

# Metric Spaces

Def<sup>n</sup> Let  $X$  be a non-empty set, and suppose that  $d$  is a function

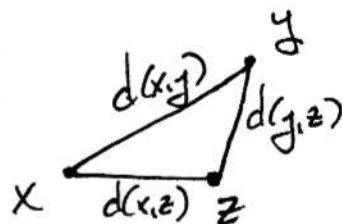
$$d: X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$$

such that

$$(i) \quad d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$$

$$(ii) \quad d(x, y) = d(y, x) \quad \forall x, y \in X$$

$$(iii) \quad d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X$$



Then  $(X, d)$  is called a METRIC SPACE with the METRIC  $d$ .

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

Example  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $d(x, y) = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |x_j - y_j|$   $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$

Proof (i) & (ii) are obvious.

For (iii) we find

$$d(x, y) = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |x_j - y_j| = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |(x_j - z_j) + (z_j - y_j)| \leq$$

$$\leq \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} (|x_j - z_j| + |z_j - y_j|) \leq \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |x_j - z_j| + \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |z_j - y_j|$$

$$= d(x, z) + d(z, y)$$

Example Let  $X$  be any set.

$$\text{Define } d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = y \\ 1 & \text{if } x \neq y \end{cases}$$

Claim Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space.

Let  $Y$  be a subset of  $X$ .

Then  $(Y, d)$  is a metric space.

We call  $(Y, d)$  a subspace of  $(X, d)$ .

Example  $X = \mathbb{R}$   $d(x, y) = |x - y|$

Then  $(\mathbb{Q}, d)$  is a subspace of  $(\mathbb{R}, d)$

Def<sup>n</sup>

Let  $F$  be a scalar field ( $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ ).

Then a set  $X$  is called a **VECTOR SPACE** over  $F$  (or a **LINEAR SPACE**) if there exist operations "+" and "." such that

- $X$  is a commutative group w.r.t. +
- (i)  $x + y = y + x \quad \forall x, y \in X$
  - (ii)  $(x + y) + z = x + (y + z) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X$
  - (iii)  $\exists 0 \in X$  such that  $x + 0 = x \quad \forall x \in X$
  - (iv)  $\forall x \in X \exists$  an element " $-x$ "  $\in X$  s.t.  $x + (-x) = 0$

- Conditions on scalar multiplication
- (v)  $1 \cdot x = x \quad \forall x \in X$
  - (vi)  $(\lambda + \mu)x = \lambda x + \mu x \quad \forall \lambda, \mu \in F, x \in X$
  - (vii)  $\lambda(\mu x) = (\lambda\mu)x$
  - (viii)  $\lambda(x + y) = \lambda x + \lambda y \quad \forall \lambda \in F, x, y \in X$

Def<sup>n</sup> A linear space  $X$  (over  $F$ ) is called a **NORMED LINEAR SPACE** if there exists a map  $\|\cdot\| : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that

- (i)  $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\|$
- (ii)  $\|x+y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$
- (iii)  $\|x\| = 0 \iff x = 0$

Claim A normed linear space is a metric space with the metric  $d(x, y) = \|x - y\|$ .

Example  $X = \mathbb{R}^n$   $\|x\|_p = \left(\sum_{j=1}^n |x_j|^p\right)^{1/p}$  for  $p < \infty$   
 $\|x\|_\infty = \sup_{1 \leq j \leq n} |x_j| \left( \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \|x\|_p \right)$

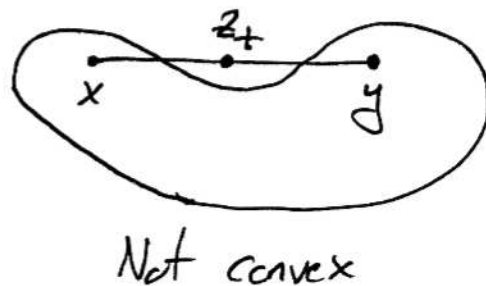
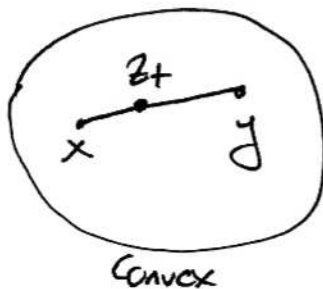
Claim  $(X, \|\cdot\|_p)$  is a NLS when  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$

Proof (i) & (iii) are trivial  
 (ii) is a little bit of work unless  $p = 1, 2, \infty$   
 Homework!

What about the case  $p < 1$ ? Let's take a detour:

Def<sup>n</sup> Let  $A$  be a subset of a NLS  $X$ . We say that  $A$  is **CONVEX** if  $\forall x, y \in A$  &  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $z_t = tx + (1-t)y \in A$

Examples



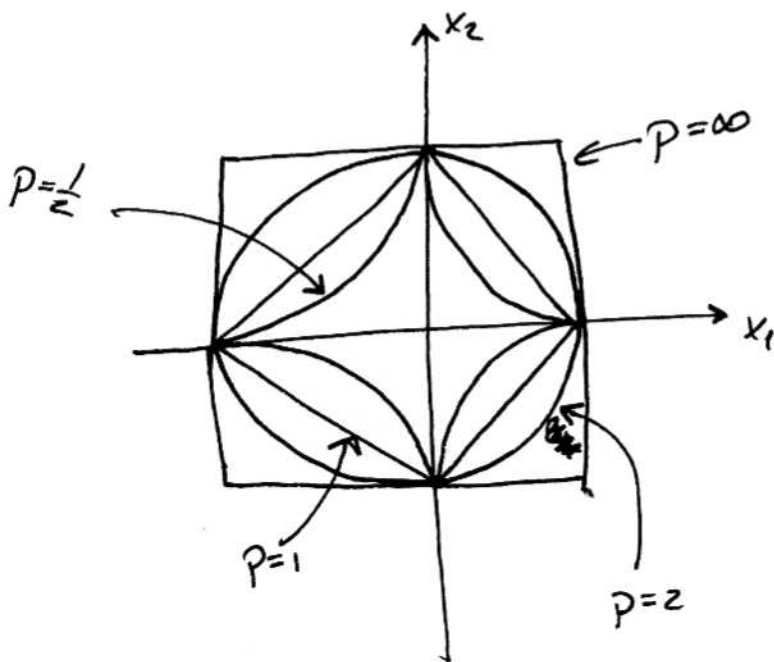
Lemma Let  $X$  be a NLS and set  
 $B = \{x \in X : \|x\| \leq 1\}$  ← "Closed unit ball"  
 Then  $B$  is convex

Proof Pick  $x, y \in B$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Then  
 $\|z_t\| = \|tx + (1-t)y\| \leq \|tx\| + \|(1-t)y\| = t\|x\| + (1-t)\|y\| \leq 1$   
 So  $z_t \in B$ .

