

Topology Speed Run II: Connectedness, Compactness and Hausdorff spaces

Why you should care:

- Important properties for approximation

Hausdorff \Rightarrow "can approximate any particular point to arbitrary precision,"

Compactness \Rightarrow "can approximate to arbitrary precision with finitely many objects,"

Example: (Universal approximation Theorem)

Let $\sigma \in C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$, then σ not polynomial

$\Leftrightarrow \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ compact, $f \in C(K, \mathbb{R}^m), \varepsilon > 0, \exists k \in \mathbb{N}, A \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times n}, b \in \mathbb{R}^k, C \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}$

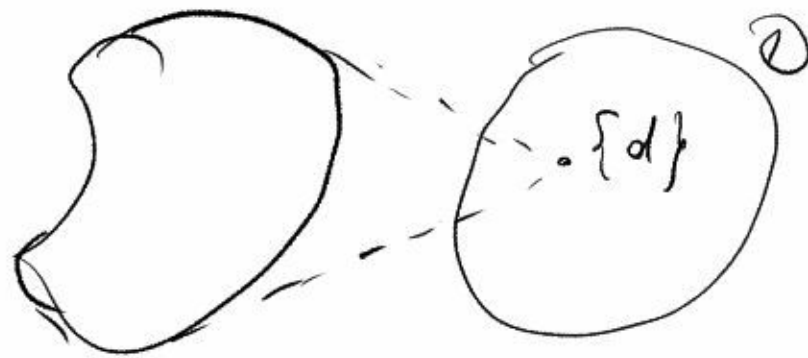
$$\sup_{x \in K} \|f(x) - g(x)\| < \varepsilon$$

$\hookrightarrow C \cdot (\sigma(Wx + b))$ NN w/ 1 hidden layer

Connectedness: (X, τ) is connected $\Leftrightarrow X$ cannot be written
as $U_1 \cup U_2$ where
 $U_1, U_2 \in \tau \setminus \{\emptyset\}, U_1 \cap U_2 = \emptyset$

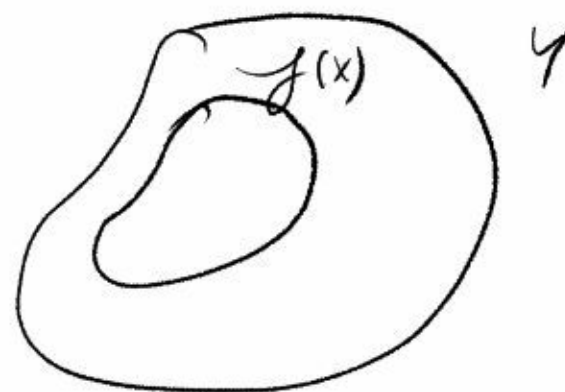
• Clopen set: U is clopen
 $\Leftrightarrow U \in \tau$ and $U^c \in \tau$ } X connected \Leftrightarrow only \emptyset and X
are clopen
 $\Rightarrow U$ clopen $\Rightarrow U^c$ clopen

• Discrete-valued map
 $f: X \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$
↳ discrete
topological
space } X connected \Leftrightarrow every ^{continuous} discrete-valued
map on X is constant



Proposition: if $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous and X connected, then

$f(X)$ is connected



Proof

$$X \xrightarrow{f} f(X)$$

$$\swarrow \text{dof} \quad \downarrow d \leftarrow \text{discrete-valued map}$$

\emptyset

\hookrightarrow discrete-valued

\Rightarrow constant

Proposition

If $\{Y_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a collection of connected subsets in X

