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Abstract

These notes are intended as a resource for myself; past, present, or future students of this course, and anyone interested in the material. The goal is to provide an end-to-end resource that covers all material discussed in the course displayed in an organized manner. If you spot any errors or would like to contribute, please contact me directly.

1 January 3, 2018

1.1 Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^n

Most postulates and theorems apply to any n-dimensional real vector space with a positive-definite inner product.

$$\mathbb{R}^n = \{x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n); x_j \in \mathbb{R}, j = 1, \dots, n\}$$

Some properties of vectors in \mathbb{R}^n where $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n), y = (y_1, \dots, y_n), \text{ and } t \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$x + y = (x_1 + y_1, \dots, x_n + y_n)$$

$$tx = (tx_1, \dots, tx_n)$$

$$x + y = y + x$$

$$(x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$$

$$s(tx) = (st)x$$

$$t\vec{0} = \vec{0}$$

$$\vec{0}x = \vec{0}$$

$$(t + s)x = tx + sx$$

$$t(x + y) = tx + ty$$

1.2 Euclidean inner product

An important additional structure on \mathbb{R}^n is the natural **Euclidean inner product** (aka the *dot product*).

$$\cdot: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$$

which can be written as $x \cdot y \in \mathbb{R}$.

Dot products are billinear, symmetric, and positive-definite. Bilinear forms satisfy

$$(x+y) \cdot z = x \cdot z + y \cdot z$$
$$x \cdot (y+z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$$
$$(tx) \cdot y = x \cdot (ty) = t(x \cdot y)$$

symmetric denotes

$$x\cdot y=y\cdot x$$

and **positive-definiteness** means $x \cdot x \ge 0$ with equality $\iff x = \vec{0}$.

Definition 1.1. The dot product is defined for $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ and $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$

$$x \cdot y := \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_k y_k$$

Definition 1.2. The norm ||x|| of $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ (induced by some inner product $\langle x, x \rangle = x \cdot x$) is defined as

$$||x||^2 = x \cdot x$$
$$||x||^2 = \sqrt{x \cdot x}$$

1.3 Triangle inequality

Proposition 1.1. Triangle inequality states

$$||x+y|| \le ||x|| + ||y|| \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

To prove the above, we need the Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality.

Theorem 1.1. The Cauchy-Schwarz inequality states that

$$|x \cdot y| \le ||x|| ||y||$$

with equality iff x = ty or y = tx for some $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. For the equality case, WLOG if x = ty

$$x \cdot y = ty \cdot y = t||y||^2$$

= $|t|||y||^2$
= $||x||||y||$

Let $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Note for all t

$$0 \le ||x - ty||^2 = (x - ty) \cdot (x - ty)$$
$$= x \cdot x - ty \cdot x - tx \cdot y + t^2 y \cdot y$$
$$= ||x||^2 + t^2 ||y||^2 - 2t(x \cdot y)$$

Thus we have

$$at^2 + bt + c \ge 0 \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$$

where $a = ||y||^2$, $b = -2x \cdot y$ and $c = ||x||^2$. Note there can exist at most one root (positive parabola where all values are non-negative). For $at^2 + bt + c = 0$ to have at most one real root (such that t exists), we need $b^2 - 4ac \le 0$ (from the quadratic formula).

$$4(x \cdot y)^{2} \le 4||x||^{2}||y||^{2}$$
$$|x \cdot y| \le ||x|| ||y||$$

If we have equality \exists t_0 such that $at_0^2 + bt_0 + c = 0$ or $||x - t_0y||^2 = 0$ so $x = t_0y$.

Corollary 1.1. The triangle inequality

$$||x + y||^2 = (x + y) \cdot (x + y)$$

$$= ||x||^2 + 2x \cdot y + ||y||^2$$

$$\leq ||x||^2 + 2||x|| ||y|| + ||y||^2 = (||x|| + ||y||)^2$$

where the last line follows from the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality.

