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REAL ANALYSIS FOURTH WEEK

Exercise 3.2.5

Let X be any non-empty set and, for $x_1, x_2 \in X$, define

$$d(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x_1 = x_2 \\ 1, & \text{if } x_1 \neq x_2 \end{cases}$$

Show that d is a metric on X . This is called the *discrete metric*, the pair (X, d) is referred to as a *discrete metric space*.

In order to be a metric, need to show positive definiteness, symmetry and triangle inequality.

1. For $x_1, x_2 \in X$, $d(x_1, x_2) \geq 0$, and $d(x_1, x_2) = 0$ if and only if $x_1 = x_2$.

This is trivial considering the given case. If $x_1 \neq x_2$ $d(x_1, x_2) = 1 \geq 0$. If $x_1 = x_2$ then $d(x_1, x_2) = 0$. Likewise, if $d(x_1, x_2) = 0$ then $x_1 = x_2$.

2. For any $x_1, x_2 \in X$, we have $d(x_1, x_2) = d(x_2, x_1)$.

Consider $x_1 = x_2$, $d(x_1, x_2) = 0$ and $d(x_2, x_1) = 0$ therefore $d(x_1, x_2) = d(x_2, x_1)$. Consider $x_1 \neq x_2$, $d(x_1, x_2) = 1$ and $d(x_2, x_1) = 1$ therefore $d(x_1, x_2) = d(x_2, x_1)$.

3. For any $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in X$, we have

$$d(x_1, x_2) \leq d(x_1, x_3) + d(x_3, x_2)$$

Since $d(x_i, x_j)$ is equal to either 1 or 0 for $i \neq j$.

Case 1, choose $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in X$. let $x_1 = x_2$ and let x_3 be arbitrary. Then $d(x_1, x_2) = 0$ and $d(x_1, x_3) + d(x_3, x_2) \geq 0$. Satisfying the triangle inequality.

Case 2, choose $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in X$, let $x_1 \neq x_2$. Then $d(x_1, x_2) = 1$. Choose x_3 such that $d(x_1, x_3) = 0$ and $d(x_2, x_3) = 0$. This implies $x_1 = x_3$ and $x_2 = x_3$ which means $x_1 = x_2$ which is a contradiction. So atleast one of $d(x_1, x_3) = 1$ or $d(x_3, x_2) = 1$. Satisfying the triangle inequality.

Exercise 3.2.6

(NOT ASSIGNED)

Let (X, d) be a metric space, and let Y be a proper subset of X . Show that (Y, d') is a metric space, where we define $d'(y_1, y_2) = d(y_1, y_2)$. We call d' the *inherited metric* on Y .

Keeping in mind that Y is a proper subset of X .

1. Consider $d'(y_1, y_2)$, since (X, d) is a metric space $d(y_1, y_2) \geq 0$ and equal to zero if and only if $y_1 = y_2$, then by definition of $d'(y_1, y_2) = d(y_1, y_2)$ the same positive definiteness holds for (Y, d') .

2. Since (X, d) is a metric space $d(y_1, y_2) = d(y_2, y_1)$ which implies $d(y_2, y_1) = d'(y_2, y_1)$. Therefore $d'(y_1, y_2) = d'(y_2, y_1)$.
3. Consider $d'(y_1, y_2) = d(y_1, y_2)$, $d'(y_1, y_3) = d(y_1, y_3)$ and $d'(y_3, y_2) = d(y_3, y_2)$. Then $d(y_1, y_2) \leq d(y_1, y_3) + d(y_3, y_2)$ implies $d'(y_1, y_2) \leq d'(y_1, y_3) + d'(y_3, y_2)$ satisfying the triangle inequality.

Exercise 3.2.8

(NOT ASSIGNED)

Prove that d_p is a metric on \mathbb{R}^n for $p > 1$. *Hint:* The triangle inequality is the only hard part. The proof depends on Hölder's Inequality. To begin, observe that

$$\|x + y\|_p^p = \sum_i |x_i + y_i|^p \leq \sum_i |x_i + y_i|^{p-1} |x_i| + \sum_i |x_i + y_i|^{p-1} |y_i|$$

Proof. To prove the triangle inequality, apply Hölder's Inequality using $q = \frac{p}{p-1}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \|x + y\|_p^p &\leq \left(\sum_i |x_i + y_i|^{p-1} \right)^{\frac{p}{p-1}} \left(\sum_i |x_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\quad + \left(\sum_i |x_i + y_i|^{p-1} \right)^{\frac{p}{p-1}} \left(\sum_i |y_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= \|x\|_p \left(\sum_i |x_i + y_i|^p \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p}} + \|y\|_p \left(\sum_i |x_i + y_i|^p \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p}} \\ &= \|x\|_p \|x + y\|_p^{p-1} + \|y\|_p \|x + y\|_p^{p-1} \\ &= (\|x\|_p + \|y\|_p) \|x + y\|_p^{p-1} \end{aligned}$$

We can divide both sides by $\|x + y\|_p^{p-1}$ to get

$$\|x + y\|_p \leq \|x\|_p + \|y\|_p$$

□

Exercise 3.2.9

Note that Hölder's Inequality only works for $p, q > 1$. Prove the triangle inequality for the d_1 metric.

