

Metric and Topological Spaces ①

Introduction

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous at a point $a \in \mathbb{R}$ if $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$ such that $|x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(a)| < \epsilon$.

f is continuous if it is continuous at a , $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$.

$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is continuous at $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ if $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$ such that $\|x - a\| < \delta \Rightarrow \|f(x) - f(a)\| < \epsilon$, where $\|x - a\| = (\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - a_i|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

One can go further, and discuss metric spaces, which are ones with a notion of distance between points.

Topology is the study of continuity without distance being mentioned. Formally, we model the idea of being "nearby" by saying that our sets come with preferred subsets (open sets) and that two points are "close" if they belong to the same open set.

Definition

A topological space is a pair (X, \mathcal{T}_X) comprising a set X , and a collection $\mathcal{T}_X \subseteq \text{Power}(X)$ of preferred open subsets, called open sets, such that:

- i) \emptyset, X are open (i.e. $\emptyset, X \in \mathcal{T}_X$)
- ii) If $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$ are open, then $\bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$ is open (I is any indexing set)
- iii) If $\{V_j\}_{j=1}^n$ are open, then $\bigcap_{j=1}^n V_j$ is also open.

Definition

A function $f: (X, \mathcal{T}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$ is continuous, if for every open set V in Y , $f^{-1}(V) = \{x \in X \mid f(x) \in V\}$ is open in X , i.e. "Preimages of open sets are open."

N.B. $f^{-1}(V)$ is the set-theoretic pre-image; we are not assuming that $f^{-1}(x)$ exists.

Definition

Two spaces X and Y are homeomorphic if $\exists f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow X$ with $f \circ g = i$, $g \circ f = i$, both of which are continuous. i.e. via f, g , X and Y have exactly the same open sets.

Example

The Euclidean Topology on \mathbb{R} (or \mathbb{R}^n), $\mathcal{T}_{\text{Eucl}}$ is defined:

$U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is open iff $\forall a \in U, \exists \epsilon > 0$ (depending on a) such that $(a - \epsilon, a + \epsilon) \subseteq U$ (or for \mathbb{R}^n , $B_a(\epsilon) \subseteq U$)

Then, axioms i) and ii) are trivial, and iii) is easy. If U_1, \dots, U_n are open in $\mathcal{T}_{\text{Eucl}}$, and $a \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n U_i$, $a \in U_i \Rightarrow \exists \epsilon_i > 0$ such that $(a + \epsilon_i, a - \epsilon_i) \subseteq U_i$, as U_i is open. Let $\epsilon = \min \{\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n\}$. Then $(a - \epsilon, a + \epsilon) \subseteq \bigcap_{i=1}^n U_i$. Therefore, U_i is open.

Exercise

$f: (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{Eucl}}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{Eucl}})$ is continuous in the sense that pre-image of open sets are open $\Leftrightarrow f$ is " ϵ - δ " continuous at a $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$.

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Lemma

Let (X, τ_x) , (Y, τ_y) , (Z, τ_z) be topological spaces.
If $f: X \rightarrow Y$, $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ are continuous, then $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is also continuous.

Proof

Let $V \subseteq Z$ be open. We are interested in $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$.
But $g^{-1}(V)$ is open in Y by continuity of g , so $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is open in X , by continuity of f . Therefore $g \circ f$ is continuous.

Example

The Zariski Topology on \mathbb{R} , τ_{Zariski} , has open sets :

- i) U is open if $\mathbb{R} \setminus U$ is finite
- ii) \emptyset is open.

Check : i) \emptyset, \mathbb{R} are obviously open.

- ii) If $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$ are open, $\mathbb{R} \setminus \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i = \bigcap_{i \in I} \mathbb{R} \setminus U_i$ which is \emptyset, \mathbb{R} or finite, and therefore open. $\bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$ is open
- iii) If $\{V_j\}_{j=1}^n$ are open, $\mathbb{R} \setminus \bigcap_{j=1}^n V_j = V_j^c$, $(\mathbb{R} \setminus V_j)$ is finite on \mathbb{R} , and therefore open. $\bigcap_{j=1}^n V_j$ is open.

Remark

Later on, we will prove that this topology is "incompatible" with any reasonable notion of distance.

Remark

De Morgan's Laws: For $f: X \rightarrow Y$

$$f(U C_i) = U f(C_i)$$

$$f(\cap C_i) \subseteq \cap f(C_i)$$

$$f^{-1}(Y \setminus D_i) = X \setminus f^{-1}(D_i)$$

$$f^{-1}(U D_i) = U f^{-1}(D_i)$$

$$f^{-1}(\cap D_i) = \cap f^{-1}(D_i)$$

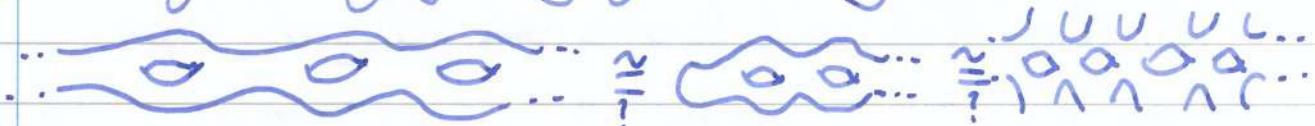
Topology is the study of all spaces up to homeomorphism, and we especially like spaces with some "local good structure", e.g. locally homeomorphic to \mathbb{R}^n , T_{Eucl} or \mathbb{R}^n , T_{Sasaki} iff $\forall x$, \exists an open set $U \ni x$ such that U is homeomorphic to one of these.

Questions

i)  $\not\cong$  \cong  Why? 

ii) What is the difference between  and  (Trefoil knot)?

iii) A surface is of genus g if it has g holes.



iv) Questions in dynamics related to the chaotic behaviour of maps.

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Recall : A topological space is a set X and a collection \mathcal{T}_X of open subsets such that :

- i) $\emptyset, X \in \mathcal{T}_X$
- ii) Arbitrary unions, finite intersections are open.

$f: X \rightarrow Y$ (i.e. $f(x, \mathcal{T}_x) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{T}_y)$) is continuous if $f^{-1}(\text{open})$ is open.

Examples

1. The indiscrete topology on X has $\mathcal{T}_X = \{\emptyset, X\}$.
2. The discrete topology on X has $\mathcal{T}_X = \text{Power}(X)$, i.e. every subset of X is open. ($\Leftrightarrow \forall x \in X, \{x\}$ is open).
3. $X = \mathbb{R}^n, U \in \mathcal{T}_{\text{Eucl}}$ if $\forall u \in U, \exists \delta_u > 0$ such that $B_u(\delta_u) \subseteq U$
 $= \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|y - u\| < \delta_u\} \subseteq U$

Lemma

$f: (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{Eucl}}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{Eucl}})$ is continuous $\Leftrightarrow f$ is " ϵ - δ " continuous.

Proof

Suppose f is continuous in the sense that $f^{-1}(\text{open})$ is open. Given $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\epsilon > 0$, consider $B_{f(a)}(\epsilon)$. This is open, so $f^{-1}(B_{f(a)}(\epsilon))$ is open in $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{Eucl}})$, so it contains an open neighbourhood of each of its points. So $\exists \delta_a > 0$ such that $B_a(\delta_a) \subseteq f^{-1}(B_{f(a)}(\epsilon))$, so f is ϵ - δ continuous for any $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

Conversely, if f satisfies the ϵ - δ definition, and $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is $\mathcal{T}_{\text{Eucl}}$ open we would like $f^{-1}(U)$ open. Let $b \in f^{-1}(U)$, then $f(b) \in U$.

U open $\Rightarrow \exists \epsilon > 0$ such that $B_{f(b)}(\epsilon) \subseteq U \Rightarrow f^{-1}(B_{f(b)}(\epsilon)) \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$

Now, $\exists \delta > 0$ such that $f(B_b(\delta)) \subseteq B_{f(b)}(\epsilon) \Rightarrow B_b(\delta) \subseteq f^{-1}(B_{f(b)}(\epsilon))$

So $f^{-1}(U)$ contains an open ball around each point, and is $\mathcal{T}_{\text{Eucl}}$ open.

Remark

" $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is open" obviously only makes sense after specifying the topology. $\{\emptyset\} \subseteq (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{discrete}})$ is open but $\{\mathbb{Q}\} \subseteq (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{eucl}})$ is not.

$\text{id}: (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{discrete}}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{eucl}})$ is continuous.

$\text{id}: (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{eucl}}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{discrete}})$ is not continuous.

Notation

A set $V \subseteq (X, \mathcal{T}_X)$ is closed if $X \setminus V$ is open.

- i) \emptyset, X are closed.
- ii) Arbitrary intersections, finite unions of closed sets are closed.
- iii) $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous $\Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(\text{closed})$ is closed.

Note

"Most" sets are neither open nor closed. For example, in $\mathcal{T}_{\text{eucl}}$, $(0, 2)$ is neither open nor closed, \mathbb{Q} is neither open nor closed, etc.

Example

The Zariski Topology on \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} has closed sets which are the finite sets and the entire set. So, we can check that $\mathcal{T}_{\text{Zariski}}$, $\mathcal{T}_{\text{eucl}}$ and $\mathcal{T}_{\text{discrete}}$ are distinct, because the identity is not a homeomorphism, and in fact there is no homeomorphism between any pair of $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{Zariski}})$, $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{eucl}})$, $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{discrete}})$.

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Examples of Maps

1. If X, Y are any topological spaces, then a constant map, $f: X \rightarrow Y$, $f(x) = y_0 \in Y \forall x \in X$ is continuous.

$y_0 \in U \Rightarrow f^{-1}(U) = X \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Both open in } X \text{ for } U \subseteq Y \text{ open, so} \\ y_0 \notin U \Rightarrow f^{-1}(U) = \emptyset \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} f \text{ is continuous.} \end{array} \right. \end{array} \right\}$

2. There is only one topology on a singleton set $\{p\}$, so any map $\{p\} \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{T}_X)$ is continuous.

Remarks

Counting the number of non-homeomorphic topologies on a finite set is hard.