Claim  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \|\cdot\|_p)$  is NOT a NLS ~~when~~ when  $p < 1$ .

Proof We will prove that the unit ball is not convex.  
 Set  $e^{(1)} = [1, 0, \dots, 0]$ ,  $e^{(2)} = [0, 1, 0, \dots, 0]$ , then  $e^{(1)}, e^{(2)} \in B$ .  
 $z_{1/2} = [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, \dots, 0]$ .  
 $\|z_{1/2}\|_p = (\frac{1}{2^p} + \frac{1}{2^p})^{1/p} = (2 \cdot 2^{-p})^{1/p} = 2^{\frac{1}{p}-1} > 1$  if  $p < 1$   
 so  $z_{1/2} \notin B$ .

In  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , we find that the unit ball has the following shapes:



# CONVERGENCE, COMPLETENESS

AAB (5)

Def<sup>n</sup> Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space, and let  $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence in  $X$ .

\* We say that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  if  $d(x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$ . CONVERGENCE

\* We say that  $(x_n)$  is CAUCHY if  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N$  such that  $m, n \geq N \Rightarrow d(x_n, x_m) < \epsilon$

\* We say that  $X$  is COMPLETE if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  has a limit point in  $X$ .

Note: Every convergent sequence is necessarily Cauchy.

Thm:  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a complete metric space. ← Important.

Example  $X = (0, 1)$ . Is  $X$  complete? No:  $x_n = \frac{1}{n}$  is Cauchy.

Example Every closed subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a complete metric space. (We will return to the question of when a set is "closed" shortly.)

Example  $\mathbb{Q}$  with the usual metric is not complete.

For a counterexample, pick for any integer  $n$  a rational ~~number~~ number  $q_n \in (\sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{n}, \sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{n})$

Then  $(q_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is Cauchy, but ~~it~~ does not converge to a point in  $\mathbb{Q}$ .



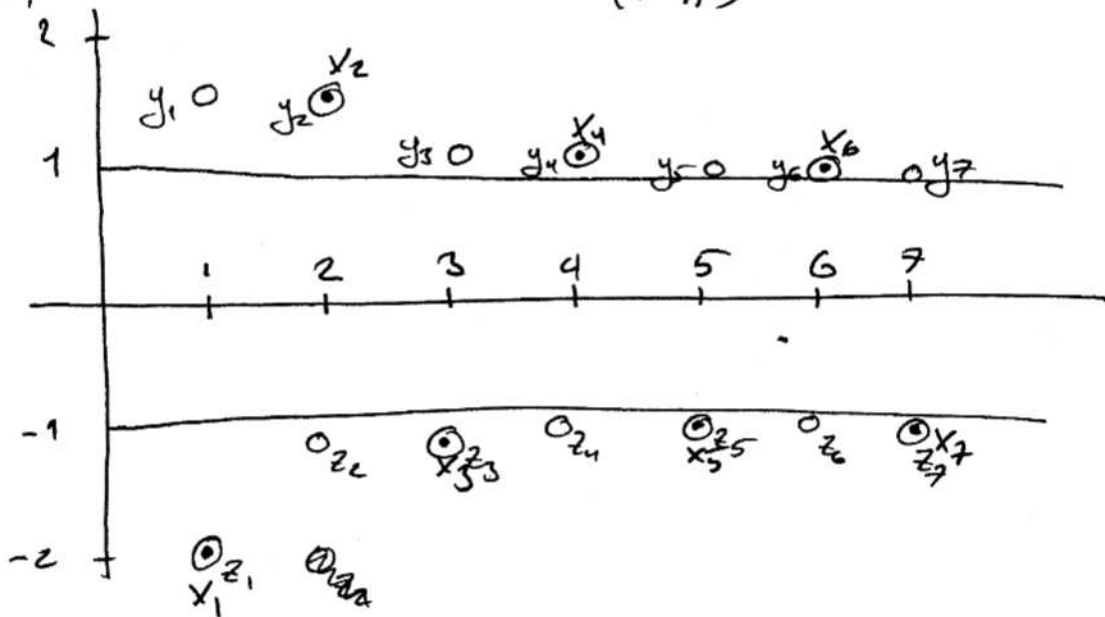
Not every sequence has a limit.

However, every sequence has what we call  $\limsup$  &  $\liminf$ .

Given a sequence  $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , ~~the~~ set  $y_n = \sup\{x_k : k \geq n\}$   
 $z_n = \inf\{x_k : k \geq n\}$

Then  $y_n$  is monotone decreasing  $\Rightarrow \lim y_n$  exists set  $\lim y_n = \limsup$ .  
 $z_n$  is monotone increasing  $\Rightarrow \lim z_n$  exists. Set  $\limsup x_n = \lim z_n$ .

Example: ~~the~~  $x_n = (-1)^n (1 + \frac{1}{n})$



$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim y_n = 1$$

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim z_n = -1$$

Equivalent definitions:

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup\{x_k : k \geq n\}$$

$$= \inf\{\alpha : \text{only finitely many } x_n \text{ are larger than } \alpha\}$$

$$= \sup\{\alpha : \text{there exists a subseq } (n_j)_{j=1}^{\infty} \text{ such that } \alpha = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_j}\}$$

Lemma For any sequence  $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  ~~in  $\mathbb{R}$~~  in  $\mathbb{R}$ :

- \*  $\limsup x_n$  and  $\liminf x_n$  exist (but may equal  $\pm\infty$ )
- \*  $\liminf x_n \leq \limsup x_n$
- \*  $(x_n)$  is convergent  $\Leftrightarrow \limsup x_n = \liminf x_n$   
In this case,  $\lim x_n = \limsup x_n = \liminf x_n$ , of course.

## CONTINUITY

Def<sup>n</sup> Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be metric spaces, and suppose  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ .