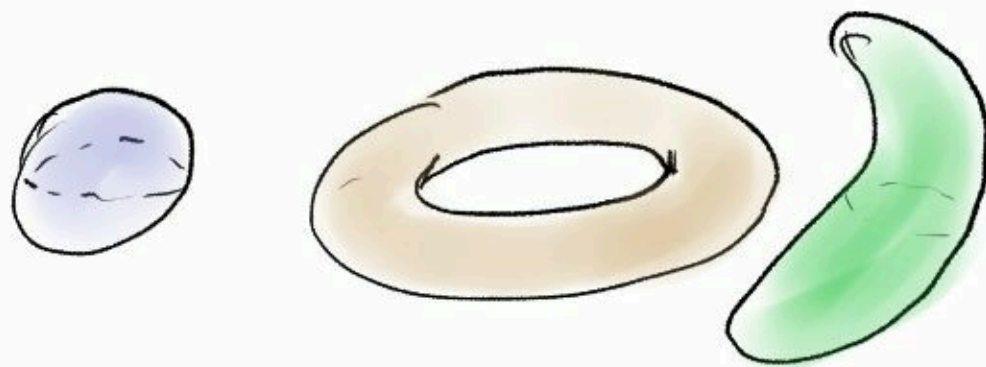
and $Y_i \cap Y_j \neq \emptyset \quad \forall i, j \in I$, then $\bigcup_{i \in I} Y_i$ is connected

Connected Components

$p \sim q \iff p \text{ and } q \text{ belong to a connected subset of } X$

\leadsto equivalence relation

→ The equivalence classes X / \sim are the
Connected Components



Connected components are

- Connected and closed
- Contain all connected subsets
- disjoint
- Cover X

- Connected components are not always open:

$\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}$ only admits singletons $\{q\}$ $q \in \mathbb{Q}$

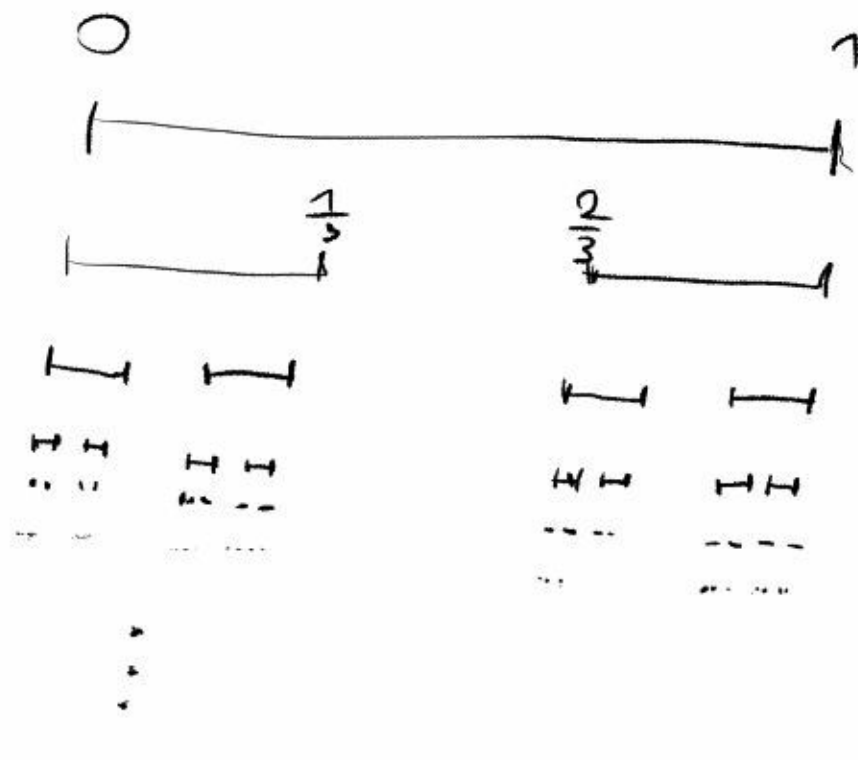
as connected subsets

↳ closed, but not open

- (X, τ) is totally disconnected if the only connected subsets of X are singletons

