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Introduction

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Lecture 1 - 1/10/24

Topology, from the greek *topos*, meaning "place" or "locality", and *logos* meaning "study", can be thought of as the study of shape. More specifically, the study of how geometric objects behave under continuous deformations.

There are a variety of different (equivalent) approaches to topology, including but not limited open sets, neighborhoods, metrics, convergence of sequences, and continuity of functions. All of the preceding are discussed in this course, but we will rely heavily on the concept of open sets. Before getting to the subject, we review some important fundamentals.

Firstly, we denote the set of real numbers as \mathbb{R} , and the set of d -tuples as \mathbb{R}^d . The latter of these sets is sometimes referred to as "Euclidean d -space".

Definition 1.1.1: The (Standard) Inner Product and (Standard) Norm

Let $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d), \mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$. The standard inner product is a map $f : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$f(x, y) = \langle x, y \rangle = x_1 y_1 + \dots x_d y_d$$

We then define the (standard) norm as a function $g : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as

$$g(x) = \|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} = \sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots x_d^2}$$

Definition 1.1.2: Limit of Sequence in \mathbb{R}^n

Let $\{s_n\}$ be a sequence in \mathbb{R}^n . We say

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = s$$

where $s \in \mathbb{R}^n$ if \forall real numbers $\epsilon > 0 \exists$ natural number N such that for $n > N$

$$\|s - s_n\| < \epsilon$$

The same definition works if we interpret $\|v\|$ = length of the vector v .

From school, for $v = v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ we had

$$\|v\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_n^2}$$

But it will be useful to have a more general notion of length (of which the above will be an example)

1.2 Defination

Definition 1.2.1: Normed Linear Space and Norm $\|\cdot\|$

Let V be a vector space over \mathbb{R} (or \mathbb{C}). A norm on V is function $\|\cdot\| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ satisfying

- ① $\|x\| = 0 \iff x = 0 \forall x \in V$
- ② $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\| \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}(\text{or } \mathbb{C}), x \in V$
- ③ $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\| \forall x, y \in V$ (Triangle Inequality/Subadditivity)

And V is called a normed linear space.

• Same definition works with V a vector space over \mathbb{C} (again $\|\cdot\| \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$) where ② becomes $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\| \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C}, x \in V$, where for $\lambda = a + ib$, $|\lambda| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$

Example 1.2.1 (p -Norm)

$V = \mathbb{R}^m$, $p \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$. Define for $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\|x\|_p = \left(|x_1|^p + |x_2|^p + \dots + |x_m|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

(In school $p = 2$)

Special Case $p = 1$: $\|x\|_1 = |x_1| + |x_2| + \dots + |x_m|$ is clearly a norm by usual triangle inequality.

Special Case $p \rightarrow \infty$ (\mathbb{R}^m with $\|\cdot\|_\infty$): $\|x\|_\infty = \max\{|x_1|, |x_2|, \dots, |x_m|\}$

For $m = 1$ these p -norms are nothing but $|x|$. Now exercise

Question 1

Prove that triangle inequality is true if $p \geq 1$ for p -norms. (What goes wrong for $p < 1$?)

Solution: For Property ③ for norm-2

When field is \mathbb{R} :

We have to show

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i (x_i + y_i)^2 &\leq \left(\sqrt{\sum_i x_i^2} + \sqrt{\sum_i y_i^2} \right)^2 \\ \implies \sum_i (x_i^2 + 2x_i y_i + y_i^2) &\leq \sum_i x_i^2 + 2\sqrt{\left[\sum_i x_i^2 \right] \left[\sum_i y_i^2 \right]} + \sum_i y_i^2 \\ \implies \left[\sum_i x_i y_i \right]^2 &\leq \left[\sum_i x_i^2 \right] \left[\sum_i y_i^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

So in other words prove $\langle x, y \rangle^2 \leq \langle x, x \rangle \langle y, y \rangle$ where

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_i x_i y_i$$

Note:-

- $\|x\|^2 = \langle x, x \rangle$
- $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$

- $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is \mathbb{R} -linear in each slot i.e.

$$\langle rx + x', y \rangle = r\langle x, y \rangle + \langle x', y \rangle \text{ and similarly for second slot}$$

Here in $\langle x, y \rangle$ x is in first slot and y is in second slot.

Now the statement is just the Cauchy-Schwartz Inequality. For proof

$$\langle x, y \rangle^2 \leq \langle x, x \rangle \langle y, y \rangle$$

expand everything of $\langle x - \lambda y, x - \lambda y \rangle$ which is going to give a quadratic equation in variable λ

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x - \lambda y, x - \lambda y \rangle &= \langle x, x - \lambda y \rangle - \lambda \langle y, x - \lambda y \rangle \\ &= \langle x, x \rangle - \lambda \langle x, y \rangle - \lambda \langle y, x \rangle + \lambda^2 \langle y, y \rangle \\ &= \langle x, x \rangle - 2\lambda \langle x, y \rangle + \lambda^2 \langle y, y \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Now unless $x = \lambda y$ we have $\langle x - \lambda y, x - \lambda y \rangle > 0$ Hence the quadratic equation has no root therefore the discriminant is greater than zero.

When field is \mathbb{C} :

Modify the definition by

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_i \bar{x}_i y_i$$

Then we still have $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$

1.3 Open and Closed Ball

Definition 1.3.1: Open and Closed Ball in Normed Linear Space

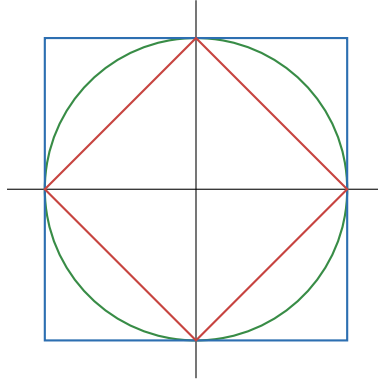
An open Ball of radius r with center x in Normed Linear Space V is the set

$$\{y \in V \mid \|x - y\| < r\} = B_r(x)$$

and Closed ball is the set

$$\{y \in V \mid \|x - y\| \leq r\} = \overline{B_r(x)}$$

Now take $B_r(0)$ w.r.t $\|\cdot\|_1$, $\|\cdot\|_2$, $\|\cdot\|_\infty$. Now imagine a sequence converging to origin. So if I



draw an ordinary circle around the origin then no matter how small the circle the points of the sequence are eventually land inside the circle. If instead of that circle can same be said for diamond w.r.t norm 2. Then i can take circle that is inside that diamond. Same is true for ∞ -norm. Hence convergence with respect to all norm 1 and norm 2 and even ∞ results for convergence.

Now there is no reason why we can not consider a norm on an infinite dimensional vector space. It will work. Perhaps i can define only for some sequences where the norm converges.

Example 1.3.1

Suppose for set of all bounded infinite sequences a vector space because every number in a vector is less than some number so if you add two vectors then add the bound and if you scale then scale the bound. Now the ∞ norm works on that.