- \* We say that  $f$  is CONTINUOUS at  $x$  if  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  such that  $d_X(x, x') < \delta \Rightarrow d_Y(f(x), f(x')) < \epsilon$ .
- \* We say that  $f$  is CONTINUOUS if it is cont. at every  $x \in X$ .
- \* We say that  $f$  is SEQUENTIALLY CONTINUOUS AT  $x$  if for every seq.  $(x_n)$  s.t.  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , we have  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$ .
- \* We say that  $f$  is "sequentially continuous" if  $f$  is seq. cont. at every  $x \in X$ .

Note: We will soon prove that seq. cont.  $\Leftrightarrow$  cont.

Example Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be metric spaces.

Suppose that  $X$  has the discrete metric,  $d_X(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x=y \\ 1 & \text{if } x \neq y \end{cases}$

Then any function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is seq. cont.

Proof: Suppose  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $X$ . We need to prove that  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$  in  $Y$ .

But if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $X$ ,  $\exists N$  s.t.  $n \geq N \Rightarrow x_n = x$ .

Then for  $n \geq N$ ,  $f(x_n) = f(x)$  so  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$ .



# OPEN & CLOSED SETS

Def<sup>n</sup> Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space.

\* For  $c \in X$ ,  $r \in (0, \infty)$ , define  $B_r(c) = \{x \in X : d(x, c) < r\}$  ← "open ball"

~~\* For  $c \in X$ ,  $r \in (0, \infty)$ , define  $\overline{B_r(c)} = \{x \in X : d(x, c) \leq r\}$~~

\* A set  $G \subseteq X$  is OPEN if  $\forall x \in G$   $\exists r > 0$  s.t.  $B_r(x) \subseteq G$

\* A set  $F \subseteq X$  is CLOSED if  $F^c = X \setminus F$  is open.

\* The BOUNDARY of a set  $\Omega \subseteq X$  is the set of all points  $x \in X$  such that for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $B_\epsilon(x)$  contains points in both  $\Omega$  and  $\Omega^c$

Prop<sup>n</sup> Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space.

(i)  $X$  and  $\emptyset$  are both open and closed.

(ii) A finite intersection of open sets is open.

(iii) Any union of open sets is open.

(iv) A finite union of closed sets is closed.

(v) Any intersection of closed sets is closed.

Note that the requirements of finiteness above is necessary.

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (-\frac{1}{n}, 1) = [0, 1)$$

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (-\frac{1}{n}, 1 + \frac{1}{n}) = [0, 1]$$

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} [\frac{1}{n}, 1 - \frac{1}{n}] = (0, 1)$$

Proof of (iii) Let  $\{G_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  be a collection of open sets and set  $G = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} G_\alpha$ .

Fix an  $x \in G$ .  $\exists \beta \in A$  s.t.  $x \in G_\beta$ .

Since  $G_\beta$  is open,  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  s.t.  $B_\epsilon(x) \subseteq G_\beta$ .

Since  $G_\beta \subseteq G$ , it follows that  $B_\epsilon(x) \subseteq G$ .

Proof of (v): Let  $\{F_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  be a collection of closed sets and set  $F = \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} F_\alpha$ .  
That  $F$  is closed follows immediately from (iii) since  
 $F^c = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} F_\alpha^c$  and all  $F_\alpha^c$  are open.

Prop<sup>n</sup>  
~~Def<sup>n</sup>~~

Let  $X$  &  $Y$  be metric spaces, and let  $f$  map  $X$  to  $Y$ .

TFAE: (a)  $f$  is  $\epsilon$ - $\delta$ -cont.

(b)  $f$  is seq. cont.

(c)  $f$  is open-set cont.

Proof: We will prove that (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a)

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) Suppose that  $f$  is  $\epsilon$ - $\delta$ -cont.

We need to prove that if  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , then  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$ .

Suppose that  $x_n \rightarrow x$ . Fix  $\epsilon > 0$ .

$f$  is  $\epsilon$ - $\delta$  cont. at  $x \Rightarrow \exists \delta$  s.t.  $f(B_\delta(x)) \subseteq B_\epsilon(f(x))$ .

Since  $x_n \rightarrow x$ ,  $\exists N$  s.t.  $n \geq N \Rightarrow x_n \in B_\delta(x)$ .

Then for  $n \geq N$ ,  $f(x_n) \in B_\epsilon(f(x))$ .

Note: The prop<sup>n</sup> says that in a metric space, the three notions of continuity are equivalent. Henceforth, we will simply say "continuous".

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c) Suppose that  $f$  is NOT open-set cont.  
We will construct a seq  $(x_n)$  s.t.  $x_n \rightarrow x$  for some  $x$ ,  
but  $f(x_n) \not\rightarrow f(x)$ .

Since  $f$  is not open-set cont,  $\exists$  an open  
set  $G \subseteq Y$  s.t.  $H = f^{-1}(G)$  is not open.

Since  $H$  is not open,  $\exists x \in H$  s.t.  $B_\epsilon(x) \cap H^c$   
is non-empty for every  $\epsilon > 0$ .

For  $n=1,2,3,\dots$  pick  $x_n \in B_{1/n}(x) \cap H^c$ .

Then  $x_n \rightarrow x$ .

However, since  $f(x) \in G$ , and  $G$  is open,  
 $\exists \epsilon$  s.t.  $B_\epsilon(f(x)) \subseteq G$ .

Since  $f(x_n) \notin G$ , it follows that  $d(f(x_n), f(x)) > \epsilon \forall n$   
and so  $f(x_n)$  cannot converge to  $f(x)$ .

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (c) Suppose that  $f$  is open-set cont.

We will prove that  $f$  is  $\epsilon$ - $\delta$ -cont. Fix on  $x \in X$ .

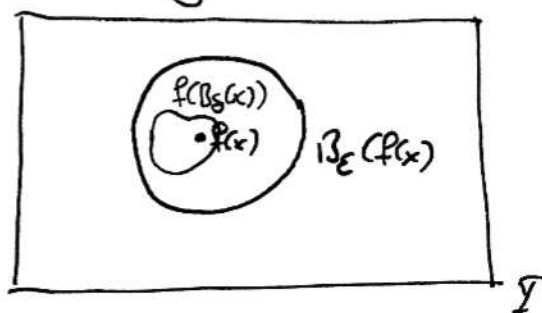
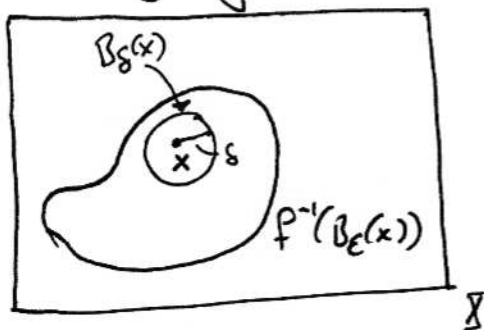
Pick any  $\epsilon > 0$ .

