

## METRIC SPACES

**Def.** Consider  $M \neq \emptyset$  a set. A map  $d: M \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called a **metric (or distance)** if for all  $x, y, z \in M$ :

- 1)  $d(x, y) \geq 0$
- 2)  $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$
- 3)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$
- 4)  $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$  "triangle inequality"

$(M, d)$  is called a **metric space**.

**Examples.** 1)  $M = \mathbb{R}^m$  "standard Euclidean metric":

$$d(x, y) = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^m (x_j - y_j)^2} \quad x = (x_1, \dots, x_m), \quad y = (y_1, \dots, y_m)$$

$M = \mathbb{F}^m$  with  $d_p(x, y) = \left( \sum_{j=1}^m |x_j - y_j|^p \right)^{1/p}$   
for  $p \geq 1$  we come back to the Euclidean distance,  $1 \leq p < \infty$

$$p = \infty \quad d_\infty(x, y) = \max_{1 \leq j \leq m} |x_j - y_j|$$

2)  $C_{\mathbb{F}}([a, b])$  with  $d(f, g) = \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f(x) - g(x)|$

3)  $(M, d)$  metric space  
 $N \subset M$  subset, define the "induced metric"  
 $d_N(x, y) = d(x, y), \quad \forall x, y \in N$   
 $(N, d_N)$  is a metric space

**Homework 1, Exercise 4**

## SEQUENCES AND SUBSEQUENCES

$(M, d)$  metric space

A sequence in  $M$  is a map  $a: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow M$ ;

write  $a_n := a(n)$

Standard notations:  $(a_n), (a_n)_n, (a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$

same notations with  $\{ \}$  instead of  $( )$

We will use  $(a_n)$  for numerical sequences and  $\{a_n\}$  for the other sequences.

If  $v: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is strictly increasing then if  $a: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow M$  is a sequence, the map  $a \circ v$  is called **subsequence** of  $a$

$$n_k := v(k) \in \mathbb{N} \quad a_{n_k} := a \circ v(k)$$

Notation:  $(a_{n_k}), (a_{n_k})_k, (a_{n_k})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$   
similarly with  $\{ \}$  in place of  $( )$

**Example**

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2^n} \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$k \mapsto 2k$$

$a_{n_k} = \frac{1}{2^{2k}} = \left( \frac{1}{2^{2k}} \right)$  is a subsequence of  $\left( \frac{1}{2^n} \right)$

## CONVERGENCE AND COMPLETENESS

$(M, d)$  metric space and a sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset M$ .

1)  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x \in M \Leftrightarrow$

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists N \in \mathbb{N} : \forall n \geq N \quad d(x_n, x) < \varepsilon$$

Write  $x_n \rightarrow x$  or  $x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$

2)  $\{x_n\}$  is called a **Cauchy sequence**  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists N \in \mathbb{N} : \forall n, m \geq N \quad d(x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon$$

Note:  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $M \Leftrightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x) = 0$

**Thrm.**  $(M, d)$  metric space.  $\{x_n\} \subset M$  sequence

Then if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  we have:

1) the limit  $x$  is **unique**.

2) Any subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  is convergent to the same limit  $x$

3)  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

**Def.**  $(M, d)$  is called **complete** if every Cauchy sequence in  $M$  is convergent in  $M$ .

**Examples.** 1) The following spaces are complete:

•  $\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{C}^n$  are complete with the standard metric or  $d_p$  or  $d_\infty$

•  $C_{\mathbb{F}}([a, b])$  with  $d(f, g) = \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f(x) - g(x)|$

is complete.

Note:  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $C_{\mathbb{F}}([a, b])$

$\Leftrightarrow f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly on  $[a, b]$

2)  $M = (0, 1)$  with  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$  is not complete

$\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_+} \subset M$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$$

$(\frac{1}{n})$  is a convergent sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$

$\Rightarrow (\frac{1}{n})$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$

$\Rightarrow (\frac{1}{n})$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $M$

which does not converge in  $M$

because  $0 \notin M$ .

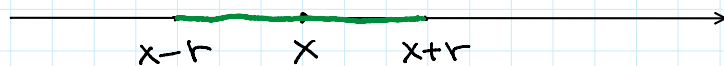
Open ball centered at  $x$  with radius  $r > 0$ :

$$B_x(r) = B_r(x) = B(x, r) = \{y \in M : d(y, x) < r\}$$

Examples.

