

Defn A metric space is a set X together with a function $d: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying the following:

- i) $d(x, x) = 0$
- ii) $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$
- iii) $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$

(e.g. $\mathbb{R}^n$ with $d(x, y) = |x - y|$)

A metric induces a topology on X . Denote

$$B_r(x) = \{y \in X \mid d(x, y) < r\}$$

Then we say $U \subseteq X$ is open if for all $x \in U$ there is an $r_x > 0$ s.t. $B_{r_x}(x) \subseteq U$.

A set $C \subseteq X$ is closed if C^c is open. Note a set can be clopen (e.g. X and $\emptyset$ are always clopen)

- Arbitrary unions of open sets are open

- Finite intersections of open sets are open

swap unions and intersections for closed sets

4.1.13 - Fall 1989 6 Take a point $z \in Y^c$.
 Take $\gamma = d(z, x) - r$. $\gamma > 0$ by definition of Y . Now consider

$$z' \in B_\gamma(z). \text{ Then } r < d(x, z) \leq d(x, z') + d(z', z) < d(x, z') + \gamma$$

$$\Rightarrow d(x, z') > r \text{ so } z' \in Y^c$$

Now we cover some more properties of metric spaces.

Defn A sequence $\{x_n\} \in X$ converges to $x \in X$ if for any $\epsilon > 0$ there is $N > 0$ s.t. $x_n \in B_\epsilon(x)$ for all $n > N$.

E.g. $C \subseteq X$ is closed $\Leftrightarrow$ if $\{x_n\} \in C$ converges to $x \in X$, then $x \in C$.

One property metric spaces have that more general topological spaces do not enjoy: For any $x, y \in X$ s.t. $x \neq y$, there exists open sets $x \in U_x, y \in U_y$ s.t.

$$U_x \cap U_y = \emptyset$$

called Hausdorff. One consequence of this is that a convergent sequence cannot converge to more than one element in X .

In metric spaces there is a sequential formulation of compactness. Here is the usual one:

Defn $C \subseteq X$ is compact if for every collection of open sets $\{U_\alpha\}$ such that $C \subseteq \bigcup_\alpha U_\alpha$, there exists a finite subset $\{U_{i_j}\}$ s.t. $C \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^n U_{i_j}$

"every open cover has a finite subcover"

Note for X a metric space, C compact $\Rightarrow$ C is closed and bounded (bounded meaning $d(x_1, x_2) \leq M \forall x_1, x_2 \in C$)

The converse is usually not true (e.g. $(0, 1]$)
except in $\mathbb{R}^n$ (Heine-Borel theorem)

Defn $C \subseteq X$ is sequentially compact if for every sequence $\{x_n\} \in X$ there is a convergent subsequence

In the case of $\mathbb{R}^n$ this is usually called Bolzano-Weierstrass

For X a metric space

Compactness $\Leftrightarrow$ Sequential Compactness

For X, Y metric spaces, the following definitions of a continuous function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ are equivalent

i) For each $x \in X$, for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a $\delta > 0$ s.t.

$$d(y, x) < \delta \Rightarrow d(f(y), f(x)) < \varepsilon$$

ii) For any $U \subseteq Y$ open, $f^{-1}(U)$ is open

iii) For any convergent sequence $\{x_n\} \subseteq X$
 $x_n \rightarrow x$, then $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$

Now, compactness is a "topological property",
Such properties should be preserved under continuous
functions.

Thm If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ continuous and $C \subseteq X$ is
compact, then $f(C)$ is compact.

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Pull back open cover of $f(C)$ to C and then
take an open subcover. $\Rightarrow$ This gives extreme
value thm.

4.2.6 - Fall 1980 19 Suppose for contradiction
there is $x \notin f(X)$. X is compact, thus $f(X)$ is
also compact, and in particular closed. Then there is
 $\varepsilon > 0$ s.t. $d(x, f(X)) \geq \varepsilon$.

Now consider the sequence $\{f^n(x)\}$. Since X is a compact metric space, this should have a convergent subsequence. However, for any $m > n$

$$d(f^n(x), f^m(x)) = d(x, f^{m-n}(x)) \geq \varepsilon$$

and so there can't be a convergent subsequence.

There is a slightly stronger version of continuity only available in metric space which sometimes comes up.

Def $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is uniformly continuous if for any

$\varepsilon > 0$ there is $\delta > 0$ s.t.

$$d(x, y) < \delta \Rightarrow d(f(x), f(y)) < \varepsilon$$

Thm If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous and X is compact, then f is uniformly continuous.

pf
 $\varepsilon > 0$. For each $x \in X$ consider $\delta_x > 0$ s.t.
 $f(B_{\delta_x}(x)) \subseteq B_\varepsilon(f(x))$. Then take a subcover
 $B_{\delta_i}(x_i)$ and set $\delta = \min(\delta_i)$ $\square$

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X is compact and thus so is $f(X)$, thus f is
 bounded. Suppose $|f(x) - f(y)| < B$ for all x, y .

