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## Chapter 2. §5.

**Exercise 0.1** (5.2.). Let  $a_1, a_2, \ldots$  be any enumeration of the negative rational numbers; let  $b_1, b_2, \ldots$  be any enumeration of the positive rational numbers. Show that the following two equalities hold:

$$\bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} (a_j, b_j) = \{0\}, \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} (a_j, b_j) = \mathbf{R}$$

*Proof.* WLOG, for the first equality, it will suffice to show that  $\bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty}(a_j,b_j) \subseteq \{0\}$ . Take  $\ell \in T = \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty}(a_j,b_j)$ . Then  $a_j < \ell < b_j$  for every  $j \geq 1$ . Now let  $\epsilon > 0$ . So we can find some real number  $s \in (0,\epsilon)$ ; we will write  $s = b_j$  for an arbitrary  $j \geq 1$ . Since  $\ell < b_j$ , then  $\ell < x$ . Thus  $\ell < \epsilon$ 

For the second equality, it suffices to show WLOG that  $\mathbf{R} \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} (a_j, b_j)$ . Suppose have that  $\ell \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $\ell > 0$ —if  $\ell = 0$  then the result is clear. Then  $\ell + 1 > \ell$  and so there is some  $s \in (\ell, \ell + 1)$ ; we will write  $s = b_j$  for  $j \ge 1$ . As  $\ell > 0$ , then there is some  $t \in (0, \ell)$ ; we will write  $t = b_j$  for some  $j \ge 1$ . So then  $0 < a_j < \ell < b_j < \ell + 1$ , and hence  $\ell \in (a_j, b_j)$ . Thus  $\ell \in \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} (a_j, b_j)$ . Now, for the other case, suppose  $\ell < 0$ . Then  $\ell - 1 < \ell$ , and so we can find some  $q \in (\ell - 1, \ell)$ ; we write  $q = a_j$  for some  $j \ge 1$ . So as x < 0 then we can find some  $p \in (x, 0)$ ; we will write  $p = b_j$  for some  $j \ge 1$ . All together, we have that  $\ell - 1 < a_j < \ell < b_j < 0$ . Thus  $\ell \in (a_j, b_j)$  and hence  $\ell \in \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} (a_j, b_j)$ . Therefore, as  $\ell$  was chosen to be simply some random real number, then  $\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} (a_j, b_j) = \mathbf{R}$ .

## Chapter 2. § 6.

**Exercise 0.2** (6.1.). Prove that the addition and multiplication operations in  $(\mathbf{C}, +, \cdot)$  satisfy the field axioms of Definition 2.1.

*Proof.* We essentially need to show that five axioms hold true from Definition 2.1. From now on, let  $x, y, z \in \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} (= \mathbf{C})$ , which is the underlying set of  $\mathbf{C}$ , where x = (a, b), y = (c, d), z = (s, t) where  $a, b, c, d, s, t \in \mathbf{R}$ .

- (1) The set  $\mathbf{C} := (\mathbf{C}, +, \cdot)$ , as the operations are defined in Chapter 2, §6., is closed since  $x+y=(a,b)+(c,d)=(a+c,b+d)\in\mathbf{R}\times\mathbf{R}$  and  $xy=(a,b)\cdot(c,d)=(ac-bd,ad+bc)\in\mathbf{R}\times\mathbf{R}$  since  $a+c,b+d,ac-bd,ad+bc\in\mathbf{R}$  as  $\mathbf{R}$  is a field, and so  $x+y\in\mathbf{C}$  and  $xy\in\mathbf{C}$ .
- (2) For commutativity: x + y = (a, b) + (c, d) = (a + c, b + d) = (c + a, d + b) = (c, d) + (a, b) = y + x since **R** is a field, and, similarly,  $xy = (a, b) \cdot (c, d) = (ac bd, ad + bc) = (ca db, cb + da) = (c, d) \cdot (a, b) = yx$  as **R** is a field. Now for associativity:

$$\begin{split} x + (y + z) &= (a, b) + ((c, d) + (s, t)) = (a, b) + (c + s, d + t) \\ &= (a + (c + s), b + (d + t)) = ((a + c) + s, (b + d) + t)) \\ &= (a + c, b + d) + (s, t) = (x + y) + z \end{split}$$
 (**R** is a field)

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$$x(yz) = (a,b) \cdot ((c,d) \cdot (s,t)) = (a,b) \cdot (cs - dt, ct + ds)$$

$$= (a(cs - dt) - b(ct + ds), a(ct + ds) + b(cs - dt))$$

$$= (acs - adt - bct - bds, act + ads + bcs - bdt)$$

$$= ((ac - bd)s - (ad + bc)t, (ad + bc)s + (ac - bd)t)$$

$$= (ac - bd, ad + bc) \cdot (s,t) = ((a,b) \cdot (c,d)) \cdot (s,t)$$

$$= (xy)z$$
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Therefore we have associativity and commutativity with the defined operations on C.

