

Metric and Topological Spaces

1 Decide if the function $d(x,y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x=y \\ x+y & \text{if } x \neq y \end{cases}$ is or is not a metric on the set $\mathbb{N}_{\geq 1}$, on $\mathbb{N}_{\geq 0}$, on $\mathbb{N}_{\geq 0} \cup \{-1\}$, on $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$.
If "yes" at least once, then draw the respective open disks $B_{r=10}(x_0=2)$ and $B_{r=2}(x_0=10)$

For d to be a metric, it needs to satisfy the 3 axioms.

On the set $\mathbb{N}_{\geq 1}$, we see that

M_1) holds, as $d(x,y) \geq 0$ for all $x,y \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 1}$, as $x \neq y$ ~~$x,y \geq 0$~~ , so $x+y > 0$, and when $x=y$, by definition of d , $d(x,y) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow d(x,y) \geq 0$ and $d(x,y) = 0$ iff $x=y$.

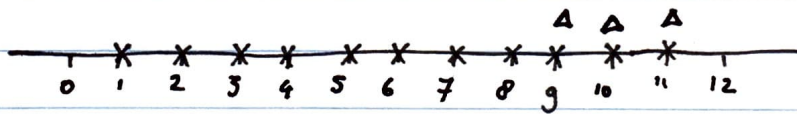
M_2) also holds, as $d(x,y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x=y \\ x+y & \text{if } x \neq y \end{cases}$
~~On the set $\mathbb{N}_{\geq 0}$~~

Then, we see that if $y=x$, $d(y,x) = 0$, and ~~$x+y = y+x$~~
so, $d(y,x) = y+x = x+y$ if $y \neq x$

$\Rightarrow d(y,x) = d(x,y)$ for all $x,y \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 1}$

M_3) Let us take any $x,y,z \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 1}$. Then, consider 2 cases. case 1) $x=z$. Then $d(x,z) = 0 \leq d(x,y) + d(y,z)$ regardless of $y=x=z$, or $y \neq x=z$.

case 2) $x \neq z$. Then $d(x,z) = x+z < x+y+y+z = d(x,y) + d(y,z)$ for all $y \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 1}$ as $y \neq 0$.



$x = B_{r=10}(x_0=2)$

$\Delta = B_{r=2}(x_0=10)$

Next, we consider $\mathbb{N}_{\geq 0}$. Note that for M_1 , nothing changes, as $x \neq y$, but 1 of them being 0 means $d(x,y) = x+y = x+0 = x > 0$
for example $y=0$

and for $x=y=0$ $d(x,y) = 0$ by definition.

For M_2), the argument holds as it is.

For M_3), If case 1), we see that the argument as it is holds for case 2), note that $d(x,z) = x+z \leq x+y+y+z = d(x,y) + d(y,z)$ as y can equal 0 now.

Continuation of question 1:

But, we still have $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$ for all $x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 0}$.

For $B_{r=10}(x_0=2)$, we add an x to the point $\{0\}$.

For $B_{r=2}(x_0=10)$, we don't add anything.

Now, we consider $\mathbb{N}_{\geq 0} \cup \{-1\}$.

Note that for M_1 , we get that if $x=1, y=-1$,

$d(x, y) = x+y = 1-1 = 0$ even though $x \neq y$. As this axiom doesn't hold, d is not a metric on $\mathbb{N}_{\geq 0} \cup \{-1\}$.

Lastly, we consider $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$.

For M_1 , consider $d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x=y \\ x+y & \text{if } x \neq y \end{cases}$

From this we see, as x, y nonnegative, that $d(x, y) \geq 0$, and only 0 if $x=y$ ($x+y$ is zero iff $y=-x$, but we don't have negative numbers). Trivially, if $x=y \Rightarrow d(x, y)=0$ by definition.

For M_2)

Consider any $x, y \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$

$$d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x=y \\ x+y & \text{if } x \neq y \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \text{ if } y=x$$

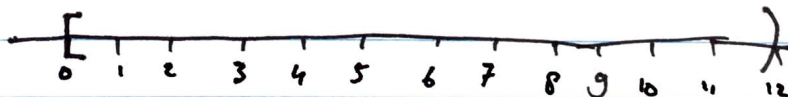
$$x+y = y+x$$

$$\Rightarrow d(y, x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y=x \text{ (} x=y \text{)} \\ y+x = x+y & \text{if } y \neq x \end{cases}$$

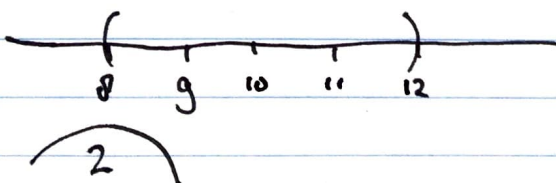
$$\text{so } d(y, x) = d(x, y)$$

For M_3), the same argument as for $\mathbb{N}_{\geq 0}$ holds

$$B_{r=10}(x_0=2)$$



$$B_{r=2}(x_0=10)$$



2. Let (X, d_x) , (Y, d_y) be metric spaces. Prove that a map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous iff $f(\bar{A}) \subseteq \overline{f(A)}$ for all subsets $A \subseteq X$

We solved this exercise in homework 3.

