

recall Heine–Borel: for  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,

$A$  is compact iff  $A$  is closed and bounded

last time:

- 1)  $[a, b]$  is always compact
- 2) closed subspaces of cpct spaces are cpct

proves the “if” direction:

suppose  $A$  closed and bounded

$A \subset [a, b]$  for some  $a < b$

$\mathbb{R} - A$  open, so  $[a, b] - A$  open in  $[a, b]$

so  $A$  closed in  $[a, b]$

so  $A$  compact

[what about “only if”?]

[easier to show that cpct in  $\mathbb{R}$  implies bounded]

Thm if  $X$  is Hausdorff and  $A \subset X$  compact,  
then  $A$  is closed

Lem if  $X$  is Hausdorff,  $A \subset X$  is compact,  
and  $x \in X - A$ ,  
then there exist disjoint open  $U, V \subset X$   
s.t.  $A \subset U$  and  $x \in V$

Pf for all  $a \in A$ , pick disjoint open  $U_a, V_a$   
s.t.  $a \in U_a$  and  $x \in V_a$   
 $\{U_a\}_{a \in A}$  is a cover in  $X$  of  $A$   
pick a finite subcover  $\{U_a\}_{a \in I}$   
 $U = \bigcup_{a \in I} U_a$   
 $V = \bigcap_{a \in I} V_a$

Pf of Thm      for all  $x$  in  $X - A$ ,  
pick disj open  $U_x, V_x$   
s.t.  $A \cap U_x = \emptyset$  and  $x \in V_x$

then  $X - A = \bigcup_{x \in X - A} V_x$   
so  $X - A$  is open

[ Cor            if  $X$  is compact,  $Y$  is Hausdorff,  
and  $f : X$  to  $Y$  is a cts bijection,  
then  $f$  is a homeomorphism

Ex            the cts bijection  $f : [0, 1)$  to  $S^1$  def by  
 $f(t) = (\cos(2\pi t), \sin(2\pi t))$   
is not a homeo: but  $[0, 1)$  is not compact

Pf            want to show  $f^{-1}$  cts  
know  $(f^{-1})^{-1}(U) = f(U)$

so enough to show:  
if  $U \subset X$  is open, then  $f(U)$  is open  
[that is,  $f$  is an open map]

since  $f$  is bijective,  $f(X - A) = Y - f(A)$  for any  $A$   
so enough to show:  
if  $A \subset X$  is closed, then  $f(A)$  is closed

indeed:

- $X$  compact +  $A$  closed implies  $A$  compact
- $A$  compact implies  $f(A)$  compact
- $Y$  Hausdorff +  $f(A)$  compact implies  $A$  closed ]

(Munkres §51) let  $X$  be a top space

new goal: study “holes” in  $X$

Df a loop in  $X$  is  
a path  $\gamma : [0, 1]$  to  $X$  s.t.  $\gamma(0) = \gamma(1)$

in this case, we say  $\gamma(0)$  is the basepoint of  $\gamma$

idea: fix  $x$  in  $X$

compose loops based at  $x$  using “pasting”

$\beta, \gamma : [0, 1]$  to  $X$  yield  $\beta * \gamma : [0, 1]$  to  $X$  def by

$$(\beta * \gamma)(s) = \begin{cases} \beta(2s) & \text{if } s \leq 1/2 \\ \gamma(2s - 1) & \text{if } s \geq 1/2 \end{cases}$$

[left-to-right composition!] [draw picture]

problem: all of the group axioms fail

no associativity

no id elt

no inverses

idea: id elt should be the const. loop  $\gamma$  s.t.  $\gamma(s) = x$   
[so, consider paths only up to some equiv relation]

Df let  $\psi, \psi' : S$  to  $X$  be cts  
a homotopy from  $\psi$  to  $\psi'$  is  
a cts map  $h : S \times [0, 1]$  to  $X$  s.t.  
 $h(s, 0) = \psi(s)$   
 $h(s, 1) = \psi'(s)$   
for all  $s$  in  $S$

for paths, want a more restrictive notion:

Df      let  $\gamma, \gamma' : [a, b]$  to  $X$  be paths s.t.  
             $\gamma$  and  $\gamma'$  have the same endpts  
            a path homotopy from  $\gamma$  to  $\gamma'$  is  
            a cts map  $h : [a, b] \times [0, 1]$  s.t.  
                 $h(s, 0) = \gamma(s)$   
                 $h(s, 1) = \gamma'(s)$   
                for all  $s$  in  $[a, b]$   
                 $h(a, t) = \gamma(a) = \gamma'(a)$   
                 $h(b, t) = \gamma(b) = \gamma'(b)$   
                for all  $t$  in  $[0, 1]$

[draw picture]