Definition 1.3. The **distance** between two points $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is defined to be

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

which satisfies the properties

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

$$d(x,x) = 0$$

$$d(x,y) \ge 0 \quad \text{with equality iff} \quad x = y$$

so we can restate the triangle inequality as $d(x,y) \leq d(x,z) + d(z,x) \quad \forall x,y,z \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

1.4 Norms

There exists different "natural" norms on \mathbb{R}^n

Definition 1.4. A norm $\|\cdot\|$ on \mathbb{R}^n is a map

$$\|\cdot\|:\mathbb{R}^n\to\mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$$

such that

- 1. $||x|| = 0 \iff x = \vec{0}$
- 2. ||tx|| = |t|||x||
- 3. ||x + y|| < ||x|| + ||y||

All inner products determine a norm but not all norms are from inner products. We saw that the dot product determines a norm called the Euclidean norm.

$$l^1 \text{ norm } ||x||_1 = \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|$$

$$||l^p \text{ norm } ||x||_p = \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

sup norm (aka
$$l^{\infty}$$
 norm) $||x||_{\infty} = \max\{|x_1|, \dots, |x_n|\}$

One can see that l^{∞} norm is a "limit" of l^p norms as $p \to \infty$.

Note the l^2 norm is the Euclidean norm.

Why are norms important? A norm determines a distance. For example

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

(all norms determine a distance but not all distances are from norms).

Distance is important to define a **limit** which is crucial for differentiability/integrability.

1.5 Angle between two vectors

A corollary to C-S for $x, y \neq \vec{0}$

$$-1 \le \frac{x \cdot y}{\|x\| \|y\|} \le 1$$

Define the angle $\theta \in [0, \pi]$ between x and y to be

$$\cos \theta = \frac{x \cdot y}{\|x\| \|y\|}$$

so we have another definition of the dot product

$$x \cdot y = ||x|| ||y|| \cos \theta$$

We say x, y are **orthogonal** if $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \iff x \cdot y = 0$. Why is this the correct definition?

$$||y - x||^2 = (y - x) \cdot (y - x)$$

$$= ||x||^2 + ||y||^2 - 2x \cdot y$$

$$= ||x||^2 + ||y||^2 - 2||x|| ||y|| \cos \theta$$

This aligns with the Law of Cosines $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab\cos\theta$.

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2.1 Linear maps

Definition 2.1. A map $T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ is linear if T takes linear combinations to linear combinations i.e.

$$T(\sum_{k=1}^{N} t_k v_k) = \sum_{k=1}^{N} T(v_k) \quad t_i \in \mathbb{R} \quad v_j \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

We will see linear maps are closely related to differentiability.

Some facts about linear maps: let e_1, \ldots, e_n be the standard basis.

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n = (x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{k=1}^n x_k e_k$$

Let f_1, \ldots, f_m be the standard basis of \mathbb{R}^m where $f_j = (0, \ldots, 1, \ldots, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

$$y \in \mathbb{R}^m = (y_1, \dots, y_n) = \sum_{k=1}^m y_k f_k$$

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ be linear and let

$$y = \sum_{e=1}^{m} y_{l} f_{l} = T(x) = T(\sum_{k=1}^{n} x_{k} e_{k})$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_{k} T(e_{k})$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_{k} (\sum_{l=1}^{m} A_{lk} f_{l})$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{n} (\sum_{l=1}^{m} A_{lk} x_{k}) f_{l}$$

By uniqueness of the expansion of a vector in terms of a basis $(f_i$ s) we conclude that

$$y_l = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{lk} x_k \quad l = 1, \dots, m$$

or in matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & \dots & A_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

We've shown that any linear map $T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ is necessarily matrix multiplication

$$y = T(x) = A \cdot x$$

for some unique $m \times n$ matrix A (with respect to some bases in \mathbb{R}^n and \mathbb{R}^m). The rule of matrix multiplication is automatic from the composition of linear maps. Let

$$T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$S: \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}^p$$

$$y = T(x) = A \cdot x \quad m \times n$$

$$z = S(y) = B \cdot y \quad p \times m$$

Therefore $S \circ T : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^p$ is linear.

