

We have seen 3 important categories of spaces



1) Norms induce metrics

A norm on a vector space V over the reals \mathbb{R} is a function

$$\| \cdot \| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$$

s.t. a) $\|v\| = 0 \iff v = 0$

b) $\| \alpha v \| = |\alpha| \cdot \|v\|$

c) $\|v+w\| \leq \|v\| + \|w\|$

$$\forall v, w \in V \\ \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

The distance induced by $\| \cdot \|$ is given by

$$d : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \quad (x, y) \mapsto d(x, y) := \|x - y\|$$

Let's prove it is indeed a distance

i) $d(x, y) = 0 \iff x = y$

$d(x, y) = \|x - y\|$, and $\|x - y\| = 0 \iff x - y = 0$ by a), hence $x = y$ ✓

ii) $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$

$d(x, y) = \|x - y\| = \|(-1)y - x\| = |-1| \|y - x\| = \|y - x\| = d(y, x)$ ✓

iii) $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$

$d(x, y) = \|x - y\| = \|x - z + z - y\| \leq \|x - z\| + \|z - y\| = d(x, z) + d(z, y)$ ✓

2) A metric $d_X: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ induces a topology on X .

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or

- d_X allows us to define balls
- $\mathcal{B} := \{B(x_0, r) : x_0 \in X, r > 0\}$
- Construct a collection of subsets of X using \mathcal{B} as a 'basis'

$$\mathcal{T} := \left\{ A \subseteq X \text{ s.t. } A = \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i, \text{ with } B_i \in \mathcal{B} \right\}$$

Then \mathcal{T} is a topology on X

proof • $\emptyset, X \in \mathcal{T}$ ✓

• $X_i \in \mathcal{T}$ for all $i \in I$. wts $\bigcup_i X_i \in \mathcal{T}$

$$X_i = \bigcup_j B_j^i \text{ by assumption hence } \bigcup_i X_i = \bigcup_i \bigcup_j B_j^i \in \mathcal{T} \quad \checkmark$$

• $X_1, \dots, X_n \in \mathcal{T}$. wts $\bigcap_{i=1}^n X_i \in \mathcal{T}$

Let $x_0 \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n X_i$, it is enough if we find a ball B_{x_0} with $B_{x_0} \subseteq \bigcap_{i=1}^n X_i$.

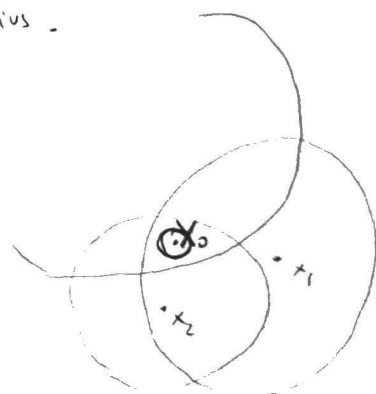
Since $x_0 \in X_i \forall i=1, \dots, n$, $\exists B_1, \dots, B_n$ s.t. $x_0 \in B_i$ and $B_i \subseteq X_i \forall i=1, \dots, n$.

Call r_i the radius of B_i , and x_i its radius.

let
$$r_i' := r_i - d(x_0, x_i)$$

and let
$$r_0 < \min\{r_1', \dots, r_n'\}$$

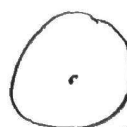
Then
$$B(x_0, r_0) \subseteq \bigcap_{i=1}^n X_i \quad \checkmark$$



Now let's see 3), 4).

First of all, a Remark

Remark 1: X metric space is Hausdorff



Remark 2: X metric space is 1st countable

Given $x_0 \in X$, build a local basis with balls centered in x_0 , with rational radius.

therefore we can ~~construct~~ find counterexamples in non-Hausdorff or non-first-countable spaces.

Example 1 (\mathbb{R}, τ) with topology given by $\{\bar{I}_x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}, \emptyset, \mathbb{R}\}$

where $\bar{I}_x = (x, +\infty)$

is not Hausdorff

Example 2 (Line with two origins)

- Take two copies of \mathbb{R} , call them $\mathbb{R}_x \{a\}$, $\mathbb{R}_x \{b\}$
- glue them along every point $(x_0, a) \sim (x_0, b) \quad \forall x_0 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$

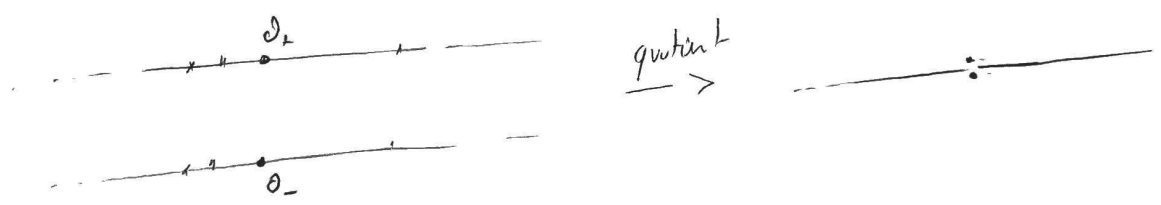
Hence we identify all the points, except the two zeros

$$X = \frac{\mathbb{R}_x \{a, -\} \cup \mathbb{R}_x \{b\}}{\sim}$$

$$(x_0, a) \sim (x_0, b) \quad \forall x_0 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$$

$$[0, a] = \{0, a\} \text{ call it } 0_+$$

$$[0, b] = \{0, b\} \text{ call it } 0_-$$



Non-Hausdorff: 0_+ and 0_- cannot be separated.