Now suppose you take all continuous real valued functions on closed interval $[0, 1]$, such a function is bounded and this is a vector space and we can define ∞ -norm even for that because for all f in this space attains its maximum value so just take that maximum value. Its an extremely infinite dimensional space.

Note:-

\mathbb{R}^∞ is the space of all sequences.

Question 2

Modify the above proof for field \mathbb{C}

Question 3

Show that the following are normed linear spaces.

- (a) l^∞ = Set of all bounded infinite sequences (x_1, x_2, \dots) $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$ with norm $\|x\| = \sup |x_i|$
- (b) $C[0, 1]$ = Set of all continuous functions $[0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with norm $\|f\| = \sup_{x \in [0, 1]} |f(x)|$

1.4 Limit of a Sequence

Definition 1.4.1: Limit of Sequence in Normed Linear Space

A sequence $\{s_n\}$ in a normed linear space V converge to s means \forall real number $\epsilon > 0 \exists$ natural number N such that for $\forall n > N$ $\|s - s_n\| < \epsilon$

1.5 Continuity

Definition 1.5.1: Continuity in Normed Linear Space

Let S be a subset of V and $f : S \rightarrow W$ where V, W are normed linear space. f is continuous at $v \in V$ means $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$, st whenever $\|x - v\| < \delta$ for $x \in S$ one has $\|f(x) - f(v)\| < \epsilon$

Distance in a normed linear space for $x, y \in V$ is

$$d(x, y) = \|x, y\|$$

Hence properties of this d are

- ① $d(x, y) = 0 \iff x = y$
- ② $d(\lambda x, \lambda y) = |\lambda|d(x, y)$ for any scalar λ
- ③ $d(u, v) + d(u, v) \geq d(u, w)$

Chapter 2

Metric Space

2.1 Definition

Definition 2.1.1: Metric Space X

A set X with a function $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ such that

- ① $d(x, y) = 0 \iff x = y$
- ② $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$
- ③ $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$

Notice that there is no homogeneity condition, and it does not make sense as we don't have a field. In fact there is no notion of addition. But the condition ① of norm has to be satisfied by this distance. Also we don't have a translational condition i.e. distance between x, y and distance between $x + v, y + v$ has to be same. Hence

Note:-

A metric space need not be a vector space. So it doesn't need a zero, or a notion of addition or scalar multiplication.

If I take a metric space and take any subset of it. And those three conditions of distance functions are still satisfied.

Note:-

Any subset of metric space is a metric space under the same distance function.

2.2 Open and Closed Ball and Set

Definition 2.2.1: Open Ball and Closed Ball in a Metric Space

An open ball of radius r with center $c \in X$ in a metric space X is

$$B_r(c) = \{x \in X \mid d(c, x) < r\}$$

and a closed ball is

$$\overline{B_r(c)} = \{x \in X \mid d(c, x) \leq r\}$$

Definition 2.2.2: Open Set and Closed Ball in a Metric Space

An open set in a metric space X is one of the form of union of some open balls and a closed set in a metric space X is one of the form of $X \setminus \text{some open sets}$

Note:-

We will do topology in Normed Linear Space (Mainly \mathbb{R}^n and occasionally \mathbb{C}^n) using the language of Metric Space

Example 2.2.1 (Open Set and Close Set)

- Open Set:
- \emptyset
 - $\bigcup_{x \in X} B_r(x)$ (Any $r > 0$ will do)
- Closed Set:
- $B_r(x)$ is open
 - X, \emptyset
 - $\overline{B_r(x)}$
 - $x\text{-axis} \cup y\text{-axis}$

Question 4

Is the set $x\text{-axis} \setminus \{\text{Origin}\}$ a closed set

Solution: We have to take its complement and check whether that set is a open set i.e. if it is a union of open balls

Now this works well for points which are above or below the x -axis. But for origin no matter how small the ball we take it will have points from x -axis. Hence the set is not a closed set.

Question 5

Any continuous path in \mathbb{R}^2 is closed where path = $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

Solution: This is true. To be proved later.

Analogous to: For continuous function $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, the image is a closed interval

Question 6

If i take $X = x\text{-axis} \cup y\text{-axis}$ then is it open

Solution: Yes because here the space is only the union of those two axis. So any ball would be like a cross or line but it just as the metric space given to us. [It is open for this metric space but not open in \mathbb{R}^2]

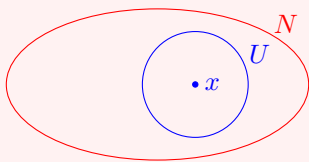
Note:-

If $S \subset X$, then S itself has a collection of open sets of S by containing S as a metric space.

Definition 2.2.3: Neighborhood

For a point x in metric space X , a neighborhood of x is a set N such that $x \in \text{an open set } U \subset N$

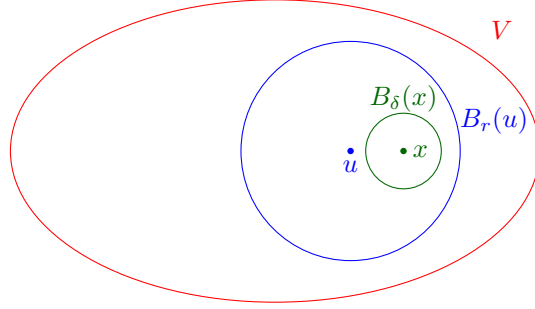
If N itself is open. then we say that N is an open neighborhood of x



Theorem 2.2.1

If $x \in \text{open set } V$ then $\exists \delta > 0$ such that $B_\delta(x) \subset V$

Proof: By openness of V , $x \in B_r(u) \subset V$



Given $x \in B_r(u) \subset V$, we want $\delta > 0$ such that $x \in B_\delta(x) \subset B_r(u) \subset V$. Let $d = d(u, x)$. Choose δ such that $d + \delta < r$ (e.g. $\delta < \frac{r-d}{2}$)

If $y \in B_\delta(x)$ we will be done by showing that $d(u, y) < r$ but

$$d(u, y) \leq d(u, x) + d(x, y) < d + \delta < r$$

□

Note:-

V is open $\iff \bigcup_{x \in V} B_r(x)$ (where r depends on x)

Theorem 2.2.2

Let X be a metric space.

1. Union of open sets is open
2. Intersection of two open sets is open

Analogues to these as we are just taking complement of the open sets

- 1'. Arbitrary intersection of closed sets is closed
- 2'. Finite union of closed sets is closed.

