

## Topological properties:

e.g. Cannot distinguish  $[0, 1]^X$  from  $[0, 2]^Z$  in terms of continuous functions.  
• Can distinguish  $[0, 1] = X$  from  $Y = [0, 1] \cup [2, 3]$ . Namely

Property (i):  $X$  has (i) if  $\forall f: X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  continuous map,  
 $f$  is constant.

Property  $\star$ :  $X$  has  $\star$  if  $\forall x, y \in X$ ,  $\exists f: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  continuous map  
st.  $f(0) = x$  &  $f(1) = y$

Dangers with sets:

$$X = \{ S \mid S \text{ a set} : S \notin S \}$$

Not permitted

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Question: Does  $X \in X$ ?

• If  $X \notin X$ , by defn  $X \in X$ .

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Solution:

- Carefully define 'well-formed' expressions (which give sets)
- Axioms that give existence for sets. (in terms of other sets)

Carefully define arbitrary collections.

Define  $\{X_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ ,  $A$  'index set' (e.g.  $\mathbb{N}$ ).  $\{(a,b) \in \{\tau a\}, \{\sigma a, b\}\}$   
 $(c,d)$

Try function on  $A$  - to what?

What is a function anyway?

$$\{\{x\}, \{x, f(x)\}\}$$

A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is identified with its graph;

$$\Gamma(f) = \{(x, f(x)) : x \in X\} \subset X \times Y$$

But not all subsets are graphs; have properties that characterize graphs

$$\forall x \in X, \exists y \in Y \text{ s.t. } (x, y) \in \Gamma$$

$$\forall x \in X, \forall y_1, y_2 \in Y \text{ if } (x, y_1) \in \Gamma \text{ \& } (x, y_2) \in \Gamma \text{ then } y_1 = y_2$$

For collections, no codomain, instead have 'graph-like sets'

$\{X_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  : 'Graph-like set' corresponding to  $\Gamma := \{(\alpha, X_\alpha) : \alpha \in A\}$

Finally,  $\Gamma = \Gamma(X_\alpha)$  is a set

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collection of  $\kappa$  sets,  
not a set

• we do not have  $\Gamma \subset X \times Y$ , instead  $\Gamma \subset X \times \text{Set}$

• If  $p \in \Gamma$ , then  $\exists$  set s.t.  $p = (\alpha, S)$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ .

• If  $\alpha \in A$ ,  $\exists$  set s.t.  $(\alpha, S) \in \Gamma$

• If  $\alpha \in A$ ,  $S_1, S_2$  sets s.t.  $(\alpha, S_1) \in \Gamma$  &  $(\alpha, S_2) \in \Gamma$   
then  $S_1 = S_2$

Then  $X_\alpha$  is the unique set s.t.  $(\alpha, X_\alpha) \in \Gamma$ .

Furstenberg's topology : On  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,

Basis: Arithmetic progressions  $S(a,b) = \{a+nb : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} \subset \mathbb{Z}$

• This is a basis as finite intersections of arithmetic progressions are empty or arithmetic progressions ( $\exists x$ )

• Notice: Basic sets are closed.

• Finite <sup>non-empty</sup> sets are not open, i.e. complements of finite sets are not closed.

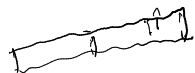
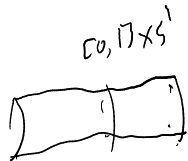
Suppose there were only finitely many primes then

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{2, 3, \dots, p\}}_{\substack{\text{contradiction} \\ \rightarrow \text{closed}}} = \bigcup_{\substack{p \text{ prime} \\ \text{finite union}}} \underbrace{S(0, p)}_{\text{closed}}$$

Why  $\psi$ -metrics:

let  $d_n: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be metrics s.t.

$$d_n \rightarrow d_\infty, \text{ i.e. } \forall x, y \in X, d_n(x, y) \rightarrow d_\infty(x, y)$$