Example: Cantor's set

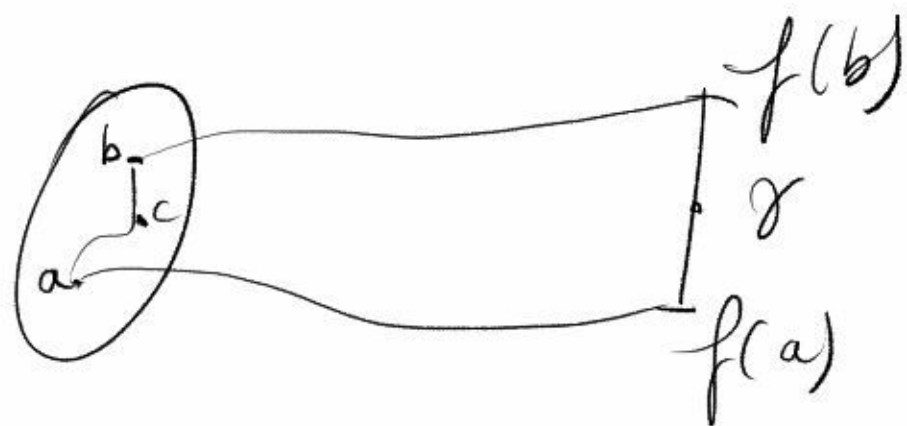
uncountable, totally disconnected, ...



Theorem: (Intermediate value theorem)

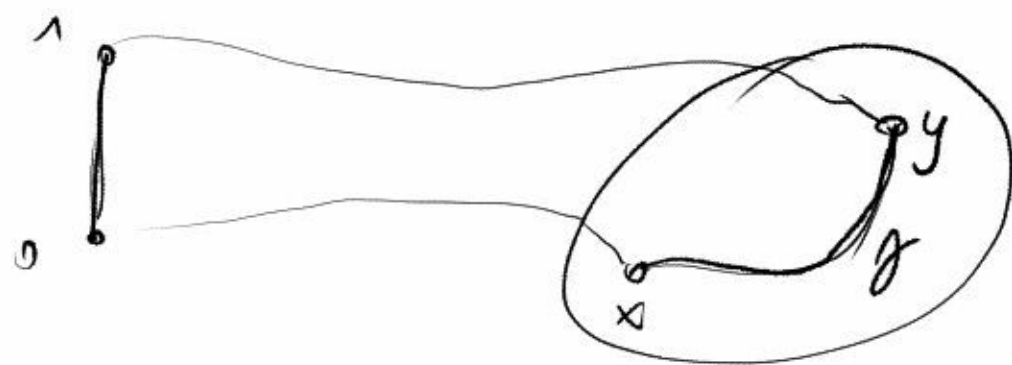
Let X be a connected topological space, $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous

If $a, b \in X$, $f(a) < r < f(b)$ for $r \in \mathbb{R}$, then
there exists $c \in X$ s.t. $f(c) = r$



Path-connected: (X, τ) is path-connected if for all $x, y \in X$
there is a path $\gamma: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$ $\gamma(0) = x$, $\gamma(1) = y$

↳ Cont

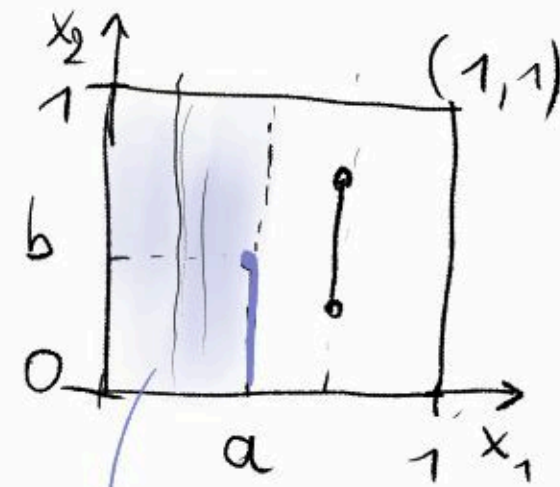


N.B. path-connected
 \Rightarrow Connected

Example $X = [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ with lexicographic order $(a, b) \leq (c, d)$

