

**Problem 1.** Induced metric of a space, which is the product space of metric spaces.

*Proof.* We want to show

- **Non-negativity:** for any  $p \geq 1$  and  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , since  $d_i(x_i, y_i) \geq 0$  for any  $x_i, y_i \in X_i$ , then we have

$$D_p(x, y) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n d_i(x_i, y_i)^p \right)^{1/p} \geq 0;$$

and by non-negativity,

$$D_p(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \forall i, d_i(x_i, y_i) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \forall i, x_i = y_i \Leftrightarrow x = y.$$

- **Symmetry:** for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , we know  $d_i(x_i, y_i) = d_i(y_i, x_i)$ , then we have

$$D_p(x, y) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n d_i(x_i, y_i)^p \right)^{1/p} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n d_i(y_i, x_i)^p \right)^{1/p} = D_p(y, x).$$

- **Triangle inequality:** Recall Minkowski's inequality for  $p \geq 1$ :

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i + b_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|^p \right)^{1/p} + \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |b_i|^p \right)^{1/p}, \quad (1)$$

for any numbers  $\{a_i\}_{i=1}^n$  and  $\{b_i\}_{i=1}^n$ , thus take  $a_i = d_i(x_i, y_i)$  and  $b_i = d_i(y_i, z_i)$

$$\begin{aligned} D_p(x, y) + D_p(y, z) &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^n d_i(x_i, y_i)^p \right)^{1/p} + \left( \sum_{i=1}^n d_i(y_i, z_i)^p \right)^{1/p} \\ &\stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (d_i(x_i, y_i) + d_i(y_i, z_i))^p \right)^{1/p} \\ &\geq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n d_i(x_i, z_i)^p \right)^{1/p} = D_p(x, z), \end{aligned}$$

since  $d_i(x_i, y_i) + d_i(y_i, z_i) \geq d_i(x_i, z_i)$  and  $x \mapsto x^p$  is increasing.

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**Problem 2.** Induced metric of pre-image space under injection. (pull-back metric)

*Proof.* Let  $y_i = f(x_i) \in Y$ . On the other hand, due to injection, for any  $y_i \in Y$ , there exists a unique  $x_i$  such that  $f(x_i) = y_i$ . And we want to show

- **Non-negativity:**

$$d_X(x_1, x_2) = d_Y(f(x_1), f(x_2)) = d_Y(y_1, y_2) \geq 0,$$

and  $d_X(x_1, x_2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow d_Y(y_1, y_2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow y_1 = y_2 \Leftrightarrow x_1 = x_2$ .

- **Symmetry:**

$$d_X(x_1, x_2) = d_Y(y_1, y_2) = d_Y(y_2, y_1) = d_X(x_2, x_1).$$

- **Triangle inequality:**

$$d_X(x_1, x_2) + d_X(x_2, x_3) = d_Y(y_1, y_2) + d_Y(y_2, y_3) \geq d_Y(y_1, y_3) = d_X(x_1, x_3).$$

□

**Problem 3.**

*Proof.* We want to show

- **Non-negativity:** Since  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f$  is non-decreasing,  $f(x) \geq 0$  on  $[0, \infty)$ . And  $d(x, y) \geq 0$ , thus  $f(d(x, y))$  is well-defined.

$$d_f(x, y) = f(d(x, y)) \geq 0 \text{ and } d_f(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow f(d(x, y)) = 0 \Leftrightarrow d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y.$$

- **Symmetry:**

$$d_f(x, y) = f(d(x, y)) = f(d(y, x)) = d_f(y, x).$$

- **Triangle inequality:**

$$d_f(x, y) + d_f(y, z) = f(d(x, y)) + f(d(y, z)) \geq f(d(x, y) + d(y, z)) \geq f(d(x, z)) = d_f(x, z).$$

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**Problem 4.** Metric induced by norm.