Subspaces

Let (X, \mathcal{T}_X) be any topological space, and $A \subseteq X$ a subset. There is an induced topology on A ; the subspace topology.

$\mathcal{T}_A = \{U \subseteq A \mid U = A \cap W, W \in \mathcal{T}_X \text{ i.e. } W \text{ open in } X\}$
We claim that \mathcal{T}_A is a topology.

Proof

i) $\emptyset = \emptyset_X \cap A$, $A = A \cap X$ are both open by the definition of \mathcal{T}_A .

ii) If $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$ are open in A , $\exists \{W_i\}_{i \in I}$ open in X such that $U_i = A \cap W_i$. Then $\bigcup_{i \in I} U_i = \bigcup_{i \in I} (A \cap W_i) = A \cap (\bigcup_{i \in I} W_i)$

$\bigcup_{i \in I} W_i$ is open in X by the axioms for \mathcal{T}_X . So $\bigcup_{i \in I} U_i \in \mathcal{T}_A$.

iii) If $\{V_i\}_{i=1}^n$ are open in A , then $V_i = A \cap Z_i$, open in X .
 $\bigcap_{i=1}^n V_i = A \cap (\bigcap_{i=1}^n Z_i)$, and $\bigcap_{i=1}^n Z_i$ is open in X .

Lemma

If X, Y are topological spaces, $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous, and $A \subseteq X$ is given the subspace topology, then $f|_A : A \rightarrow Y$ is also continuous.

The proof is essentially tautological.

Remark

If $\mathbb{R}^k \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, $k < n$, is used as a linear subspace, the subspace topology induced on \mathbb{R}^k from $(\mathbb{R}^n, T_{\text{Eucl}})$ is T_{Eucl} on \mathbb{R}^k .

Proof: Ingredients: The intersection of an open set (ball) in \mathbb{R}^n with linear $\mathbb{R}^k \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is an open set (ball) in \mathbb{R}^k .

Example

1. $(0, 1) \subseteq (\mathbb{R}, T_{\text{Eucl}})$ inherits a Euclidean Topology via the tan function and its inverse. $(0, 1) \cong (0, \infty) \cong \mathbb{R}$ are homeomorphic with their Euclidean Topologies. So boundedness is not a topological property (but is a metric property).

2. $[0, 2] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ inherits Euclidean Topology. $[0, 1)$ is open in $([0, 2], T_{\text{Eucl}})$ but not in \mathbb{R} . $[0, 1) = (-1, 1) \cap [0, 2]$

3. $(\mathbb{Q} \cap \mathbb{C}) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ inherits a Euclidean Topology.

4. The Cantor Set $= C = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n$
where $C_n = \left[0, \frac{1}{3^{n-1}}\right] \cup \left[\frac{2}{3^{n-1}}, \frac{3}{3^{n-1}}\right] \cup \dots \cup \left[\frac{3^{n-1}-1}{3^{n-1}}, 1\right]$
This is a closed subset of $(\mathbb{R}, T_{\text{Eucl}})$

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Products and Quotients

Definition

Let (X, \mathcal{T}_X) , (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y) be topological spaces. The product topology on $X \times Y$ has open sets arbitrary unions of sets in the form $U \times V$, with $V \subseteq X$ open in X , $U \subseteq Y$ open in Y .

Remark

Clearly $\emptyset, X \times Y$ are of the form $U \times V$, $U \in \mathcal{T}_X$, $V \in \mathcal{T}_Y$. If we have open sets $U_i \times V_i$, U_i, V_i open, then $(U_1 \times V_1) \cap (U_2 \times V_2) = (U_1 \cap U_2) \times (V_1 \cap V_2)$.

So finite intersections of open sets are open. The "unions" axiom is trivial so we do get a topology.

e.g. $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{Eucl}}) \times (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{Eucl}}) \cong (\mathbb{R}^2, \mathcal{T}_{\text{Eucl}})$. However, note that $\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \frac{1}{3} < |z - 1| < \frac{2}{3}\} = U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ is open. Obviously, the general open set in $X \times Y$ is not of the form $U \times V$ with $U \in \mathcal{T}_X$, $V \in \mathcal{T}_Y$.

Notation

A basis of a topology on X is a collection of open sets such that the general open set is an arbitrary union of "basis" open sets.

A sub-basis for a topology is a collection of open sets such that the general open set is an arbitrary union or finite intersection of "basis" open sets.

Example

In $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{Eucl}})$, the open intervals (a, b) form a basis $(a < b) \in \mathbb{R}$. The semi-infinite intervals $(-\infty, a)$, (b, ∞) form a sub-basis.

Remark

Given any set X , a collection B of subsets of X , we can create a topology \mathcal{T}_B such that B is a sub-basis, by taking $U \in \mathcal{T}_B$ if U is some union of finite intersections of elements of B . This is the "smallest" topology (i.e. with fewest open sets) such that each $A \subseteq B$ is open.

$\{U \times V, U \in \mathcal{T}_X, V \in \mathcal{T}_Y\}$ is a basis and sub-basis for product topology.

Lemma

- i) Projection maps $X \times Y \xrightarrow{\pi_1} X, X \times Y \xrightarrow{\pi_2} Y$ are both continuous.
- ii) If Z is any space, then $f: Z \rightarrow X \times Y$ is continuous
 $\Leftrightarrow \pi_1 \circ f, \pi_2 \circ f$ are continuous.

Proof

- i) If $U \subseteq X$ is open, $\pi_1^{-1}(U) = U \times Y$ is a basic open set for $X \times Y$.
- ii) If f is continuous, $\pi_1 \circ f$ is continuous, since we showed that compositions of continuous functions are continuous. Suppose then, $\pi_1 \circ f, \pi_2 \circ f$ are continuous as maps $Z \rightarrow X, Z \rightarrow Y$ respectively.

$U \in \mathcal{T}_X, V \in \mathcal{T}_Y \Rightarrow f^{-1}(U \times V) = (\pi_1 \circ f)^{-1}(U) \cap (\pi_2 \circ f)^{-1}(V)$. This is an intersection of open sets, which is therefore open. So
 $f^{-1}(\text{open}) = f^{-1}(V_i : U_i \times V_i) = V_i : f(U_i \times V_i)$ is also open. \square

Example

1. Let $f, g: X \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{Eucl}})$ be continuous. $+: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, so $f+g: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous.

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2. If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous, the graph $\Gamma_f = \{(x, f(x)) \in X \times Y \mid x \in X\}$, $\Gamma_f \subseteq X \times Y$. With subspace topology, $\Gamma_f \cong X$.

Proof:

We have maps $X \xrightarrow{\pi_1} \Gamma_f \xrightarrow{\phi} X$. $X \xrightarrow{\phi} \Gamma_f \subseteq X \times Y$ is continuous, since $\pi_1 \circ \phi = id_X$, $\pi_2 \circ \phi = f$ are given as continuous. $\pi_1: \Gamma_f \rightarrow X$ is the subspace of a projection map, so this is continuous. \square

Example



The graph of f in (\mathbb{R}) for $x > 0$ is homeomorphic to $(0, \infty) \cong \mathbb{R}$.

Warning

If $(X_i)_{i \in I}$ is an infinite collection of topological spaces, the product topology on $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$ is defined to have basic open sets $\prod_{i \in I} U_i$ with $U_i \in \mathcal{T}_{X_i}$ and all but finitely many $U_i = X_i$.

Definition

If (X, \mathcal{T}_X) is a topological space, Y is a set, and $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a surjective map of sets, then the quotient topology on Y by definition has open sets as follows:

$U \in \mathcal{T}_{\text{Quot}(Y)} \Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(U) \in \mathcal{T}_X$, i.e. we put in as few open sets to Y as possible subject to forcing f to be continuous.

Check: \emptyset, Y are obviously open (since $f^{-1}(Y) = \{x \in X \mid f(x) \in Y\} = X$)
If $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$ are open in Y , $f^{-1}(U_i) \in \mathcal{T}_X$ $\forall i \in I$, so $\bigcup_{i \in I} f^{-1}(U_i)$ is open in X . But this is $f^{-1}(\bigcup_{i \in I} U_i)$ so $\bigcup_{i \in I} U_i \in \mathcal{T}_Y$. This is similar for finite intersections. \square

Remark

We assumed that $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is surjective. This isn't needed for the definition, but if f is not surjective, the topology on $Y \setminus \text{image}(f)$ is discrete.

Lemma

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a quotient map, Y has the quotient topology with respect to f , and Z is any topological space, then:

$$g: Y \rightarrow Z \text{ continuous} \Leftrightarrow g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z \text{ continuous}$$

Proof:

If g is continuous, since f is continuous, $g \circ f$ is continuous.

Conversely, suppose $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is continuous. Let $U \in \mathcal{T}_Z$. Then $(g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$ is open in X , but this is $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$. By definition of \mathcal{T}_Y as a quotient topology, $g^{-1}(U) \in \mathcal{T}_Y$. U is arbitrary, so g is continuous. \square

Example

A quotient map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is just the same as an equivalence relation, $x \sim x' \Leftrightarrow f(x) = f(x')$. So Y is the set of equivalence classes, and f is the canonical projection $x \mapsto [x]$ ($[x]$ the equivalence class of x)

For instance, quotient maps arise from group actions e.g. \mathbb{Z} acts on $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{eucl}})$, and we will see that $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \cong S^1$, a circle.

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Hausdorff Spaces

A sub-basis for a topology is a collection of open sets such that the general open set is given by unions and finite intersections. Given a set X , and a collection \mathcal{A} of subsets, there exists a minimal topology \mathcal{T}_A with subsets $A \cup X$.

Remarks

We defined quotient spaces using $f: X \rightarrow Y$, a surjective map of sets, (X, \mathcal{T}_X) a topological space, and Y having quotient topology if $U \in \mathcal{T}_Y \Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(U) \in \mathcal{T}_X$. An equivalence relation on X defines a quotient map $X \rightarrow X/\sim$.