\Rightarrow Let us assume f is continuous. ~~Let A be any subset of X , and let $y \in f(\bar{A})$. We know that there must exist an $x \in \bar{A}$ s.t. $f(x) = y \in f(\bar{A})$. As f is continuous, we know that for $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$ s.t. $f(B_\delta(x)) \subseteq B_\epsilon(y)$ by proposition 5.30.~~

By definition of the closure, $\exists a \in A$ s.t. $a \in A \cap B_\delta(x)$. This gives us: $f(a) \in f(B_\delta(x)) \subseteq B_\epsilon(y)$. This means that $f(a) \in B_\epsilon(y) \cap f(A)$. This gives that $f(a) \in \overline{f(A)}$
 $\Rightarrow f(\bar{A}) \subseteq \overline{f(A)}$

\Leftarrow Let us assume that $f(\bar{A}) \subseteq \overline{f(A)}$ for all $A \subseteq X$. From proposition 6.6, we know that f is continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in X whenever V is closed in Y . Suppose we have any $V \subseteq Y$ closed in Y . Then, we know by proposition 6.11c that $V = \bar{V}$. Note that $f(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq V$.

By proposition 6.11b), we now see that

$$\overline{f(f^{-1}(V))} \subseteq \bar{V} = V. \quad *$$

By our assumption, we also have

$$\overline{f(f^{-1}(V))} \subseteq \overline{f(f^{-1}(V))} \quad \Delta$$

Combining $*$ and Δ gives us

$$\overline{f(f^{-1}(V))} \subseteq \bar{V} = V \Rightarrow \overline{f^{-1}(V)} \subseteq f^{-1}(V).$$

Now, by proposition 6.11a), we have that

$$\overline{f^{-1}(V)} \subseteq \overline{f^{-1}(V)}, \text{ which means that } \overline{f^{-1}(V)} = f^{-1}(V)$$

We know that $\overline{f^{-1}(V)}$ is closed in X , so $f^{-1}(V)$ must be closed in X .

So, now by proposition 6.6, as for all V closed in Y , $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in X , f is continuous.

3 In a space X , its subset V is closed iff it contains its own boundary: $\partial V \subseteq V$

\Rightarrow Assume V is closed. By proposition 9.10 C, $V = \bar{V}$.
consider any $x \in \partial V$

By proposition 9.20, we know that $\partial V = \bar{V} \cap \overline{X \setminus V}$
 $\Rightarrow x \in \partial V = \bar{V} \cap \overline{X \setminus V}$

This means that $x \in \bar{V}$, but as $\bar{V} = V$, $x \in V$.

So $\partial V \subseteq V$.

\leftarrow Assume that $\partial V \subseteq V$.

We know by proposition 9.10 C that V is closed in X iff $V = \bar{V}$

By proposition 9.10 a), we know that $V \subseteq \bar{V}$

What remains to be shown is $\bar{V} \subseteq V$.

To this end, consider $v \in \bar{V}$

Then, we can distinguish 2 cases:

case 1) $v \notin \partial V$

case 2) $v \in \partial V$

Let us consider case 1). By definition $\partial V = \bar{V} \setminus \overset{\circ}{V}$

$v \notin \partial V = \bar{V} \setminus \overset{\circ}{V}$, but $v \in \bar{V} \Rightarrow v \in \overset{\circ}{V}$

By proposition 9.17 a), $\overset{\circ}{V} \subseteq V \Rightarrow v \in V$.

Next, case 2). $v \in \partial V$. We know from proposition 9.20 that $\partial V = \bar{V} \cap \overline{X \setminus V}$.