(3) The additive identity of **C** is defined to be  $0 = (0,0) \in \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}$ , and so x + 0 = (a,b) + (0,0) = (a+0,b+0) = (a,b) = (0+a,0+b) = (0,0) + (a,b) = 0+x. Similarly, the multiplicative identity is defined to be 1 = (1,0), and so  $x \cdot 1 = (a,b) \cdot (1,0) = (a(1)-b(0),a(0)+b(1)) = (a,b) = x = 1 \cdot x = (1,0) \cdot (a,b) = (1(a)-0(b),1(b)+0(a)) = (a,b) = x$ .

(4) The multiplicative inverse of x=(a,b), where  $x\neq 0$ , can be found to be  $x^{-1}=\left(\frac{a}{a^2+b^2},\frac{-b(\frac{a}{a^2+b^2})}{a}\right)$ , and we can tediously calculate to get that

$$x \cdot x^{-1} = (a,b) \cdot \left(\frac{a}{a^2 + b^2}, \frac{-b(\frac{a}{a^2 + b^2})}{a}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{a^2 + b^2}, \frac{-b}{a^2 + b^2}\right) = (1,0) = 1.$$
 (1)

The additive inverse is much easier: for y = (c, d), the additive inverse is -y = (-c, -d), and so y + (-y) = (c + (-c), d + (-d)) = (0, 0) = 0.

(5) Lastly, we need to check distributivity: Let t := y + z = (c + s, d + t). Now

$$\begin{aligned} x \cdot t &= (a,b) \cdot (c+s,d+t) = (a(c+s) - b(d+t), a(d+t) + b(c+s)) \\ &= (ac + as - bd - bt, ad + at + bc + bs) \\ &= ((ac - bd) + (as - bt), (ad + bc) + (at + bs)) \\ &= (a,b) \cdot (c,d) + (a,b) \cdot (s,t) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the distributive law holds.

Hence C is indeed a field.

**Exercise 0.3** (6.2.). Prove that there exists no order  $\leq$  that makes  $(\mathbf{C}, +, \cdot, \leq)$  into an ordered field. (Hint: If there were such an ordering, then  $i = \sqrt{-1}$  would necessarily be either positive or negative.)

Proof. Suppose that there does exists an ordering that makes  $\mathbf{C}$  into an ordered field. Then, by definition, we have that either  $i \leq 0$  or  $i \leq 0$ , but we do not have that i = 0, so we simply have that either i is negative or positive. Suppose, for the first case, that i < 0. Then 0 < -i so  $0^2 < (-i)^2 = 1(-1) = -1$  and once again,  $0^2 < (-1)^2 = 1$ ; hence a contradiction. Thus we cannot have that i is negative. Now, for the second/last case, then assume that i > 0. Then  $i^2 = -1 > 0^2 = 0$  and so (-1) + 1 = 0 > 0 + 1 = 1, and multiplying by 1,  $i \cdot 0 = 0 > 1 \cdot i = i$ ; thus a contradiction. Hence we cannot have that i is not positive either. Therefore we cannot have that there exists an order on  $\mathbf{C}$  that makes it into an ordered field.

## 1. Chapter 3. § 1

**Exercise 1.1** (1.1.). Let  $\|\cdot\|$  be a norm on a real vector space V. Prove the *reverse triangle inequality:* 

$$|||x|| - ||y||| \le ||x - y||$$

*Proof.* Firstly, as we have that  $\|\cdot\|$  is a norm, then:  $\|x-y\| = \|-(y-x)\| = |-1|\|y-x\| = \|y-x\|$ . Now  $\|x\| = \|(x-y)+y\| \le \|x-y\| + \|y\|$ , and so  $\|x\| - \|y\| \le \|x-y\|$ . Similarly,  $\|y\| = \|(y-x)+x\| \le \|y-x\| + \|x\|$ , so  $\|y\| - \|x\| \le \|y-x\|$ , which can be rewritten as

 $-\|y-x\| \le \|x\| - \|y\|$ . Thus we can write  $-\|y-x\| \le \|x\| - \|y\| \le \|x-y\|$ . And this can finally be rewritten as  $-\|x-y\| \le \|x\| - \|y\| \le \|x-y\|$ . Hence  $\|x\| - \|y\| \le \|x-y\|$ .