Example

Take \sim on \mathbb{R} : $x \sim y \Leftrightarrow x - y \in \mathbb{Z}$, or alternatively, \mathbb{Z} acts on \mathbb{R} by translation: $x \sim y \Leftrightarrow x$ and y are in the same coset for this action. Then $\mathbb{R}/\sim \cong S^1 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1\} = \{\beta K \mid \beta \in \mathbb{C}\}$. Every $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is equivalent to some element of $[0, 1)$ or every x is equivalent to a point of $[0, 1]$ subject to $0 \vee 1$.

Proofs

Define $p: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$, $x \mapsto e^{2\pi i x}$. This is certainly continuous. We just need to check that $\pi_i \circ p$ are continuous. Clearly $p(x) = p(x+1)$. p descends to a map $\mathbb{R}/\sim \rightarrow S^1$ at the level of sets. The map out of a quotient is continuous \Leftrightarrow the map from the space "above" the quotient is continuous: e.g. $\tilde{p}: \mathbb{R}/\sim \rightarrow S^1$ i.e. $p: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$ is continuous.

We conclude that $\tilde{p}: \mathbb{R}/\sim \rightarrow S^1$ is continuous and a bijection.

Note : To show that \bar{p} is a homeomorphism, it is sufficient to show that it is an open map i.e. $\bar{p}(U) \cap S'$ is open whenever $U \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is open. (Most continuous functions are not open).

To see that \bar{p} is open, since $\bar{p}(U; u_i) = U; \bar{p}(u_i)$, it is enough to take $U \in \mathbb{R}^n$ to be a basic open set e.g. an open interval of length $< \frac{1}{4}$, say. $U = \bar{p}(x, x+\delta)$, $\delta < \frac{1}{4}$. Clearly, for such small intervals, $\bar{p}(U) = S' \cap (\text{Some open set in } \mathbb{R}^2)$ \square

Corollary

$$\mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}^2 \cong S^1 \times S^1 = \text{ } \circlearrowleft$$

Definition

A topological space is Hausdorff, if given $x \neq y \in X$, \exists disjoint open sets $U \ni x$, $V \ni y$ (i.e. the two points can be "housed off" from one another). Obviously $X \cong Y \Rightarrow$ both are Hausdorff, or neither is.

Example

1. $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{eucl}})$ is Hausdorff. If $x \neq y$, $\|x-y\| = \delta > 0$. Then let $U = B_x(\frac{\delta}{3})$, $V = B_y(\frac{\delta}{3})$.

2. $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{zariski}})$ is not Hausdorff. $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, $U \in \mathcal{T}_{\text{zariski}}$ if $U = \emptyset$ or $\mathbb{R} \setminus U$ is finite. So every two non-empty open sets intersect.

Corollary

$$(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{eucl}}) \neq (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{zariski}})$$

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Lemma:

- i) Subspaces of Hausdorff spaces are Hausdorff.
- ii) Products of Hausdorff spaces are Hausdorff.
- iii) Quotients of Hausdorff spaces need not be Hausdorff.

Proof:

i) and ii) are exercises in the definition.

$(x, 0)$

$(x, 1)$

For iii), let X be two copies of the real line.

We define $(x, 0) \sim (x, 1)$ if $x \neq 0$. We claim that the quotient space X/\sim is not Hausdorff. Why?

Let $x = (0, 0)$, $y = (0, 1)$. $x \neq y$ in X/\sim . Let $U \ni x$, $V \ni y$, be open sets in X/\sim . If $p: X \rightarrow X/\sim$, $p^{-1}(U) \ni (0, 0)$ is open in X so contains some open interval $(-\delta, \delta) \subseteq \mathbb{R}_{y=0} \subseteq X$, and $p^{-1}(V)$ contains some $(-\delta', \delta') \subseteq \mathbb{R}_{y=1} \subseteq X$. So in the quotient space, U and V intersect non-trivially, so X/\sim is not Hausdorff. \square

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Metric Spaces

Definition

A metric space comprises a set X and a "distance function"
 $d: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying :

- i) $d(x, y) \geq 0$, $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$ (Non-degeneracy)
- ii) $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ (Symmetry)
- iii) $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$ (Triangle Inequality)

Examples

- 1) On \mathbb{R}^n , the function $d(x, y) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ defines a metric space structure.
- 2) Discrete metric spaces : Given any set X , define d_{discrete} by
$$d_{\text{discrete}}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & x = y \\ 1 & x \neq y \end{cases}$$
 which satisfies axioms i) and ii).
If x, y, z are pairwise distinct, then $1 \leq 2$ so iii) is satisfied.
- 3) Let $B([a, b]) = \{f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ is bounded}\}$.
Define $d(f, g) = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} |f(x) - g(x)|$, and this is a metric.

Proof

If $|f(x)| \leq k_f$, $|g(x)| \leq k_g$, $x \in [a, b]$, then $|f(x) - g(x)| \leq k_f + k_g$
so the supremum makes sense and the metric is well-defined.

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - h(x)| &\leq |f(x) - g(x)| + |g(x) - h(x)| \\ \Rightarrow |f(x) - h(x)| &\leq d(f, g) + d(g, h) \end{aligned}$$

This is true for all x, α $d(f, h) \leq d(f, g) + d(g, h)$

Definition

If (X, d) is any metric space, the open ball
 $B_x(\delta) = \{y \in X \mid d(x, y) < \delta\}$

Lemma

- i) If (X, d) is a metric space, d defines canonically a topology T_d on X , by defining $U \subseteq X$ open if $\forall x \in U, \exists \delta_x > 0$ such that $B_x(\delta_x) \subseteq U$.
- ii) With respect to the topology T_d , a function is continuous if $\forall x, \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$ such that $B_x(\delta) \subseteq f^{-1}[B_{f(x)}(\epsilon)]$. The proof is exactly as for $(\mathbb{R}, T_{\text{Eucl}})$.

Definition

A topological space (X, T_X) is metrizable if \exists a metric d on X for which $T_X = T_d$

Examples

1. The Euclidean topology T_{Eucl} is metrizable.
2. The discrete topology on a set X is metrizable, induced by the discrete metric.

Proof

Let X have discrete metric d . $B_x(\frac{1}{2})$ is open in T_d , but $B_x(\frac{1}{2}) = \{x\}$
Now if $U \subseteq X$, $U = \bigcup_{x \in U} \{x\}$ is open, so $T_d = T_{\text{discrete}}$

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Lemma

If (X, d) is any metric space, T_d is Hausdorff.

Proof

If $x \neq y \in X$, then $d(x, y) = \delta > 0$. Then, $x \in B_x(\frac{\delta}{3})$ and $y \in B_y(\frac{\delta}{3})$. These are open neighbourhoods of x and y . They must be disjoint, by the triangle inequality for the metric d .

Example

$T_{\text{Euclidean}}$ in \mathbb{R} is not metrisable.

Definition

Metrics d_1 and d_2 on a set X are equivalent if $\text{id} : (X, T_{d_1}) \rightarrow (X, T_{d_2})$ and $\text{id} : (X, T_{d_2}) \rightarrow (X, T_{d_1})$ are continuous (\Rightarrow they are inverse homeomorphisms).

Note

This means that $U \subseteq X$ is open with $d_1 \Leftrightarrow$ it is open with d_2 . This happens if and only if every d_1 open ball contains some d_2 open ball and vice versa. In particular, if d_1 and d_2 are equivalent, $(X, T_{d_1}) \cong (X, T_{d_2})$.

Examples

On \mathbb{R}^n , the following are equivalent:

- $d_1(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|$ $- d_2(x, y) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$
- $d_\infty(x, y) = \max_i |x_i - y_i|$

It is sufficient to know that $d_1 \geq d_2 \geq d_\infty \geq \frac{d_2}{\sqrt{n}} \geq d_n$
 Then obviously open balls in one of the above metrics contain open balls in the others.

Example

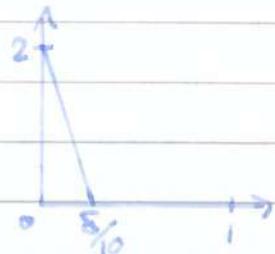
Let $C[0,1] = \{f: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ is continuous with respect to } L^1 \text{ on } [0,1] \text{ and } \mathbb{R}\}$
 $d(f,g) = \int_0^1 |f(t) - g(t)| dt \quad \text{and}$

$d_\infty(f,g) = \max_{t \in [0,1]} |f(t) - g(t)|$ are both metrics. We claim that they are not equivalent.

Proof

Let \mathcal{O} denote the constant function \mathcal{O} . We claim that $B_\infty(1)^{d_\infty}$ contains no open ball about \mathcal{O} in d_1 -topology.

Suppose $B_\infty(\delta)^{d_1} \subseteq B_\infty(1)^{d_\infty}$



Graph of $f \in C[0,1]$

Then $d_1(f, \mathcal{O}) < \delta$, but $d_\infty(f, \mathcal{O}) = 2$

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Closure

In a metric space (X, d) , we can talk about limits.

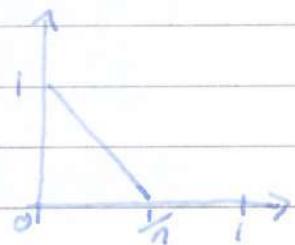
" $x_n \rightarrow x_\infty$ " means (by definition) that $d(x_n, x_\infty) \rightarrow 0$

Caveats

For $(0, 1) \subset (\mathbb{R}, T_{\text{eucl}})$, $x_n = \frac{1}{n}$ does not converge in $(0, 1)$ in $X = (0, 1)$ although $d(\frac{1}{n}, 0) \rightarrow 0$.

2. $X_1 = (C[0, 1], d_1) = \{\text{continuous functions } [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$
 $d_1(f, g) = \int_0^1 |f(t) - g(t)| dt$
 $d_\infty(f, g) = \max_{t \in [0, 1]} |f(t) - g(t)|$

$$X_1 \neq X_2 = (C[0, 1], d_\infty)$$



Let f_n be continuous with the graph shown.