$$(S \circ T)(\sum t_k v_k) = S(T(\sum_k t_k v_k))$$

$$= S(\sum_k x_k T(v_k))$$

$$= \sum_k x_k S(T(v_k))$$

$$= \sum_k t_k (S \circ T)(v_k)$$

So we have

$$z_{l} = \sum_{j=1}^{m} B_{lj} y_{j} = \sum_{j=1}^{m} B_{lj} (\sum_{i=1}^{n} A_{ji} x_{i})$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\sum_{j=1}^{m} B_{lj} A_{ji}) x_{i}$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} C_{li} x_{i}$$

where

$$z = (S \circ T)(x) = C \cdot x \quad p \times n$$

Recall the space $L(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^m)$ of linear maps from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^m is itself a finite dimensional real vector space of dimension nm (isomorphic to \mathbb{R}^{nm}).

$$T \in L(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^m) \iff A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$$

where $M_{m\times n}(\mathbb{R})$ is the space of real $m\times n$ matrices. There is a unique 1-1 correspondence between T and A (as shown before).

2.2 Operator norm

Note one can define norm on matrices. The natural Euclidean norm for matrix A can be defined as

$$||A||_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1,\dots,m;j=1,\dots,n} (A_{ij})^2}$$

Definition 2.2. The operator norm is defined for a $T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ linear map as

$$||T||_{op} = \inf\{C > 0, ||T(x)|| \le C||x|| \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$$

We need to show this norm is

- 1. Well-defined
- 2. $\|\cdot\|_{op}$ is a norm
- 1. Show well-defined

$$T(x) = A \cdot x \quad A \quad m \times n$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & \dots & A_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \cdot x \\ \vdots \\ A_m \cdot x \end{bmatrix} = T(x)$$

So the norm is

$$||T(x)||^{2} = (A_{1} \cdot x)^{2} + \ldots + (A_{m} \cdot x)^{2}$$

$$\leq ||A_{1}||^{2} ||x||^{2} + \ldots + ||A_{m}||^{2} ||x||^{2}$$

$$= (||A_{1}||^{2} + \ldots + ||A_{m}||^{2}) ||x||^{2}$$
C-S

Case 1 Assume $||A_1||^2 + \ldots + ||A_m||^2 = 0$.

$$||A_1||^2 + \ldots + ||A_m||^2 = 0 \iff A = 0_{m \times n}$$

$$\iff T = 0 \in L(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^m)$$

Then $T(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \text{ so } ||T(x)|| \leq C||x|| \text{ holds } \forall C > 0, \text{ thus the infimum of positive real numbers } (0) \text{ implies } ||T||_{op} = 0.$

Case 2 Assume $||A_1||^2 + \ldots + ||A_m||^2 > 0$.

 $\{C>0, \|T(x)\|\leq C\|x\| \quad \forall x\in\mathbb{R}^n\}$ is non-empty because $\sqrt{\|A_1\|^2+\ldots+\|A_m\|^2}$ is in there. By the completeness of \mathbb{R} , $\|T\|_{op}$ exists and is ≥ 0 .

- 2. We've shown $||T||_{op}$ exists and is ≥ 0 for all $T \in L(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^m)$. It remains to shown $||T||_{op}$ is a norm:
 - (a) $||T||_{op} = 0$ only for the zero map
 - (b) $\|\lambda T\|_{op} = |\lambda| \|T\|_{op} \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$
 - (c) $||T + S||_{op} \le ||T||_{op} + ||S||_{op}$

To see this, we note that since

$$||T||_{op} = \inf\{C > 0, ||T(x)|| \le C||x|| \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$$

 \exists a decreasing sequence $c_k \geq 0$ such that $||T(x)|| \leq c_k ||x|| \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\lim_{k \to \infty} c_k = ||T||_{op}$. Take limit as $k \to \infty$ of the predicate in $||T||_{op}$.

$$||T(x)|| \le (\lim_{k \to \infty} c_k) ||x||$$
$$||T(x)|| \le ||T||_{op} ||x||$$

So we have

$$||T||_{op} = 0 \Rightarrow ||T(x)|| \le 0 \quad \forall x$$
$$\Rightarrow T(x) = 0 \quad \forall x$$
$$\Rightarrow T = 0 \in L(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^m)$$

which proves (a).

$$\|\lambda T\|_{op} = |\lambda| \|T\|_{op}$$

follows from

$$||(\lambda T)(x)|| = ||\lambda(T(x))||$$
$$= |\lambda||T(x)|| \quad \forall x$$

If
$$\lambda = 0$$
, $\lambda T = 0 \Rightarrow ||\lambda T||_{op} = 0 = |\lambda|||T||_{op}$.

