

A: Cauchy sequences are bounded. So $\exists M,$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |x_n(k)| \leq M \ \forall n.$$

For each N ,

$$\sum_{k=1}^N |x_n(k)| \leq M.$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^N |x(k)| \leq M \Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |x(k)| \leq M.$$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Pick N so $n, m \geq N \Rightarrow \|x_m - x_n\|_1 < \varepsilon$

A:

If $n \geq N$,

$$\sum_{k=1}^K |x(k) - x_n(k)| = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^K |x_m(k) - x_n(k)|$$

But $\sum_{k=1}^K | - | \leq \|x_m - x_n\|_1 < \varepsilon$ if $m \geq N$.

So

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \uparrow \leq \varepsilon.$$

I.e $\sum_{k=1}^K |x(k) - x_n(k)| \leq \varepsilon$ if $n \geq N$, $\forall K$.

So $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |x(k) - x_n(k)| \leq \varepsilon$ if $n \geq N$.

So $\|x - x_n\|_1 \leq \varepsilon < 2\varepsilon$ if $n \geq N$.

HW ℓ_∞ is complete

If X is a Banach space and $S \subseteq X$ is a subspace,

S need not be complete. (!)

(e.g. $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \ell_\infty$)

In fact:

Prop: A subspace of a Banach space is complete, and hence a Banach space, if and only if it is closed.

Pf: Let S be a subspace of a Banach space X .

Suppose S is complete. Let (x_n) be a sequence in S converging to $x \in X$. Then (x_n) is Cauchy in S and converges in S to some $y \in S$. But $x_n \rightarrow y$ in X as well, by uniqueness of limits $x = y \in S$. Thus S is closed.

Suppose S is closed. Let (x_n) be Cauchy in S and hence also in X . Then it converges in X

→ Does not depend on X is Banach

to some x . But S is closed and hence $x \in S$.

Thus $x_n \rightarrow x$ in S as well.

Remark: If X is a n.v.s. and $S \subseteq X$ is a finite dim vector space, then S is closed:

Finite dim \Rightarrow complete \Rightarrow closed by above.

What if S isn't closed? We can form \overline{S} . But is this a subspace?

Prop: If $S \subseteq X$ is a subspace, so is \overline{S} .

Pf: Suppose $\bar{x}, \bar{y} \in \overline{S}$. So there exist $(x_1), (y_1)$ in S , $x_n \rightarrow \bar{x}$, $y_n \rightarrow \bar{y}$.

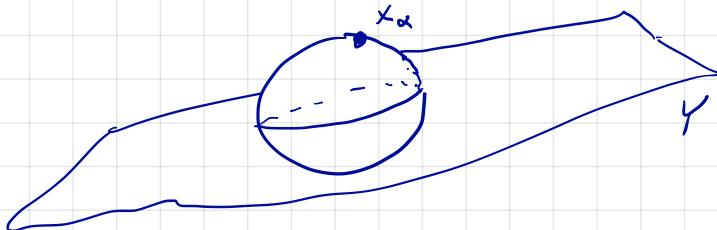
Thus $(x_n + y_n) \rightarrow \bar{x} + \bar{y}$. But

$x_n + y_n \in S \forall n$, so $\bar{x} + \bar{y} \in \overline{S}$.

Ditto for scaling.

Thm: Suppose X is a normed space and $Y \subseteq X$ is a closed subspace, $Y \neq X$.

Given $\alpha \in (0,1)$ there exists $x_\alpha \in X$ with $\|x_\alpha\|=1$ and $\|x_\alpha - y\| > \alpha \quad \forall y \in Y$.



Almost optimal: $\|x - y\| > 1$ is ideal, but not typically attainable.

Pf: Pick $x \in X \setminus Y$.

Let $d = \inf_{y \in Y} \|x - y\|$. Observe $d > 0$, otherwise $y_n \rightarrow x$.

Since $\alpha^{-1} > 1$, $\exists z \in Y$, $\|x - z\| < \alpha^{-1}d$.

(z is an approx closest point).

Let $x_\alpha = \frac{x - z}{\|x - z\|}$, so $\|x_\alpha\| = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|x_\alpha - y\| &= \left\| \frac{x-z}{\|x-z\|} - y \right\| \\
 &= \frac{1}{\|x-z\|} \left\| x-z - \underbrace{\|x-z\|y}_{\in Y} \right\| \\
 &> \frac{d}{\|x-z\|}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \alpha.$

Cor: If X is infinite dimensional, $K = \{x \in X : \|x\| \leq 1\}$ is not compact.

Pf: Let $x_1 \in K$.

Let $S_1 = \text{span}(x_1)$. Then S_1 is finite dimensional and hence closed. There is $x_2 \in X$, $\|x_2\| = 1$,

$$d(x_2, S_1) \geq \frac{1}{2}.$$

Let $S_2 = \text{span}(x_1, x_2)$. Then S_2 is finite dimensional and closed. There is $x_3 \in X$, $\|x_3\| = 1$, $d(x_3, S_2) \geq \frac{1}{2}$.

Continuing inductively, $\{x_n\}$ has not Cauchy subseq: $\|x_n - x_m\| > \frac{1}{2}$, $n \neq m$.

Cor: If X is inf dom,

$\{x : \|x\| \leq 1\}$ is not compact.

Pf: If it were, K would be a closed subset
of a compact space, and hence compact!

Next up: If complete, absolute convergence \Rightarrow converges.