In X_1 , (f_n) is a convergent subsequence, since pointwise,
 $f_n(x) \rightarrow \begin{cases} 1, & x = 0 \\ 0, & x \neq 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow d_\infty(f_n, 0) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

However, $(f_n) \not\rightarrow 0$ in X_2 (and does not even converge).

In general spaces, we might guess that $x_n \rightarrow a$ (in (X, d)) means that $\forall \epsilon > 0$, $\exists N : n > N \Rightarrow x_n \in B_a(\epsilon)$.

Or for topological spaces : $x_n \rightarrow a$ in (X, T_X) if \forall open neighborhood of a , U , $\exists N$ such that $x_n \in U \quad \forall n > N$.

This is not very useful as it may be that $x_n \rightarrow a, b$ with $a \neq b$.

For example, in (X, T_{discrete}) , every sequence converges to every point. If X is Hausdorff though, a sequence has at most one limit.

Definition

Let (X, \mathcal{T}_X) be a space and $A \subseteq X$ a subspace.

- i) $x \in X$ is a limit point of A if \forall open $U \subseteq X$ containing x , $(U \cap A) \setminus \{x\}$ is non-empty. This is shorthand for : $U \cap A$ meets A in a point $\neq x$. x need not be in A .
- ii) The closure of A , written $cl(A)$ or \bar{A} , is the union of A and all its limit points.

Examples

1. $X = \mathbb{R}$, $A = \{1\} \cup [2, 3]$. Then, the limit points of A are $\{2, 3\}$ and $cl(A) = \{1\} \cup [2, 3]$
2. $X = \mathbb{R}$, $A = \mathbb{Q}$. Then, $cl(A) = \mathbb{R}$.

If $A \subseteq X$ has the property that $cl(A) = X$, A is dense in X .

Properties of the Closure Operation

Let X be a space and H, k subspaces of X .

- i) $H \subseteq k \Rightarrow cl(H) \subseteq cl(k)$
- ii) $cl(cl(H)) = cl(H)$
- iii) H closed $\Leftrightarrow H = cl(H)$
- iv) $cl(H)$ is closed.

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Proofs

- Observe that $x \in \text{Cl}(A) \Leftrightarrow$ Every open neighbourhood of $x \in X$ meets A.
- $A \subseteq \text{Cl}(A) \Rightarrow \text{Cl}(A) \subseteq \text{Cl}(\text{Cl}(A))$

Suppose that $x \in \text{Cl}(\text{Cl}(A))$. Let $U \ni x$ be an open neighbourhood of x in X . So since $x \in \text{Cl}(\text{Cl}(A))$, then U meets $\text{Cl}(A)$. Then U is an open set meeting $\text{Cl}(A)$, so U must meet A and $x \in \text{Cl}(A)$.
 $\Rightarrow \text{Cl}(A) = \text{Cl}(\text{Cl}(A))$

- Let H be closed, and $x \in X \setminus H$. Note that by definition, $X \setminus H$ is open. So x belongs to an open set not meeting H i.e. $x \notin \text{Cl}(H)$.
 $\therefore H$ closed $\Rightarrow \text{Cl}(H) \subseteq H \subseteq \text{Cl}(H)$.

Conversely, suppose $H = \text{Cl}(H)$. Take $x \in X \setminus H$. Since $x \notin \text{Cl}(H)$ \exists an open set $U_x \ni x$ such that $U_x \cap H = \emptyset$, i.e. $U_x \subseteq X \setminus H$. Then $X \setminus H = \bigcup_{x \in X \setminus H} U_x$ is open, so H is closed.

- ii), iii) \Rightarrow iv)

Corollary

The closure $\text{Cl}(A)$ of a set A is the smallest closed set containing A , i.e.

$$\text{Cl}(A) = \bigcap_{k \in X, A \subseteq k, k \text{ closed}} k$$

Proof

$\text{Cl}(A)$ is a closed set containing A . But if V is closed, $A \subseteq V$, then $\text{Cl}(A) \subseteq \text{Cl}(V) = V$

Example

Let (X, τ_x) be a space, and let (Y, τ_y) be a Hausdorff Space. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be continuous. If $A \subseteq X$, $f|_A$ is constant, then $f|_{C(A)}$ is constant.

First, we claim that since Y is Hausdorff, the singleton sets $\{y\}$ are closed sets of Y . Pick $y \in Y$. If $y' \neq y$, \exists an open set $V_y, \exists y'$ with $y \notin V_y$. So $V_y \cap V_{y'}$ is open and equals $Y \setminus \{y\}$. Now f is continuous, and $\{f(y)\} \subseteq Y$ is closed, so $f^{-1}(y) \subseteq X$ is closed. Pick $y = f(A)$. Then $A \subseteq f^{-1}(y)$ and $f^{-1}(y)$ is closed. So, $C(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(y)$, and indeed, f is constant on $C(A)$.

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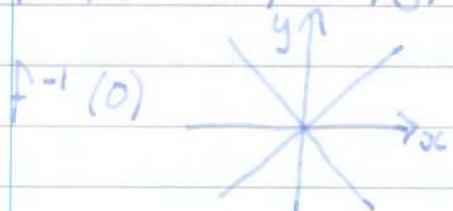
Recall that $A \subseteq X$ is dense if $C(A) = X$. Suppose $F: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, and infinitely differentiable in each variable. We say that $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a regular point if at least one partial derivative $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i}|_x$ is not zero, and that $y \in \mathbb{R}$ is a regular value if $\forall x \in F^{-1}(y)$, x is a regular point.

Theorem : Regular Values are dense in \mathbb{R} .

Inverse Function Theorem : If $y \in \mathbb{R}$ is regular, $F^{-1}(y)$ is a manifold (locally homeomorphic to \mathbb{R}^{n-1})

Example

$F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $(x, y) \mapsto x^2 - y^2$. The origin is not a regular point



If $w \neq 0$, $F^{-1}(w)$

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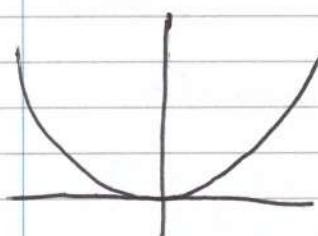
Connectedness

Definition A space (X, \mathcal{T}_X) is connected, if whenever $X = A \cup B$, with A, B open, and $A \cap B = \emptyset$, then either A or B is empty.

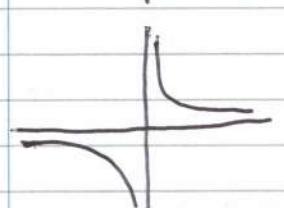
Note Equivalently, $X = A \cup B$ with A, B closed and $A \cap B = \emptyset$

$\Rightarrow A = \emptyset$ or $B = \emptyset$ or: the only subsets of X which are both open and closed are X, \emptyset .

Examples



$\{y = x^2\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ is homeomorphic to \mathbb{R} , and \mathbb{R} is connected.



$\{y = \frac{1}{x}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ is disconnected as it is the union of subspaces $\{x > 0\}$ and $\{x < 0\}$.

Note $[0, 1] = [0, \frac{1}{2}) \cup [\frac{1}{2}, 1] = [0, \frac{1}{2}] \cup [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$ are not disconnections.

Definition The maximal connected subsets of a space X are called its connected components.

Lemma/Definition A space X is connected if whenever $f: X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ is a continuous map from X to a 2 point discrete space, then f is constant.

Proof Let X be a space, and $f: X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ continuous.

Then if f is onto, $X = f^{-1}(0) \cup f^{-1}(1)$, so X is not connected.

Conversely, if we can write $X = A \cup B$, A, B disjoint and non empty, then $f: X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$, $f|_A = 0$, $f|_B = 1$ is continuous.

We observe that connectedness is a topological property, i.e

$X \cong Y$ then X connected $\Leftrightarrow Y$ connected.

In fact, connectivity behaves well under maps.

Lemma If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is ^{continuous} connected, and X is connected, then $f(X) \subseteq Y$ is connected. In particular, quotients of connected spaces are connected.

Proof

If $f(X) = A \cup B$ is a union of disjoint open sets, then (from the definition of the subspace topology), $A = U \cap f(X)$, $B = V \cap f(X)$ for U, V open in Y . Then $X = f^{-1}(U) \cup f^{-1}(V)$, open in X and disjoint. So $f(X)$ disconnected $\Rightarrow X$ disconnected.

Theorem

$I \subseteq (\mathbb{R}, \tau_{\text{eucl}}) \Leftrightarrow I$ is an interval.

\nearrow meaning $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$, $x < y < z$
 $x, z \in I \Rightarrow y \in I$.
 $\{a\}, (1, \infty), (-3, 1]$, all intervals

Proof

$I \ni x$

If I is not an interval, $\exists x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $x, z \in I$, $y \notin I$,

Then $I = I \cap (-\infty, y) \cup I \cap (y, \infty)$ exhibits I as not connected.

Conversely, suppose that I is an interval and also $I = A \cup B$, with

A, B open/closed and disjoint. Suppose $A, B \neq \emptyset$. Let $a \in A, b \in B$.

WLOG, $a < b \Rightarrow [a, b] \subseteq I$. Let $A' = A \cap [a, b]$

$B' = B \cap [a, b]$. So A', B' disjoint, both closed and cover $[a, b]$.

Consider $(x, y) \mapsto d_{\text{Eul}}(x, y)$ as a function $A' \times B' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

$A' \times B' \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ is obviously a closed and bounded set in \mathbb{R}^2 with respect to the usual Euclidean distance. $d_{\text{Eul}}: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous. From IA

Analysis, A continuous function on a closed, bounded interval in \mathbb{R}^1 is bounded and attains its bound.

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So $A' \times B' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $(x, y) \mapsto d(x, y)$ has a minimum, achieved at some $(a', b') \in A' \times B'$. A', B' disjoint \Rightarrow this min is strictly positive. Let $c = \frac{a'+b'}{2}$. Then $c \in [a, b] \in I$. But $d(c, b') = \left| \frac{a'-b'}{2} \right| < d(a', b')$ so $c \notin A'$. Similarly, $d(a', c) < d(a', b') \Rightarrow c \notin B'$.