Then:  $d_\infty(x, y) \geq 0 \quad \forall x, y \in X$

$$d_\infty(x, y) = d_\infty(y, x) \quad \forall x, y \in X$$

$$d_\infty(x, z) \leq d_\infty(x, y) + d_\infty(y, z) \quad (\text{Exercise})$$

But:  $d_\infty(x, y) > 0$  can hold for  $x \neq y$ .

e.g.  $X = \mathbb{R}^2, \quad d_n((x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)) = |x_1 - x_2| + \frac{1}{n} |y_1 - y_2|$

$$\text{then } d_n \rightarrow d_\infty, \quad d_\infty((x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)) = |x_1 - x_2|$$

Characterizing interior:  $S \subset X$ ,  $X$  topological space

• 'largest' w.r.t. partial order  $A \subset B$

• may not in general exist

E.g.  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\gcd(a, b)$  is the largest common divisor w.r.t.

~~E.g.~~ For polynomials with integer coefficients  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ , we do not have a g.c.d. in general, e.g.  $2, x$

Defn: the partial order  $m|n$ , i.e.  
 $d = \gcd(a, b) \Leftrightarrow d|a \wedge d|b \wedge$  i.e. the set  $\{d \in \mathbb{N} : d|a \wedge d|b\}$   
Theorem: If  $d, d'$  are both g.c.d.'s of  $a$  &  $b$ , then  $d = d'$   $\Rightarrow m|a \wedge m|b \Rightarrow m|d$  has a maximum w.r.t. the order  $m|n$ .

int(S): (1)  $\text{int}(S) \subset S$

(2)  $\text{int}(S)$  is open

(3) If  $V \subset S$  is open,  $V \subset \text{int}(S)$  (maximality)

$X$  space  
Ex. We say  $F \subset X$  is the 'finite-core' of  $X$  if

(a)  $F$  is finite

(b)  $F \subset X$

(c) if  $A$  is finite and  $A \subset X$  then  $A \subset F$

Propn: If  $F_1$  &  $F_2$  are both finite cores of  $X$ , then  $F_1 = F_2$

Pf: As  $F_1$  is a finite core &  $F_2$  satisfies (a) & (b), take  $A = F_2$  in

(c) to show  $F_2 \subset F_1$

||| As  $F_1 \subset F_2$ ,

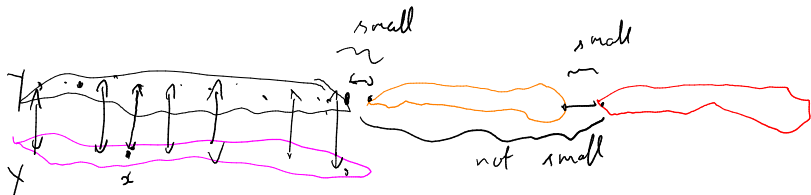
Thus  $F_1 = F_2$

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# Distances between sets:

Sets  $X, Y \subset Z$  bounded



Candidates:  $\inf \{d_Z(x, y) : x \in X, y \in Y\}$   
 for  $d_2(X, Y)$   $\sup \{d_Z(x, y) : x \in X, y \in Y\}$  :  $d_2(X, X) \neq 0$  in general

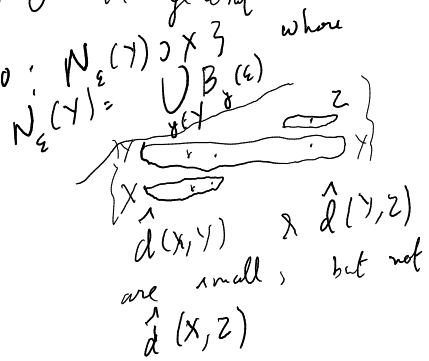
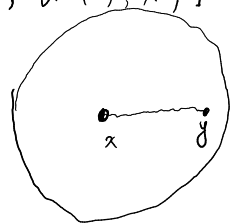
What work: minimax:

$$d(X, Y) = \sup_{x \in X} \left( \inf_{y \in Y} d_Z(x, y) \right) = \inf \{ \epsilon > 0 : N_\epsilon(Y) \supset X \}$$

$$d(X, Y) = \max \{ d^+(X, Y), d^+(Y, X) \}$$

Another candidate  $\hat{d} = \min \{ \dots \}$

Rmk:  $d(x, y) = \inf \{ \epsilon > 0 : y \in B_\epsilon(x) \}$

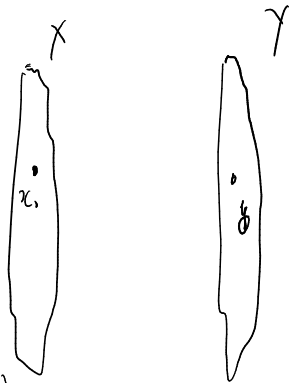


Propn.  $d^+(X, Y) := \sup_{x \in X} \{ \inf_{y \in Y} d_2(x, y) \} = \inf_{\delta > 0} \{ \epsilon > 0 : X \subset N_\epsilon(Y) \text{ and no } x \notin N_{\delta-\epsilon}(Y) \}$

Pf. Lemma.  $\inf_{y \in Y} d_2(x_0, y) < \epsilon$  for fixed  $x_0 \in X \Leftrightarrow x_0 \in N_\epsilon(Y)$

Pf.  $\inf_{y \in Y} \{ d_2(x_0, y) < \epsilon \} \Rightarrow \exists y_0 \in Y \text{ s.t. } d_2(x_0, y_0) < \epsilon$   
 $\Rightarrow x_0 \in B_\epsilon(y_0) \subset N_\epsilon(Y)$

Conversely, if  $x_0 \in N_\epsilon(Y)$ , then  $x_0 \in B_\epsilon(y_0)$  for some  $y_0 \in Y \Rightarrow d_2(x_0, y_0) < \epsilon \Rightarrow \inf_{y \in Y} \{ d_2(x_0, y) \} < \epsilon$



Rest is exercise

Alternative definition:  $d(X, Y) = \inf \{ \epsilon > 0 : X \subset N_\epsilon(Y) \text{ and } Y \subset N_\epsilon(X) \}$   
 Then  $d(\emptyset, \emptyset) = 0$  but  $d(\emptyset, X) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } X = \emptyset \\ \infty & \text{if } X \neq \emptyset \end{cases}$

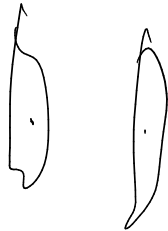
Modified definition if  $Z$  bounded,  $\text{diam}(Z) \leq D$

$$d_H^{(D)}(X, Y) = \inf \left( \{ \varepsilon > 0 : X \subset N_\varepsilon(Y) \text{ and } Y \subset N_\varepsilon(X) \} \cup \{D\} \right)$$

• If  $X \neq \emptyset \neq Y$ ,  $d_H(X, Y) = d_H^{(D)}(X, Y)$

• If  $X \neq \emptyset$ ,  $d_H(X, \emptyset) = D$

•  $d_H(\emptyset, \emptyset) = 0$



Nowhere dense  $\text{int}(\bar{A}) = \emptyset$  ;  $X \setminus \bar{A}$  is dense, i.e.  $\overline{X \setminus \bar{A}} = X$

$$\text{int}(\bar{A}) = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow \forall x \in X, \quad x \not\in \text{int}(\bar{A})$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow \forall x \in X, \neg (\exists V \text{ open}, x \in V \text{ s.t. } V \subset \bar{A})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall x \in X, \forall V \text{ open s.t. } x \in V, V \not\subset \bar{A}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall x \in X, \forall V \text{ open s.t. } x \in V, V \cap (X \setminus \bar{A}) \neq \emptyset$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall x \in X, x \in \overline{(X \setminus \bar{A})}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow X \setminus \bar{A} \text{ is dense.}$$

