

32AH CHALLENGE PROBLEM 2

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1. The Taxicab and Chebyshev Metrics

Definitions 1.1-1.2 are on the 32AH Challenge Problem Set 2 sheet.

Definition 1.3 (Properties of metric spaces). Let X be a set, and $d: X \times X \rightarrow R$ be a map that satisfies the following three properties for all $a, b \in X$:

1. Symmetry
 $d(a, b) = d(b, a)$.
2. Non-negativity and positive-definiteness
 $d(a, b) \geq 0$, and $d(a, b) = 0$ if and only if $a = b$.
3. Triangle inequality
 $d(a, b) \leq d(a, c) + d(c, b)$ for any $c \in X$.

Then we say that (X, d) is a metric space.

Definition 1.4 (Properties of absolute value) Let $x, y \in R$.

1. Multiplicativity
 $|xy| = |x||y|$. In particular, $|-x| = |x|$.
2. Non-negativity
 $|x| \geq 0$.
3. Positive-definiteness
 $|x| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$.

Theorem 1.5 (Triangle inequality for real numbers) Let $x, y \in R$. Then,

$$||x + y|| \leq ||x|| + ||y||.$$

Definition 1.6 (Open ball) Let (X, d) be a metric space and $u, v \in R^2$ where v is the center. An open ball with radius 1 around v is set:

$$B_r(v) := \{u \in X \mid d(u, v) < r\}$$

Result 1.1 We will prove that the taxicab metric on R^n is a metric. Let $u = \langle u_1, \dots, u_n \rangle$ and $v = \langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle \in R^n$. The taxicab metric $d_1: R^n \times R^n \rightarrow R$ is given by the formula:

$$d_1(u, v) = \sum_{i=1}^n |u_i - v_i| \text{ (Definition 1.1).}$$

For the taxicab metric on R^n ,

1. Prove that $d_1(u, v) = d_1(v, u)$.

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$$\sum_{i=1}^n |u_i - v_i| = \sum_{i=1}^n |v_i - u_i|$$

By the multiplicative property of absolute value,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n |u_i - v_i| &= 1 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n |v_i - u_i| \\ \sum_{i=1}^n |u_i - v_i| &= \sum_{i=1}^n 1 \cdot |v_i - u_i| \\ \sum_{i=1}^n |u_i - v_i| &= \sum_{i=1}^n |-1| \cdot |v_i - u_i| \\ \sum_{i=1}^n |u_i - v_i| &= \sum_{i=1}^n |-1(v_i - u_i)| \\ \sum_{i=1}^n |u_i - v_i| &= \sum_{i=1}^n |-v_i + u_i| \\ \sum_{i=1}^n |u_i - v_i| &= \sum_{i=1}^n |u_i - v_i| \text{ (Definition 1.4).} \end{aligned}$$

The taxicab metric on R^n satisfies the metric property of symmetry. For all $u, v \in R^n$, $d_1(u, v) = d_1(v, u)$.

2. Prove that $d_1(u, v) \geq 0$, and $d_1(u, v) = 0$ if and only if $u = v$.

By *Definition 1.4*, the distance in R of vectors u and v will always be non-negative for all i unless the sum is 0. The distance between u and v can only be 0 if it's the distance calculated for the same vector where $u = v$. In summary, if

$$d_1(u, v) = 0, \text{ then}$$

$$d_1(u, v) = d_1(u, u)$$

When written out,

$$|u_1 - v_1| + \dots + |u_n - v_n| = 0$$

is equivalent to

$$|u_1 - u_1| + \dots + |u_n - u_n| = 0.$$

Note that the taxicab metric on R^n calculates the distance of two vectors by finding the magnitude of the difference between each of the vector components from $1 \leq i \leq n$ and adding them together. We can break down the summation of $d_1(u, v)$ and $d_1(u, u)$ after satisfying the conditions above and compare them component-wise,

$$|u_1 - v_1| = |u_1 - u_1|$$

$$\dots$$

$$|u_n - v_n| = |u_n - u_n|$$

$v_1 = u_1, \dots, v_n = u_n$. u and v are made up of the same components, so they are the same vector. That is, $u_i = v_i$ for all i . This proves that taking the distance taken of the

same vector equals 0 on the taxicab metric. **The taxicab metric on R^n satisfies the metric property of non-negativity and positive-definiteness. For all $u, v \in R^n$, $d_1(u, v)$ is always ≥ 0 , and $d_1(u, v) = 0$ if and only if $u = v$.**