Remark In 2-3 lectures time, we'll reprove the Heine-Borel Theorem in a more general context.

Corollary If X is a connected space, and $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, then $f(X)$ is an interval (cf the Intermediate Value Theorem).

Example

$\mathbb{R} \not\cong \mathbb{R}^k$ for $k \geq 1$. A sketch of the proof: Suppose $\varphi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ is a homeomorphism. Then $\varphi: \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k \setminus \{\varphi(0)\}$ is a homeomorphism. $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ is not connected, so it suffices to prove that if $k \geq 1$, $\mathbb{R}^k \setminus \{\varphi(0)\}$ is connected. If $(x, y), (x', y') \in \mathbb{R}^k \setminus \{0\}$, obviously one can join them by a path i.e. $\exists r: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k \setminus \{0\}$, $r(0) = (x, y)$, $r(1) = (x', y')$. Suppose in fact $\mathbb{R}^k \setminus \{0\}$ had been disconnected, say $f: \mathbb{R}^k \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ was continuous and onto. $(x, y) \in f^{-1}(0)$, $(x', y') \in f^{-1}(1)$. Then

$f \circ g: [0, 1] \xrightarrow{\text{continuous}} [0, 1], 0 \mapsto 0, 1 \mapsto 1$, disconnecting $[0, 1]$.

So $\mathbb{R}^k \setminus \{0\}$ is connected for $k \geq 1$.

Similarly, $[0, 1] \not\cong [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$, but there do exist space filling curves $r: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]^2$, continuous and onto.

(In fact $\mathbb{R}^k \not\cong \mathbb{R}^l$ when $k \neq l$, but more topology is needed).

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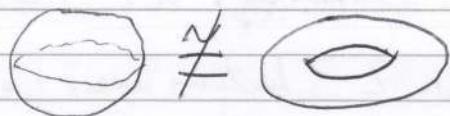
the loop space of X

If X is a space, $LX = \{ \text{Maps } S^1 \rightarrow X \text{ which are continuous} \}$

If $X \subseteq (\mathbb{R}^n, \text{Eucl})$, then LX inherits a metric (X is a metric space)

$d(f, g) = \max_{\theta} d_X(f(\theta), g(\theta))$. This is well-defined by

Meine-Borel. Then



LX connected

LX not connected.

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We defined connectedness via $X = A \cup B$, A, B disjoint, open.

Then X connected $\Rightarrow A$ or B is empty. Equivalently, if

$f: X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ continuous \Rightarrow constant.

Definition

A space (X, \mathcal{T}_X) is path-connected if $\forall x, y \in X, \exists$ a path $j: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$ such that $j(0) = x, j(1) = y$

The maximal path connected subsets are the path components of X .

Lemma

"Being joined by a path" defines an equivalence relation on points of X .

Proof i) $x \sim x$ via a constant path $j: [0, 1] \rightarrow X, j(t) = t \forall t$

ii) If $x \sim y$ meaning $\exists j: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$, continuous, $j(0) = x, j(1) = y$,

then $t \mapsto j(1-t)$ defines a path $[0, 1] \rightarrow X$ with start point y and end point x .

iii) If $x \sim y$ and $y \sim z$, we have $j: [0, 1] \rightarrow X, j(0) = x, j(1) = y$ and $\tau: [0, 1] \rightarrow X, \tau(0) = y, \tau(1) = z$.

Then define $j * \tau: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$ by $j * \tau = \begin{cases} j(2t) & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ \tau(2t-1) & \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$

So $j * \tau: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$ is continuous, and $x \sim z$ D

Recall:

If H is connected, then $cl(H)$ is connected. If $f|_H$ is constant, then $f|_{cl(H)}$ is constant. Using this, one can show that in general, connectedness and path connectedness are not equivalent.

Example (Topologists sine curve)

Let $X \in \mathbb{R}^2$ be $A \cup B$, $A = \{(0, t) \mid -1 \leq t \leq 1\}$

$B = \{(x, \sin \frac{1}{x}) \mid x > 0\}$. Then X is connected but not path connected.

However, path connectedness \Rightarrow connectedness by the argument we gave for $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$.

Proof

i) X is connected : B is a graph of a continuous function $(0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

So, from our knowledge of product spaces, $B \cong (0, \infty)$, so B is connected. Therefore $C(B)$ is connected. So it suffices to prove that $A \subseteq C(B)$

By symmetry and closedness, we will show that $\{(0, y) \mid 0 < y < 1\} \subseteq C(B)$

Fix $\epsilon > 0$, and choose n such that $\frac{1}{2\pi n} < \epsilon$. Then $\sin \frac{\pi}{2}(4n+1) = 1$,

$\sin \frac{\pi}{2}(4n+3) = -1 \Rightarrow \sin \frac{1}{x}$ takes the value y at some

$x_0 \in \left[\frac{2}{(4n+3)\pi}, \frac{2}{(4n+1)\pi}\right]$. But then by choice of n , $d((x_0, y), (0, y)) < \epsilon$

$\Rightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0$, $B_{(0,y)}(\epsilon) \cap B \neq \emptyset$. So $(0, y) \in C(B)$ as required.

ii) X is not path connected : Suppose, ~~the contrary~~, and \exists a path

$j : [0, 1] \rightarrow X$, $j(0) = (0, 0)$, $j(1) = (1, \sin(1))$.

Let $C = \sup \{t \mid j(t) \in A \subseteq \text{y-axis}\}$. A is closed, so in fact $j(C) \in A$.

$\Rightarrow C < 1$. of path j at $c \in [0, 1]$

Note that by continuity that $\exists \delta > 0$ such that $j|_{[c, c+\delta]} \subseteq B_{j(c)}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$

We consider $\bar{j} : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $t \mapsto \pi_x \circ j(t)$. continuous.

$j(c) = 0$, but $\bar{j}(t) > 0 \ \forall t > c$.

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j is continuous, on a connected set, so it has a connected image, so j has image on an interval. Necessarily, the image of j contains $[0, \alpha]$ for some $\alpha > 0$, but $j|_{(c,c+5)}$ takes on all values between -1 and 1 in any interval $(0, \alpha]$. Therefore $j|_{[c, c+5]}$ must contain points of X with y -coordinate 1 and -1, violating $j|_{[c, c+5]} \subseteq B_{j(c)}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$. So in fact no such j exists, and X is not path connected. \square
The above is the exception of the rule.

Theorem

Connected open subsets of Euclidean space are path connected.

(Note: Manifolds, i.e. spaces locally $\cong \mathbb{R}^n$ have connectedness \Leftrightarrow path connectedness)

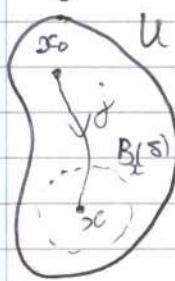
Proof Let $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be open and connected.

Fix $x_0 \in U$. Let $A = \{x \in U \mid \exists \text{ a path, } x_0 \text{ to } x\}$

$B = \{x_0 \in U \mid \nexists \text{ a path, } x_0 \text{ to } x_0\}$. $A \cap B = \emptyset$. Moreover,

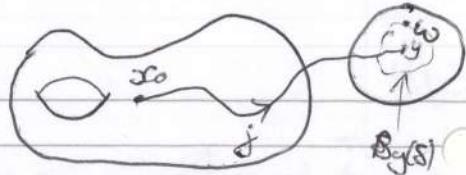
$x_0 \in A$. We will prove that A, B , are both open. Then $U = A \cup B$ (disjoint union of disjoint open sets), and connectedness $\Rightarrow B = \emptyset$. Then, our equivalence relation property \Rightarrow path connectedness.

If $x \in A$, $\exists \delta > 0$ such that $B_x(\delta) \subseteq U$, as $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is open.



If $z \in B_x(\delta)$, \exists a radial path from z to x_0 , so by concatenation with j from x_0 to x , \exists a path x_0 to x , i.e. $x \in A \Rightarrow \exists \delta > 0$ such that $B_x(\delta) \subseteq A$, i.e. A is open.

Analogously, if $y \in B$, $B_y(\delta) \subseteq U$:



If $w \in B_y(\delta)$ lies in A , it's joined to x_0 by a path, we attach a radial path \rightsquigarrow path $x_0 \rightsquigarrow y$. \times , So $B_y(\delta) \subseteq B$, B is also open. \square

Remark

In studying differential equations, we want to solve an equation $Df = 0$

D is built out of "differential operators" e.g. $D = \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^3 + 2\frac{d}{dx} + m(x)$.

We introduce a family of equations $D^{(5)}f = 0$, $0 \leq s \leq 1$,

such that $D^{(0)} = D$, and $D^{(1)}f$ is easy to solve.

Then consider $\{s \in [0, 1] \mid \exists \text{ a solution } f^{(5)} \text{ of the equation}\}$. If one can show this is both open and closed, and we've solved $D^{(1)}$, then it must be all of $[0, 1]$, and D admits a solution. ("Continuity method").

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Definition

Let (X, \mathcal{T}_X) be a topological space. An open cover of X is a collection $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ of open subsets of X such that $X = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} U_\alpha$. X is compact if every open cover admits a finite sub-cover, i.e.

$$\exists \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_N\} \subseteq A \text{ such that } X = \bigcup_{i=1}^N U_{\alpha_i}.$$

Remarks

Compactness is a "local to global" principle, $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous.

$\forall x \in X, f(x) \in \mathbb{R}, \exists \exists U_x \ni x \text{ open set}$ such that on U_x , $|f(y)| < |f(x)| + 1$. If X is compact,

$$X = \bigcup_{i=1}^N U_{x_i} \Rightarrow f \text{ bounded. } |f(y)| < \max \{|f(x_i)| + 1\}$$

Key Theorems - Proofs are to come

i) $A \subseteq (\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{T}_{\text{Eucl}})$ is compact $\Leftrightarrow A$ is closed and bounded.

ii) (X, d) metric space is compact \Leftrightarrow Every sequence in X has a ^{convergent} _{subsequence}

Note Compactness is a topological property. If X is compact, $X \cong Y$, then Y is compact. If $A \subseteq X$, " A is compact" is a property of (A, \mathcal{T}_A) , the subspace topology.