Proof. In the d_1 metric, $d(x, y) = \|x - y\|_1$

$$\begin{aligned} \|x + y\|_1 &= \sum_i |x_i + y_i| \leq \sum_i |x_i| + \sum_i |y_i| \\ &= \|x\|_1 + \|y\|_1 \end{aligned}$$

□

Exercise 3.2.10

Prove that d_∞ defines a metric on \mathbb{R}^n

Proof. Need to show positive definiteness, symmetry, and triangle inequality.

1. Positive definiteness. $d_\infty(x, y) = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |x_j - y_j| \geq 0$ and 0 if and only if $x = y$.
2. $d_\infty(x, y) = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |x_j - y_j| = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |y_j - x_j| = d_\infty(y, x)$
3. Triangle inequality. Consider $x, y \in X$.

$$\begin{aligned} \|x + y\|_\infty &= \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |x_j + y_j| \\ &\leq \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |x_j| + \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |y_j| = \|x\|_\infty + \|y\|_\infty \end{aligned}$$

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Exercise 3.3.5

If $1 \leq p < q$, show that the unit ball in $\ell_n^p(\mathbb{R})$ is contained in the unit ball in $\ell_n^q(\mathbb{R})$.

if $0 < a \leq 1$ then $(\sum_i |x_i|)^a \leq \sum_i |x_i|^a$

Proof. Suppose $1 \leq p < q$

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|_q &= \left(\sum_i |x_i|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} = \left(\sum_i |x_i|^q \right)^{\frac{p}{qp}} \\ &< \left(\sum_i |x_i|^{q \frac{p}{q}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = \left(\sum_i |x_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = \|x\|_p \end{aligned}$$

What is the intuition behind $\|x\|_q < \|x\|_p$? If you draw a venn diagram of the two balls around zero, and take a point between the two balls, the $\ell_q < 1$ but $\ell_p \geq 1$.

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Exercise 3.3.6

Choose p with $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, and let $\epsilon > 0$. Show that $B_\epsilon(0) = \{\epsilon \cdot x \mid x \in B_1(0)\}$.

Let (X, d) be a metric space. Define $B_1(0) = \{x \in X \mid d(x, 0) < 1\}$ and $B_\epsilon(0) = \{x \in X \mid d(x, 0) < \epsilon\}$. If we take any point from $B_1(0)$ we have the inequality $d(x, 0) < 1$. Therefore, we can multiply both sides of the inequality by ϵ with the result $\epsilon \cdot d(x, 0) < \epsilon$ for all $x \in B_1(0)$. Which defines $B_\epsilon(0)$.

Exercise 3.3.7

Consider a point $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ that lies outside the unit ball in $\ell_2^1(\mathbb{R})$ and inside the unit ball in ℓ_2^∞ . Is there a p between 1 and ∞ such that $\|x\|_p = 1$? Do the same problem for \mathbb{R}^n .

For \mathbb{R}^2 .

$$\begin{aligned}\|x\|_p &= (|x_1|^p + |x_2|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} = 1 \\ |x_1|^p + |x_2|^p &= 1\end{aligned}$$

No value of p can satisfy this expression. A similar result follows for \mathbb{R}^n .

The reasoning for this result is that a point that lies outside of the unit ball $\ell_2^1(\mathbb{R})$ and inside the unit ball in ℓ_2^∞ seems like a good candidate to find a metric d that results $\|x\|_p = 1$. However, if we first consider \mathbb{R}^2 if $1 < p < \infty$ then all points have distance less than 1 from 0 on the unit ball.

Exercise 3.3.10

Prove that the following are open sets.

1. The "first quadrant", that is, $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x > 0 \text{ and } y > 0\}$, in the usual metric.

Proof. Choose $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^2$ such that $x > 0$ and $y > 0$ and otherwise let them be arbitrary. Since we know \mathbb{R} is open, For x choose $\epsilon_x > 0$ such that $(x - \epsilon_x, x + \epsilon_x) \subset \mathbb{R}$ and choose $\epsilon_y > 0$ such that $(y - \epsilon_y, y + \epsilon_y) \subset \mathbb{R}$. Choose $\epsilon = \min(\epsilon_x, \epsilon_y)$, then we have $B_\epsilon(x, y) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$. Since x, y only need to be positive, we can draw an open ball around any point (x, y) in \mathbb{R}_+^2 making the first quadrant open. \square

2. any subset of a discrete metric.

Proof. Let (X, d) be a discrete metric. Recall that in a discrete metric $d(x, x) = 0$ and $d(x, y) = 1, x \neq y$. You can take $0 < r < 1$ such that the only point the ball contains is the point that it is centered on. If $r > 1$ then it contains all the points. In either case $B_r(x) \subset X$. \square

Exercise 3.3.12

Let $X = [-1, 1]$ with the metric inherited above (*mathbb{R}*). Describe the open balls of $B_r(1)$ for various values of r .

1. Consider $0 < r \leq 2$. $B_r(1) = (-r, 1]$
2. Consider $r > 2$. $B_r(1) = [-1, 1]$