$\cdot M = \mathbb{R} \quad d(x, y) = |x - y|$

$$B_x(r) = (x - r, x + r)$$

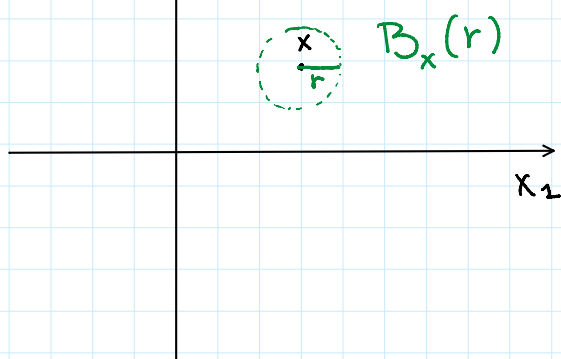


$\cdot M = \mathbb{R}^2$

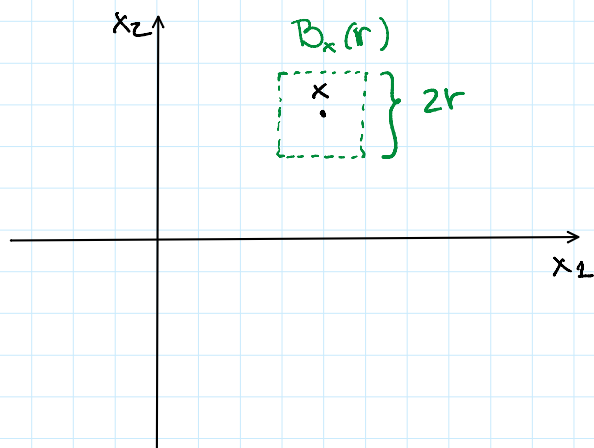
$$d(x, y) = \sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2}$$

$B_x(r)$

$x = (x_1, x_2)$



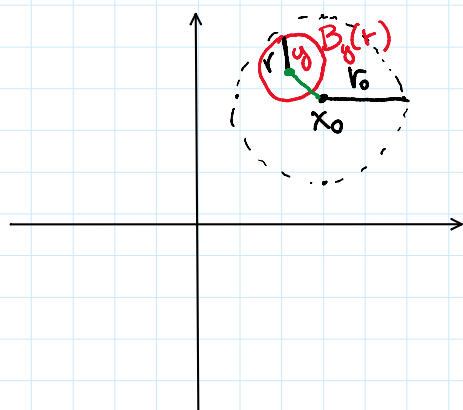
with the  $d_2$  distance:



Def. • A set  $A \subseteq M$  is called **open** if  
 $\forall x \in A \exists r > 0 : B_x(r) \subseteq A$

• A set  $C \subseteq M$  is called **closed** if  
 $M \setminus C$  is open.

Example.  $A = B_{x_0}(r_0)$  is open



consider  $y \in B_{x_0}(r_0)$   $\tilde{r} := r_0 - d(y, x_0) > 0$

choose  $r \mid 0 < r \leq \tilde{r}$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x \in B_y(r) \quad d(x, x_0) &\leq d(x, y) + d(y, x_0) \\ &< r + d(y, x_0) \\ &\leq r_0 - \cancel{d(y, x_0)} + \cancel{d(y, x_0)} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow x \in B_{x_0}(r_0) \quad \Rightarrow B_{x_0}(r_0)$  is open

Thrm. Consider  $C \subseteq M$ . Then

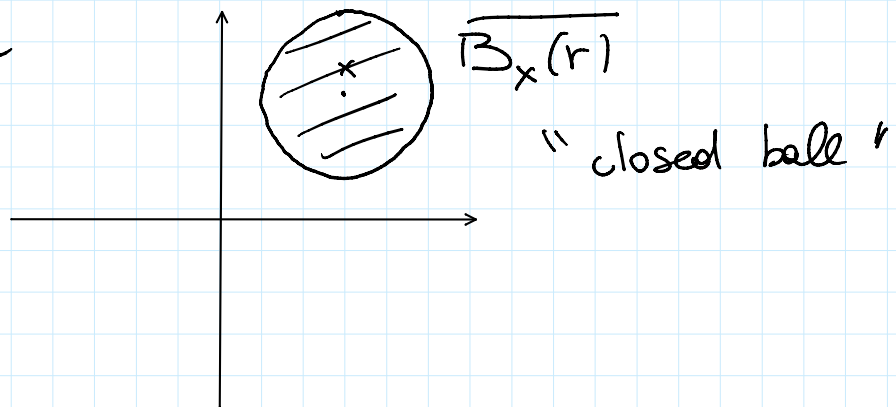
$C$  is closed  $\Leftrightarrow$  for every sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset C$  which converges in  $M$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \in C$