Proof: 1. Let $\{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ be a collection of open sets where I is an index set. We want to show $\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} V_\alpha$ is open in X . Since each V_α is open $V_\alpha = \bigcup_{\beta \in J_\alpha} B_{r_\beta}(c_\beta)$ Then

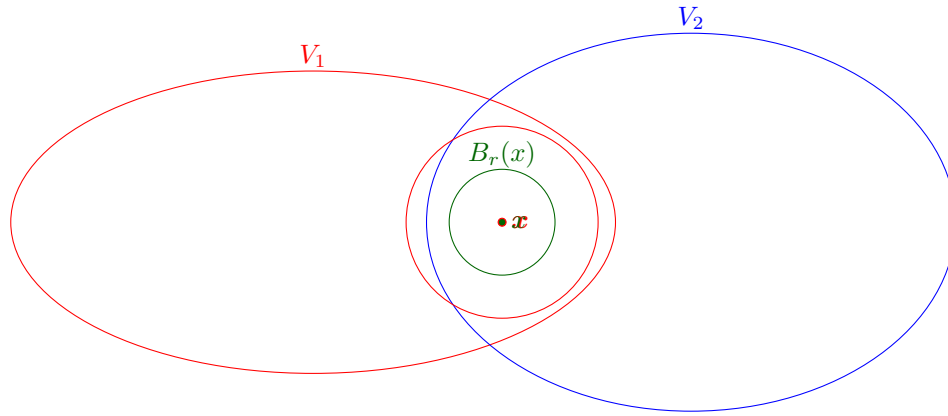
$$\begin{aligned} \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} V_\alpha &= \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} \bigcup_{\beta \in J_\alpha} B_{r_\beta}(c_\beta) \\ &= \bigcup_{\beta \in \bigcup J_\alpha} B_{r_\beta}(c_\beta) \end{aligned}$$

which is still a union of balls

□

2. The statement implies intersection of finite number of open sets is open. We can prove this by induction.

We will do by showing that for each $x \in V_1 \cap V_2 \exists r > 0$ s.t. $B_r(x) \subset V_1 \cap V_2$



As $x \in V_1 \exists r_1$ such that $x \in B_{r_1}(x) \subset V_1$. Similarly $x \in V_2 \exists r_2$ such that $x \in B_{r_2}(x) \subset V_2$. Take $r = \min\{r_1, r_2\}$. Thus we have $x \in B_r(x) \subset V_1 \cap V_2$

The second part for closed sets are left as exercise □

2.3 Topological Space

Definition 2.3.1: Topological Space

A topological space is a set X together with a collection of subsets of X (i.e. a subset of the power set of X) that is closed under taking arbitrary unions and finite intersections. This collection is called a topology on X

Note:-

Union means $\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} S_\alpha = \{x \in X \mid \exists \alpha \text{ s.t. } x \in S_\alpha\}$

Intersection means $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} S_\alpha = \{x \in X \mid \forall \alpha, x \in S_\alpha\}$

Question 7

Suppose i have a topological space X under given some topology. Is the entire set open ? And that the empty set is open ?

Solution: If $I = \phi$, $\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} S_\alpha = \{x \in X \mid \exists \alpha \in I \text{ s.t. } x \in S_\alpha\}$ gives ϕ and

$\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} S_\alpha = \{x \in X \mid \forall \alpha \in I, x \in S_\alpha\}$ gives X because $\forall \alpha \in I$ condition is vacuously true for each $x \in X$.

Note:-

Intersection of empty families are not defined in set theory. This brings a very important point. In a set theory you have to have a universe. (Set theory have to avoid paradoxes, Russel Paradox) At the beginning you construct a large enough universe and you taking subsets only from that universe. Notice all subsets we are considering here are subsets of X and here we defined how we union and intersection mean. Though it still this asks what our axioms of set theory. So you can change the part of the definition of [topological space](#) like this "...with a collection of subsets of X including the empty set and the whole space..."

(If you don't like this as it is)

Note:-

If S is a subset of metric space X , then S is itself a metric space and as such open/closed sets as subsets of metric space

Question 8

Is there any connection between being open in X and being open in S (Similar question for closed)

Solution: Let $x \in S$. Now, Ball of radius r in $S = S \cap \text{Ball of radius } r \text{ in } X$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Open Set in } S &= \bigcup \text{Balls in } S \\ &= \bigcup (\text{Balls in } X \cap S) \\ &= \left(\bigcup \text{Balls in } X \right) \cap S \\ &= \text{Open set } X \cap S \end{aligned}$$

Part 2 is left as exercise

Corollary 2.3.1

If $S \subset X$ is open in X then a subset T of S is open in $S \iff T$ is open in X

Corollary 2.3.2

If $S \subset X$ is closed in X then a subset T of S is closed in $S \iff T$ is closed in X

Definition 2.3.2: Subspace of a Topological Space X

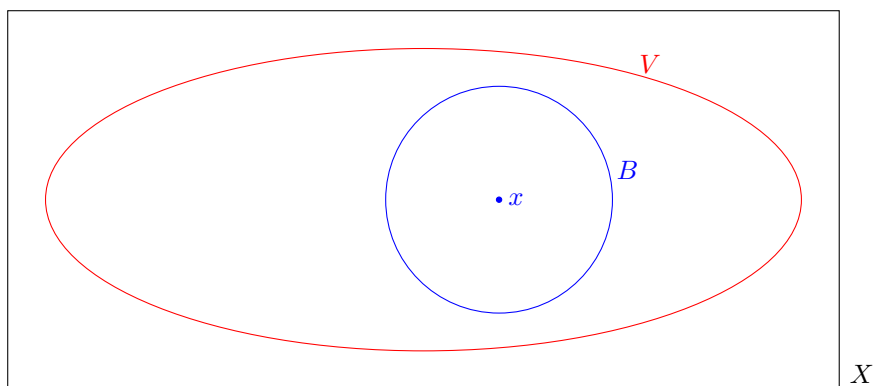
For any subset S of a topological space X , the collection $S \cap U$, U open in X is called a subspace.

Question 9

Prove that subspace of a metric space X defines a topology on X

Wrong Concept 2.1

If $x \in \text{open } V$ then there exists $r > 0$ such that $x \in B_r(x) \subset V$



Idea: Why not we take $r = \inf\{\text{distance from } x \text{ to boundary of ball } B\}$.

Now we first have to ensure $r > 0$. Suppose that's true.

Then we have to define boundary. What is boundary, We can give a reasonable definition (Boundary has already a definition but we don't know that for now). Let boundary of $B = \{x \in X \mid d(c, x) = \delta\}$ Now this definition is not proper for our purpose. Because if we take union of all balls in V then we will have lots of points as boundary but part of them should not be considered as boundary. Even if we take this definition.

Then the big question comes/ We are taking a infimum of a certain set of real numbers. The very first question arises is whether this set is nonempty. For example if we take B to be the metric space it

self we have no boundary.

Questions which come thorough this.

- Is there a meaningful way to define boundary
- Can we modify the idea

Chapter 3

Continuity in Metric Space

3.1 Limit Point and Closure

Definition 3.1.1: Limit Point

$S \subset X$ is a metric space. We say that $x \in X$ is a limit point of S if \exists a sequence $\{s_n\}$ with all $s_n \in S \setminus \{x\}$ such that $s_n \rightarrow x$ (each s_n is different from x)

Theorem 3.1.1

x is a limit point of $S \iff$ every neighborhood of x in X contains a point of S other than x .