$$\Leftrightarrow a < c \text{ or } (a = c \text{ and } b \leq d)$$

X with the order topology is connected but not path-connected



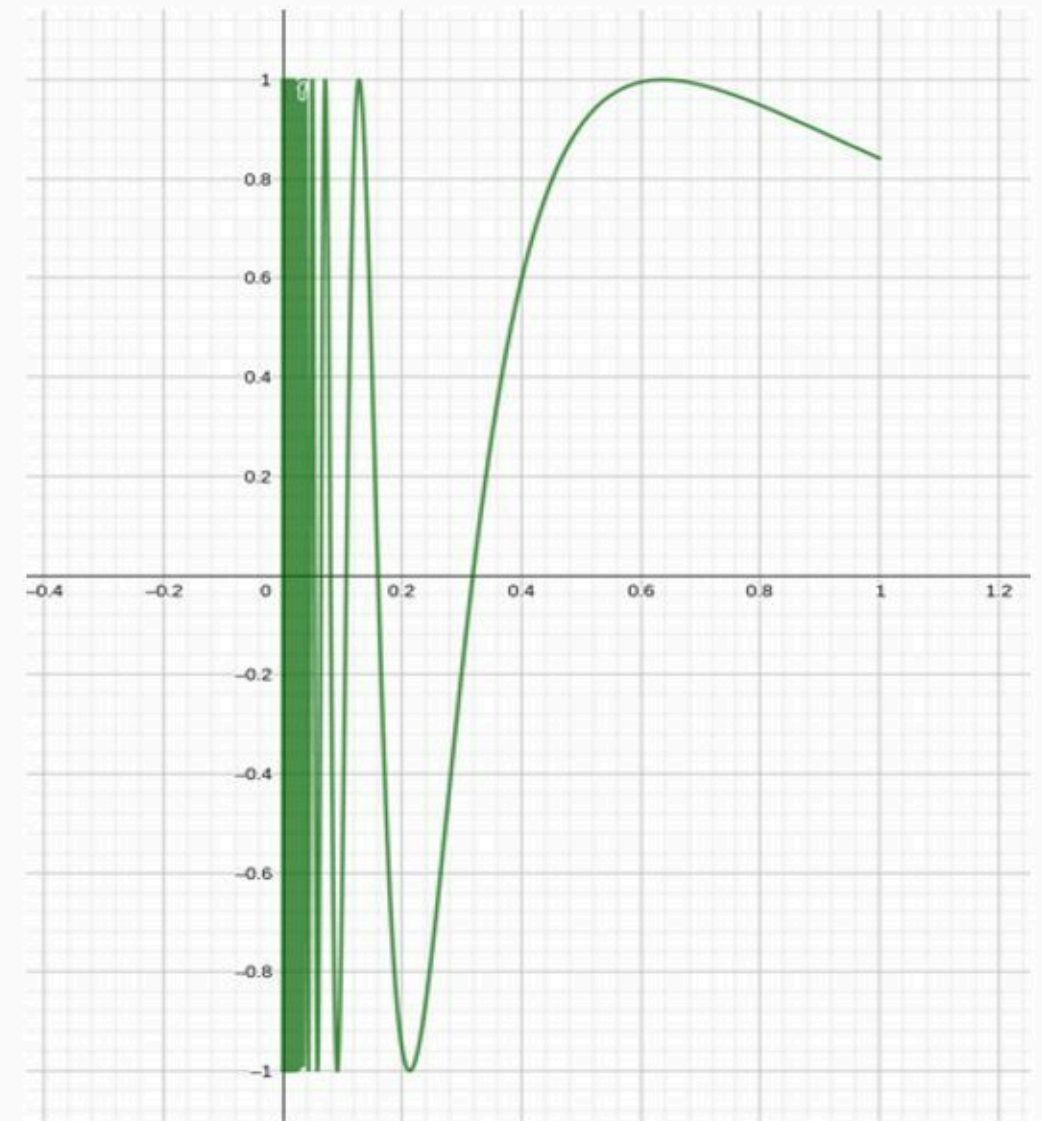
$$\{x \in X \mid x \leq (a, b)\}$$

Example: Topologist's sine curve

$$S = \{(x, \sin \frac{1}{x}) \mid 0 < x \leq 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$$