Exercise 1.2 (1.2.). Prove that any complex inner product is conjugate linear in its second argument; that is,

$$\langle x, \lambda y + z \rangle = \overline{\lambda} \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x, z \rangle,$$

for any scalar  $\lambda$ . (Note that this implies that any real inner product is linear in its second argument.)

*Proof.* We are considering a complex inner product and so we have a mapping  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V$  $V \to \mathbf{C}$  with some properties. Let  $x, y, z \in V$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbf{C}$ . Then  $\langle x, \lambda y + z \rangle = \overline{\langle \lambda y + z, x \rangle} = \overline{\langle \lambda y + z, x \rangle}$  $\overline{\lambda\langle y,x\rangle} + \overline{\langle z,x\rangle} = (\overline{\lambda})\overline{\langle y,x\rangle} + \overline{\langle z,x\rangle} = \overline{\lambda}\langle x,y\rangle + \langle x,z\rangle.$ 

**Exercise 1.3** (1.3.-Polarization identity). If  $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  is a real inner product space, then

$$\langle v, w \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \left[ \|v + w\|^2 - \|v - w\|^2 \right], \text{ for all } v, w \in V.$$

If  $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  is a complex inner product space, then

$$\langle v, w \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \left[ (\|v + w\|^2 - \|v - w\|^2) + i(\|v + iw\|^2 - \|v - iw\|^2) \right]$$

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  is a real inner product space. Then  $||v + w||^2 = \langle v + v \rangle$  $\begin{array}{l} w,v+w\rangle = \langle v,v\rangle + \langle v,w\rangle + \langle w,v\rangle + \langle w,w\rangle = \langle v,v\rangle + 2\langle v,w\rangle + \langle w,w\rangle, \text{ and, similarly,} \\ \|v-w\|^2 = \langle v-w,v-w\rangle = \langle v,v\rangle - \langle v,w\rangle - \langle w,v\rangle + \langle w,w\rangle = \langle v,v\rangle - 2\langle v,w\rangle + \langle w,w\rangle. \end{array}$ 

$$\begin{split} \frac{1}{4} \left[ \|v+w\|^2 - \|v-w\|^2 \right] &= \frac{1}{4} \left[ \langle v,v \rangle + 2 \langle v,w \rangle + \langle w,w \rangle - (\langle v,v \rangle - 2 \langle v,w \rangle + \langle w,w \rangle) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[ 2 \langle v,w \rangle + 2 \langle v,w \rangle \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[ 4 \langle v,w \rangle \right] = \langle v,w \rangle. \end{split}$$

Suppose that  $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  is a complex inner product. Similar to the first computations we did for the real case, we can find that  $||v+w||^2 = \langle v,v \rangle = \langle v,w \rangle + \overline{\langle v,w \rangle} + \langle w,w \rangle$ , and  $\|v-w\|^2 = \langle v,v \rangle - \langle v,w \rangle - \overline{\langle v,w \rangle} + \langle w,w \rangle$ . Moreover,  $\|v+iw\| = \langle w,w \rangle + i\langle w,v \rangle - i\langle v,w \rangle + \langle v,v \rangle$ , and  $\|v-iw\| = \langle w,w \rangle - i\langle w,v \rangle + i\langle v,w \rangle + \langle v,v \rangle$ . Now:

$$\begin{split} \|v+w\|^2 - \|v-w\|^2 &= 2\langle v,w\rangle + 2\langle w,v\rangle, \text{ and } \\ \|v+iw\|^2 - \|v-iw\|^2 &= 2i\langle w,v\rangle - 2i\langle v,w\rangle = 2i\left[\langle w,v\rangle - \langle v,w\rangle\right] \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \frac{1}{4}\left[\left(2\langle v,w\rangle+2\langle w,v\rangle\right)+i\left(2i(\langle w,v\rangle-\langle v,w\rangle\right)\right] &=\frac{1}{4}\left[2\langle v,w\rangle+2\langle w,v\rangle+\left(-2\langle w,v\rangle+2\langle v,w\rangle\right)\right]\\ &=\frac{1}{4}\left[4\langle v,w\rangle+2\langle w,v\rangle-2\langle w,v\rangle\right]\\ &=\frac{1}{4}\left[4\langle v,w\rangle\right] &=\langle v,w\rangle. \end{split}$$