**Def.**  $A \subseteq M$  set. The **closure of  $A$**  is  
 $\bar{A} = \bigcap \{ C \text{ closed in } M : A \subseteq C \}$   
 $\bar{A}$  is the smallest closed set containing  $A$

**Example.**  $M = \mathbb{R}^n$  standard metric

$$\overline{B_x(r)} = \{ y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid d(y, x) \leq r \}$$

es.  $n = 2$



**Attention:** this is not true in a generic metric space  $(M, d)$

**Thm.**  $A \subseteq M$  and  $x \in M$ . Then are equivalent:

- 1)  $x \in \bar{A}$
- 2)  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists a \in A : d(x, a) < \varepsilon$
- 3)  $\inf_{a \in A} d(x, a) = 0$
- 4)  $\exists \{x_n\} \subset A : x_n \rightarrow x$ .

**Def.**  $A \subseteq M$  is called **dense** in  $M$  if  $\bar{A} = M$

**Examples.** •  $M = \mathbb{R}$   $A = \mathbb{Q}$  or  $A = \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  are

dense in  $\mathbb{R}$  (with the standard metric)

•  $(0, 1)$  is dense in  $[0, 1]$

$$\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \subset (0, 1)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)_{n \geq 2} \subset (0, 1)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 - \frac{1}{n} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{(0, 1)} = [0, 1]$$

**Def.**  $A \subseteq M$  is called **bounded** if  $\exists x \in M, r > 0$  /  
 $A \subseteq B_x(r)$ .

## BAIRE CATEGORY THEOREM

Consider  $(M, d)$  metric space complete.

If  $M = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} C_j$  with  $C_j \subseteq M$  closed  
then  $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}, x \in M, r > 0$  such that  $B_x(r) \subseteq C_k$   
(i.e., at least one closed set  $C_j$  contains an  
open ball).

**Def.**  $K \subseteq M$  is called

• **compact** if every sequence  $\{x_n\} \subseteq K$  contains  
a convergent subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}, x_{n_k} \rightarrow x \in K$   
(the limit point  $x$  is in  $K$ ).

• **relatively compact** if  $\bar{K}$  is compact  
( $\Leftrightarrow$  every sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset K$  admits  
a convergent subsequence)

**Thrm.**  $K \subseteq M$  is compact  $\Rightarrow$   $K$  is closed  
and bounded

Observe that " $\Leftarrow$ " is not true in general  
**Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem.** Let  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  or  
 $K \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$ . Then  $K$  is compact  $\Leftrightarrow K$   
 is closed and bounded.

## CONTINUITY IN METRIC SPACES

Consider  $(M, d_M), (N, d_N)$  metric spaces.

Consider  $f: M \rightarrow N$ .

- Def.**
- 1)  $f$  is continuous at  $x \in M$  if  
 $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0: \forall y \in M d_M(y, x) < \delta \Rightarrow d_N(f(y), f(x)) < \varepsilon$
  - 2)  $f$  is continuous on  $M$  if  $f$  is continuous at every  $x \in M$
  - 3)  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $M$  if  
 $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0: \forall x, y \in M d_M(x, y) < \delta \Rightarrow d_N(f(x), f(y)) < \varepsilon$

**Examples.**  $M = N = \mathbb{R}$   $f(x) = x$  uniformly continuous  
 $f(x) = x^2$  or  $f(x) = e^x$  continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$   
 but not uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$   
 (troubles arise in a neighbourhood of  $+\infty$ )

**Thrm.**  $f: M \rightarrow N$ .

- 1)  $f$  is continuous at  $x \in M \Leftrightarrow$  for every sequence  
 $\{x_n\} \subseteq M$  with  $x_n \rightarrow x$  holds  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$
- 2)  $f$  is continuous on  $M \Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(A) \subseteq M$  is  
 open for every  $A \subseteq N$  open  
 $\Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(C) \subseteq M$  is closed for every  
 $C \subseteq N$  closed



$\Leftrightarrow f(C) \subseteq M$  is closed for every  
 $C \subseteq N$  closed.

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