Proof: If Part:

Let x be a limit point of S . Therefore take a sequence $\{s_n\}$ in $S \setminus \{x\}$ with $s_n \rightarrow x$.

To prove what we want it is enough to show that $B_r(x) \cap S$ contains a point other than x . As $s_n \rightarrow x$, $\exists N$ s.t. $\forall n > N$ $d(x, s_n) < r$ i.e. $s_n \in B_r(x)$. In particular $s_n \in B_r(x) \cap (S \setminus \{x\})$

Only If Part:

We need to produce a sequence $\{s_n\} \in S \setminus \{x\}$ with $\lim s_n = x$. Take $s_n \in B_{\frac{1}{n}}(x) \cap (S \setminus \{x\})$. See that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = x$. This is essentially because $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$.

Complete the rest of the proof. □

Definition 3.1.2: Closure

Given a topological space X and $S \subset X$, the closure of the set S is \bar{S} the smallest closed set containing S .

Theorem 3.1.2

- \bar{S} = Smallest closed set of X containing S = A
- $= S \cup (\text{limit points of } S) = B$
- $= \{x \in X \mid x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n \text{ for some sequence } \{s_n\} \text{ in } S\} = C$
- $= \{x \in X \mid \text{Every neighborhood of } x \text{ intersects } S\} = D$

Proof: $A \subset D$

$$A^c = \bigcup \{V \mid V \text{ open, } V \cap S = \emptyset\}$$

$$D^c = \{x \in X \mid \exists \text{ open neighborhood } B \text{ of } x, B \cap S = \emptyset\}$$

Clearly for all $x \in D^c$, $x \in A^c$. Hence $D^c \subset A^c \implies A \subset D$

$$D \subset B$$

Take $x \in D$. Suppose $x \notin S$. Now any neighborhood of x intersects S in a point hence it has to be a different point from x since $x \notin S$. Therefore x is a limit point of S . $D \subset B$

$$B \subset C$$

If $x \in S$ then take a sequence

□

Question 10

What does it mean to be smallest closed set containing the set S here ?

Solution: \cap All closed sets containing S is automatically closed and hence the smallest closed set containing S .

Proof: For proof of Theorem 3.1.2 notice A, B, C, D all contains S (obvious).

Note:-

We don't need to show B, C, D are closed. We can also take the sets element wise and show each set is a subset of the other. This may simplify our way of proof. (exercise)

Now see A and D completely deal with topology. A is about closed sets and D is about open sets. So A and D close to each other. Now by the 3.1.1 we have equivalence of C and D . So we can prove like this

$$A \iff D \iff B \& C$$

Left as exercise

□

Note:-

For these kind of proofs instead of looking for the most efficient way try to find a path that allows you to go from anywhere to anywhere

3.2 Continuity

Definition 3.2.1: Continuity

$f : X \rightarrow Y$ function between metric spaces is continuous at $a \in X$ if $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$ s.t.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} d(x, a) < \delta & \implies & d(f(a), f(x)) < \epsilon \\ \Updownarrow & & \Updownarrow \\ x \in B_\delta(x) & \implies & f(x) \in B_\epsilon(f(a)) \end{array}$$

That means $f^{-1}(\text{Any ball around } f(a)) \supset \text{Ball around } a$.

So $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous at all points $\iff f^{-1}(\text{Any ball intersecting the range}) \supset \text{A ball}$

Note:-

We can not say $f^{-1}(\text{Any ball})$ because because we need a ball that contains a point in the range

Theorem 3.2.1

f is continuous $\iff f^{-1}(\text{Any open set in } Y)$ is open in X

Proof: If Part:-

It is enough to show $f^{-1}(\text{Any ball})$ is open on X because f^{-1} preserves unions $f^{-1}\left(\bigcup_{\alpha} V_{\alpha}\right) = \bigcup_{\alpha} (f^{-1}(V_{\alpha}))$

Let B is any open set (as its conceptually simpler to take open set here instead of a ball) in Y . Let $a \in f^{-1}(B)$. Hence we can say $f(a) \in B$. Since B is an open set we can say there is a ball $B_\epsilon(f(a)) \subset B$. Since f is continuous $\exists \delta$ such that $f(x) \in B_\epsilon(f(a))$ whenever $x \in B_\delta(a)$. Now $f^{-1}(B) \supset f^{-1}(B_\epsilon(f(a))) \supset B_\delta(a)$ Hence $f^{-1}(B)$ is open.

Only If Part:-

Lets prove continuity at $a \in X$. We are given that $f^{-1}(B_\epsilon(f(a)))$ is open and obviously contains a . Therefore $f^{-1}(B_\epsilon(f(a)))$ contains a ball around a . Take $\delta = \text{Radius of the ball}$. □

Question 11

For a metric space X , show that $\bar{S} = \{x \in X \mid \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = x\}$ for some sequence $\{s_n\}$ in S .

Question 12

For a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ between metric spaces, show that the followings are equivalent.

1. f is continuous
2. $f^{-1}(\text{Open Set})$ is open
3. $f^{-1}(\text{Closed Set})$ is closed
4. $f(\bar{S}) = \overline{f(S)}$
5. $x_n \rightarrow x \implies f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$

One or more of the above are wrong so check if they are true and if not then find the true statement.

Solution: 4 is wrong. How to correct and rest is left as exercise

Question 13

For $f : X \rightarrow Y$ any set map

- (i) f^{-1} preserves unions, intersections, complements
- (ii) Is there any condition on f under which f possesses the property above ?

Example 3.2.1 (Continuous Function)

1. Any constant function.
2. $X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} Z$, f, g continuous $\implies g \circ f$ is continuous
3. Is $S \subset X$ then $S \xrightarrow{\text{Inclusion}} X$ is continuous
4. Projection $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \mapsto x_i$
 More generally for example $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$
 $(x, y, z) \mapsto (x, x, y, y)$
5. Map from metric space to euclidean space.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \\ x \mapsto (f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x)) \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} f \text{ is continuous} \\ \iff \text{each } f_i \text{ is continuous} \end{array}$$

6. $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : (x, y) \mapsto x \pm y, xy$ are continuous.

We need to prove $x_n \rightarrow x$ and $y_n \rightarrow y$ in $\mathbb{R} \implies \begin{cases} x_n \pm y_n \rightarrow x \pm y \\ x_n y_n \rightarrow xy \end{cases}$

$\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : x \mapsto \frac{1}{x}$ is continuous

7. sum and product of two continuous real valued function on X are continuous

$$f, g : X \xrightarrow{f, g} \mathbb{R} \text{ continuous} \implies \begin{matrix} X & \xrightarrow{f, g} & \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \\ x & \mapsto & (f(x), g(x)) \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{+} \mathbb{R}$$

$$f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \implies \frac{1}{f} : \underbrace{X \setminus f^{-1}(0)}_{\text{open set in } X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is continuous}$$

$\{0\}$ is closed in \mathbb{R} , so $f^{-1}(0)$ is closed in X by continuity of f

Therefore any polynomial in continuous real valued functions on X is continuous.