2. Chapter 3 §2

**Exercise 2.1** (2.2). For each of (a), (b), and (c), determine whether the given function  $d_i$  is a metric on **R**, and prove that your answer is correct.

- (a)  $d_1(x,y) = \sqrt{|x-y|}$
- (b)  $d_2(x,y) = |x-2y|$ . (c)  $d_3(x,y) = \frac{|x-y|}{1+|x-y|}$

*Proof.* (a) Indeed a metric. We need to show that  $d_1: X \times X \to \mathbf{R}$  satisfies nonnegativity, symmetry, and the triangle inequality:

Firstly, let's fix some arbitrary  $(x,y) \in X \times X$ . Then  $d_1(x,y) = \sqrt{|x-y|}$ , which is the root of some positive number, or 0, in **R**, and so  $d_1(x,y) \ge 0$ ; if x = y, then  $\sqrt{|x-y|} = \sqrt{|x-x|} = 0$ , and if we first assumed  $d_1(x,y) = 0$ , then  $d_1(x,y) = \sqrt{|x-y|} = 0$  and so |x-y| = 0 and in either case of  $x-y \ge 0$  or x-y < 0, we get that x = y.

For symmetry, suppose we have  $d_1(x,y)$  and  $(x,y) \in X \times X$ . Now, consider  $d_1(x,y) - d_1(y,x)$ , and so  $\sqrt{|x-y|} - \sqrt{|y-x|}$ —if x-y>0 then 0>y-x, which implies  $\sqrt{x-y} - \sqrt{-(y-x)} = \sqrt{x-y} - \sqrt{x-y} = 0$  and so  $d_1(x,y) = d_1(y,x)$  if x-y>0; if x-y<0 then 0< y-x, so  $\sqrt{-(x-y)} - \sqrt{y-x} = \sqrt{y-x} - \sqrt{y-x} = 0$  and so  $d_1(x,y) = d_1(y,x)$  if x-y<0; if x-y=0 then x=y and  $d_1(x,y) = \sqrt{|x-y|} = \sqrt{|y-x|} = d_2(y,x)$ . Thus  $d_1$  is symmetric. [Could use instead the fact that  $|\cdot|$  is a metric, and so  $(d_1(x,y))^2 = |x-y| = |y-x| = (d_1(y,x))^2$ , and so  $d_1(x,y) = d_1(y,x)$ .]

Lastly, we need to show that the triangle inequality holds. This is shown easiest if we show that, for any  $s,t\in \mathbf{R}$  such that  $s,t\geq 0$ , we have that  $\sqrt{s}+\sqrt{t}\geq \sqrt{s+t}$ . This is true as we clearly have that  $2\sqrt{st}\geq 0$  and so this leads to  $s+\sqrt{2st}+t\geq s+t$  which is the same as  $(\sqrt{s}+\sqrt{t})^2\geq s+t$ , and thus  $\sqrt{s}+\sqrt{t}\geq \sqrt{s+t}$ . Now,  $d_1(x,y)=\sqrt{|x-y|}=\sqrt{|(x-z)+(z-y)|}\leq \sqrt{|x-z|}+\sqrt{|z-y|}=d_1(x,z)+d_1(z,y)$ —note that if x-y<0 then the inequality would still work out in the end.

Therefore we have that  $d_1: X \times X \to \mathbf{R}$  where  $d_1: (x,y) \mapsto \sqrt{|x-y|}$  does define a metric.

(b)  $d_2(x,y) = |x-2y|$  does not define a metric on  $\mathbf{R}$ , since it does not, at the very least, satisfy the symmetry condition: Let  $X = \mathbf{R}$ . Then  $d_2 \colon \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} \to \mathbf{R}$ , where  $d_2 \colon (x,y) \mapsto |x-2y|$ , is not a metric since, for example,  $d_2(2,3) = |2-2(3)| = |2-6| = |-4| = 4$  but  $d_2(3,2) = |3-2(2)| = |3-4| = |-1| = 1$ , and so a counter example against the symmetry property.