If $\lambda \neq 0$

$$\|\lambda T\|_{op} = \inf\{C > 0, \|(\lambda T)(x)\| \le C\|x\|\}$$

$$= \inf\{C > 0, |\lambda| \|T(x)\| \le C\|x\|\}$$

$$= \inf\{C > 0, \|T(x)\| \le \frac{C}{|\lambda|} \|x\|\}$$

$$= |\lambda| \inf\{\tilde{C} > 0, \|T(x)\| \le \tilde{C}\|x\|\}$$

$$= |\lambda| \|T\|_{op}$$

$$\tilde{C} = \frac{C}{\lambda}$$

which proves (b). (c) is similar.

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3.1 Topology of \mathbb{R}^n

Topology is the study of **closeness** in a space.

3.2 Open and closed balls

Definition 3.1. Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and r > 0. The **open ball** at radius r centred at x is denoted

$$B_r(x) = \{ y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid ||x - y|| < r \}$$

It consists of all points in \mathbb{R}^n whose distance from x is strictly less than r.

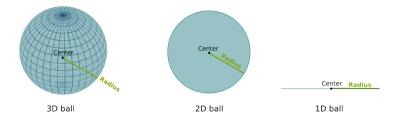


Figure 3.1: Open balls in R, R^2 , and R^3 .

In R, $B_r(x) = (x - r, x + r)$. In R^3 , $B_r(x)$ is the *interior* of a sphere of radius r centred at x.

Definition 3.2. Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, r > 0. The closed ball of radius r > 0 centred at x is denoted

$$\overline{B_r(x)} = \{ y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid ||x - y|| \le r \}$$

Remark 3.1. The notation will be explained in the following class/section. Note that

$$\overline{B_r(x)} = B_r(x) \cup \{\text{points exactly at distance } r\}$$

For n = 1, $\overline{B_r(x)} = [x - r, x + r]$.

3.3 Open sets

Definition 3.3. A subset $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is called an **open set** (or open) iff $\forall x \in U, \exists r > 0$ (r depends on x) such that $B_r(x) \subseteq U$.

(Informally: a subset U is open if for every $x \in U$, all points sufficiently close to x are also in U).

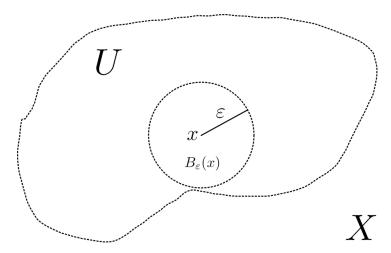


Figure 3.2: One can form an open ball for every point x in an open set U.

Example 3.1. Set that is not open

• $[0,1] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Note: $\not\exists r > 0$ for x=1 such that $B_r(x) \subseteq [0,1]$.

Sets that are open

- \mathbb{R}^n since $x + \epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^n$ by definition.
- \varnothing (vacuous: satisfied trivially \varnothing has no points).

Proposition 3.1. An open ball is an open set.

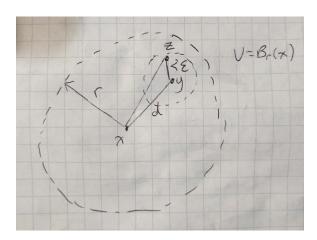


Figure 3.3: An open ball is an open set (see proof below).

Proof. Let $U = B_r(x)$ and $y \in U = B_r(x)$. We need to find some $\epsilon > 0$ such that $B_{\epsilon}(y) \subseteq U$. Let d = ||x - y|| < r since $y \in U = B_r(x)$.