3. Prove that $d_1(u, v) \leq d_1(u, w) + d_1(w, v)$.

Let $w = \langle w_1, \dots, w_n \rangle \in R^n$.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |u_i - v_i| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |u_i - w_i| + \sum_{i=1}^n |w_i - v_i|$$

We can add and subtract the same vector, w , to the left-hand side in a way so it can be written as

$$\text{Add 0: } \sum_{i=1}^n |u_i - w_i + w_i - v_i| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |u_i - w_i| + \sum_{i=1}^n |w_i - v_i|.$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |(u_i - w_i) + (w_i - v_i)| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n (|u_i - w_i| + |w_i - v_i|).$$

Note that the taxicab metric takes two vectors in R^n and outputs the distance between them. Distance is a scalar quantity or real number in R , so the triangle inequality for real numbers still holds for distance in R . Let

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |(u_i - w_i) + (w_i - v_i)| = ||x + y||$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (|u_i - w_i| + |w_i - v_i|) = ||x|| + ||y||.$$

Then,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |(u_i - w_i) + (w_i - v_i)| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n (|u_i - w_i| + |w_i - v_i|)$$

\Leftrightarrow

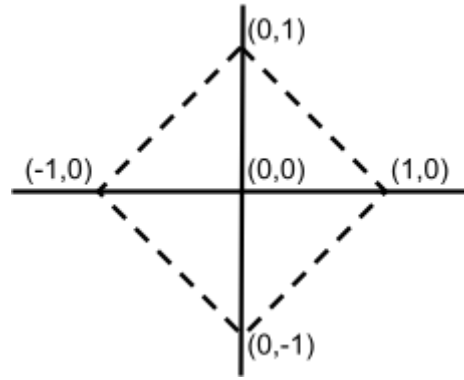
$$||x + y|| \leq ||x|| + ||y|| \text{ (Theorem 1.5).}$$

The taxicab metric on R^n satisfies the metric property for triangle inequality. For all $u, v, w \in R^n$, $d_1(u, v) \leq d_1(u, w) + d_1(w, v)$.

We proved the taxicab metric on R^n is a metric where R^n is a set and $d_1: R^n \times R^n \rightarrow R$ is a map that satisfies the three properties of metric spaces for all $u, v \in R^n$.

Let (R^2, d_1) be a metric space and $u, v \in R^2$ where v is the 0 vector (origin). An open ball with radius 1 around v is set:

$$\begin{aligned} B_1(v) &:= \{u \in R^2 \mid d_1(u, v) < 1\} \\ &= \{|u_1 - v_1| + |u_2 - v_2| < 1\} \\ &= \{|u_1 - 0| + |u_2 - 0| < 1\} \\ &= \{|u_1| + |u_2| < 1\} \end{aligned}$$



(Definition 1.6) An open ball with radius 1 and center at the origin in the Taxicab space is represented as a diamond in R^2 with vertices at $(1,0)$, $(0,1)$, $(-1,0)$, $(0,-1)$. The open set does not include the outline made by the diamond. Distances existing in the open ball are confined to a diamond shape because the absolute value sum of the two vector components in R^2 must be less than the radius 1. Anything outside of the diamond or on the diamond's outline is $\geq r$.

Result 1.2 We will prove that the Chebyshev metric on R^n is a metric. Let $u = \langle u_1, \dots, u_n \rangle$ and $v = \langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle \in R^n$. The Chebyshev metric $d_2: R^n \times R^n \rightarrow R$ is given by the formula:

$$d_2(u, v) = \max_i |u_i - v_i| \text{ (Definition 1.2).}$$

For the Chebyshev metric on R^n ,

1. Prove that $d_2(u, v) = d_2(v, u)$.

$$d_2(u, v) = d_2(v, u)$$

$$\max_i (|u_1 - v_1|, \dots, |u_n - v_n|) = \max_i (|v_1 - u_1|, \dots, |v_n - u_n|)$$