8. **Special Case:**

- $\mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{T} \mathbb{R}^m$ linear map is continuous where $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \mapsto (a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n, a_{21}x_1 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n, \dots, a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n)$

$$\text{Matrix of } T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

- $M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow[A \mapsto \det(A)]{} \mathbb{R}$ is continuous

$$\frac{1}{\det} : GL_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Here $M_{n \times n}$ is a vector space of dimension n^2 in which $GL_n(\mathbb{R}) = \{A \mid \det(A) \neq 0\}$ is an open set.

- $GL_n(\mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow[A \mapsto A^{-1}]{} GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ is continuous.

9. Any norm (f) on \mathbb{R}^n is uniformly continuous w.r.t usual topology on \mathbb{R}^n i.e. $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous w.r.t usual norms ($\|\cdot\| = p$ norm for $p = 1, 2, \infty$) on $\mathbb{R}^n(\|\cdot\|)$ and $\mathbb{R}(|\cdot|)$

Theorem 3.2.2

Any norm (f) on \mathbb{R}^n is uniformly continuous w.r.t usual topology on \mathbb{R}^n i.e. $\forall \epsilon > 0 \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n \exists \delta > 0$ s.t. $\|x - y\| < \delta \implies |f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$

Proof:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f(x) &\leq f(y) + f(x - y) \\ f(y) &\leq f(x) + f(y - x) \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{matrix} \| \\ \| \end{matrix} \left. \begin{aligned} f(x) &\leq f(y) + f(x - y) \\ f(y) &\leq f(x) + f(y - x) \end{aligned} \right\} |f(x) - f(y)| \leq f(x - y)$$

Let $x = \sum x_i e_i$ and $y = \sum y_i e_i$ where $\{e_i\}$ is the standard basis of \mathbb{R}^n .

$$f(x - y) = f\left(\sum (x_i - y_i) e_i\right) \leq \sum f((x_i - y_i) e_i) = |x_i - y_i| f(e_i)$$

Notice $\sum |x_i - y_i| = \|x - y\|_1$. Let $M = \max\{f(e_i)\}$ Then

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq f(x - y) \leq M \|x - y\|_1$$

Thus $\|x - y\| < \frac{\epsilon}{M} \implies |f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$

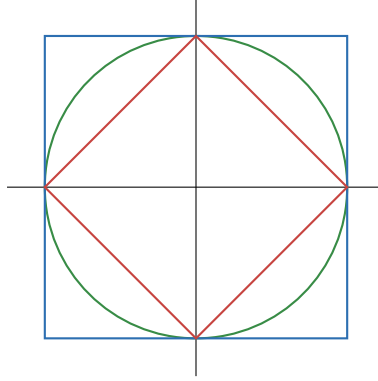
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Chapter 4

Equivalence of Norms

We back to Normed Linear Space for a little while.

In \mathbb{R}^n , $u = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$ where each $u_i \in \mathbb{R}$. we have p -norm: $\|u\|_p = \left(\sum_i |u_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ where $1 \leq p \leq \infty$.
Balls in \mathbb{R}^2 w.r.t. $\|\cdot\|_1$, $\|\cdot\|_2$, $\|\cdot\|_\infty$.



Observe: A set V in \mathbb{R}^2 is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{open w.r.t. } \|\cdot\|_1 &\iff V = \bigcup_{u \in V} \text{Box in } V \text{ centered box} \\ \text{open w.r.t. } \|\cdot\|_2 &\iff V = \bigcup_{u \in V} \text{Diamond in } V \text{ centered box} \\ \text{open w.r.t. } \|\cdot\|_\infty &\iff V = \bigcup_{u \in V} \text{Circle in } V \text{ centered box} \end{aligned}$$

Definition 4.1: Equivalence of Norms

Suppose $\|\cdot\|$, $\|\cdot\|'$ are two norms in vector space V , We say that the two norms are equivalent if there are constants $\alpha, \beta > 0$ s.t.

$$\alpha\|x\|' \leq \|x\| \leq \beta\|x\|'$$

Example 4.0.1 (Norm Equivalence)

1. $p = \infty$ and $p = 1$

$$\|x\|_\infty = \max\{|x_i| \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\} \leq \|x\|_1 = \sum_i |x_i|$$

$$\|x\|_\infty \geq \text{each } |x_i| \implies n\|x\|_\infty \geq \|x\|_1$$

Hence

$$\|x\|_\infty \leq \|x\|_1 \leq n\|x\|_\infty \text{ and } \frac{1}{n}\|x\|_1 \leq \|x\|_\infty \leq \|x\|_1$$

2. $p = \infty$ and $p = 2$

$$\|x\|_\infty \leq \|x\|_2 \leq \sqrt{n}\|x\|_\infty$$

Theorem 4.1

All norms on a finite dimensional vector space are equivalent

Proof: Proved in Theorem 5.2.7 □

Theorem 4.2

Suppose $\|\cdot\|$ and $\|\cdot\|'$ are equivalent on a vector space V . Then

$$(i) \{x_n\} \rightarrow x \text{ w.r.t. } \|\cdot\| \iff \{x_n\} \rightarrow x \text{ w.r.t. } \|\cdot\|'$$

$$(ii) S \subset V \text{ is open w.r.t. } \|\cdot\| \iff S \text{ is open w.r.t. } \|\cdot\|'$$

Proof: For both proofs if we just prove one direction then we are done actually since we can just replace the words to prove for opposite direction,

(i) **If Part:-**

Since $\|\cdot\|, \|\cdot\|'$ are equivalent we have $\exists \alpha, \beta$ such that $\alpha\|x\|' \leq \|x\| \leq \beta\|x\|'$. So if we show $\alpha\|x_n - x\|' < \|x_n - x\| < \alpha\epsilon$ we are done.