Suppose $z \in B_{\epsilon}(y)$ thus $||y - z|| < \epsilon$.

We thus have

$$||z - x|| \stackrel{\triangle}{\le} ||z - y|| + ||y - x|| < \epsilon + d = r$$

So $B_{\epsilon}(y) \subseteq U$ hence U is open.

We can construct more from open sets.

3.4 Properties of open sets

Lemma 3.1. 1. Let $U_{\alpha} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be open $\forall \alpha \in A$ (countably or uncountably many), then

$$\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} U_{\alpha}$$

is open.

2. Let U_1, \ldots, U_k be open (must be finite number of sets). Then

$$\bigcap_{j=1}^{k} U_j$$

is open.

Informally, arbitrary unions of open sets are open. Finite intersections of open sets are open.

Proof.

1. We want to show $\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} U_{\alpha}$ is open.

Let $x \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} U_{\alpha}$ so \exists some $\alpha_0 \in A$ such that $x \in U_{\alpha_0}$ (holds since union of sets).

But U_{α_0} is open so $\exists r > 0$ such that $B_r(x) \subseteq U_{\alpha_0} \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} U_{\alpha}$.

2. Show $x \in \bigcap_{j=1}^k U_j$ so $x \in U_j$ for all j = 1, ..., k. Each U_j is open so $\forall j, \exists \epsilon_j > 0$ such that $B_{\epsilon_j}(x) \subseteq U_j$.

Let
$$\epsilon = \min\{\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_k\} > 0$$
. $\forall j$ we have $B_{\epsilon}(x) \subseteq B_{\epsilon_j}(x) \subseteq U_j$ hence $B_{\epsilon}(x) \supseteq \bigcap_{j=1}^k U_j$.

Remark 3.2. Arbitrary (e.g. nonfinite) intersections of open sets need not be open (the min. of infinite numbers is not well defined. An infimum of positive numbers need not be > 0 i.e. it could be 0).

Even intersection of countably infinite sets may not be open. Suppose $U_k = (0, 1 + \frac{1}{k}) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$. Note that $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} U_k = (0, 1]$ is not open.

3.5 Closed sets

Definition 3.4. A subset $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is called **closed** if $F^c = \mathbb{R} \setminus F$ is open (note: this definition is based on open's definition).

Proposition 3.2. A closed ball $\overline{B_r(x)} = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid ||y - x|| \le r\}$ is a closed set.

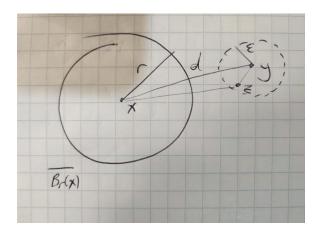


Figure 3.4: A closed ball is a closed set (see proof below).

Proof. Let $F = B_r(x)$ and

$$F^{c} = (\overline{B_{r}(x)})^{c} = \{ y \in \mathbb{R}^{n} \mid ||y - x|| > r \}$$

Let $y \in \overline{B_r(x)}^c$: need to find $\epsilon > 0$ such that $B_{\epsilon}(y) \subseteq F^c$. Let d = ||x - y|| > r and let $\epsilon = d - r > 0$. If $z \in B_{\epsilon}(y)$, then

$$\begin{split} \|x-y\| &\overset{\triangle}{\leq} \|x-z\| + \|z-y\| \\ d &\leq \|x-z\| + \|z-y\| \\ \|x-z\| &\geq d - \|z-y\| \\ > d - \epsilon = r \end{split}$$

Hence $z \in F^c$ so $B_{\epsilon}(y) \subseteq F^c$, thus F^c is open and by definition F is closed.

3.6 Properties of closed sets

Lemma 3.2. Note: this lemma is the inverse of the equivalent for open sets.

- 1. If F_1, \ldots, F_k is closed, then $\bigcup_{j=1}^k F_j$ is closed.
- 2. If F_{α} is closed $\forall \alpha \in A$, then $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} F_{\alpha}$ is closed.

Finite unions of closed sets are closed. Arbitrary intersections of closed sets are closed.

