

Let S be a metric space with distance d

Recall 1) An open cover of $E \subseteq S$ is a collection $C = \{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ of open sets $U_\alpha \subseteq S$ such that each element of E is contained in some U_α

$$(E \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} U_\alpha)$$

2) A finite subcover of C is a finite subset $\{U_{\alpha_1}, \dots, U_{\alpha_n}\} \subseteq C$ such that the union of E is in $U_{\alpha_1} \cup \dots \cup U_{\alpha_n}$

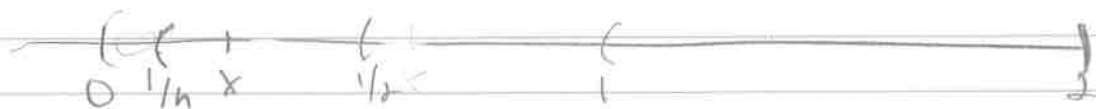
$$(E \subseteq U_{\alpha_1} \cup \dots \cup U_{\alpha_n})$$

Def E is compact if every open cover contains a finite subcover.

(Note! every set has a finite cover $\{S\}$, i.e. E is always covered with no finite subcover)

Example 1 $C = \{(1/n, 2), (\frac{1}{2}, 2), (\frac{1}{3}, 2), \dots, (\frac{1}{n}, 2), \dots\}$ is an open cover of $(0, 2)$

$x \in (0, 2)$, $0 < x < 2$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\frac{1}{n} < x < 2$, $x \in (\frac{1}{n}, 2)$.



But any finite subset of C is of the form $\{(\frac{1}{n_1}, 2), \dots, (\frac{1}{n_k}, 2)\}$ $n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_k$ and $\frac{1}{n_k} \notin (0, 2)$ is in none of these sets. So C has no finite subcover.

Exmp 2 C is not an open cover of $[0, 2]$, $0, 2 \notin (\frac{1}{n}, 2)$
 $(\cup \{(-1, 1), (1, 3)\})$ is an open cover of $[0, 2]$, with finite subcover $\{(-1, 1), (\frac{1}{2}, 2), (1, 3)\}$.

Theorem: E is compact if and only if it is sequentially compact

General metric space
 Compact $\Leftrightarrow$ Sequentially Compact
 $\Downarrow$ $\checkmark$
 closed + bounded

$\mathbb{R}^k$
 Compact $\Leftrightarrow$ SC
 $\Downarrow$ $\checkmark$
 closed + bounded

Can we show this def. implies previous theorems

The $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ compact, $f: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ continuous, then
 1) $f(E)$ is compact 2) f is uniformly continuous

Proof idea

1) $\{U_\alpha\}$ open cover of $f(E)$, $\{f^{-1}(U_\alpha)\}$ open cover of E
 $E \xrightarrow{\text{finite}} \text{finite } \{f^{-1}(U_{\alpha_1}), \dots, f^{-1}(U_{\alpha_n})\} \rightarrow \text{finite } \{U_{\alpha_1}, \dots, U_{\alpha_n}\}$
 of $f(E)$ of $f(E)$

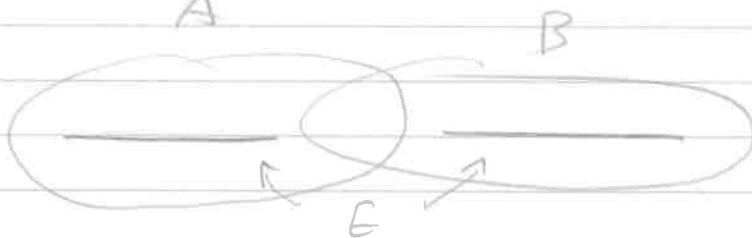
2) let $\epsilon > 0$, for each $x \in E$, there δ_x such
 that $d(s, x) < \delta \Rightarrow d^*(f(s), f(x)) < \epsilon$.

$U_x = \{s \in E \mid d(s, x) < \delta_x/2\}$ is a cover; a finite
 subcover gives $\delta_{x_1}, \dots, \delta_{x_n}$, the min (> 0) is δ .

Connectedness

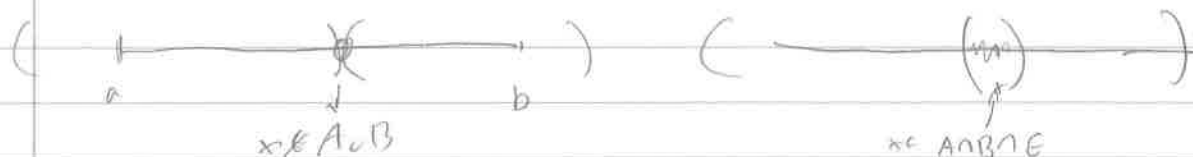
A set $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is disconnected if there are $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$
 such that

- 1) $E \subseteq A \cup B$
- 2) $A \cap B \cap E = \emptyset$
- 3) $A \cap E \neq \emptyset$
- 4) $B \cap E \neq \emptyset$



A set E is connected if it is not disconnected.

Idea! Can't do this with an interval $E = [c, b]$ or (c, b)



Theorem 1 $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is connected if and only if it is an interval

Let S be a metric space with metric d ; let S^* be a metric space with metric d^*

Theorem 2 If $E \subseteq S$ is connected, $f: S \rightarrow S^*$ is continuous, then $f(E)$ is connected.

Corollary If $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is connected, $f: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, $f(E)$ is an interval; i.e. f has the intermediate value property

(a,b) Every value between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$, there is $x \in E$ such that $f(x) = y$

Proof Thm 1

Step 1 Assume E is not an interval; prove E is not connected.

Since E is not an interval; there are $a, b \in E$, and $x \notin E$ such that $a < x < b$.

Let $A = (-\infty, x)$ and $B = (x, \infty)$.

1) $E \subseteq \mathbb{R} \setminus \{x\} = A \cup B$

2) $A \cap B = \emptyset$

3) $a \in A \cap E$

4) $b \in B \cap E$



So E is not connected.

Step 2 Assume E is an interval. Assume, towards a contradiction, that E is not connected. Let A, B be as in the definition of this condition.

Let $a \in A \cap E$, $b \in B \cap E$. Let $t = \sup [a, b] \cap A$. Then $t \in [a, b] \subseteq E$.

There is a sequence (x_n) in $[a, b] \cap A$ such that $x_n \rightarrow t$. Since $x_n \in A \cap E$, $x_n \notin B$.

So B is open, $\mathbb{R} \setminus B$ is closed, and $x_n \rightarrow t$ implies $t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus B$, and in particular $t < b$.

Let $y_n = t + \frac{b-t}{n}$. Then $t < y_n < b$ and $y_n \rightarrow b$. Since $y_n > t$, $y_n \notin A \cap [a, b]$.

So $y_n \notin A$. But A is closed, so $y_n \rightarrow t$ implies $t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus A$. So $t \notin A \cup B$, a contradiction.