Since  $B_\epsilon(f(x))$  is open in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(B_\epsilon(f(x)))$  is open in  $X$ .

Since  $x \in f^{-1}(B_\epsilon(f(x)))$ ,  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $B_\delta(x) \subseteq f^{-1}(B_\epsilon(f(x)))$ .

But then  $f(B_\delta(x)) \subseteq B_\epsilon(f(x))$ .

Note: Drawing figures for the proof is a good idea. For instance, (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (c)



Def<sup>n</sup> Suppose that  $\Omega$  is a subset of a metric space  $X$ .

AAB (12)

The closure of  $\Omega$  is the set  $\overline{\Omega} = \{x \in X : \exists (x_n) \subset \Omega \text{ s.t. } x_n \rightarrow x\}$ .

Claim Letting  $\partial\Omega$  denote the boundary of  $\Omega$ , we have  $\overline{\Omega} = \Omega \cup \partial\Omega$ .

Claim  $\overline{\Omega}$  = the intersection of all closed sets containing  $\Omega$ .

Claim  $\Omega$  is closed  $\Leftrightarrow \Omega = \overline{\Omega}$ .

Example Let  $X$  denote the metric space  $\mathbb{R}$  with the usual metric.  
Let  $\Omega = \mathbb{Q}$ . Then  $\overline{\Omega} = \mathbb{R} = X$ .

Example Let  $X$  denote the set  $\mathbb{R}$  and let  $d(x,y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x=y \\ 1 & \text{if } x \neq y \end{cases}$ .  
Let  $\Omega$  be any subset of  $X$ . Then  $\overline{\Omega} = \Omega$ .  
(Note that in the discrete metric, ANY set is closed.)

Def<sup>n</sup> Let  $X$  be a metric space.

A subset  $\Omega$  is said to be dense in  $X$  if  $\overline{\Omega} = X$ .

~~Example Under #~~

Def<sup>n</sup> If a metric space has a dense countable subset, then we say that the metric space is separable.

Example  $\mathbb{R}$  equipped with the usual metric is separable since  $\mathbb{Q}$  is dense.

Example  $\mathbb{R}$  equipped with the discrete metric is NOT separable since no ~~sub~~ subset is dense (except  $\mathbb{R}$  itself).

Example Let  $\mathcal{X}$  denote the set of all sequences  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots)$  such that (i)  $x_n \in \mathbb{Q} \forall n$ , and (ii) only finitely many  $x_n$ 's are non-zero. Define for  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$  &  $y = (y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots)$  the metric  $d(x, y) = \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n - y_n|^2 \right)^{1/2}$ .

~~Then  $\mathcal{X}$  is~~

Note that  $\mathcal{X}$  is countable (to see this, note that  $\mathcal{X} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{X}_n$ , where  $\mathcal{X}_n$  is the set of all sequences  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, 0, 0, 0, \dots)$  where  $x_j \in \mathbb{Q} \forall j$ , then each  $\mathcal{X}_n$  is countable since it can be identified with  $\mathbb{Q}^n$ , and thus  $\mathcal{X}$  is a countable union of countable sets).

Next ~~let~~ let  $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}$  denote the set of all sequences  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$  such that  $x_n \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n|^2 < \infty$ . Equip  $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}$  with the same metric as  $\mathcal{X}$ .

~~Note that~~  $\mathcal{X}$  is dense in  $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}$ . To prove this, fix any  $x \in \tilde{\mathcal{X}}$ .

Fix a  $\epsilon > 0$ . Pick  $N_j$  s.t.  $\sum_{n=N_j+1}^{\infty} |x_n|^2 < \frac{\epsilon^2}{2}$ .

Next, pick for  $n=1, 2, \dots, N_j$  numbers  $x_n^{(j)} \in \mathbb{Q}$

such that  $|x_n - x_n^{(j)}| < \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{2N_j}}$ , and set  $x^{(j)} = (x_1^{(j)}, \dots, x_{N_j}^{(j)}, 0, 0, \dots)$ .

Then  $x^{(j)} \in \mathcal{X}$ , and  $d(x, x^{(j)}) = \left( \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{N_j} |x_n - x_n^{(j)}|^2}_{< \epsilon^2/2} + \underbrace{\sum_{n=N_j+1}^{\infty} |x_n|^2}_{< \epsilon^2/2} \right)^{1/2} < \epsilon = \frac{1}{j}$

Thus  $x^{(j)} \rightarrow x$ , and so  $x$

## COMPLETION OF A METRIC SPACE

It sometimes happens that we define a set  $X$  and a metric and find that the resulting space  $(X, d)$  is not complete. This is highly inconvenient.

It turns out to be possible to "add the missing elements" and obtain a new space  $(\tilde{X}, \tilde{d})$  that is complete.

This space is called the COMPLETION of  $(X, d)$ .

• It is in a certain sense unique.

Example: The set of real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$  can be defined by first defining the rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$  and then form the completion of  $\mathbb{Q}$  w.r.t. the metric  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ .

Example: The spaces  $X$  &  $\tilde{X}$  on page 13.

Example: The homework problem where  $I = [0, 1]$  and  $X =$  the space of all continuous functions on  $I$ , and  $d(f, g) = \left( \int_I |f(x) - g(x)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2}$ .

Then  $\tilde{X} = L^2(I) =$  the space of all Lebesgue-measurable functions  $f$  s.t.  $\int_0^1 |f(x)|^2 dx < \infty$ .

Caution: In  $L^2(I)$ , two functions  $f$  and  $g$  are considered identical if  $\int |f(x) - g(x)|^2 dx = 0$ . To be precise, an element in  $L^2(I)$  is an equivalence class of functions.

Def<sup>n</sup> Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be metric spaces.

A map  $i: X \rightarrow Y$  is called an isometry if

$$d_X(x, y) = d_Y(i(x), i(y)) \quad \forall x, y \in X.$$

If  $i$  is also ONTO, then  $i$  is ~~an~~ a metric space isomorphism.