*Proof.* First, assume  $d$  is associated metric of norm, i.e.,  $d(x, y) = \|x - y\|$ ,  $\forall x, y \in X$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(x + z, y + z) &= \|x + z - (y + z)\| = \|x - y\| = d(x, y) \\ d(\lambda x, \lambda y) &= \|\lambda x - \lambda y\| = |\lambda| \|x - y\| = |\lambda| d(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Second, assume  $d$  is a metric satisfying translation invariance and positive homogeneity, then we define a function  $f : X \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  by  $f(x) = d(x, 0)$ , since  $0 \in X$ . We verify that:

- **Non-negativity:**  $f(x) = d(x, 0) \geq 0$ . And  $f(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow d(x, 0) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$ .
- **Homogeneity:**  $f(\lambda x) = d(\lambda x, 0) = |\lambda| d(x, 0)$ , by positive homogeneity of  $d$ .
- **Triangle inequality:**  $f(x) + f(y) = d(x, 0) + d(y, 0) = d(x, 0) + d(y - y, 0 - y) = d(x, 0) + d(0, -y) \geq d(x, -y) = d(x + y, -y + y) = d(x + y, 0) = f(x + y)$ .

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**Problem 5.** Alternative characterization of closed sets in a metric space.

*Proof.* “ $\Rightarrow$ ” Assume  $F \subset X$  is closed and  $x_n \rightarrow x$  for  $x_n \in F$ , i.e., for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists an integer  $N > 0$  such that for  $n \geq N$ ,  $d(x_n, x) < \varepsilon$ . Define  $B(x, \varepsilon) = \{y \in X : d(y, x) < \varepsilon\}$ . Then for  $n \geq N$ ,  $x_n \in B(x, \varepsilon)$ .

Prove by contradiction. Assume there exists a sequence  $\{y_n\}$  in  $F$  and  $y_n \rightarrow y$ , but  $y \notin F$ . Since  $F$  is closed,  $X \setminus F$  is open and  $y \in X \setminus F$ . There exist a  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $B(y, \varepsilon) \subset X \setminus F$ . On the other hand, there exists a  $N' > 0$  such that for  $n \geq N'$ ,  $y_n \in B(y, \varepsilon) \subset X \setminus F$ , contradicted with the fact that every  $y_n \in F$ .

“ $\Leftarrow$ ” Assume for every sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $F$ , if  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , then  $x \in F$ . We want to show  $F$  is closed.

Prove by contradiction. Assume  $F$  is not closed, then  $X \setminus F$  is not open. Therefore  $X \setminus F$  is not empty and there exists a  $x \in X \setminus F$  such that for every  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{n} > 0$ ,  $B(x, \frac{1}{n}) \not\subset X \setminus F$ , i.e., there exists a  $y_n \in B(x, \frac{1}{n})$  but  $y_n \in F$ .

By construction, the sequence  $\{y_n\}$  in  $F$  converges to  $x$  but  $x \in X \setminus F$ , contradiction!  $\square$

### **Problem 6.** Composition of continuous functions

*Proof.* For any  $x_0 \in X$ , let  $y_0 = f(x_0)$  and  $y = f(x)$ . For every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , since  $g : Y \mapsto Z$  is continuous, there exists a  $\theta = \theta(\varepsilon)$  such that if  $d_Y(y, y_0) < \theta$ , we have  $d_Z(g(y), g(y_0)) < \varepsilon$ .

For above  $x_0$  and  $\theta$ , since  $f : X \mapsto Y$  is continuous, there exists a  $\delta = \delta(\theta) > 0$  such that if  $d_X(x, x_0) < \delta$ , we have  $d_Y(f(x), f(x_0)) < \theta$ .

Therefore, for any  $x_0 \in X$  and every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  defined above such that if  $d_X(x, x_0) < \delta$ , then  $d_Y(f(x), f(x_0)) = d_Y(y, y_0) < \theta$ , thus we have  $d_Z(h(x), h(x_0)) = d_Z(g(f(x)), g(f(x_0))) = d_Z(g(y), g(y_0)) < \varepsilon$ .  $\square$