Let $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x$ w.r.t. $\|\cdot\|$ i.e. $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N$ s.t. $\forall n > N \ \|x_n - x\| < \alpha\epsilon$. Hence we have $\alpha\|x_n - x\|' < \alpha\epsilon$. Hence $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N$ such that $\forall n > N \ \|x_n - x\|' < \epsilon$ □

(ii) **Only If Part:-**

$$V \text{ is open w.r.t. } \|\cdot\| \iff \bigcup_{x \in V} B_r(x) \text{ and } V' \text{ is open w.r.t. } \|\cdot\|' \iff \bigcup_{x \in V} B'_r(x)$$

Now we have

$$B_r(x) = \{y \mid \|y - x\| < r\} \text{ and } B'_r(x) = \{y \mid \|y - x\|' < r\}$$

Hence by equivalence of the norms for any v

$$\alpha\|v\|' \leq \|v\| \leq \beta\|v\|'$$

Since $\|v\| < r$ we have

$$\|v\|' \leq \frac{r}{\alpha} \implies B'_{\frac{r}{\alpha}}(x) \subset B_r(x)$$
□

Corollary 4.1

$p = 1$ and $p = \infty$ on \mathbb{R}^n (and \mathbb{C}^n) give the same topology as $p = 2$ norm

Corollary 4.2

Let x_m be a square in \mathbb{R}^n . $\overline{x_m} = (x_{m_1}, x_{m_2}, \dots, x_{m_n})$. Then $\{\overline{x_m}\} \rightarrow x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ w.r.t. $\|\cdot\|_2 \iff \{x_{m_i}\} \rightarrow x_i$ in \mathbb{R} for each i .

Note:-

We can check this w.r.t $\|\cdot\|_\infty$

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{x_m} \rightarrow \overline{x} \text{ w.r.t } \|\cdot\|_\infty &\iff \forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N \text{ s.t. } \forall m > N \max\{|x_{m_i} - x_i| \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\ &\iff \text{each } |x_{m_i} - x_i| < \epsilon \forall i \\ &\iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{m_i} = x_i \forall i\end{aligned}$$

Chapter 5

Compactness

5.1 Sequentially Compact

Definition 5.1.1: Sequentially Compact

Let (X, d) be a metric space. X is called sequentially compact if every sequence in X has a convergent subsequence. (Often applied to a subset S of X)

Note:-

For S to be sequentially compact the limit of subsequence must be in S

Definition 5.1.2: Boundedness

A subset S of (X, d) is bounded if $S \subset B_r(x)$ for some $x \in X$ and $r > 0$

Note:-

Boundedness depends on the metric but if two metrics are “equivalent” analogous to norms)

Theorem 5.1.1

A subset K of \mathbb{R}^n is sequentially compact $\iff K$ is closed and bounded

Proof: Proof in steps

1. A closed interval $[a, b]$ in \mathbb{R} is sequentially compact

Proof: Given a sequence x_1, x_2, \dots in \mathbb{R} in $[a, b]$ we can extract a monotonic subsequence as follows:

We call x_i to be a peak if $x_i > x_j \forall j > i$. Now there are two cases. If number of peaks is infinite then the next peak comes after the previous one so smaller than the previous one. So its a strictly decreasing sequence. If number of peaks are finite then at some point we cant find a peak with this property that means no matter which term i peak there is at least one term after that which is greater than or equal to that term. y_1 =a term after the last peak. and y_{i+1} =a term after y_i such that $y_{i+1} \geq y_i$. Hence y_1, y_2, \dots is a weakly increasing sequence.

When $\{x_n\}$ contained in $[a, b]$ by boundedness of the monotonic subsequence, it converges to its sup/inf and the limit is in $[a, b]$ \square

2. $[a_1, b_1] \times [a_2, b_2] \times \cdots \times [a_n, b_n] \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is sequentially compact (w.r.t p -norm for $p = 1, 2, \infty$. Later for any norm)

Proof: Recall a sequence $\{x_m\} \rightarrow x$ in $\mathbb{R}^n \iff$ The sequence converges in each coordinate i.e. $x_{m_i} \rightarrow x_i$

Take a sequence in the given box. Extract a subsequence whose entries in 1st slot converge (necessarily to x_i in $[a_1, b_1]$ by [step 1](#) From this sequence, extract a further subsequence whose entries in second slot converge to $x_2 \in [a_2, b_2]$. Continue \square

3. Every closed subset of a sequentially compact set is sequentially compact

Proof: Exercise \square

This will show each closed and bounded subset of the Euclidean Space \mathbb{R}^n is sequentially compact. (because such a set will be contained in a box)

4. If K is sequentially compact then K is closed and bounded

Proof: If K is not closed then some limit point x of K will not be in K . Then there is a sequence $\{y_m\}$ in K converges to $x \notin K$ violating sequential compactness of K .

If K is not bounded take $\{x_m\} \in K$ with $\|x_m\| \geq n$ then $\{x_m\}$ can not be convergent \square

\square

Note:-

[Step 4](#) works for any metric space. Then we need to have a ball instead of norm

Theorem 5.1.2

If K is a sequentially compact of a metric space X , then K is closed and bounded

Proof: Same argument as [step 4](#) use x_m such that $d(x_m, x) \geq m$ \square

Question 14

If K is closed and bounded in $(X, d) \implies K$ is sequentially compact

Solution: No. Any counter-example. Define a metric on real number which induces same topology as the normal topology in such a way that there is a closed and bounded set that is not compact.

Question 15

1. If V, W are normed linear spaces can we define a norm on $V \times W$?
2. If V, W are metric spaces can we define a metric on $V \times W$?
3. If V, W are topological spaces can we define a topology on $V \times W$?

5.2 Open Cover and Compactness

Definition 5.2.1: Open Cover

Let $\{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ be a family of subsets of metric space X we say that $\{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ is a cover of X if $\bigcup_{\alpha} V_\alpha = X$ and we say that $\{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ is an open cover if each V_α is open (in X)

Definition 5.2.2: Compact

X is called compact if each open cover of X has a finite subcover i.e. $\{V_{\alpha_1}, V_{\alpha_2}, \dots, V_{\alpha_n}\} \subset \{V_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in I}$ with $V_{\alpha_1} \cup V_{\alpha_2} \cup \dots \cup V_{\alpha_n} = X$

Note:-

1. This definition makes sense for any topological space X .

If X is a metric space then it is a fact that X is compact $\iff X$ is sequentially compact. This is not true for general topological spaces. Both implications fail.

2. Reformulation of compactness for subset K of X in terms of open sets of X

K is compact \iff Every cover of K by open sets of X has a finite subcover.

As open sets of K are precisely $(\text{open sets of } X) \cap K$. We have the following

K is compact \iff For any family $\{V_{\alpha} \cap K\}_{\alpha \in I}$ where V_{α} are open in X whose union is K , there is a finite subcover.

\iff For any family $\{V_{\alpha} \cap K\}_{\alpha \in I}$ of open sets in X such that $\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} V_{\alpha} \supset K$, there must be a finite subfamily $V_{\alpha_1}, V_{\alpha_2}, \dots, V_{\alpha_n}$ with $\bigcup_{i=1}^n V_{\alpha_i} \supset K$

If i take this definition of compactness of a subset K of metric space X then K is compact as subset of $X \iff K$ is compact as a subset of it itself

Theorem 5.2.1 Haine Borel Theorem

$K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is compact $\iff K$ is closed and bounded

(w.r.t $p = 1, 2$ or ∞ norm as they are equivalent.)