Note 1: Any isometry is necessarily one-to-one

(~~is~~ If  $i(x) = i(y)$ , then  $d(x, y) = d(i(x), i(y)) = 0 \Rightarrow x = y$ .)

Note 2: If two spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  are isomorphic, i.e. if there exists an isomorphism from  $X$  to  $Y$ , then mathematically speaking,  $X$  and  $Y$  are identical, they differ only in how the elements are labelled. The concept of an isomorphism can be defined for metric space, NLS, inner-product spaces, Lie-algebras, etc, etc. In each case, the isomorphism must preserve all the relevant structure.

Example  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\mathbb{C}$  are isomorphic metric spaces  $i: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}: \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto x_1 + iy_2$

Example  $X = L^2(\mathbb{I}\mathbb{R})$  = the space of "all" real-valued functions s.t.  $\int |f|^2 < \infty$ .  
 $Y = l^2(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{C})$  = the space of all sequences  $(\dots, \alpha_{-2}, \alpha_{-1}, \alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots)$  such that  $\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |\alpha_j|^2 < \infty, \alpha_j \in \mathbb{C}$ .  
 $d(\alpha, \beta) = (\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |\alpha_j - \beta_j|^2)^{1/2}$

The Fourier transform  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  is ~~an isometry~~ defined by  $F: f \mapsto (\dots, \alpha_{-1}, \alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots)$  where  $\alpha_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-inx} f(x) dx$



Parseval's equality states that  $\int |f(x)|^2 dx = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\alpha_n|^2$ .

It follows that  $F$  is an isometry.

However  $F$  is not an isomorphism from  $L^2(I, \mathbb{R})$  to  $l^2(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{C})$

since, if  $(\alpha_n) = Ff$ , then  $\bar{\alpha}_n = \alpha_{-n}$

(in other words,  $F$  is not onto).

However,  $F$  is an isomorphism from  $L^2(I, \mathbb{C})$  - the set of all Lebesgue measurable square-integrable complex-valued functions to  $l^2(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{C})$ . Its inverse is given by

$$[F^{-1}(\alpha_n)](x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \alpha_n \frac{e^{inx}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}.$$

Def<sup>n</sup> A metric space  $(\tilde{X}, \tilde{d})$  is a completion of the metric space  $(X, d)$  if

- There is an isometric embedding  $i: X \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ .
- $i(X)$  is dense in  $\tilde{X}$ .
- The space  $(\tilde{X}, \tilde{d})$  is complete.

Thm Every metric space  $(X, d)$  has a completion  $(\tilde{X}, \tilde{d})$ .  
If  $(\tilde{X}_1, \tilde{d}_1)$  and  $(\tilde{X}_2, \tilde{d}_2)$  are both completions of  $(X, d)$ , then  $(\tilde{X}_1, \tilde{d}_1)$  and  $(\tilde{X}_2, \tilde{d}_2)$  are isomorphic.

In order to prove the thm, we need the following lemma:

Lemma Let  $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a Cauchy seq. Then  $(x_n)$  has a subsequence  $(y_j)_{j=1}^{\infty}$  s.t.  $y_j = x_{n_j}$  and  $m, n \geq N \Rightarrow d(y_m, y_n) \leq \frac{1}{N}$

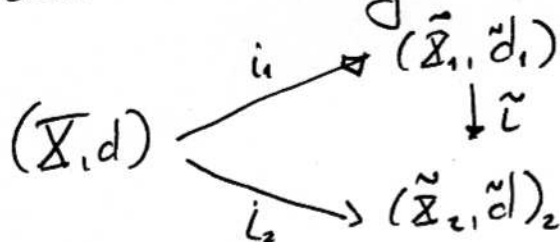
Proof Let  $n_1$  be s.t.  $m, n \geq n_1 \Rightarrow d(x_m, x_n) \leq \frac{1}{1}$   
Let  $n_2$  be s.t.  $m, n \geq n_2 \Rightarrow d(x_m, x_n) \leq \frac{1}{2}$  (and  $n_2 \geq n_1$ )  
Let  $n_3$  be s.t.  $m, n \geq n_3 \Rightarrow d(x_m, x_n) \leq \frac{1}{3}$  (and  $n_3 \geq n_2$ )  
Etc

Then  $y_j = x_{n_j}$  satisfies the criteria.



Step 1: ~~Prove~~ Prove uniqueness

Let  $(\tilde{X}_1, \tilde{d}_1)$  &  $(\tilde{X}_2, \tilde{d}_2)$  be completions, with isometries  $i_1$  &  $i_2$ .  
 First we define an isometry  $\tilde{i}: \tilde{X}_1 \rightarrow \tilde{X}_2$



For  $\tilde{x} \in \tilde{X}_1$ , pick  $x_n \in \tilde{X}$  s.t.  $i_1(x_n) \rightarrow \tilde{x}$  (possible since  $i_1(\tilde{X})$  is dense in  $\tilde{X}_1$ )

$(i_1(x_n))$  is Cauchy  $\Rightarrow (x_n)$  is Cauchy  $\Rightarrow (i_2(x_n))$  is Cauchy  
 $\uparrow$   $i_1$  is an isometry  $\uparrow$   $i_2$  is an isometry

Since  $\tilde{X}_2$  is complete  $\exists \tilde{y} \in \tilde{X}_2$  s.t.  $i_2(x_n) \rightarrow \tilde{y}$ .

The element  $\tilde{y}$  does not depend on the choice of sequence  $(x_n)$ ;

in fact, if  $i_1(z_n) \rightarrow \tilde{x}$ , then  $\tilde{d}_2(i_2(z_n), i_2(x_n)) = \tilde{d}_1(i_1(z_n), i_1(x_n)) \rightarrow 0$   
 so  $i_2(z_n) \rightarrow \tilde{y}$  as well. Therefore, we can define  $\tilde{i}(\tilde{x}) = \tilde{y}$ .

\* We need to prove that  $\tilde{i}$  is an isometry:

Pick  $\tilde{x}, \tilde{y} \in \tilde{X}_1$  and  $x_n, y_n \in \tilde{X}$  s.t.  $i_1(x_n) \rightarrow \tilde{x}$  &  $i_1(y_n) \rightarrow \tilde{y}$ . Then  
 $\tilde{d}_2(\tilde{i}(\tilde{x}), \tilde{i}(\tilde{y})) = \lim \tilde{d}_2(i_2(x_n), i_2(y_n)) = \lim d(x_n, y_n) = \lim \tilde{d}_1(i_1(x_n), i_1(y_n)) = \tilde{d}_1(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$ .