Examples

1. $(X, \mathcal{T}_{\text{discrete}})$ has every subset open, $\Rightarrow X = \bigcup_{x \in X} \{x\}$.

So X compact $\Leftrightarrow X$ finite.

2. $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{Zariski}})$ has open subsets complements of finite sets. This is compact.

Proof Let $\{U_j\}_{j \in S}$ be an open cover. $U_j \cap U_i = \emptyset$. Write

$U_j = \mathbb{R} \setminus Z_j$, where Z_j is finite (discard any empty U_j)

$\bigcup U_j = \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \bigcap_{j \in J} Z_j = \emptyset$. Since the Z_j are finite,

$\exists j_1, j_2, \dots, j_N$ such that $\bigcap_{i=1}^N Z_{j_i} = \emptyset$.

So $\mathbb{R} = \bigcup_{k=1}^N U_{j_k}$

↙ ↴ a finite subcover

3. $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{\text{Eucl}})$ is not compact. $U_j = (-j, j) \Rightarrow \mathbb{R} = \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} U_j$

4. If (X, d) is compact, then X is bounded i.e. $\sup_{x, y \in X} d(x, y) < \infty$

Proof: Pick $x_0 \in X$. Consider $\bigcup_{n \geq 1} B_{x_0}(n)$ is an open cover of (X, d) □

Lemma

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous map of topological spaces. Then if X is compact, $f(X)$ is compact.

Proof

Let $\{V_j\}_{j \in J}$ be an open cover of $f(X)$. So $V_j = f(x) \cap W_j$, for W_j open in Y . Then $f^{-1}(V_j) = f^{-1}(W_j)$ is therefore open in X . X compact and

$X = \bigcup f^{-1}(W_j) \Rightarrow \exists j_1, \dots, j_N$ such that $X = \bigcup_{k=1}^N f^{-1}(W_{j_k})$

So $f(X) = \bigcup_{k=1}^N V_{j_k}$ has a finite subcover. □

Corollary

If $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, X is compact, then $f(X)$ is bounded. □

Most compactness arguments make use of :

Lemma

i) A closed subspace of a compact space is compact.

ii) A compact subspace of a Hausdorff space is closed.

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Proofs

i) $A \subseteq X$, X compact, A closed. Take an open cover of A .

$A = \bigcup_{j \in J} V_j$. Write $A \cap W_j$, W_j open in X .

Then $\{W_j\}_{j \in J} \cup (X \setminus A)$ forms an open cover of A . Since X is compact, there is a finite subcover of X , $\{W_1, \dots, W_n\} \cup (X \setminus A)$.

Then $\hat{\bigcup_{i=1}^n} V_i$ forms a finite subcover of $A \Rightarrow A$ is compact. \square

ii) Now, suppose X is Hausdorff, $Z \subseteq X$ is compact.

We claim that Z is closed, so $X \setminus Z$ is open. So it suffices to show that if $x \in X \setminus Z$, \exists some open neighbourhood $U_x \ni x$ with $U_x \subseteq X \setminus Z$.

Then $X \setminus Z = \bigcup_{x \in X \setminus Z} U_x$ will be open.

Fix $x_0 \in X \setminus Z$. If $z \in Z$, the Hausdorff condition

$\Rightarrow \exists$ disjoint open sets, open in X , $U_z \ni x_0$, $V_z \ni z$, $U_z \cap V_z = \emptyset$

For each $z \in Z$, we have an open V_z , so Z is covered by the sets $V_z \cap Z$

Compactness of $Z \Rightarrow \exists$ a finite subcover, say $Z \subseteq V_{z_1} \cup \dots \cup V_{z_N}$, for

some $\{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_N\} \subseteq Z$. So we have open neighbourhoods

$U_{z_1}, U_{z_2}, \dots, U_{z_N}$ of x_0 . Define $U_{x_0} := \bigcap_{i=1}^N U_{z_i}$, a finite intersection of open sets, and therefore open.

Claim: $U_{x_0} \subseteq X \setminus Z$

Proof If $w \in U_{x_0}$, then $w \in U_{z_i} \forall i, 1 \leq i \leq N$.

$U_{z_i} \cap V_{z_i} = \emptyset \Rightarrow w \in V_{z_i}, 1 \leq i \leq N \Rightarrow w \notin Z$. \square

Corollary Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous bijection. If X is compact and Y is Hausdorff, then f is a homeomorphism.

Proof Let $g = f^{-1}$ be the inverse function, so we need to know g is continuous. From lectures, it suffices to know that g^{-1} (closed set) is closed. i.e. it suffices to know that f is a closed mapping, taking closed sets to closed sets. But if $A \subseteq X$ closed, X compact $\Rightarrow A$ compact f continuous $\Rightarrow f(A)$ compact in Y . Y Hausdorff $\Rightarrow f(A)$ closed. \square

Note: We proved $\frac{\mathbb{R}}{\mathbb{Z}} \cong S^1$, $\frac{\mathbb{R}^2}{\mathbb{Z}^2} \cong \mathbb{O}$ $\frac{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}}{\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}} \cong S^1 \times S^1$

Digression Let X be a space such that

i) $X \xrightarrow{\text{weakly}} \mathbb{R}^3$, X a 3-manifold

ii) X compact, connected, simply connected

Theorem (Perelman)

$$X \cong S^3 = \{(x, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + t^2 = 1\}$$



Formerly the

Poincaré Conjecture !!!

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Heine-Borel

X is compact if every open cover admits a finite subcover.

Theorem 1 In $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{\text{Eucl}})$, $[a, b]$ is compact

Theorem 2 If X, Y are compact, $X \times Y$ is compact (with product topology)

Corollary (Heine-Borel Theorem)

$A \subseteq (\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{T}_{\text{Eucl}})$ is compact \Leftrightarrow it is closed and bounded

Proof

If A is compact, certainly it is bounded, and compact subspaces of Hausdorff spaces are closed.

Conversely, if A is closed and bounded, $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $A \subseteq [a, b]^n$.

Then A closed is a compact space by Theorems 1 and 2, so A is compact \square

Corollary If X is compact and $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, then $f(X)$ is bounded and attains its bounds.

Proof

X is compact, so closed and bounded, so $\sup f$, if f exist, so by closedness, these belong to $f(X)$ \square

Proof of Theorem 1

Let $\{U_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ be an open cover of $[a, b]$. Consider ~~$A = \{t \mid t \in [a, b], [a, b] \text{ has a finite subcover wrt } \{U_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}\}$~~

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We wish to show that $b \in A$.

Note Clearly A is bounded above by b , $a \in [a, b]$ lies in some set

U_i , so $a \in A$, and $A \neq \emptyset$

Moreover, if $a \in U_i$, U_i is open so $[a, a + \delta) \subseteq U_i$ for some $\delta > 0$
 $\Rightarrow [a, a + \frac{\delta}{2}]$ has a finite subcover $\Rightarrow c = \sup(A)$ satisfies $c > a$.

Suppose for contradiction $c < b$, $c \in [a, b]$, $\exists i_0$ such that $c \in U_{i_0}$. So openness $\Rightarrow (c - \varepsilon, c + \varepsilon) \subseteq U_{i_0}$. Consider ~~$c + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$~~ has the property that $[a, c + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}]$ has some finite subcover wrt $\{U_i\}$. Throw in U_{i_0} to see $[a, c + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}]$ has some finite subcover, violating $c = \sup A$

So we deduce that $c = b$, $b \in U_k$ for some k , with U_k open so $(b - \delta, b] \subseteq U_k$. Certainly, \exists a point $w \in (b - \delta, b)$ such that $[a, w]$ has a finite subcover. Since $b = \sup A$. Add U_k to see that $[a, b]$ has a finite subcover, $\Rightarrow b \in A$. \square

Proof of Theorem 2 X, Y compact $\Rightarrow X \times Y$ compact

Let $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$ be an open cover of $X \times Y$. Fix $x \in X$. We aim to show that \exists an open set $A_x \ni x$, such that $A_x \times Y$ is covered by finitely many of the $\{U_i\}$.

If $y \in Y$, $(x, y) \in U_i$ for some i . By definition of product topology, \exists open sets $A_y \ni x$ of $x \in X$ $B_y \ni y$ of $y \in Y$ such that $(x, y) \in A_y \times B_y \subseteq U_i$.

$\forall y \in Y$, we get an open $B_y \ni y \Rightarrow \{B_y\}_{y \in Y}$ is an open cover of $\{x\} \times Y$.

\exists a finite subcover B_{y_1}, \dots, B_{y_k} of $\{x\} \times Y$.

Let $A_x := \bigcap_{j=1}^k A_{y_j}$.

The A_{y_j} 's were open neighbourhoods of $x \in X$, so the finite intersection A_x is an open neighbourhood of $x \in X$. Moreover,

$\{A_x \times B_{y_j} \mid j = 1, \dots, k\}$ actually covers $A_x \times Y$, and the sets $A_x \times B_{y_j}$ each belong to an element of the original cover $\{U_i\}$. So A realises our aim.

We now restart. For each $x \in X$, we can pick such an A_x , satisfying our aim. Now $\{A_x \mid x \in X\}$ forms an open cover of X . By compactness, \exists a finite subcover A_{x_1}, \dots, A_{x_p} of X by such sets. Then $X \times Y = \bigcup_{i=1}^p A_{x_i} \times Y$, a finite union of sets, each of which admits a finite subcover, wrt $\{U_i\}$. So we are done. \square

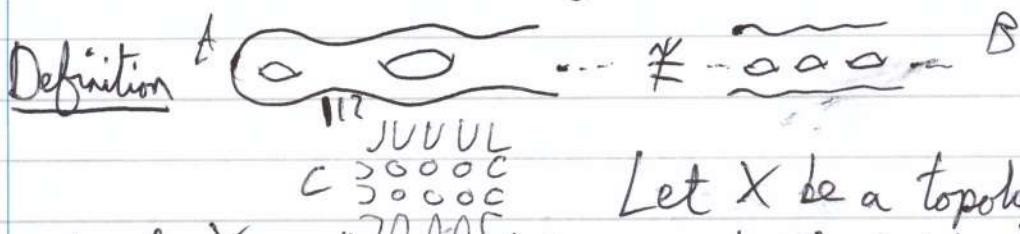
Remarks

1. The product topology on an infinite product is defined such that basic open sets in $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$ are of the form $\prod_{i \in I} U_i$, with all but finitely many U_i the whole of U_i . Then, if $\{X_i\}_{i \in I}$, then $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$ is compact. Note that because of Cantor-type sets, the general compact set in \mathbb{R} is very wild.