Proof: Only If Part:-

Proof in steps

- ① Closed interval $[a, b]$ is compact in \mathbb{R} . **Proof:** Theorem 5.2.4
- ② Closed box $[a_1, b_1] \times [a_2, b_2] \times \dots \times [a_n, b_n]$ is compact in \mathbb{R}^n . **Proof:** Theorem 5.2.6
- ③ A closed subset of a compact set is compact. **Proof:** Theorem 5.2.3

These steps would give the backward direction of **Haine Borel Theorem** i.e. suppose K is closed and bounded in $\mathbb{R}^n \implies K \in [-M, M]^n \implies$ compact by ②

If Part:-

Bounded: First we have to show that K is compact $\implies K$ is bounded an i.e. $K \subset B_r(x)$ in (X, d) for some $x \in X, r > 0$

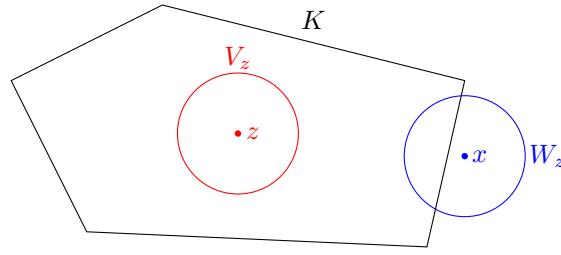
Consider open cover $\{B_n(x)\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+}$ of X and hence of K . This must have a finite subcover $B_{n_1}(x), B_{n_2}(x), \dots, B_{n_k}(x)$. Take $r = \max\{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k\}$ Hence

K is compact $\implies K$ is closed

Closed: We will show that $X \setminus K$ is open. Pick $x \notin K$. Enough to construct an open neighborhood $U_x \ni x$ such that $U_x \cap K = \emptyset$

Take $z \in K$. Let $c = d(x, z)$ then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B_{\frac{c}{3}}(x) & \cap & B_{\frac{c}{3}}(z) = \emptyset \quad \text{by triangle inequality} \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ W_z & & V_z \end{array}$$



Now $\bigcup_{z \in K} V_z \supset K$. So $\{V_z\}$ is an open cover of K . By compactness we have $V_{z_1} \cup V_{z_2} \cup \dots \cup V_{z_n} \supset K$. As $W_z \cap V_z = \emptyset \forall z \in K$. We have $\underbrace{(W_{z_1} \cup W_{z_2} \cup \dots \cup W_{z_n})}_{\substack{\text{Finite intersection of} \\ \text{open neighborhoods of } x, \\ \text{so call this } U_x}} \cap K = \emptyset$ \square

Key fact that made this work: For $x \neq z$ in X , we could find open neighborhoods of V and W (of x and z respectively) such that $V \cap W = \emptyset$. Topological spaces that satisfy this property are called Hausdorff.

What we proved is the following

Theorem 5.2.2

For a Hausdorff Topological space X any compact subset K is closed and bounded

Theorem 5.2.3 Heine Borel Theorem - If Part: Step ③

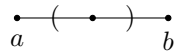
C is a closed subset of compact set $X \implies C$ is compact.

Proof: Take any open cover $\{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ of C by open sets in X i.e. $\bigcup V_\alpha \supset C$. Now $\{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I} \cup \{X \setminus C\}$ is an open cover of X . We have a finite subcover by compactness of X . The same subcover (after dropping $X \setminus C$ if necessary) works for C . \square

Wrong Concept 5.1: Closed interval $[a, b]$ is compact in \mathbb{R}

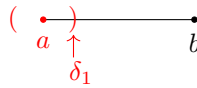
Suppose $\{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ is an open cover of $[a, b]$ by open sets in \mathbb{R} .

Hence every one of the points in the interval is covered by one of the V_α . Hence there is some interval contained in the V_α



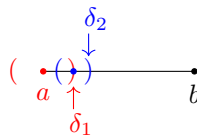
So i could just ignore the V_α and say for each point in the interval we can get an open interval that is part of a V_α . So how can i find a subcover. I could simply travel from one end to the other.

So i start with a so a must be contained in some open interval



Not only that i have covered up a small segment of the closed interval, upto a point, $a + \delta_1$. Say $[a, a + \delta_1] \subset V_1$.

Let $a + \delta_1$ is contained in some open interval which is contained in V_2 upto the point $a + \delta_2$



Now continue.

What is wrong with this ?

We could have smaller and smaller intervals. For example length of first interval can be $\frac{1}{3}$, length of second interval can be $\frac{1}{9}$, length of third interval can be $\frac{1}{27}$ and so on. So its a geometric progression and it will sum less than 1. So i just may not get there in finite number of steps.

Question 16

Suppose X is a topological space that is compact and 5.2 (Take x to be a compact metric space if you like). Prove that given disjoint compact subsets K and L , there are disjoint open sets U and V with $K \subset U$ and $L \subset V$ (First do it for $K = \text{single point}$)

In the above exercise we could have replaced the word compact with another word which is closed because X is given to be compact so any closed set will be compact and in a Hausdorff space compact subset is also closed.

Note:-

Cauchy Sequence in Metric space need not converge. For example $(0, 1)$ and take the sequence $\frac{1}{n}$. It wants to converge to 0 but 0 is not there.

Theorem 5.2.4 Heine Borel Theorem - If Part: Step ①

$[0, 1]$ is compact in \mathbb{R}

Proof: Let $\{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ be a family of open sets in \mathbb{R} covering $[0, 1]$.

Let $S = \{a \in [0, 1] \mid [0, a] \text{ can be covered by a finite number of } V_\alpha\text{'s}\}$. Our goal is to prove $1 \in S$.

Let $0 \leq x < y \leq 1$. So $[0, x] \subset [0, y]$. This $y \in S \implies x \in S$ i.e. $x \notin S \implies y \notin S$. Now S is nonempty because $0 \in S$ and S is bounded. Let $u = \text{lub of } S$. Clearly $0 \leq u \leq 1$. Hence it is enough to show $u = 1$ and $u \in S$.

$0 \in \text{some open set } V_\alpha$. Hence $\exists \epsilon > 0$ $B_\epsilon(0) \subset V_\alpha$. Hence \forall point $x \in [0, \epsilon)$ $x \in S$

For $a \in [0, u)$, $a \in S$ (otherwise a itself would be an upper bound for S). As $\{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ cover $[0, 1]$, $u \in V_\beta$. So $\exists \epsilon > 0$ such that $(u - \epsilon, u + \epsilon) \subset V_\beta$. As $u - \epsilon \in S$ we have $V_{\alpha_1} \supset V_{\alpha_2} \supset \dots \supset V_{\alpha_k} \supset [0, u - \epsilon]$. Then $V_{\alpha_\beta} \cup V_{\alpha_1} \cup V_{\alpha_2} \cup \dots \cup V_{\alpha_k} \supset [0, u + \frac{\epsilon}{2}]$. So $u = 1$ because otherwise some $u + \delta \in S$ contradicting that u is an upper bound. \square

Question 17

Can the strategy from the last time be made to work to actually extract a finite subcover of a given cover.