Intuitively, the points that we cannot separate on the ones where we get in troubles defining a metric

Example 3: (\mathbb{R}, τ) with $\tau = \emptyset \cup \{R \setminus F : F \subseteq \mathbb{R} \text{ finite}\}$

in ex. 5.6 we saw it is not 1st countable, hence not metrizable

Let's see a more involved example

Example 4, $[0,1]^{\mathbb{N}}$, It is compact, but not sequentially compact

Build a sequence $\{f_n\} \subseteq X$

$$f_n : [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1] : x \mapsto \text{n-th digit of binary expression of } x.$$

then $\nexists f_{n_k}$ converging subsequence:

Suppose $\exists f_{n_k}$ converging $f_{n_k} \xrightarrow{k} f$ pointwise

Let $\bar{x} \in [0,1]$ s.t. n_1 -th coord. of \bar{x} is 0

n_2 -th coord. of \bar{x} is 1

n_3 -th coord. of \bar{x} is 0

0
1
0

Then $\{f_{n_k}(\bar{x})\}_k$ is the sequence $\{0,1,0,1,0,\dots\}$ which does not converge.

Hence f_{n_k} cannot converge to f

Then note the following fact

1st Countable + Compact \Rightarrow Seq. Compact

And conclude that since X is compact and not seq. compact, follows that it cannot be 1st countable.

↳ Metric which is not induced by any norm

Let's give one example for all.

Consider \mathbb{R} with the discrete metric \rightarrow (induced discrete topology)

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

$$B_{1/2}(x) = \{x\}$$

Such metric cannot be induced by a norm. We would have problems with property (i)

$$x \neq 0 \quad \|x\| = d(x,0) = 1. \quad \text{Let } \alpha > 1, \quad \text{then}$$

$$\|\alpha \cdot x\| = |\alpha| \cdot \|x\| = |\alpha| \neq d(\alpha \cdot x, 0)$$

If you are curious about which conditions are required for a space to be metrizable / normable, we have two theorems characterizing them completely

• Nagata - Smirnov metrization theorem

X top. space metrizable \iff regular, Hausdorff and has a countably locally finite basis

• Kolmogorov's normability criterion

X top. space normable $\iff T_2$, admits bounded convex ngh of the origin.



Before stating the theorem, let us recall some definitions.
 Let $I = [a, b] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be a compact interval in \mathbb{R} , and $C(I) = \{f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ continuous}\}$
 endowed with distance

$$d(f, g) := \sup_{x \in I} |f(x) - g(x)|.$$

You will see in Ex. 6.1 that $C(I)$ is a complete topological space.

$\mathcal{F} \subseteq C(I)$ is said uniformly bounded if

$$\exists M \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } |f(x)| \leq M \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F}, \forall x \in I$$

Note M is independent from f and x .

$\mathcal{F} \subseteq C(I)$ is said uniformly equicontinuous (or just equicontinuous) if

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta_\epsilon \text{ s.t. whenever } |x - y| < \delta_\epsilon, \text{ we have } |f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F}$$

Note δ may depend on ϵ , but not on x, y, f .

THEOREM (Ascoli - Arzela, case real valued functions on compact interval)

Let $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{C}(I)$.

\mathcal{F} is relatively compact $\iff \mathcal{F}$ is uniformly bounded and equicontinuous

(COROLLARY: \mathcal{F} compact $\iff \mathcal{F}$ closed, unif. bounded and equicontinuous)
compare with Heine-Borel characterization of compactness

PROOF: \implies : \mathcal{F} rel. compact, hence $\overline{\mathcal{F}}$ compact and hence $\overline{\mathcal{F}}$ tot. bounded.
Therefore \mathcal{F} tot. bounded and hence \mathcal{F} unif. bounded

Let us fix $\epsilon > 0$. By tot. boundedness $\exists f_1, \dots, f_N \in \mathcal{C}(I)$.

$$\mathcal{F} \subseteq B_{\epsilon/3}(f_1) \cup \dots \cup B_{\epsilon/3}(f_N) \quad (\circ)$$

Since each f_i is continuous, on a compact set, they are all unif. continuous (Heine-Cantor)

We fixed already ϵ . Then $\exists \delta$ s.t.