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2. Heine-Borel completes our proof that intervals \Leftrightarrow connected in \mathbb{R} .



Let X be a topological space. The ends of X are the connected components of $X \setminus k$ where $k \subseteq X$ is compact. We say that ends of $X \setminus k_1$ and $X \setminus k_2$ are equivalent, if for $k_1 \subseteq k_2$, the natural map $X \setminus k_1 \rightarrow X \setminus k_2$ takes one to the other. ends \Leftrightarrow connected components of complements of arbitrarily large compact sets.

In surfaces A, C : Given any compact set k , \exists a larger compact set k' such that $X \setminus k'$ is connected (A, C have one end, B has two).

Warning

In \mathbb{R}^n , the closed unit ball is compact. This fails in general metric spaces

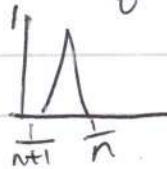
Example

In $(C[0, 1], d_\infty) = \{\text{Continuous functions } [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, d_\infty(f, g) = \sup_{x \in [0, 1]} |f - g|$

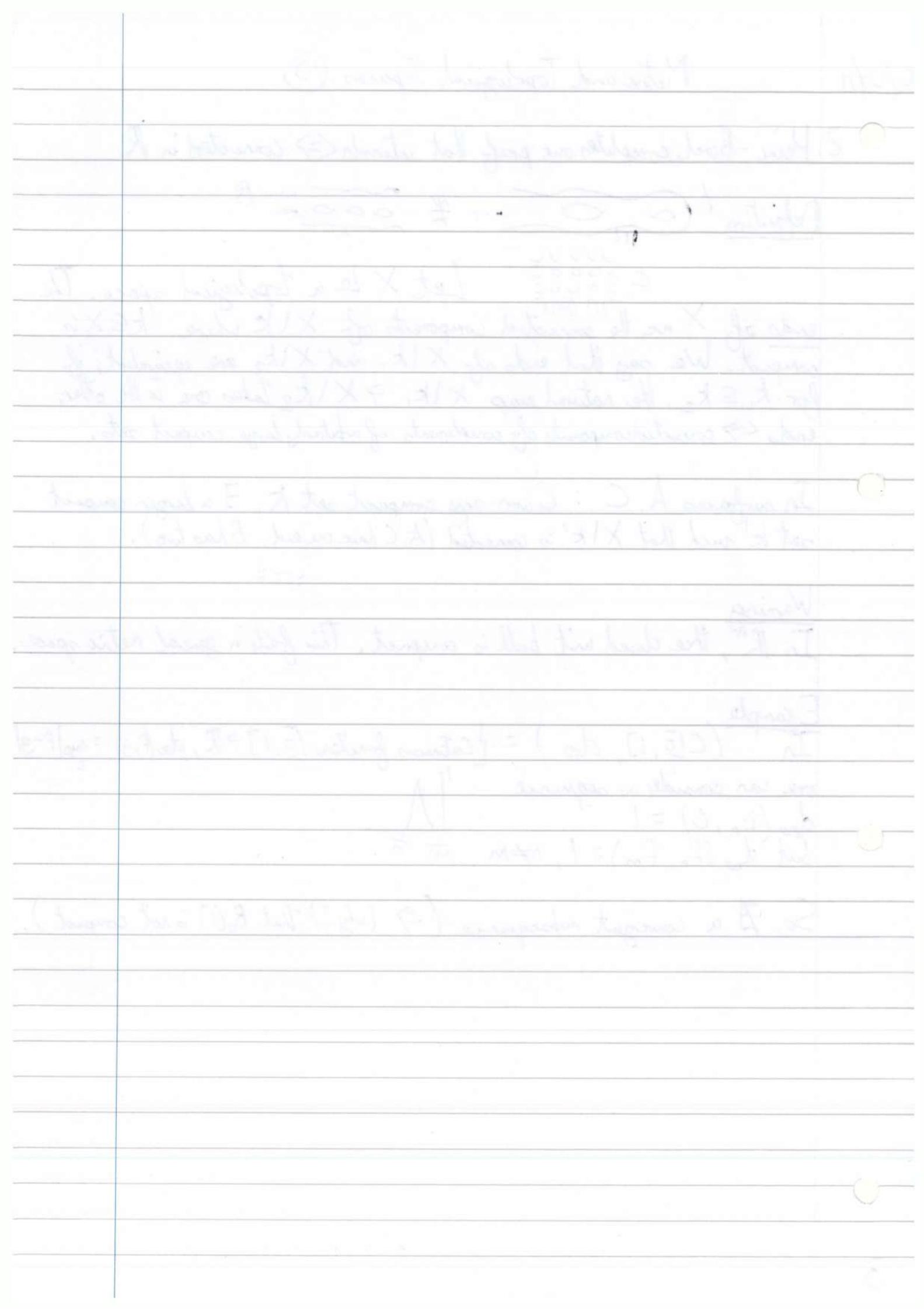
one can consider a sequence

$$d_\infty(f_n, 0) = 1$$

but $d_\infty(f_n, f_m) = 1, n \neq m$



So \nexists a convergent subsequence (\Rightarrow why?) that $B_\delta(0)$ is not compact).



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Sequential Compactness

Definition: A metric space (X, d) is sequentially compact if every sequence $(x_n) \subseteq X$ has a convergent subsequence.

Note: If $C \subseteq (X, d)$ is a subset, it inherits the structure of a metric space, say c is sequentially compact if $(x_n) \subseteq C$ has a subsequence converging to a point of C .

Observation If $x_n \rightarrow x_\infty$ wrt metric d , and d' is an equivalent metric, then $x_n \rightarrow x_\infty$ wrt d' . So sequential compactness of X is a property of the underlying topological space.

Theorem (X, d) sequentially compact $\Leftrightarrow (X, d)$ compact

$(0, 1)$ is not sequentially compact, $(\frac{1}{n})$ has no convergent subsequence.

$[0, 1]$ is sequentially compact, but $0, 1, 0, 1, \dots$ is not itself convergent.

Lemma Let X be a metric space and $C \subseteq X$ a sequentially compact subset. Then C is closed in X .

Proof Closed sets are those which are equal to their closures. We show that if $x \in \text{cl}(C)$, then $\exists (x_n) \subseteq C$ such that $x_n \rightarrow x$. If $x \in \text{cl}(C)$, every open neighbourhood of x meets C . In particular, $\forall n \exists x_n$ such that $x_n \in B_x(\frac{1}{n}) \cap C$. Then $x_n \rightarrow x$ (since $d(x_n, x) < \frac{1}{n} > 0$) so $x \in C$ by sequential compactness.

Proposition Compact \Rightarrow Sequentially Compact

Proof Let (X, d) be a metric space and $C \subseteq X$ a compact subspace.

Either $S = \{\text{members of } (x_n)\}$ is either finite, or infinite. In the 1st case, \exists a constant subsequence, so assume $|S| = \infty$. We claim that S has a limit point in C .

Suppose S has no limit point in C . Then, $\forall x \in C, \exists \varepsilon(x) > 0$

$\exists \varepsilon(x) > 0$ such that $B_{x_i}(\varepsilon(x)) \cap S$ is empty or $\{x_i\}$.
(exactly the definition of limit points and metric space topology)
So $\{B_{x_i}(\varepsilon(x)) \mid x_i \in C\}$ gives an open cover of C , then \exists a finite
subcover. But each $B_{x_i}(\varepsilon(x_i))$ contains at most one point of S .
 $\Rightarrow |S| < \infty$ $\times \times$
So indeed, S has a limit point in C , say x_∞ .

We now build a subsequence of (x_n) tending to x_∞ . WLOG, $x_\infty \notin S$.
(Check that the other case works). Now iteratively, pick $x_{n(i)} \in B_{x_\infty}(1)$.
Suppose we have $n(1) < n(2) < n(3) < \dots < n(k)$ such that $x_{n(i)} \in B_{x_\infty}(i)$.
Let $\varepsilon = \min\left\{\frac{1}{k+1}, d(x_i, x_\infty), 1 \leq i \leq n(k)\right\}$. Note that
 $\varepsilon \neq 0$, as $x_\infty \notin S$. So $\exists n(k+1)$ such that $x_{n(k+1)} \in B_{x_\infty}(\varepsilon)$
Definition of $\varepsilon \Rightarrow$ i) $x_{n(k+1)} \in B_{x_\infty}\left(\frac{1}{k+1}\right)$ ii) $d(k) < n(k+1)$
Then $x_{n_j} \rightarrow x_\infty$

Corollary A bounded sequence in \mathbb{R}^n has a convergent subsequence.

Proof (x_n) lies in a bounded set, then $CL(\{x_n\})$ is closed and bounded, so compact.
and we use the previous result.

For the converse, "Sequentially Compact \Rightarrow Compact" we use the
following.

Definition Let (X, d) be a metric space and $\{U_i\}_{i \in J}$ an open
cover of X . A Lebesgue Number for the cover is $\delta > 0$ such that
 $\forall x \in X, B_x(\delta) \subseteq U_{j(x)}$ for some $j(x) \in J$.