$$\bar{S} = S \cup (\{0\} \times [-1, 1])$$

is connected, but not path-connected

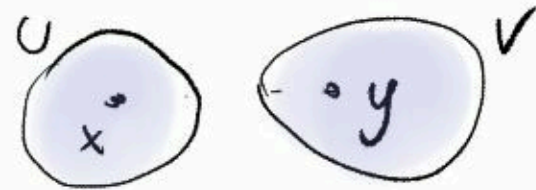


Separation Axioms

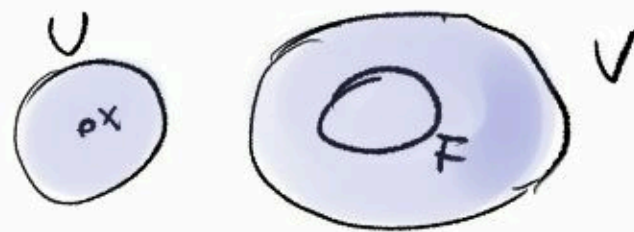
• T_0 : $\forall x, y \in X, \exists U \in \mathcal{Z} : (x \in U \wedge y \notin U) \vee (x \notin U \wedge y \in U)$

• T_1 : $\forall x, y \in X \exists U \in \mathcal{Z} : x \in U \wedge y \notin U$ 

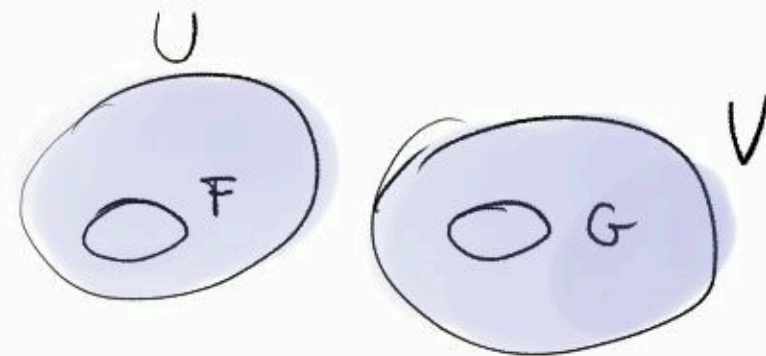
• T_2 (Hausdorff): $\forall x, y \in X, \exists U, V \in \mathcal{Z}$ s.t.
 $x \in U, y \in V, U \cap V = \emptyset$



• T_3 (regular) $\forall x \in X, \forall F$ closed, s.t. $x \notin F$
 $\exists U, V \in \mathcal{Z}$ s.t. $x \in U, F \subseteq V$



• T_4 (normal) \forall closed $F, G, F \cap G = \emptyset$,
 $\exists U, V \in \mathcal{Z}, F \subseteq U, G \subseteq V$



Separation axioms in topological spaces

Kolmogorov classification

T_0 (Kolmogorov)

T_1 (Fréchet)

T_2 (Hausdorff)

$T_{2\frac{1}{2}}$ (Urysohn)

completely T_2 (completely Hausdorff)

T_3 (regular Hausdorff)

$T_{3\frac{1}{2}}$ (Tychonoff)

T_4 (normal Hausdorff)

T_5 (completely normal Hausdorff)

T_6 (perfectly normal Hausdorff)

History

Why you should care about Hausdorff spaces?

Prop X is Hausdorff \Leftrightarrow the diagonal map $\Delta_X: X \rightarrow X \times X; x \mapsto (x, x)$
satisfies $\Delta_X(X)$ closed in $X \times X$

Theorem: Let Y be Hausdorff, X an arbitrary top. space

$f, g: X \rightarrow Y$ continuous. If $f|_S = g|_S$ on a dense $S \subseteq X$
then $f = g$ on X

Theorem: Limits of sequences are unique

\leadsto Can always isolate points!

