

3.0.1:

(i) Let $f: \tilde{X} \rightarrow Y$ be a map, and $q: X \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ be a quotient map.

If f is continuous then $f \circ q$ is continuous as the composition of continuous maps.

If conversely $f \circ q$ is continuous, let $V \subset Y$ be open. Then $(f \circ q)^{-1}(V) = q^{-1} \circ f^{-1}(V)$ is open, and by definition $q^{-1}(f^{-1}(V))$ is open if and only if $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in \tilde{X} , so $f^{-1}(V)$ is open, hence f is continuous.

(ii) Choose arbitrary $x \neq y$ of X and let f be the corresponding continuous function satisfying $f(x) \neq f(y)$.

Since f is continuous, $U = f^{-1}((-\infty, \frac{x+y}{2}))$ and $V = f^{-1}((\frac{x+y}{2}, \infty))$ are open, disjoint and U contains $\min\{x, y\}$ while V contains $\max\{x, y\}$. Hence X is Hausdorff as x, y were arbitrary.

(iii) Define $\rho_w(P) = d(P, w) = \min \{d(w, p) \mid p \in P\}$ where d denotes standard metric inherited from \mathbb{R}^n .

This is continuous and gives the euclidean distance from w to P - it is in particular well defined as a minimum since there exists some closed ball D^n containing w and points from P - the intersection of D^n and P is closed hence compact, and thus by the extreme value theorem, the distance function attains a maximum on the compact subspace - which is clearly smaller than any distance outside the ball.

By (i) we have that ρ_w is continuous if and only if $\rho_w \circ q$ is continuous where $q: V_k^O(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow Gr_k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is the quotient map.

Now, for any interval $(a, b) \subset \mathbb{R}$, we have $(\rho_w \circ q)^{-1}(a, b)$ is precisely all k -tuples of orthonormal vectors in \mathbb{R}^n such that their span contains a point whose distance to w is in (a, b) .

ρ_w is naturally equal to the orthogonal projection P_U sending a vector $v = u + w$ with $u \in U$ and $w \in U^\perp$ with U as subspace of V to u , i.e. $P_U(v) = u$.

By 6.55 in LADR, we have that if we pick an orthonormal basis (v_1, \dots, v_k) representing the k -plane, we have $\rho_w(P) = P_P(w) = \langle w, v_1 \rangle v_1 + \dots + \langle w, v_k \rangle v_k$ which is continuous as it is linear (6.55.(i) and (a)).

(iv): Let $P_1, P_2 \in Gr_k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ be distinct. Choose any point $w \in P_1 - P_2$. Then $\rho_w(P_1) = 0 < \rho_w(P_2)$ where we can conclude strict inequality since we have min in our definition for ρ_w .

(i) For a 1-plane in $Gr_1(\mathbb{R}^2)$, we have $P \in U_X$ if it has trivial intersection with X^\perp which is the orthogonal line of X through 0. Any line that is not X^\perp will have trivial intersection with X^\perp , so any 1-dimensional subspace of \mathbb{R}^2 that is not X^\perp will be in U_X .

(ii) Any set in $\{P \in Gr_k(\mathbb{R}^n) : P \cap X^\perp = \{0\}\}$ is of the form $\Gamma(A) = \{Ax + x \text{ with } x \in X\}$ where $A: X \rightarrow X^\perp$ is a linear map. Defining $\varphi(A) = \Gamma(A)$, we find this is a bijection, so since the dimension of $\mathcal{L}(X, X^\perp)$ is $(n-k) \cdot k$ by identifying it with its matrix representation getting $M((n-k) \times k, \mathbb{R})$, we find that $U_X \cong \mathbb{R}^{(n-k)k}$.