$v \in \partial V = \bar{V} \cap \overline{X \setminus V} \Rightarrow v \in \bar{V}, v \in \overline{X \setminus V}$

$v \in \bar{V} \Rightarrow \exists U_1 \subseteq X$ open s.t. $v \in U_1, V \cap U_1 \neq \emptyset$

$v \in \overline{X \setminus V} \Rightarrow \exists U_2 \subseteq X$ open s.t. $v \in U_2, (X \setminus V) \cap U_2 \neq \emptyset$

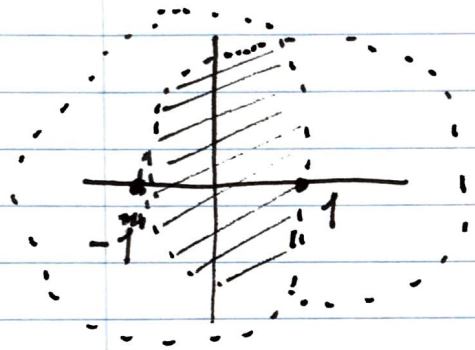
4 Give an example of a sequence of open connected subsets $U_n \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ of the plane such that $U_n \supseteq U_{n+1}$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ but the intersection $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n$ is not connected.

Consider in \mathbb{R}^2 the following intersection:

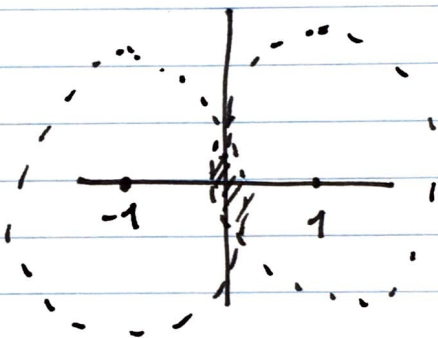
$$B_{1+\frac{1}{n}}(1) \cap B_{1+\frac{1}{n}}(-1) = U_n$$

Then $U_n \supseteq U_{n+1}$ U_n are open connected subsets, but note that $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n$ is not connected

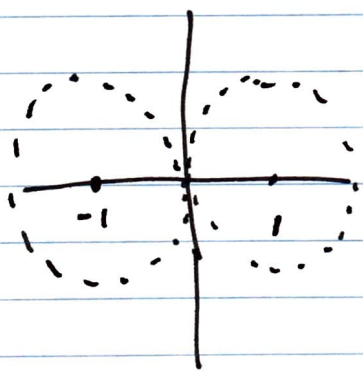
$n=1$



$n=10$



$n \rightarrow \infty$



where we can make the partition ~~(B_n(1) \cup B_n(-1))~~
 $B_n(1) \cup B_n(-1)$

$$(B_n(1) \cup B_n(-1)) = U_n \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$B_n(1) \cap B_n(-1) = \emptyset$$

$B_n(1), B_n(-1)$ both open

$B_n(1), B_n(-1)$ both nonempty

5 Let X be a Hausdorff space

a) In X , every compact is closed.

b) For any point $x \in X$, the intersection of all open subsets of X containing x is the singleton set $\{x\}$.

c) Given an example of topological space X which is not Hausdorff, its topology is not ~~finite~~ cofinite, still b) holds.

a) Let $A \subseteq X$ be compact. (X, \mathcal{T}_X)

We know from proposition 11.9 a) that ~~every~~ A is also Hausdorff.

We want to show that ~~for~~ $X \setminus A$ is open in X , i.e.,

$$\forall x \in X \setminus A, \exists U_x \in \mathcal{T}_X \text{ s.t. } x \in U_x \subseteq X \setminus A$$

Let us fix any $x \in X \setminus A$, and let ~~each~~ $a_i \in A$. $i \in \mathbb{I}$

Then, as X is Hausdorff, we know that

$$\exists U_{a_i}(x) \in \mathcal{T}_X \mid x \in U_{a_i}(x), \exists U_x(a_i) \in \mathcal{T}_X \mid a_i \in U_x(a_i) \text{ and } U_{a_i}(x) \cap U_x(a_i) = \emptyset.$$

Note that $\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{I}} U_x(a_i)$ is an open cover for A . Now, as A is compact, we can find a finite subcover of A , i.e.,

$$\exists \mathcal{J} \text{ indexing set } |\mathcal{J}| < \infty \text{ s.t. } \bigcup_{j \in \mathcal{J}} U_x(a_j) \supseteq A.$$

Now, let us consider $\bigcap_{j \in \mathcal{J}} U_{a_j}(x)$. We see that $x \in \bigcap_{j \in \mathcal{J}} U_{a_j}(x)$, and as it's a finite intersection of open sets,

$\bigcap_{j \in \mathcal{J}} U_{a_j}(x)$ is open in X .

$$\text{By construction, } A \cap \left(\bigcap_{j \in \mathcal{J}} U_{a_j}(x) \right) \subseteq \left(\bigcup_{j \in \mathcal{J}} U_x(a_j) \right) \cap \left(\bigcap_{j \in \mathcal{J}} U_{a_j}(x) \right) = \emptyset$$

Then, we see that $\bigcap_{j \in \mathcal{J}} U_{a_j}(x) \in X \setminus A$.