(c) Indeed a metric.

Suppose  $(x,y) \in X \times X$ . Then  $\frac{|x-y|}{1+|x-y|}$  is always positive since  $|x-y| \ge 1$  for any choice  $x \ne y$  and x = y gives us that  $d_3(x,y) = 0$ . Now if x = y, then  $\frac{0}{1+0} = 0$ . If instead assumed firstly that  $\frac{|x-y|}{1+|x-y|} = 0$ , then: x-y>0 implies  $\frac{x-y}{1+x-y} = 0$  and so x = y clearly, and similarly, x-y<0 gives us  $\frac{y-x}{1+y-x} = 0$  and so x = y; if x-y=0, then the result follows immediately. Thus  $d_3(x,y) \ge 0$  for all  $x,y \in X$  and  $d_3(x,y) = 0$  if and only if x = y.

For symmetry, we proceed as follows. If x - y = 0 then the result is clear. Now if x - y > 0, then

$$\frac{|x-y|}{1+|x-y|} - \frac{|y-x|}{1+|y-x|} = \frac{x-y}{1+x-y} - \frac{-(y-x)}{1+(-1)(y-x)}$$
$$= \frac{x-y}{1+x-y} + \frac{y-x}{1+(x-y)} = 0.$$

Thus  $d_1(x, y) = d_1(y, x)$  if x - y > 0. If x - y < 0, then

$$\frac{|x-y|}{1+|x-y|} - \frac{|y-x|}{1+|y-x|} = \frac{-(x-y)}{1+(-1)(x-y)} - \frac{y-x}{1+y-x}$$
$$= \frac{y-x}{1+y-x} + \frac{-y+x}{1+y-x} = 0.$$

Thus  $d_3(x,y)=d_3(y,x)$  if x-y<0. Lastly, we have that if x-y=0, then x=y, and so, trivially,  $d_3(x,y)=d_3(y,x)$ . Therefore  $d_3$  is symmetric. [It would have been easier to see that, as |x-y| itself defines a metric, then  $\frac{|x-y|}{1+|x-y|}=\frac{|y-x|}{1+|y-x|}$ , and so d(x,y)=d(y,x).]

For the triangle inequality

$$\begin{split} d(x,y) + d(y,z) &= \frac{|x-y|}{1+|x-y|} + \frac{|y-z|}{1+|y-z|} \geq \frac{|x-y|}{1+|x-y|+|y-z|} + \frac{|y-z|}{1+|x-y|+|y-z|} \\ &= \frac{|x-y|+|y-z|}{1+|x-y|+|y-z|} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{1+|x-y|+|y-z|} \\ &\geq 1 - \frac{1}{1+|x-z|} = \frac{1+|x-z|-1}{1+|x-z|} = \frac{|x-z|}{1+|x-z|} = d_3(x,z). \end{split}$$

Therefore the triangle inequality holds and  $d_3: X \times X \to \mathbf{R}$  defines a metric.

**Exercise 2.2** (2.3). Consider the function  $d: \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$d(x,y) = |x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2|, [x = (x_1, x_2), y = (y_1, y_2)]$$

- (a) Prove that d is a metric on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
- (b) On a sheet of graph paper, draw the set  $B_d((5,1),3)$ . Use dotted lines to indicate the boundary, which is not included in the set you are drawing. (Hint: it may be easier to figure out what the set looks like if you first consider  $B_d((0,0),3)$ .)
- (c) On the same graph as in the previous part, draw  $B_{d_u}((3,2),1)$ , where  $d_u$  denotes the square metric.

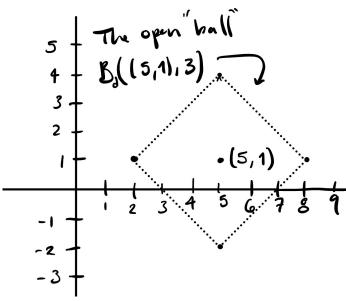
*Proof.* (a) We always have that  $d(x,y) \ge 0$  since  $|\cdot|$  is itself a metric, and so  $|x_1 - y_1| \ge 0$  and  $|x_2 - y_2| \ge 0$ . Now if d(x,y) = 0, then we must have that  $|x_1 - y_1| = 0$  and  $|x_2 - y_2| = 0$ , and so we have that  $x_1 = y_1$  and  $x_2 = y_2$ . Hence x = y.