Compactness

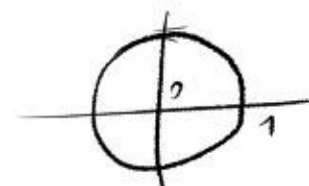
- A cover of (X, τ) is a collection $\mathcal{C} = \{B_i\}_{i \in I} \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$
s.t. $\bigcup_{i \in I} B_i = X$
- open cover: $B_i \in \tau \quad \forall i \in I$
- subcover of \mathcal{C} $\tilde{\mathcal{C}} \subset \mathcal{C}$ s.t. $\bigcup_{B \in \tilde{\mathcal{C}}} B = X$
- A topological space X is compact if every open cover of X has a finite subcover
- Finite Intersection Property: $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$ has the finite intersection property
$$\bigcap_{i=1}^n C_i \neq \emptyset \quad \forall C_1, \dots, C_n \in \mathcal{C} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$
- Prop: X Compact $\Leftrightarrow \forall \mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$ w/ FIP, $\bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{C}} C \neq \emptyset$

Examples

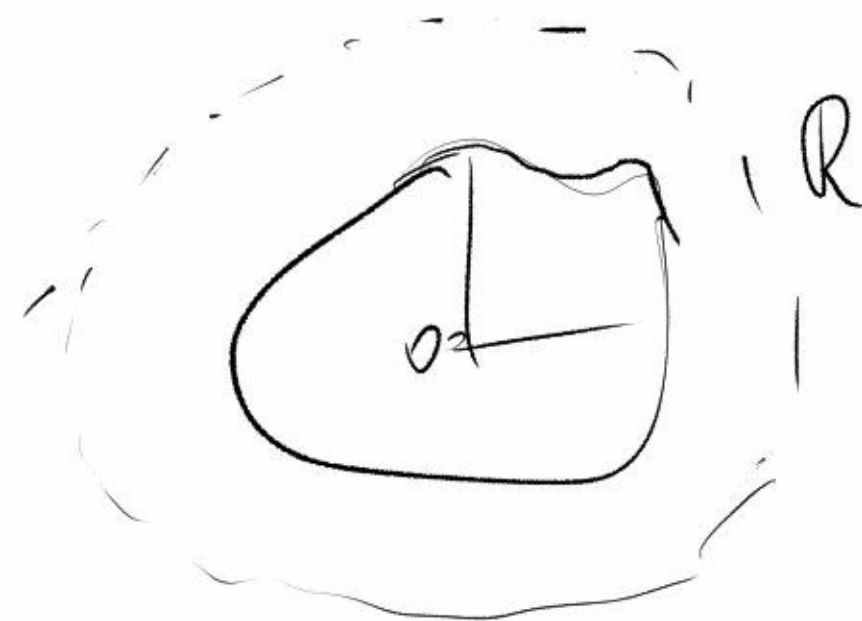
- Any finite space is compact
- a trivial topological space is compact
- Any compact subspace of a Hausdorff space is closed

• $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ compact \Leftrightarrow closed and bounded

Example : the unit circle S^1
is compact



$[0, 1]$ is compact



Properties: Let X be compact and $f: X \rightarrow Y$ continuous
then $f(X)$ is a compact subspace of Y

- X compact, $A \subseteq X$ closed $\Rightarrow A$ is a compact subspace
- X compact, Y Hausdorff $f: X \rightarrow Y$ continuous $\Rightarrow f$ is a homeomorphism
bijection

• Extremal Value Theorem: X compact, $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous

$$\Rightarrow \exists a, b \in X \text{ s.t. } f(a) = \inf_{x \in X} f(x) \\ f(b) = \sup_{x \in X} f(x)$$

- Sequential compactness: X is limit point compact if every infinite subset has a limit point
 X sequentially compact if every sequence $(x_n) \subset X$ has a convergent subsequence

- Finite products of compact spaces are compact (actually infinite products too!)

Local compactness

- Local compactness: (X, τ) is locally compact at $x \in X$ if there exist a compact subset $C \subseteq X$, which contains a neighbourhood of x .
 X is locally compact if it is locally compact at every $x \in X$.

Example: \mathbb{R}^n is locally compact, but \mathbb{Q} is not

Prop: Let X be a locally compact Hausdorff space, $x \in X$.
Then each neighbourhood of x contains a compact neighbourhood of x .