\* We need to prove that  $\tilde{i}(i_1(\tilde{X})) = i_2(\tilde{X})$ .

Simply use constant sequences!

\* We need to prove that  $\tilde{i}$  is onto.

Fix any  $\hat{x} \in \tilde{X}_2$ . Since  $i_2(\tilde{X})$  is dense in  $\tilde{X}_2$   $\exists x_n \in \tilde{X}$  s.t.  $i_2(x_n) \rightarrow \hat{x}$ . Then  $(i_2(x_n))$  is Cauchy in  $\tilde{X}_2 \Rightarrow (x_n)$  is Cauchy in  $\tilde{X} \Rightarrow (i_1(x_n))$  is Cauchy in  $\tilde{X}_1$ .

Since  $\tilde{X}_1$  is complete,  $\exists \tilde{x} \in \tilde{X}_1$  s.t.  $i_1(x_n) \rightarrow \tilde{x}$ .

But then  $\tilde{i}(\tilde{x}) = \hat{x}$  by def<sup>n</sup>.

Step 2: Construct the completion

We define  $\tilde{X}$  as a set of equivalence classes on the set of all Cauchy sequences on  $X$ .

Suppose that  $(x_n)$  &  $(y_n)$  are Cauchy seqs in  $X$ .

We say that  $(x_n) \sim (y_n)$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, y_n) = 0$  (this limit always exists)  $\rightarrow$  HOMEWORK

This equivalence relation defines a set of equivalence classes which we label  $\tilde{X}$ . Given an equivalence class  $\tilde{x} \in \tilde{X}$ , we say that a seq  $(x_n) \in \tilde{x}$  is a representative of  $\tilde{x}$ .

\* Def<sup>n</sup> of  $d$ : Given  $\tilde{x}, \tilde{y} \in \tilde{X}$ , pick  $(x_n) \in \tilde{x}$  &  $(y_n) \in \tilde{y}$  and set  $d(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, y_n)$

We need to prove that  $d(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$  does not depend on the choice of representative.

Suppose  $(x'_n) \in \tilde{x}$  &  $(y'_n) \in \tilde{y}$ .

Then  $d(x_n, y_n) \leq d(x_n, x'_n) + d(x'_n, y'_n) + d(y'_n, y_n)$

so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, y_n) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x'_n, y'_n)$

Analogously,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x'_n, y'_n) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, y_n)$ .

The proof that  $d$  is a metric is left as a homework.

\* Construct the embedding  $i: X \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ . Given an  $x \in X$ ,

set for  $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$   $x_n = x$ . Then  $(x_n)$  is a Cauchy seq.

Define  $i(x)$  as the equivalence class containing this seq.

Step 3: Prove that  $i(X)$  is dense in  $\tilde{X}$

Fix any  $\tilde{x} \in \tilde{X}$ .

Pick a representative  $(x_n) \in \tilde{x}$ .

For  $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$  let  $\tilde{x}^{(n)}$  denote the equivalence class that contains the constant sequence  $(x_n, x_n, x_n, \dots)$ .

Then clearly,  $\tilde{x}^{(n)} \in i(X)$ .

Moreover,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(\tilde{x}^{(n)}, \tilde{x}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} d(x_j^{(n)}, x_j) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_j) = 0$ ,

so  $\tilde{x}^{(n)} \rightarrow \tilde{x}$  in  $\tilde{X}$ .

Step 4 - Prove that  $\tilde{X}$  is complete

Let  $(\tilde{x}^{(n)})$  be a Cauchy seq in  $\tilde{X}$ .

Let  $(\tilde{y}^{(n)})$  be a subseq of  $(\tilde{x}^{(n)})$  s.t.  $d(\tilde{y}^{(n)}, \tilde{y}^{(m)}) \leq \frac{1}{N}$  when  $m, n \geq N$

For each  $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$  pick a representative  $(y_k^{(n)})_{k=1}^{\infty} \in \tilde{y}^{(n)}$ .

We can pick the representative so that  $d(y_k^{(n)}, y_l^{(n)}) \leq \frac{1}{N}$  when  $k, l \geq N$ .

Then  $(y_k^{(k)})_{k=1}^{\infty}$  is a Cauchy seq in  $X$ . ~~since~~

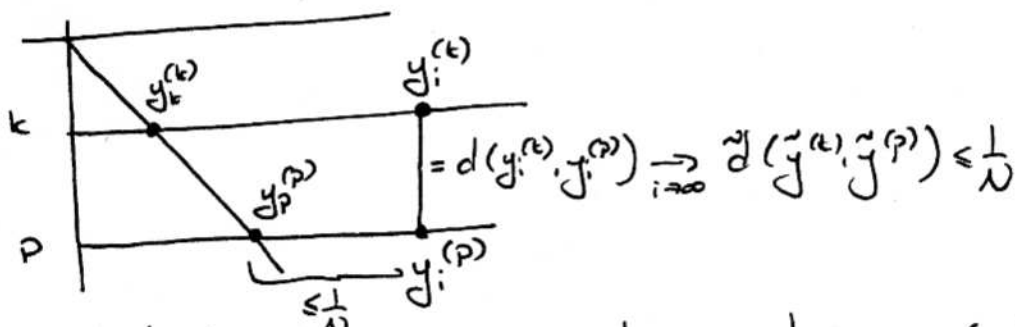
To prove this we first note that for any  $i=1, 2, \dots$

$$d(y_k^{(k)}, y_p^{(p)}) \leq d(y_k^{(k)}, y_i^{(k)}) + d(y_i^{(k)}, y_i^{(p)}) + d(y_i^{(p)}, y_p^{(p)})$$

Suppose that  $k, p \geq N$  and take the limit as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$d(y_k^{(k)}, y_p^{(p)}) \leq \underbrace{\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(y_k^{(k)}, y_i^{(k)})}_{\leq \frac{1}{N}} + \underbrace{\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(y_i^{(k)}, y_i^{(p)})}_{= d(\tilde{y}^{(k)}, \tilde{y}^{(p)})} + \underbrace{\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(y_i^{(p)}, y_p^{(p)})}_{\leq \frac{1}{N}} \leq \frac{3}{N}$$

so  $k, p \geq N \Rightarrow d(y_k^{(k)}, y_p^{(p)}) \leq \frac{3}{N}$  which means  $(y_k^{(k)})$  is Cauchy.