(Definition 1.4) By the multiplicative property of absolute value,

$$\max_i (|u_1 - v_1|, \dots, |u_n - v_n|) = \max_i (|-1| |v_1 - u_1|, \dots, |-1| |v_n - u_n|)$$

$$\max_i (|u_1 - v_1|, \dots, |u_n - v_n|) = \max_i (|-1(v_1 - u_1)|, \dots, |-1(v_n - u_n)|)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \max_i(|u_1 - v_1|, \dots, |u_n - v_n|) &= \max_i(|-v_1 + u_1|, \dots, |-v_n + u_n|) \\ \max_i(|u_1 - v_1|, \dots, |u_n - v_n|) &= \max_i(|u_1 - v_1|, \dots, |u_n - v_n|). \end{aligned}$$

The Chebyshev metric on R^n satisfies the metric property of symmetry. For all

$$u, v \in R^n, d_2(u, v) = d_2(v, u).$$

2. Prove that $d_2(u, v) \geq 0$, and $d_2(u, v) = 0$ if and only if $u = v$.

$$d_2(u, v) = \max_i(|u_1 - v_1|, \dots, |u_n - v_n|)$$

By the absolute value, $\max_i(|u_1 - v_1|, \dots, |u_n - v_n|)$ is always positive unless $u = v$,

then $\max_i |u_i - v_i| = 0$. Note that the Chebyshev metric on R^n takes the magnitude of the difference of the vector components in u and v from and chooses the largest value for the distance. If $d_2(u, v) = 0$, then the max is 0. If 0 is the largest magnitude after

subtracting each component of v from each component of u , then $\max_i |u_i - v_i| = 0$ for

all i . $u_i = v_i$ for all i . $d_2(u, v) = 0$ if and only if $u = v$. **The Chebyshev metric on R^n**

satisfies the metric property of non-negativity and positive-definiteness. For all

$$u, v \in R^n, d_2(u, v) \geq 0, \text{ and } d_2(u, v) = 0 \text{ if and only if } u = v.$$

3. Prove that $d_2(u, v) \leq d_2(u, w) + d_2(w, v)$.

$$\max_i |u_i - v_i| \leq \max_i |u_i - w_i| + \max_i |w_i - v_i|$$

$$\text{Add 0: } \max_i |u_i - w_i + w_i - v_i| \leq \max_i |u_i - w_i| + \max_i |w_i - v_i|$$

Note that the Chebyshev metric is on R^n , so the triangle inequality for real numbers still holds (*Theorem 1.5*).

$$d_2(u, v) \leq d_2(u, w) + d_2(w, v)$$

The Chebyshev metric on R^n satisfies the metric property for triangle inequality.

$$\text{For all } u, v, w \in R^n, d_2(u, v) \leq d_2(u, w) + d_2(w, v).$$

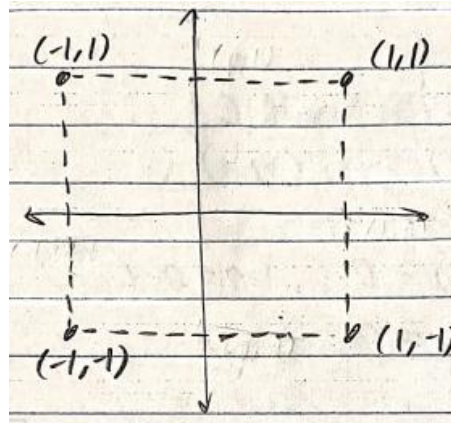
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a map that satisfies the three properties of metric spaces for all $u, v \in R^n$.

Let (R^2, d_2) be a metric space and $u, v \in R^2$ where v is the 0 vector (origin). An open ball with radius 1 around v is set:

$$\begin{aligned} B_1(v) &:= \{u \in R^2 \mid d_2(u, v) < 1\} \\ &= \{\max_2(|u_1 - v_1|, |u_2 - v_2|) < 1\} \\ &= \{\max_2(|u_1|, |u_2|) < 1\} \end{aligned}$$

This means that the largest vector component of u must be less than 1. The open ball of radius 1 with the Chebyshev metric can be represented as a square with vertices at $(1,1)$, $(1,-1)$, $(-1,-1)$, and $(-1,1)$. The open set does not include the outline made by the square. The distance metric calculates the maximum magnitude between the x-axis component and y-axis component in the R^2 plane, so the vertices of the square define the extremes where both magnitudes equal 1.