Now, as long as $|x - y| \geq c$ and $M \geq B/c$, then
 for any $\varepsilon > 0$

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq \varepsilon + M|x - y|$$

so just need to look at when $|x - y|$ is small.

X is compact, thus f is uniformly continuous, thus

For $\epsilon > 0$ there is $\delta > 0$ s.t.

$$|f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon \quad \text{whenever } |x - y| < \delta.$$

Thus set $M = B_\delta$ works.

We now consider $C(X) := \{f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ continuous}\}$

where X is a compact metric space.

Now this space is a vector space. Furthermore we can define a norm

$$\|f\| = \max |f|$$

$$i) \|f\| \geq 0, = 0 \Leftrightarrow f = 0$$

$$ii) \|cf\| = |c| \|f\|$$

$$iii) \|f+g\| \leq \|f\| + \|g\|$$

These properties give that $d(f, g) = \|f - g\|$ turns $C(X)$ into a metric space.

Note if $f_n \rightarrow f$ in this metric that means

$$\max |f - f_n| \rightarrow 0$$

which means f_n converges uniformly to f

$$\left(\text{i.e. } \forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon \text{ for large } n \right)$$

any x

Recall, the result of a uniformly converging sequence of continuous functions is continuous (good practice to prove this)

$C(X)$ has the following special property:

Def) If X is a metric space and $\{x_n\}$ a sequence s.t. for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there is $N > 0$ s.t.

$$d(x_{n_1}, x_{n_2}) < \varepsilon$$

for all $n_1, n_2 > N$, $\{x_n\}$ is called Cauchy.

ii) X is called complete if every Cauchy sequence is convergent

$\mathbb{R}^n$ is complete, and so $\mathcal{C}(X)$ is as well.

Summary: $\mathcal{C}(X)$ is a normed vector space, the metric induced by the norm is complete and convergence is uniform.

There is a characterization of compact sets in this space.

Defn A subset $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{C}(X)$ is equicontinuous if for each $x \in X$, for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is $\delta > 0$ s.t.

$$|f(x') - f(x)| < \varepsilon$$

for all $d(x', x) < \delta$, for all $f \in \mathcal{F}$.

Uniform equicontinuity and equicontinuity equivalent when X is compact.

Thm If $\{f_n\} \subseteq C(X)$ a uniformly bounded equicontinuous sequence, then f_n has a uniformly convergent subsequence. Further, $\mathcal{F} \subseteq C(X)$ is s.t. $\overline{\mathcal{F}}$ is compact $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{F}$ is uniformly bounded and equicontinuous.

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Let $\varepsilon > 0$, $x \in X$. There is $f_1 \in \mathcal{F}$ s.t.

$$f_1(x) \leq g(x) \leq f_1(x) + \varepsilon$$

Now, let $\delta > 0$ s.t. if $y \in B_\delta(x)$ then

$$|f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F}$$

Then for $y \in B_\delta(x)$ there is $f_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ s.t.

$$f_2(y) \leq g(y) \leq f_2(y) + \varepsilon$$

Now, by definition of g ,

$$f_2(x) \leq f_1(x) + \varepsilon$$

and so by equicontinuity f_2 can increase by at most ϵ , f_1 can decrease by at most ϵ , so

$$f_2(y) \geq f_1(y) + 3\epsilon$$

thus

$$f_1(y) \leq g(y) \leq f_1(y) + 3\epsilon$$

and thus

$$|g(y) - g(x)| \leq 2\epsilon$$

for all $y \in B_\delta(x)$.

Thm (Banach fixed-point) Suppose X is a complete metric space and $T: X \rightarrow X$ is a map s.t. there is $\epsilon \in [0, 1)$ with

$$d(T(x), T(y)) \leq \epsilon d(x, y)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Then there is a unique $x^* \in X$ s.t.

$$T(x^*) = x^*.$$

Used for proving existence to differential equations,
main idea in proof of Picard-Lindelöf.

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$$T: C([0,1]) \rightarrow C([0,1])$$

$$f \mapsto e^{x^2} - \int_0^1 K(x,y) f(y) dy$$

Looking for a fixed point. We have

$$\|Tf - Tg\| = \max \left| \int_0^1 K(x,y) (g(y) - f(y)) dy \right| (*)$$

$$\leq \max |K(x,y)| \|g - f\|$$

$$\leq (\max |K(x,y)|) \|f - g\|$$

by assumption $\max |K(x,y)| < 1$, thus done

Last technique to mention is diagonalization.

Sometimes if I am trying to prove something about a sequence $\{x_n\}$ it is good to construct subsequences

$x_{1,1}, x_{1,2}, \dots$

$x_{2,1}, x_{2,2}, \dots$

$x_{3,1}, \dots$

$\vdots$

that have properties closer and closer to we want.
Then choosing $\{x_{i,i}\}$ may have the desired property. For a great example, read the proof of Arzela-Ascoli.