

(Munkres §26)

Df an open cover of X is a collection of open sets of X whose union is X

a subcover is a subcollection that remains a cover

Df X is compact iff every open cover of X contains a finite subcover

Facts

- 1) (Heine–Borel) $[0, 1]$ is compact
- 2) images of a compact space under cts maps are compact
- 3) if X, Y are compact, then $X \times Y$ is compact

[compare to corresponding statements about connectedness]

Cor

- 1) S^1 is compact as a quotient space of $[0, 1]$
- 2) $[0, 1]^n, (S^1)^n$, etc. are compact for all n

[compare to statements about connectedness]

Q when is a subspace $A \subset X$ compact?

observe:

- subspace top is $\{A \cap V \mid V \text{ open in } X\}$
- $\{A \cap V_i\}_i$ covers A iff $A \subset \bigcup_i V_i$

Df an open cover in X of A is a collection of open sets of X whose union contains A
[subcovers defined as before]

so A is a compact subspace iff every open cover in X of A contains a finite subcover

[now, a result familiar from analysis:]

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

Pf suppose $\{V_i\}_i$ is an open cover of A
then $\{X - A\} \cup \{V_i\}_i$ covers X
the cover of X has a finite subcover
so the cover of A has a finite subcover

[recall Hausdorff condition]

Thm 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 $\{U_a\}_{a \in I}$
 $U = \bigcup_{a \in I} U_a$
 $V = \bigcap_{a \in I} V_a$

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

Pf for all $x \in X - A$, pick disj open U_x, V_x
s.t. $A \subset U_x$ 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 $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a cts bijection,
then f is a homeomorphism

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