Proof. By De Morgan's laws

$$\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{k} F_{j}\right)^{c} = \bigcap_{j=1}^{k} (F_{j})^{c}$$
$$\left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} F_{\alpha}\right)^{c} = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} (F_{\alpha})^{c}$$

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3.7 Neither open nor closed

A subset V of \mathbb{R}^n need not be either open or closed. It can be open, closed, neither or both!

Example 3.2. Examples of non-exclusive open or closed sets are

- $(0,1] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ neither
- \mathbb{R}^n , \varnothing are open and closed

3.8 Interior

Sometimes a set is neither open or closed, but there are always **natural open (interior) and closed (closure)** sets which can be associated to any subset of \mathbb{R}^n .

Definition 3.5. Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ (could be \emptyset).

$$A^o = \int (A)$$
 interior of A
$$= \bigcup_{\substack{V \subseteq A \\ V \text{ open in } \mathbb{R}^n}} V$$
 union of **all** open subsets of \mathbb{R}^n that are contained in A

Remark 3.3. 1. A^o is open (arbitrary union of open sets) and $A^0 \subseteq A$

- 2. if V is any open subset of \mathbb{R}^n that is contained in A, then $V \subseteq \mathbb{A}^o$ (\mathbb{A}^o is the largest open subset of \mathbb{R}^n that is contained in A)
- 3. A is open iff $A^o = A$

Proof. Forwards:

A is open and $A \subseteq A$ thus A must be a V in the union, but since all $V \subseteq A$ then $A^o = A$.

Backwards:

$$A^o = A$$
. Since A^o is open, A is open.

3.9 Closure

Definition 3.6.

$$\overline{A} = cl(A)$$
 closure of A

$$= \bigcap_{\substack{F \supseteq A \\ F \text{closed in } \mathbb{R}^n}} F \qquad \text{intersection of all closed subsets of } \mathbb{R}^n \text{ that contains } A$$

Remark 3.4. 1. \overline{A} is closed (arbitrary intersection of closed sets) and $\overline{A} \supseteq A$

- 2. if F is any closed subset of \mathbb{R}^n that contains A, then $F \supseteq \overline{A}$ (\overline{A} is the smallest closed set of \mathbb{R}^n containing A)
- 3. A is closed iff $\overline{A} = A$

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4.1 Closure of open ball is closed ball

Proposition 4.1. The closure of the open ball $B_{\epsilon}(x)$ is the closed ball $\overline{B_{\epsilon}(x)}$ (hence the notation).

Proof. Remember

$$\overline{B_{\epsilon}(x)} = \{ y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid ||y - x|| \le \epsilon \}$$

Let A =is closure of $B_{\epsilon}(x)$.

Let $F = \{ y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid ||x - y|| \le \epsilon \}.$

We want to show A = F.

We know F is closed and $F \supset B_{\epsilon}(x)$, so F contains A = the closure of $B_{\epsilon}(x)$ (any closed set containing another set is in the intersection of the closure) or

$$F \supset A \supset B_{\epsilon}(x)$$

Suppose $F \neq A$, then $\exists y \in F$ with $y \notin A \Rightarrow y \notin B_{\epsilon}(x)$ so

$$||x - y|| = \epsilon$$

(it's sandwiched between the closed ball ($\leq \epsilon$) and the open ball ($< \epsilon$), so it must hold with equality with ϵ).

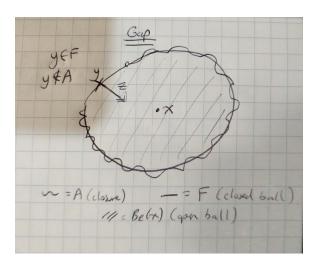


Figure 4.1: The closure of an open ball is the corresponding closed ball.

A is closed and $y \notin A$ so A^c is open and $y \in A^c$. So $\exists \delta > 0$ such that $B_{\delta}(y) \subseteq A^c$. Let t > 0 with $t < \min\{\delta, \epsilon\}$.