Theorem 5.2.5

Suppose $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$ continuous and $K \subset X$ is compact. Then $f(K)$ is compact

Proof: Let $\{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ be an open cover of $f(K)$ by open sets V_α of Y . So

$$\bigcup_{\alpha} V_\alpha \supset f(K) \implies f^{-1}\left(\bigcup_{\alpha} V_\alpha\right) = \bigcup_{\alpha} f^{-1}(V_\alpha) \supset f^{-1}(f(K)) \supset K$$

Thus $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in I}$ is an open (because of continuity Theorem 3.2.1) cover of K .
Extract a finite subcover

$$\begin{aligned} & f^{-1}(V_{\alpha_1}) \cup f^{-1}(V_{\alpha_2}) \cup \dots \cup f^{-1}(V_{\alpha_m}) \supset K \\ \implies & f(f^{-1}(V_{\alpha_2}) \cup \dots \cup f^{-1}(V_{\alpha_m})) \supset f(K) \\ \implies & \bigcup_{i=1}^m f(f^{-1}(V_{\alpha_i})) \supset f(K) \end{aligned}$$

As $V_{\alpha_i} \supset f(f^{-1}(V_{\alpha_i}))$ we have $\bigcup_{i=1}^m V_{\alpha_i} \supset f(K)$ □

Question 18

$f(\text{Sequentially compact } K)$ is sequentially compact

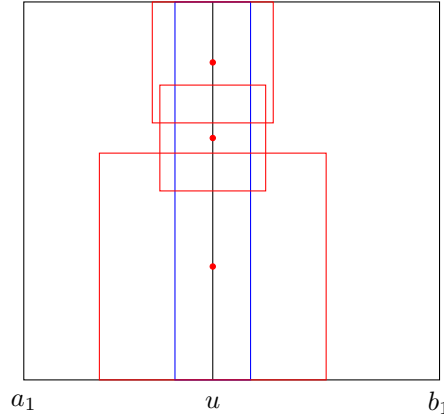
Theorem 5.2.6 Haine Borel Theorem - If Part: Step ②

$K = [a_1, b_1] \times [a_2, b_2] \times \cdots \times [a_n, b_n]$ is compact in \mathbb{R}^n

Proof: Induction on n . $n = 1$ we already proved in Theorem 5.2.4. Let $\mathcal{F} = \{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ be a cover of K by open sets in \mathbb{R}^n . Fix $u \in [a_1, b_1]$ and consider $\{u\} \times \underbrace{[a_2, b_2] \times \cdots \times [a_n, b_n]}_{\substack{=C \text{ is compact} \\ \text{by induction on } n}}$. Hence $\{u\} \times C$ is compact because

$\mathbb{R}^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ which maps $(y_2, y_3, \dots, y_n) \mapsto (u, y_2, \dots, y_n)$ or $f(C) = \{u\} \times C$ is continuous.

For each $p = (u, y_2, \dots, y_n)$ in $\{u\} \times C$ pick an open neighborhood $V_p \in \mathcal{F}$. Hence $V_p \supset (u - \epsilon, u + \epsilon) \times \underbrace{(y_2 - \epsilon, y_2 + \epsilon) \times \cdots \times (y_n - \epsilon, y_n + \epsilon)}_{W_p}$ for some $\epsilon = \epsilon_p$ depending on p



By compactness of $\{u\} \times C$, extract a finite subcover of the cover $\{W_p\}$. Hence $W_{p_1} \cup W_{p_2} \cup \cdots \cup W_{p_k} \supset \{u\} \times C$. Since it's a union of open sets we have in fact $W_{p_1} \cup W_{p_2} \cup \cdots \cup W_{p_k} \supset (u - \epsilon, u + \epsilon) \times C$ where $\epsilon = \min\{\epsilon_{p_1}, \epsilon_{p_2}, \dots, \epsilon_{p_k}\}$. Let $\mathcal{F}_u = \{V_{p_1}, V_{p_2}, \dots, V_{p_k}\}$. So

$$V_{p_1} \cup V_{p_2} \cup \cdots \cup V_{p_k} \supset W_{p_1} \cup W_{p_2} \cup \cdots \cup W_{p_k} \supset (u - \epsilon, u + \epsilon) \times C$$

i.e. this finite subcover \mathcal{F}_u cover not just the slice but a tube around it.

Now as u varies in $[a_1, b_1]$, $(u - \epsilon_u, u + \epsilon_u)$ gives an open cover. Extract a finite subcover $(u_1 - \epsilon_{u_1}, u_1 + \epsilon_{u_1}), (u_2 - \epsilon_{u_2}, u_2 + \epsilon_{u_2}), \dots, (u_l + \epsilon_{u_l}, u_l + \epsilon_{u_l})$. Then $\mathcal{F}_{u_1} \cup \mathcal{F}_{u_2} \cup \cdots \cup \mathcal{F}_{u_l}$ is a finite subcover of $[a_1, b_1] \times C = K$ □

Question 19

Why the map $\mathbb{R}^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ which maps $(y_2, y_3, \dots, y_n) \mapsto (u, y_2, \dots, y_n)$ or $f(C) = \{u\} \times C$ is continuous?

Question 20

X, Y are topological spaces. $K \subset X$ and $L \subset Y$ are compact subsets. Then $K \times L$ is compact subset of $X \times Y$ where Open sets of $X \times Y$ are $\bigcup (\text{Open set of } X) \times (\text{Open set in } Y)$

Theorem 5.2.7

All norms on \mathbb{R}^n are equivalent

Proof: Enough to show any norm $f \sim \|\cdot\|$

$$\text{i.e } \alpha\|u\| \leq f(u) \leq \beta\|u\| \forall u$$

$$\text{i.e } \alpha \leq \frac{f(u)}{\|u\|} \leq \beta \forall u \forall u \neq 0$$

Note that $\frac{f(x)}{\|x\|} = f\left(\frac{x}{\|x\|}\right) = f(u)$ where $u = \frac{x}{\|x\|}$, so $\|u\| = 1$. Hence it is enough to show that

$$\alpha \leq f(u) \leq \beta$$

for any u with $\|u\| = 1$

Let $S = \{u \mid \|u\| = 1\}$ is the unit sphere in \mathbb{R}^n , which is closed and bounded

$$\begin{aligned} S \text{ is closed and bounded} &\implies S \text{ is compact} \\ &\implies f(S) \text{ is compact in } \mathbb{R} \\ &\implies f(S) \text{ is closed and bounded in } \mathbb{R} \\ &\implies f(S) \text{ has largest element in } \beta \text{ and smallest} \\ &\quad \text{element } \alpha \text{ such that } \alpha \leq f(S) \leq \beta \end{aligned}$$

□