Let  $\tilde{x}$  denote the equivalence class containing  $(y_k^{(k)})_{k=1}^{\infty}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(\tilde{y}^{(n)}, \tilde{x}) &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(y_k^{(n)}, y_k^{(k)}) \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} (d(y_k^{(n)}, y_i^{(n)}) + d(y_i^{(n)}, y_i^{(k)}) + d(y_i^{(k)}, y_k^{(k)})) \leq \\ &\leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{k} + \underbrace{d(\tilde{y}^{(n)}, \tilde{y}^{(k)})}_{\leq \frac{1}{\min(n, k)}} + \frac{1}{k} \right) = \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This proves that  $\tilde{y}^{(n)} \rightarrow \tilde{x}$  in  $\tilde{X}$ ; and since  $\tilde{y}^{(n)}$  is a subseq. of the Cauchy seq.  $(\tilde{x}^{(n)})$ , it follows that  $\tilde{x}^{(n)} \rightarrow \tilde{x}$ .

# COMPACTNESS

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Compactness is a property that a subset of a metric space may possess.

(In  $\mathbb{R}^n$  a subset is compact iff it is both closed and bounded.)

If  $K$  is a compact subset of a metric space, then

\* Any cont function from  $K$  to a metric space  $\mathcal{Y}$  is uniformly cont.

\* Any sequence  $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  in  $K$  has a convergent subseq.

\* Any Cauchy seq  $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  in  $K$  has a limit point in  $K$ .

\* Any continuous function  $f: K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  attains its max and min values.

\* Etc etc...

Compactness is a very desirable property for a set to possess.

Now to the formal definitions:

Def<sup>n</sup> Let  $(\mathcal{X}, d)$  be a metric space, and let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ .

\* We say that a collection of open sets  $\{G_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  is an open cover of  $\Omega$  if  $\Omega \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} G_\alpha$ .

\* We say that  $\Omega$  is compact if every open cover has a finite subcover (i.e. if it is possible to pick a finite number of the open sets that cover  $\Omega$  by themselves).

For a set  $\Omega$  to be compact, it must be "totally bounded"

Def<sup>n</sup> Let  $(\mathcal{X}, d)$  be a metric space and let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ . We say that  $\Omega$  is totally bounded if for every  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\Omega$  has an open cover of  $\epsilon$ -balls.

Note 1: Any set that is ~~total~~ ~~is also total~~ totally bdd is also bdd.

Note 2: In  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , bounded  $\Leftrightarrow$  totally bounded. (We will prove this shortly.)

Thm: Let  $(\mathcal{X}, d)$  be a metric space, and let  $K \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ . TFAE:

(1)  $K$  is complete and totally bounded.

(2) Every sequence in  $K$  has a subseq that converges to an element in  $K$ .

(3) Every open cover of  $K$  has a finite subcover (i.e.  $K$  is compact).

Proof We will prove that

$$(1) \Rightarrow (2)$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow (1)$$

$$(1) \& (2) \Rightarrow (3)$$

$$(3) \Rightarrow (2)$$

\* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Suppose that (1) holds and that  $(x_n)$  is a seq. in  $K$ .

Since (1) holds, there exists a finite open cover of  $K$  consisting of balls of radius 1. At least one of those balls contains infinitely many points in the sequence  $(x_n)$ . Denote this ball  $B_1$ , and the points inside  $B_1$   $(x_n^{(1)})_{n=1}^{\infty}$ .

Next, note that  $B_1 \cap K$  can be covered by finitely many balls of radius  $1/2$ . At least one ball contains infinitely many points in  $(x_n^{(1)})_{n=1}^{\infty}$ . Denote this ball  $B_2$  and the points  $(x_n^{(2)})_{n=1}^{\infty}$ .

Repeat ... construct sequences  $(x_n^{(j)})_{n=1}^{\infty}$

Set  $y_n = x_n^{(n)}$ . Then  $(y_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is Cauchy, and a subseq of  $(x_n)$ . Since  $K$  is complete,  $\exists x \in K$  s.t.  $y_n \rightarrow x$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Assume that (1) is false. Then either one of two options obtain:

Case I:  $K$  is not complete. Then  $\exists$  a Cauchy seq  $(x_n) \subset K$  with no limit point in  $K$ . But then clearly no subsequence may converge.

Case II:  $K$  is not totally bdd. Then  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  s.t. no <sup>finite</sup> collection of  $\epsilon$ -balls may cover  $K$ .

Pick  $x_1$  arbitrarily.

Pick  $x_2 \in K \setminus B_{\epsilon}(x_1)$ .

Pick  $x_3 \in K \setminus (B_{\epsilon}(x_1) \cup B_{\epsilon}(x_2))$

Pick  $x_n \in K \setminus (\bigcup_{j=1}^n B_{\epsilon}(x_j))$ .

Then  $d(x_n, x_m) > \epsilon$  when  $n \neq m$  so no subsequence of  $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  can possibly converge.

(1) & (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Assume that (1) & (2) hold and that  $(G_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  is an open cover.

To be proved.  $\rightarrow$  Claim: For some  $\epsilon > 0$ , it is the case that every  $\epsilon$ -ball is wholly contained ~~in~~ in a single  $G_\alpha$ .

For the  $\epsilon$  given in the claim, pick a finite cover  $(B_\epsilon(x_j))_{j=1}^N$  (this is possible since  $K$  is totally bounded.)

For each  $j$ , pick  $\alpha_j$  s.t.  $B_\epsilon(x_j) \subseteq G_{\alpha_j}$ .

Then  $\{G_{\alpha_j}\}_{j=1}^N$  is a cover since  $K \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^N B_\epsilon(x_j) \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^N G_{\alpha_j}$ .

Proof of claim: Suppose the claim is not true. Then for each  $n=1,2,\dots$  there exists a ball  $B_n$  of radius less than  $1/n$  such that  $B_n \cap K$  is non-empty and  $B_n$  is not contained in any single  $G_\alpha$ .

