

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 $U \subset Y$ 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 γ

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 constant loop at x

[so, consider paths only up to some equiv relation]

Df let $f, f' : S$ to X be cts

a homotopy from f to f' is cts $h : S \times [0, 1]$ to X

s.t. for all s in S , $h(s, 0) = f(s)$
 $h(s, 1) = f'(s)$

for paths, want a more restrictive notion:

Df let $\gamma, \gamma' : [0, 1] \rightarrow X$ be paths
 s.t. $\gamma(0) = \gamma'(0)$ and $\gamma(1) = \gamma'(1)$

a path homotopy from γ to γ' is a homotopy
 $h : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$ from γ to γ'

s.t. for all t in $[0, 1]$, $h(0, t) = \gamma(0) = \gamma'(0)$
 $h(1, t) = \gamma(1) = \gamma'(1)$

[draw picture]