One-point compactification

Let (X, τ) be a locally compact Hausdorff space,

$$X^+ \equiv X \cup \{\infty\}$$

↳ some arbitrary point not in X

topology on X^+ : $U \subseteq X^+$ open if $\begin{cases} U \subseteq X \text{ and } U \in \tau \\ \text{or} \\ U = X^+ \setminus C \text{ where } C \subseteq X \\ \text{compact} \end{cases}$
↳ τ^+

Theorem: (X^+, τ^+) is a compact Hausdorff space
and τ^+ is the only topology that makes X^+ compact
and Hausdorff with $\tau^+|_X = \tau$

Example: One-point compactification of \mathbb{R}

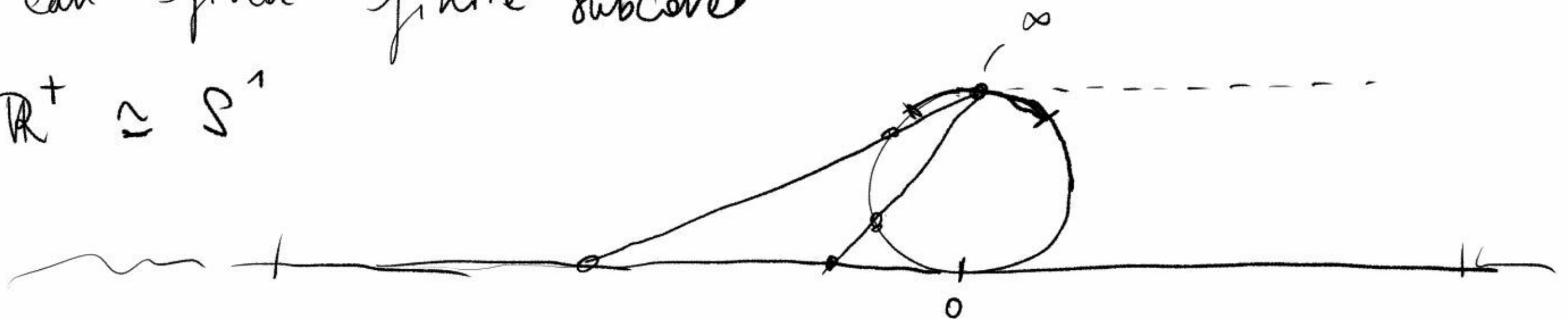
$$\mathbb{R}^+ = \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$$

$$\text{Subbasis: } \{(a, b) \mid a < b\} \cup \{[-\infty, a) \cup (b, +\infty] \mid a < b\}$$

Any open cover must contain at least one open set of the form $[-\infty, a) \cup (b, +\infty]$ and the rest must cover $[a, b]$ which is a compact subset

\Rightarrow can find finite subcover

$$\mathbb{R}^+ \cong S^1$$



Compactness in metric spaces

• Cauchy sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset (X, d)$ is Cauchy $\Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$\forall m, n \in \mathbb{N}, m, n \geq N_\varepsilon \Rightarrow d(x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon$$

(X, d) is complete if every Cauchy sequence is convergent

• Total Boundedness: (X, d) is totally bounded if $\forall \varepsilon > 0$,
 X can be covered by finitely many balls of radius ε

NB. In finite dimensional euclidian spaces, bounded \Leftrightarrow totally bounded

Theorem: Let (X, d) be a metric space, then the following are equivalent

- 1) X is compact
- 2) X is limit point compact
- 3) X is sequentially compact
- 4) X is complete and totally bounded

Corollary If (X, d) is compact, then for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there can be only finitely many points x_1, \dots, x_n such that

$$d(x_i, x_j) \geq \varepsilon \quad \forall i, j$$

Other Properties:

- Every isometry on a compact metric space is a homeomorphism
 $\hookrightarrow d_y(f(x), f(x')) = d_x(x, x')$

- Every metric space is locally compact? [No!] (infinite-dim Banach/Hilbert spaces)

$$\ell^\infty \quad \overline{B(0, 1)} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1, 0, \dots \end{pmatrix} \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0, 1, \dots \end{pmatrix}$$