For each  $n$ , pick  $x_n \in B_n \cap K$ . By (2),  $\exists$  a subseq  $(x_{n_j})_{j=1}^\infty$  such that  $x_{n_j} \rightarrow x$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$  for some  $x \in K$ . But then  $x \in G_\beta$

for some  $\beta$ , so  $\exists \epsilon$  s.t.  $B_\epsilon(x) \subseteq G_\beta$ . Now pick  $N$  such that  $N > \frac{1}{\epsilon/3}$  and for  $n \geq N$ ,  $d(x, x_n) < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$ .

Then  $B_n \subseteq B_\epsilon(x) \subseteq G_\beta$  which is a contradiction.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) We ~~pro~~ assume that (2) is false and prove that then (3) is false. If (2) is false, then  $\exists$  a seq  $(x_n) \subseteq K$  with no convergent subsequence.

For each  $x \in K$ ,  $\exists \epsilon_x > 0$  s.t.  $B_{\epsilon_x}(x)$  contains at most finitely many points in  $(x_n)$ .

$\{B_{\epsilon_x}(x)\}_{x \in K}$  is an open cover of  $K$ .

Since any finite subcover contains only finitely many points in  $(x_n)$ , no such cover may cover  $K$ .



Lemma: A subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is totally bounded if and only if it is bounded.

Proof That a set is bounded if it is totally bounded is obvious.

~~Next~~ We need to prove that if a set  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is bounded, then it is totally bounded. Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a bounded set, and fix  $\epsilon > 0$ .

$\exists R \in (0, \infty)$  s.t.  $\Omega \subseteq [-R, R]^n$ .

Let  $p$  denote a positive integer (to be determined) and divide  $[-R, R]^n$  into  $p^n$  equisized cubes.

Each such cube has sidelength  $\frac{2R}{p}$ , and fits inside a closed ball of radius  $\frac{\sqrt{n}R}{p}$ .

Thus, if we pick  $p > \frac{\sqrt{n}R}{\epsilon}$ , then each cube fits inside an open ball of radius  $\epsilon$ . We have now constructed an open cover of  $[-R, R]^n$ , and hence of  $\Omega$ , consisting of  $p^n$  balls of radius  $\epsilon$ .

Recall that a subset of a complete metric space is complete itself if and only if it is closed. Since  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is complete, we find that if  $\Omega$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then

$$\Omega \text{ is closed} \Leftrightarrow \Omega \text{ is complete}$$

$$\Omega \text{ is bounded} \Leftrightarrow \Omega \text{ is totally bounded.}$$

Since we proved earlier that in a general metric space

$$\Omega \text{ is compact} \Leftrightarrow \Omega \text{ is complete and totally bounded.}$$

We obtain the classical result:

Prop<sup>n</sup> Let  $\Omega$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then

$$\Omega \text{ is compact} \Leftrightarrow \Omega \text{ is closed and bounded.}$$

Def<sup>n</sup> Let  $X$  be a metric space and let  $\Omega \subseteq X$ . Then we say that  $\Omega$  is pre-compact if  $\overline{\Omega}$  is compact.

Claim If  $X$  is a complete metric space, and  $\Omega \subseteq X$ , then  $\Omega$  is pre-compact  $\Leftrightarrow \Omega$  is totally bounded.

Thm Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be metric spaces, let  $K \subseteq X$  be compact, and let  $f: K \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous map. Then  $f(K)$  is compact in  $Y$ .

Proof: Let  $\{G_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  be an open cover of  $f(K)$ . Since  $f$  is continuous,  $\{f^{-1}(G_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in A}$  is an open cover of  $K$ . Since  $K$  is compact, we can find a finite subcover  $\{f^{-1}(G_{\alpha_i})\}_{i=1}^J$  of  $K$ . But then  $\{G_{\alpha_i}\}_{i=1}^J$  is a finite cover of  $f(K)$ .

Corollary: Let  $X, Y, K, f$  be as above. Then  $f$  is bounded.

If  $Y = \mathbb{R}$ , then it is also simple to prove that  $f$  attains its max and min:

Thm Let  $X$  be a metric space, ~~and~~ let  $K$  be a compact subset of  $X$ , and let  $f: K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous map. Then  $\exists$  points  $x_{\max}, x_{\min} \in K$  such that

$$f(x_{\max}) = \sup_{x \in K} f(x) \quad f(x_{\min}) = \inf_{x \in K} f(x)$$

Proof We will construct the point  $x_{\max}$ , ~~the~~ the proof for  $x_{\min}$  is analogous. Pick a sequence  $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset K$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = \sup_{x \in K} f(x)$ . Since  $K$  is compact,  $(x_n)$  has a convergent subseq  $(x_{n_j})$  with a limit point in  $K$ . Let this limit point be  $x_{\max}$ .

Then  $x_{n_j} \rightarrow x_{\max}$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ , and since  $f$  is continuous,

$$f(x_{\max}) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} f(x_{n_j}) = \sup_{x \in K} f(x).$$



Thm Let  $X$  &  $Y$  be metric spaces, let  $K \subseteq X$  be a compact set, <sup>A4b</sup> (25)  
and let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous function.  
Then  $f$  is uniformly continuous.

(Recall the def of uniform continuity:  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $d(x, y) < \delta \Rightarrow d(f(x), f(y)) < \epsilon$ ;

Proof Assume that  $f$  is not uniformly continuous.

This means that for some  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exist for every  $\delta > 0$   
points  $x, y \in K$  s.t.  $d(x, y) < \delta$  but  $d(f(x), f(y)) > \epsilon$ .

For  $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$  pick  $x_n, y_n \in K$  s.t.  $d(x_n, y_n) < \frac{1}{n}$  and  $\underline{d(f(x_n), f(y_n))} > \epsilon$ .

Since  $K$  is compact,  $\exists x \in K$ , and a subseq  $(x_{n_j})$  of  $(x_n)$  s.t.  $x_{n_j} \rightarrow x$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ .

Then  $d(y_{n_j}, x) \leq d(y_{n_j}, x_{n_j}) + d(x_{n_j}, x) \leq \frac{1}{n_j} + d(x_{n_j}, x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$

so  $y_{n_j} \rightarrow x$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ .

If  $f$  were continuous, then we would have  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} f(x_{n_j}) = f(x) \\ \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} f(y_{n_j}) = f(x) \end{array} \right\}$

but this is impossible in view of  $(*)$ .

Thus, we have proven that if  $f$  is not uniformly cont, then it is not cont.