Example For $(0, 1)$, write $(0, 1) = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left(\frac{1}{n}, 1\right)$. This open
cover has no Lebesgue Number. If $\delta > 0$, pick $k > \frac{1}{\delta}$, then
 $B_{\frac{1}{k}}(\delta) = \left(0, \frac{1}{k} + \delta\right) \not\subseteq \left(\frac{1}{n}, 1\right)$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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Lemma

Let X be a sequentially compact metric space.

i) Any open cover $\{U_j\}_{j \in J}$ of X has a Lebesgue number.

ii) $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \text{ finite } S \subseteq X \text{ such that } X = \bigcup_{x \in S} B_{x, \epsilon}$

Sketch of proof for ii)

Take $\epsilon > 0$ and suppose no such finite S exists. Take any x , and note that $B_{x, \epsilon}$ doesn't cover X . Call $x = x_0$. Pick $x_1 \notin B_{x_0, \epsilon}$.

$x \notin B_{x_0, \epsilon} \cup B_{x_1, \epsilon}$, so $\exists x_2$ outside these. Iteratively, we construct a sequence such that x_i has distance $\geq \epsilon$ from all preceding members.

So \nexists a convergent subsequence (or it would be "Cauchy", terms would get close).

Part i) is similar.

Proposition Sequentially Compact \Rightarrow Compact

Proof

Let (X, d) be sequentially compact, and let $\{U_i\}_{i \in S}$ be an open cover of X . By i) we can pick a Lebesgue number $\delta > 0$,

By ii) $\exists \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \in X$ such that $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_{x_i, \delta}$

But for each $1 \leq i \leq n$, $\exists j(i)$ such that $B_{x_i, \delta} \subseteq U_{j(i)}$

So $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_{j(i)}$, and we have a finite subcover.

Example Let (X, d) be a compact metric space. Suppose $f: X \rightarrow X$ is, such that $\forall x, y \in X, d(f(x), f(y)) = d(x, y)$, then f is a homeomorphism.

Proof f is obviously continuous and injective (check!). We claim that f is surjective. Then we have a continuous bijection from a compact space to a Hausdorff space.

Let $x \in X$. Let $x_n = \underbrace{f^{(n)}(x) = f \circ f \circ \dots \circ f(x)}$ which defines a sequence $(x_n) \subseteq X$. Sequential compactness $\Rightarrow \exists$ a convergent subsequence $x_{n(r)} \rightarrow x_\infty \in X$. But $d(f^{(n(r))}(x_\infty), f^{(n(s))}(x_\infty)) = d(f^{(n(r)-n(s))}(x_\infty), x_\infty)$ when $n(r) > n(s)$, by the isometric nature of f . Let $r, s \rightarrow \infty$. Deduce $x_\infty = x_\infty$. So x_∞ is a limit of points in $f(X)$, $x_\infty \in f(X)$.

Lesson 10: Inverse Functions

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Given two functions f and g , if $f(g(x)) = x$ for all x in the domain of g and $g(f(x)) = x$ for all x in the domain of f , then f and g are inverse functions.

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A metric space (X, d) is compact \Leftrightarrow it is sequentially compact.

Definition A Cauchy Sequence in (X, d) is a sequence (x_n) such that $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\forall n, m > N_\varepsilon, d(x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon$.
 (X, d) is complete iff every Cauchy Sequence in (X, d) converges (to a point of X).

Note Completeness is not a topological property (in contrast to compactness, connectedness).
E.g. $(0, 1)$, dead is not complete, $(\frac{1}{n})$ is Cauchy.
 $(\mathbb{R}, \text{dead})$ is complete (by axiom / definition)
But these spaces are homeomorphic.

Example (X, d_{discrete}) is always complete.

Proof What do Cauchy sequences look like? Take $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}$. If $(x_n) \subseteq X$ is Cauchy, $\exists N_{\frac{1}{2}}$ such that $\forall n, m > N_{\frac{1}{2}}, d(x_n, x_m) < \frac{1}{2}$.
 $\Rightarrow (x_n)$ is eventually constant, so it converges.

Exercises

(and so sequentially compact)

i) If (X, d) is compact, then it is complete.

ii) If (X, d) is complete, and $Y \subseteq X$ is a closed subspace, then (Y, d_{XY}) is complete.

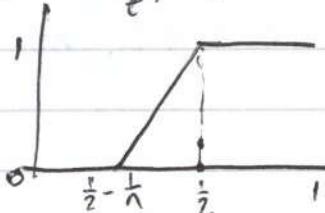
Example

a) $(C[0, 1], l^1)$, a metric where $d_1(f, g) = \int_0^1 |f(t) - g(t)| dt$ is not complete. $C[0, 1] = \{ f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f \text{ continuous} \}$

b) $(C[0, 1], l^\infty)$, $d_\infty(f, g) = \sup_t |f(t) - g(t)|$. This is complete.

Proof

a) Consider (f_n) with



$$f_n \in C[0, 1]$$

Clearly, f_n is Cauchy wrt d_1 .

Suppose for contradiction, $f_n \rightarrow g \in C[0, 1]$, and $\exists x \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ such that $g(x) \neq 0$. Then $\exists \delta > 0$ such that on $(x-\delta, x+\delta)$, $|g(y)| > \varepsilon = |g(x)| > 0$.

Then, if n is sufficiently large, e.g. $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n} > \epsilon$, then
 $d_1(f_n, g) = \int_0^1 |f_n(t) - g(t)| dt \geq \int_{\epsilon/2}^{1-\epsilon} |f_n(t) - g(t)| dt \geq 2\epsilon$

So $d_1(f_n, g) \not\rightarrow 0$ \times

Analogously, $g(x) = 1 \# x \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$, but $g \in C[0, 1]$ \times

b) Let (f_n) be Cauchy in $(C[0, 1], d_\infty)$. If $t \in [0, 1]$

$$|f_n(t) - f_m(t)| \geq \sup |f_n(t) - f_m(t)| = d_\infty(f_n, f_m) \not\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n, m \rightarrow \infty$$

So $(f_n(t))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is Cauchy in \mathbb{R} . \mathbb{R} is complete so $f_n(t)$ converges, say to $F(t)$. This defines $F: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

We need F continuous, and $f_n \xrightarrow{d_\infty} F$

$$|F(t_1) - F(t_2)| \leq |F(t_1) - f_n(t_1)| + |f_n(t_1) - f_n(t_2)| + |f_n(t_2) - F(t_2)|$$

$\forall \epsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$ such that $|t_1 - t_2| < \delta$, $n \gg 0$, each term $< \frac{\epsilon}{3}$

So F is continuous, and in fact uniformly continuous.

$$|f_n(t) - F(t)| \leq |f_n(t) - f_m(t)| + |f_m(t) - F(t)| \leq d(f_n, f_m) + |f_m(t) - F(t)|$$

So now given $\epsilon > 0$, choose n, m large enough so that $d(f_n, f_m)$ is negligible.

Now if $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists m$ such that $|f_m(t) - F(t)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$

Now this holds $\forall n \geq m$, $n, m \gg 0$ (fill in the details).

Contraction Mapping Theorem

Let (X, d) be complete. Let $f: X \rightarrow X$ be such that

$\exists K < 1$, such that $\forall x, y \quad d(f(x), f(y)) < K d(x, y)$ for $x \neq y$.

Then f has a unique fixed point i.e. $\exists x_0 \in X$ such that $f(x_0) = x_0$.

Remark $x \mapsto x + \frac{1}{x}$ on $[1, \infty]$. $\forall x, y \neq 0$

$|f(x) - f(y)| < |x - y|$, and obviously there is no fixed point.

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Proof

Note that being a contraction $\Rightarrow f$ continuous. Let $x_0 \in X$. Let $x_r = f(x_0)$, $x_n = f(x_{n-1})$. $d(x_r, x_{r-1}) \leq Kd(x_{r-1}, x_{r-2})$
 $d(x_r, x_{r-1}) \leq \dots \leq K^{r-1}d(x_1, x_0)$
and $d(x_m, x_{n-1}) \leq \sum_{j=0}^{m-n} d(x_{m-j}, x_{m-j-1}) \leq (K^{m-1} + K^{m-2} + \dots + K^{n-1}) \times d(x_1, x_0)$

$$\leq K^{n-1} \left(\frac{1-K^{m-n}}{1-K} \right) d(x_1, x_0) \leq \frac{K^{n-1}}{1-K} d(x_1, x_0)$$

Since $K^{n-1} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we infer that x_n is a Cauchy Sequence. So $x_n \rightarrow x_\infty$. But $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x_\infty)$ by continuity of f .
So $f(x_\infty) = x_\infty$

If $\phi x \neq y$, $f(x) = x$, $f(y) = y$, Then $d(f(x), f(y)) < Kd(x, y) < d(x, y)$ ~~✓~~

So the fixed point is unique.

Application : Picard's Theorem

Let $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuously differentiable. Solve $\frac{du}{dt} = F(t, u(t))$ with $u(t_0) = u_0$. (initial value problem for ODEs).

Claim : $\exists \delta > 0$ such that a unique solution exists on $(t_0 - \delta, t_0 + \delta)$

Idea of proof

u solves the equation $\Leftrightarrow u(t) = u_0 + \int_{t_0}^t F(s, u(s)) ds$ by FTC
Define $\phi: C[t_0-1, t_0+1] \rightarrow$ with $\phi(u) = u_0 + \int_{t_0}^t F(s, u(s)) ds$

We want u such that $\phi(u) = u$. By the contraction mapping theorem it is sufficient to show that ϕ is a contraction on some $C[t_0 - \delta, t_0 + \delta]$ (for some $\delta > 0$) wrt d_{∞} .

Since F is nice, $|F(s, u(s)) - F(s, v(s))| < L |u(s) - v(s)|$
" F is Lipschitz in its 2nd variable", L is max $|dF|$ say.

$$|\phi(u) - \phi(v)| = \left| \int_{t_0}^t F(s, u(s)) - F(s, v(s)) ds \right| \leq \int_{t_0}^t L |u(s) - v(s)| ds \leq L |t_0 - t| d_{\infty}(u, v)$$

So if δ is such that $L\delta < \frac{1}{4}$ then $d_{\phi}(\phi(u), \phi(v)) < \frac{1}{2} d(u, v)$
and ϕ is a contraction.