2. The Discrete and SNCF Metrics

Definitions 2.1, 2.3, and Remark 2.2 are on the 32AH Challenge Problem Set 2 sheet.

Result 2.1 We will prove that the discrete metric on R^n is a metric. Let $u = \langle u_1, \dots, u_n \rangle$ and $v = \langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle \in R^n$. The discrete metric $d_3: R^n \times R^n \rightarrow R$ is given by the formula:

$$d_3(u, v) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } u = v \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (\text{Definition 2.1})$$

1. Prove that $d_3(u, v) = d_3(v, u)$.

There are 2 cases we must observe:

If $u = v$

$$d_3(u, v) = 0$$

$$d_3(v, u) = 0$$

Then, $0 = 0$.

Otherwise

$$d_3(u, v) = 1$$

$$d_3(v, u) = 1$$

Then, $1 = 1$.

The discrete metric on R^n satisfies the metric property of symmetry. For all $u, v \in R^n$, $d_3(u, v) = d_3(v, u)$.

2. Prove that $d_3(u, v) \geq 0$, and $d_3(u, v) = 0$ if and only if $u = v$.

By the first case of the discrete metric, the distance between two vectors is always 0 if they are the same vector or if $u = v$. In all other cases where $u \neq v$, the distance between two vectors is always 1 and $1 > 0$. **Therefore, the discrete metric on R^n satisfies the metric property of non-negativity and positive-definiteness. For all $u, v \in R^n$, $d_3(u, v)$ is always ≥ 0 , and $d_3(u, v) = 0$ if and only if $u = v$.**

3. Prove that $d_3(u, v) \leq d_3(u, w) + d_3(w, v)$.

There are 5 cases we must examine:

u, v, w are the same

$$d_3(u, v) = 0, d_3(u, w) = 0, d_3(w, v) = 0$$

$$0 \leq 0 + 0, \text{ inequality holds.}$$

u = v, w is different

$$d_3(u, v) = 0, d_3(u, w) = 1, d_3(w, v) = 1$$

$$0 \leq 1 + 1, \text{ inequality holds.}$$

u = w, v is different

$$d_3(u, v) = 1, d_3(u, w) = 0, d_3(w, v) = 1$$

$$1 \leq 0 + 1, \text{ inequality holds.}$$

v = w, u is different

$$d_3(u, v) = 1, d_3(u, w) = 1, d_3(w, v) = 0$$

$$1 \leq 1 + 0, \text{ inequality holds.}$$

u, v, w are different

$$d_3(u, v) = 1, d_3(u, w) = 1, d_3(w, v) = 1$$

$$1 \leq 1 + 1, \text{ inequality holds}$$

The discrete metric on R^n satisfies the metric property for triangle inequality. For all $u, v, w \in R^n$, $d_3(u, v) \leq d_3(u, w) + d_3(w, v)$.

We proved the discrete metric on R^n is a metric where R^n is a set and $d_3: R^n \times R^n \rightarrow R$ is a map that satisfies the three properties of metric spaces for all $u, v \in R^n$.

Let (R^2, d_3) be a metric space and $u, v \in R^2$ where v is the 0 vector (origin). An open ball with radius 1 around v is set:

$$B_1(v) := \left\{ u \in R^2 \mid d_3(u, v) < 1 \right\}$$

(Definition 1.6) An open ball of radius 1 is an empty set in R^2 with the discrete metric. The set only includes distances less than the radius, but the discrete metric only consists of distances 1 and 0. The only distance that can fit in the open ball is no distance at all where $u \neq v$.

Alternatively, let (R^2, d_3) be a metric space and $u, v \in R^2$ where v is the 0 vector (origin). An open ball with radius 2 around v is set:

$$B_2(v) := \{u \in R^2 \mid d_3(u, v) < 2\}$$

(Definition 1.6) An open ball of radius 2 contains all vectors in the metric space. For all $u \in R^2$, $d_3(u, v)$ is always < 2 .