We have that the symmetry property holds as a consequence of the fact that  $|\cdot|$  is a metric, and so  $d(x,y) = d((x_1,x_2),(y_1,y_2)) = |x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2| = |y_1 - x_1| + |y_2 - x_2| = d((y_1,y_2),(x_1,x_2)) = d(y,x)$ .

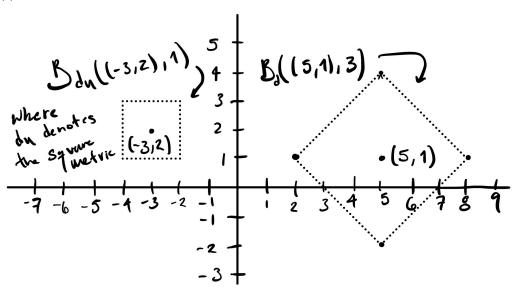
Lastly, let  $z = (z_1, z_2) \in \mathbf{R}^2$ . Then using the triangle inequality for the absolute value on  $\mathbf{R}$ , then we can show that it works for this metric:  $d(x, y) = |x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2| = |x_1 - z_1 + z_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - z_2 + z_2 - y_2| \le |x_1 - z_1| + |z_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - z_2| + |z_2 - y_2| = d(x, z) + d(z, y)$ .  $\square$ 

Hence we have that  $d: \mathbf{R}^2 \times \mathbf{R}^2 \to \mathbf{R}$  defines a metric.

(b)



(c)



**Exercise 2.3** (2.4.). Let (X,d) be a metric space, and let E be a subset of X. The diameter of E in (X,d) is defined by the formula

$$diam_d(E) = \sup\{d(x, y) \colon x, y \in E\}.$$

- (a) Prove that for any r > 0 and  $x \in X$ , we have  $diam(B(x,r)) \leq 2r$ .
- (b) If X is any set and d is the discrete metric, show that diam(B(x,r)) = 0 for any  $r \le 1$ , while diam(B(x,r)) = 1 for any r > 1.
- (c) If  $X = \mathbf{R}^n$  for some  $n \in \mathbf{N}$  and d is the Euclidean metric, prove that  $\operatorname{diam}(B(x,r)) = 2r$ .
- Proof. (a) Suppose that r > 0 and  $x \in X$ . Then  $\operatorname{diam}(B(x,r)) = \sup\{d(s,t) \colon s,t \in B(x,r)\}$ . By definition of the set, without talking about the least upper bound, we're considering real numbers d(q,p) where  $q,p \in B(x,r)$ , and so d(x,q) < r and d(x,p) < r. Thus  $d(q,p) \le d(q,x) + d(x,p) < 2r$ . And so the distance between all points is less than 2r, i.e. 2r is an upper bound for the set. Thus, by the definition of the least upper bound, we have that  $\sup\{d(s,t) \colon s,t \in B(x,r)\} \le 2r$ ; that is,  $\operatorname{diam}(B(x,r)) \le 2r$ .
- (b) Suppose X is a set and d is the discrete metric and let  $r \leq 1$ . Now  $B(x,r) = \{y \in X : d(x,y) < r\}$ , but as we assumed  $r \leq 1$ , then  $B(x,r) = \{x\}$  itself since we're using the discrete metric. Thus  $\sup\{d(s,t)\colon s,t\in B(x,r)\}=\sup\{d(x,x)=0\}=\sup 0=0$ . Thus  $\dim(B(x,r))=0$  for any  $r\leq 1$ . For the other case, suppose that r>1. Then  $B(x,y)=\{y\in X\colon d(x,y)< r\}$  isn't simple like the other case. However,  $\{d(s,t)\colon d(x,y)< r\}=\{0,1\}$  since we're using the discrete metric. So then clearly 1 is an upper bound for the set, but then  $\sup\{0,1\}\leq 1$ , which forces us to have that  $\sup\{0,1\}=1$ . Hence  $\dim(B(x,r))=1$  for r>1.
  - (c) Suppose that  $X = \mathbf{R}^n$  for some  $n \in \mathbf{N}$  and d is the Euclidean metric. Then  $\square$  Email address: jserrato@usc.edu

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