Now, set $U_x = \bigcap_{j \in \mathcal{J}} U_{a_j}(x)$. Then, we see that $\forall x \in X \setminus A, \exists U_x$ s.t. $x \in U_x \subseteq X \setminus A$.

Now, by ~~definition~~, proposition 7.2, $X \setminus A$ is open in X
 $\Rightarrow A$ is closed in X .

Continuation of question 5

b) Let us fix $x^* \in X$ for an arbitrary x^* .

Let us consider 2 cases:

Case 1) \exists a set ~~$U \subseteq X$~~ $A \subseteq X$ such that it only contains $\{x^*\}$. Then, regardless of with what subsets containing x^* we intersect, ~~the~~ this intersection will only contain $\{x^*\}$

Case 2) \nexists such a set A as described above (or we cannot find it). Then, we know that X is Hausdorff.

Let us consider any set $U \subseteq X$ containing x^* and assume $\exists y \in X$ s.t. $y \in U$.

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at least 1 Let $y_i \in U$ for $i \in \mathbb{I}$ some indexing set ~~and~~ be all elements of U not equal to x^* .

As X is Hausdorff, \exists open sets $U_{x^*}(y_i) \ni y_i$ $U_{y_i}(x^*) \ni x^*$ such that $U_{x^*}(y_i) \cap U_{y_i}(x^*) = \emptyset$.

~~Let us set this intersection as A_i~~

Note that for $\forall z \in U_{x^*}(y_i)$, $z \notin U_{y_i}(x^*) \cap U$, and define this intersection as A_i .

Now consider $\bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{I}} A_i$. This intersection contains x^* , but x^* only by construction.

\Rightarrow the intersection of all open subsets containing x for any point $x \in X$ is the singleton set $\{x\}$.

c) ~~Consider the topology \mathbb{R} Euclidean topology on \mathbb{R} obtained from all open sets satisfying $B_\epsilon(x)$ $x \in \mathbb{R}$, and let us set $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2}$.~~

Let us consider the Thick Line as defined in lecture 8.

Then, the Thick line is not Hausdorff, it's topology is not finite, and b) holds.

6 A metric space X is complete. \Leftrightarrow any nested sequence of closed disks $V_n := \overline{B_{r_n}}(x_n) = \{y \in X \mid d(x_n, y) \leq r_n\} \supseteq V_{n+1}$ such that their radii $r_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ has a nonempty intersection. Prove \Leftarrow

Let us assume that we have any nested sequence of closed disks $V_n := \overline{B_{r_n}}(x_n) = \{y \in X \mid d(x_n, y) \leq r_n\} \supseteq V_{n+1}$ s.t. $r_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Consider any Cauchy sequence ~~in X~~ (x_n) in X , and note that ~~we can~~ by definition of a Cauchy sequence, for $\epsilon > 0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. whenever $m, n \geq N$, $d(x_n, x_m) < \epsilon$.

~~Now let us choose $\epsilon > 0$. Then, as $r_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we can choose an N s.t. $r_N < \epsilon$.~~

From the sequence (x_n) , we will construct a nested sequence of closed disks in the following way:

Let us set $r_n = d(x_n, x_{n-1})$ when $n \geq 2$, and let ~~$r_1 = 2r_2$~~

Note that like this, we will obtain a nested sequence of closed disks $V_n = \overline{B_{r_n}}(x_n)$

As (x_n) is Cauchy, for any $\epsilon > 0$, we can find ~~an N~~ $N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. whenever $n, m \geq N$,

$d(x_n, x_m) < \epsilon$. Now, let us choose $r_N < \epsilon$. Then, by construction of V_n , $d(x_n, x_m) \leq r_N < \epsilon \Rightarrow d(x_n, x_m) < \epsilon$.

As we can make ϵ arbitrarily small, we can find $N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ as $N \rightarrow \infty$. In other words, we can make

$r_N \rightarrow 0$ as $N \rightarrow \infty$. Now by assumption $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} V_n$ is not empty. $\Rightarrow \exists x \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} V_n$

This means that, as ~~$(x_n) \in V_1$~~ $(x_n) \in V_1$, (x_n) converges to $x \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} V_n$.

$\Rightarrow (x_n)$ converges to a point in X

Continuation question 6:

As we choose any Cauchy sequence in X , all Cauchy sequences in X will converge to a point in X , and thus, by definition, X is complete.