Result 2.2 We will prove that the SNCF metric on R^n is a metric. Let $u = \langle u_1, \dots, u_n \rangle$ and $v = \langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle \in R^n$. The discrete metric $d_4: R^n \times R^n \rightarrow R$ is given by the formula:

$$d_4(u, v) = \begin{cases} \|u - v\| & \text{if } u, v \text{ lie on the same ray from the origin.} \\ \|u\| + \|v\| & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (\text{Definition 2.3})$$

1. Prove that $d_4(u, v) = d_4(v, u)$.

There are 2 cases we must examine:

u, v lie on the same ray from the origin

$$d_4(u, v) = d_4(v, u)$$

$$\|u - v\| = \|v - u\|$$

By the multiplicative property of absolute value,

$$\|u - v\| = \|-1\| \cdot \|v - u\|$$

$$\|u - v\| = \|-1(v - u)\|$$

$$\|u - v\| = \|-v + u\|$$

$$\|u - v\| = \|u - v\| \quad (\text{Definition 1.4}).$$

Otherwise

$$d_4(u, v) = d_4(v, u)$$

$$\|u\| + \|v\| = \|v\| + \|u\|$$

$$\|u\| + \|v\| = \|u\| + \|v\|$$

The SNCF metric on R^n satisfies the metric property of symmetry. For all $u, v \in R^n$, $d_4(u, v) = d_4(v, u)$.

2. Prove that $d_4(u, v) \geq 0$, and $d_4(u, v) = 0$ if and only if $u = v$.

There are 2 cases we must examine:

u, v lie on the same ray from the origin

$$\|u - v\| \geq 0$$

The Euclidean distance is always positive unless $u = v$, then $\|u - v\| = 0$. A distance of 0 is possible in this case because u and v lie on the same ray.

Otherwise

$$\|u\| + \|v\| > 0$$

This will always be positive because the sum of the magnitudes of two different vectors is always positive. $d_4(u, v) = 0$ only when $u = v$, so a distance of 0 is not possible in

this case because u and v lie on different rays. **Therefore, the SNCF metric on R^n satisfies the metric property of non-negativity and positive-definiteness. For all $u, v \in R^n$, $d_4(u, v)$ is always ≥ 0 , and $d_4(u, v) = 0$ if and only if $u = v$.**

3. Prove that $d_4(u, v) \leq d_4(u, w) + d_4(w, v)$.

There are 5 cases we must examine:

u, v, w lie on the same ray

$$d_4(u, v) \leq d_4(u, w) + d_4(w, v)$$

$$||u - v|| \leq ||u - w|| + ||w - v||$$

$$\text{Add 0: } ||u - w + w - v|| \leq ||u - w|| + ||w - v||$$

Note that the SNCF metric is on R^n , so the triangle inequality for real numbers still holds. Let

$$||u - w + w - v|| = ||x + y||$$

and

$$||u - w|| + ||w - v|| = ||x|| + ||y||.$$

Then,

$$||u - w + w - v|| \leq ||u - w|| + ||w - v||$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$

$$||x + y|| \leq ||x|| + ||y|| \text{ (Theorem 1.5).}$$

u, v lie on the same ray, w does not

$$d_4(u, v) \leq d_4(u, w) + d_4(w, v)$$

$$||u - v|| \leq ||u|| + ||w|| + ||w|| + ||v||$$

$$||u - v|| \leq ||u|| + ||v|| + 2||w||$$

By the triangle inequality,

$$||u - v|| \leq ||u + v|| \leq ||u|| + ||v|| \leq ||u|| + ||v|| + 2||w||$$

Then the inequality

$$||u - v|| \leq ||u|| + ||v|| + 2||w||$$

holds.

u, w lie on the same ray, v does not

$$d_4(u, v) \leq d_4(u, w) + d_4(w, v)$$

$$||u|| + ||v|| \leq ||u - w|| + ||w|| + ||v||$$

$$\text{Add 0: } ||u - w + w|| \leq ||u - w|| + ||w||$$

Note that the SNCF metric is on R^n , so the triangle inequality for real numbers still holds.