Let

$$z = y + t \frac{(x-y)}{\|x-y\|}$$

(add t unit vectors from y to x). Note that

$$||z - y|| = t < \delta$$

so $z \in B_{\delta}(y) \subseteq A^c$.

Also

$$x - z = x - y - t \frac{(x - y)}{\|x - y\|}$$
$$= (\|x - y\| - t) \frac{(x - y)}{\|x - y\|}$$

where the left term is the norm of the vector and the right term is the unit vector.

Thus

$$||x - z|| = |||x - y|| - t| = |\epsilon - t| = \epsilon - t < \epsilon$$

So $z \in B_{\epsilon}(x) \subseteq A$, but we assumed $z \in A^c$ which is a contradiction. So we must have F = A.

Remark 4.1. There is a much simpler proof of this using sequences and limit points.

4.2 Boundary

Definition 4.1. Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. We define the **boundary** of A denoted $\partial A = bd(A)$ to be

$$\partial A = bd(A) = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid B_{\epsilon}(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset, B_{\epsilon}(x) \cap A^c \neq \emptyset \quad \forall \epsilon > 0 \}$$

That is, $x \in \partial A$ iff every open ball centred at x contains a point in A and a point in A^c . Clearly

$$\partial B_{\epsilon}(x) = \{ y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid ||y - x|| = \epsilon \}$$
$$= \partial (\overline{B_{\epsilon}(x)})$$

4.3 Characterization of boundary

Proposition 4.2. Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$: then

$$\partial A = \overline{A} \setminus A^o$$
$$= cl(A) \setminus int(A)$$

Proof. The following two claims and proofs revolve around complements of sets and how if set A intersect a set B is the empty set, then A is a subset of B^c .

Claim 1

$$x \in \overline{A} \iff B_{\epsilon}(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset \quad \forall \epsilon > 0$$

Proof. Forwards:

Suppose $x \in \overline{A}$ but $\exists \epsilon_0 > 0$ $B_{\epsilon}(x) \cap A = \emptyset$.

So
$$B_{\epsilon}(x) \subseteq A^c \Rightarrow (B_{\epsilon}(x))^c \supset A$$
.

Since $(B_{\epsilon}(x))^c$ is closed, then $(B_{\epsilon}(x))^c \supset \overline{A}$ (by remark (2) after closure definition).

So $\overline{A} \cap B_{\epsilon}(x) = \emptyset$, but $x \in B_{\epsilon}(x) \Rightarrow x \notin \overline{A}$, which is a contradiction.

Backwards:

We prove the contrapositive

$$x \notin \overline{A} \Rightarrow B_{\epsilon}(x) \cap A = \emptyset \quad \forall \epsilon > 0$$

Assume $x \notin \overline{A} \Rightarrow x \in (\overline{A})^c$ which is open, so $\exists \epsilon_0 > 0$ such that $B_{\epsilon_0}(x) \subseteq (\overline{A})^c$. Therefore $B_{\epsilon_0}(x) \cap \overline{A} = \emptyset$ (where $\overline{A} \supset A$), which proves our claim).

Claim 2

$$x \notin A^o \iff B_{\epsilon}(x) \cap A^c \neq \emptyset \quad \forall \epsilon > 0$$

Proof. Forwards:

Suppose $x \notin A^o$. Assume (for contradiction) $\exists \epsilon_0 > 0$ such that

$$B_{\epsilon_0}(x) \cap A^c = \varnothing \Rightarrow B_{\epsilon_0}(x) \subseteq A$$

(nothing in A^c , thus all in A).

Ergo $x \in (A^o)^c$ and $B_{\epsilon_0}(x) \subseteq A^o$ (since $B_{\epsilon_0}(x)$ is a closed set contained in A - remark (2) after interior definition).

So $B_{\epsilon_0}(x) \cap (A^o)^c = \emptyset$ but $x \in B_{\epsilon_0}(x) \cap (A^o)^c$ which is a contradiction.

Backwards:

(Contrapositive): suppose $x \in A^o$. A^o is open so $\exists \epsilon > 0$ such that

$$B_{\epsilon_0}(x) \subseteq A^o \subseteq A$$

so
$$B_{\epsilon_0}(x) \cap A^c = \emptyset$$
.

