

Topology vector spaces

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1. Topology spaces

We have seen many important example of Banach spaces, or more generally examples of vector spaces with a metric structure. However, there are also examples of important spaces whose natural structure does not follow from a complete metric.

Example. $X = C_0^0(\mathbb{R}) = \{\text{compactly supported continuous function on } \mathbb{R}\}$ If we let

$$X_n = C_0^0([-n, n]) = \{f \in C_0^0(\mathbb{R}) : \text{supp}(f) \subset [-n, n]\},$$

$$\text{supp}(f) = \overline{\{x \mid f(x) \neq 0\}}$$

- $X = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$
- $X_n \subset C^0([-n, n])$ is closed. (Banach space)
- X_n is nowhere dense in $C^0(-n, n)$ (and in $C^0([-m, m])$ for $m \geq n$).

Of course any reasonable structure in $C_0^0(\mathbb{R})$ should give the subsapce $C_0^0([-n, n])$ natural Banach space structure.