Let

$$||u - w|| + ||w|| = ||x|| + ||y||$$

and

$$||u - w + w|| = ||x + y||.$$

Then,

$$||u - w + w|| \leq ||u - w|| + ||w||$$

\Leftrightarrow

$$||x + y|| \leq ||x|| + ||y|| \text{ (Theorem 1.5).}$$

v, w lie on the same ray, u does not

$$d_4(u, v) \leq d_4(u, w) + d_4(w, v)$$

$$||u|| + ||v|| \leq ||u|| + ||w|| + ||w - v||$$

$$\text{Add 0: } ||v + w - w|| \leq ||w|| + ||w - v||$$

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u, v, w lie on different rays

$$d_4(u, v) \leq d_4(u, w) + d_4(w, v)$$

$$||u|| + ||v|| \leq ||u|| + ||w|| + ||w|| + ||v||$$

$$0 \leq ||w|| + ||w||, \text{ inequality holds.}$$

The SNCF metric on R^n satisfies the metric property for triangle inequality. For all

$$u, v, w \in R^n, d_4(u, v) \leq d_4(u, w) + d_4(w, v).$$

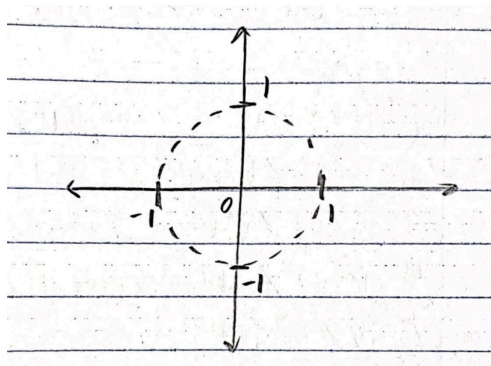
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map that satisfies the three properties of metric spaces for all $u, v \in R^n$.

Let (R^2, d_4) be a metric space and $u, v \in R^2$ where v is the 0 vector (origin). Note that the 0 vector lies on the same ray as all vectors. An open ball with radius 1 around v is set:

$$\begin{aligned} B_1(v) &:= \{u \in R^2 \mid d_4(u, v) < 1\} \\ &= \left\{ \sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2} < 1 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

(Definition 1.6) An open ball of radius 1 in R^2 with the SNCF metric can be represented graphically as:



Open ball of radius 1 centered at point $(0.5, 0)$, so $v = \langle 0.5, 0 \rangle$.

$$B_1(v) := \{u \in R^2 \mid d_4(u, v) < 1\}$$

There are 2 cases we must examine:

u and v lie on the same ray from the origin

Note that if u and v lie on the same ray from the origin, their y-axis components in the R^2 plane must be 0. u and v lie along the x-axis.

$$d_4(u, v) = \|\langle u_1, 0 \rangle - \langle 0.5, 0 \rangle\| < 1$$

$$= \sqrt{(u_1 - 0.5)^2} < 1$$

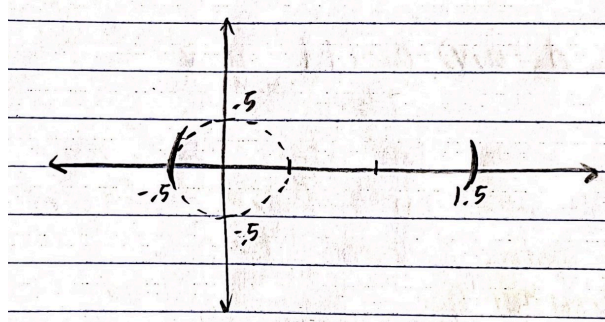
$$u_1 \in (-0.5, 1.5), u_2 = 0$$

Otherwise

$$\sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2} + 0.5 < 1$$

$$\sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2} < 0.5$$

This is an open ball of radius 0.5 centered at the origin. Combining both cases, we can represent the values of components of u residing in the open ball of radius 1 centered at point (0.5,0) as an open ball of radius 0.5 centered at the origin and an open interval from -0.5 to 1.5.



Open ball of radius 1 centered at point (5,0), so $v = \langle 5, 0 \rangle$.

$$B_1(v) := \{u \in R^2 \mid d_4(u, v) < 1\}$$

There are 2 cases we must examine:

u and v lie on the same ray from the origin

Note that u and v only lie along the x-axis.

$$d_4(u, v) = \|\langle u_1, 0 \rangle - \langle 5, 0 \rangle\|$$

$$= \sqrt{(u_1 - 5)^2} < 1$$

$$u_1 \in (4, 6), u_2 = 0$$

Otherwise

When $u \neq v$, there is no open ball in this case because $(5,0)$ is too far from the origin. We can represent values of components of u residing in the open ball of radius 1 centered at point $(5,0)$ as an open interval from 4 to 6.