Putting the claims together:

$$x \in \overline{A} \iff B_{\epsilon}(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset \quad \forall \epsilon > 0$$

$$x \in (A^{o})^{c} \iff B_{\epsilon}(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset \quad \forall \epsilon > 0$$

$$x \in \partial A \iff (1) + (2)$$

$$\iff x \in \overline{A} \cap (A^{o})^{c} = \overline{A} \setminus A^{o}$$

$$(1)$$

4.4 Sequences

Definition 4.2. Let (x_k) be a sequence of points in $\mathbb{R}^n, k \in \mathbb{N}$. We say (x_k) converges to a point $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ iff for any $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ (N depends on ϵ in general)

$$k \ge N \Rightarrow ||x_k - x|| < \epsilon$$

(i.e. for any $\epsilon > 0$, all the elements of sequence x_k after some k = N are within ϵ of x).

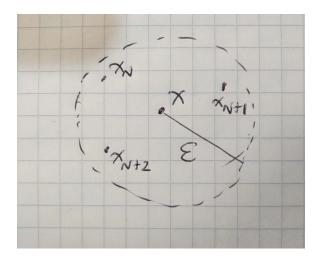


Figure 4.2: All points after k = N for a converging sequence is within ϵ .

If (x_k) converges to x, we denote

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} x_k = x$$

where x is **the limit** of x_k .

4.5 Uniqueness of limits

Lemma 4.1. Suppose $\lim_{k\to\infty} x_k = x$ and $\lim_{k\to\infty} x_k = y$. Then x = y (i.e. a sequence may not converge, but if it does the limit is unique).

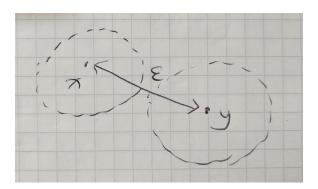


Figure 4.3: Sketch of proof with $x \neq y$ (see below).

Proof. Suppose $x \neq y$, so $||x - y|| = \epsilon > 0$. Since (x_k) converges to x, $\exists N_1 \in N$ such that $k \geq N_1$ and

$$||x_k - x|| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

Similarly for $y \exists k \geq N_2$.

Suppose $k \ge \max\{N_1, N_2\}$. Then

$$||x - y|| \stackrel{\triangle}{\leq} ||x - x_k|| + ||x_k - y||$$

$$< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon$$

So x = y by contradiction.

4.6 Neighbourhood

Definition 4.3. Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$. A subset $U \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is called a **neighbourhood (n'h'd)** of x if $\exists \epsilon_0 > 0$ such that $B_{\epsilon_0}(x) \subseteq U$.

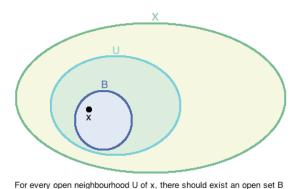


Figure 4.4: U is a neighbourhood of x since there exists an open set B of x contained in U.

(Equivalently, U is a n'h'd of $x \iff U$ contains an open set containing x.)

of x such that B is contained in U.

Definition 4.4. An open n'h'd of x is any open set containing x. (A set is an open n'h'd of x if it contains x and all points sufficiently close to x).

Lemma 4.2. Let (x_k) be a sequence in \mathbb{R}^n . Suppose $\lim_{k\to\infty} x_k$ exists and equal $x\in\mathbb{R}^n$. Then any n'h'd of x contains all x_k 's for k sufficiently large, i.e. if U is a n'h'd of x, $\exists N\in\mathbb{N}$ (N depends on U) such that

$$k \ge N \Rightarrow x_k \in U$$

Proof. U is a n'h'd of x so $\exists \epsilon_0 > 0$ such that $B_{\epsilon}(x) \subseteq U$. Since $\lim_{k \to \infty} x_k = x$, $\exists N \in N$ such that $k \ge N \Rightarrow ||x_k - x|| < \epsilon_0$ so $x_k \in B_{\epsilon}(x) \subseteq U \quad \forall k \ge \mathbb{N}$.