$$|f_i(x) - f_i(y)| < \epsilon/3 \text{ whenever } |x-y| < \delta, \text{ and for all } i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$$

Given $f \in \mathcal{F}$, by (\circ) , we know $\exists j$ s.t. $\|f - f_j\| < \epsilon/3$

Now we can estimate, given $x, y \in I$ s.t. $|x-y| < \delta$

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(y)| &\leq |f(x) - f_j(x)| + |f_j(x) - f_j(y)| + |f_j(y) - f(y)| \leq \\ &\leq \epsilon/3 + \epsilon/3 + \epsilon/3 = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Given the generality of $f \in \mathcal{F}$, we have \mathcal{F} equicontinuous

Hint: (" $\epsilon/3$ -trick", may be useful in Ex. Sheet 6, Ascoli-Arzelà-generalization)

\impliedby : In order to show that \mathcal{F} is relatively compact, we want to show that any sequence in \mathcal{F} admits a converging subsequence

strategy: We will construct such a subsequence by building a sequence of nested subsequences, and then apply Diagonal argument.

- Fix an ordering of the rational points $\mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$ in $[0, 1]$.
Say $\{q_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$.

• Let $\{f_n\}_n$ be a generic sequence in \mathcal{F} .

By uniform boundedness, the sequence of real numbers $\{f_n(q_1)\}_n \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is bounded. Hence by Bolzano-Weierstrass

$$\exists \{f_{i_1}^{n_1}\}_i \subseteq \{f_n\}_n \text{ subsequence s.t. } \{f_{i_1}^{n_1}(q_1)\}_i \text{ converges.}$$

Now consider $\{f_{i_1}^{n_1}(q_2)\}_i \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, it is, again, bounded. Hence

$$\exists \{f_{i_2}^{n_2}\}_i \subseteq \{f_{i_1}^{n_1}\}_i \text{ s.t. } \{f_{i_2}^{n_2}(q_2)\}_i \subseteq \mathbb{R} \text{ converges}$$

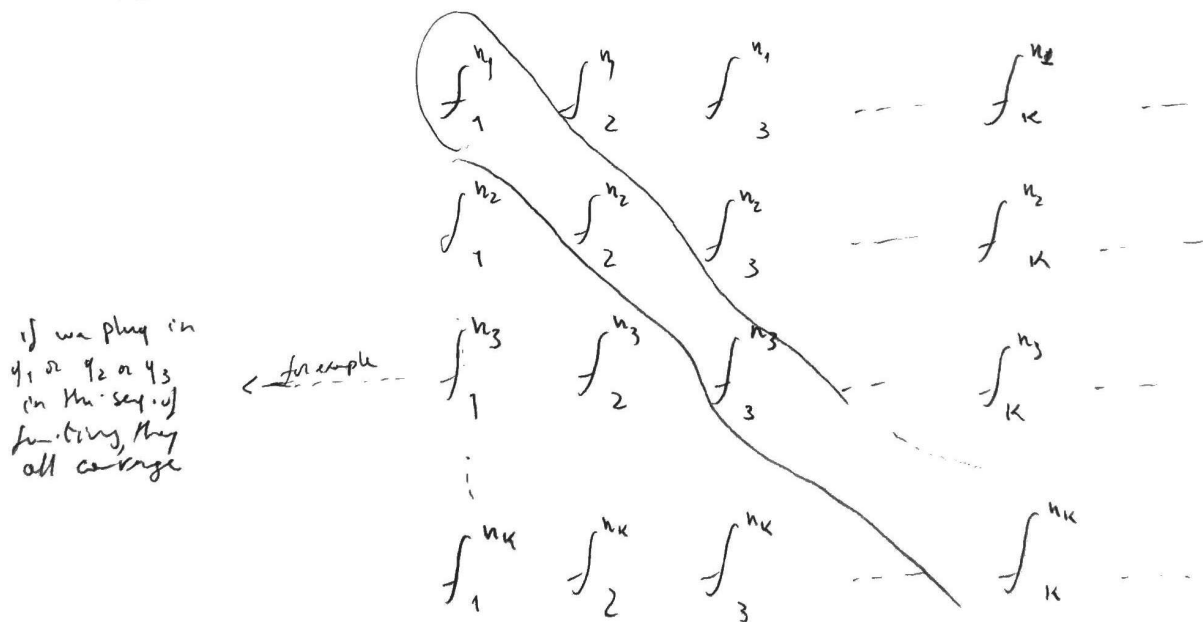
note: $\{f_{i_2}^{n_2}(q_2)\}_i$ converges both in q_1 and q_2 .

• Iterating this procedure, we get a sequence of nested subsequences

$$\{f_{i_1}^{n_1}\}_i \supseteq \{f_{i_2}^{n_2}\}_i \supseteq \{f_{i_3}^{n_3}\}_i \supseteq \dots \supseteq \{f_{i_k}^{n_k}\}_i \supseteq \dots$$

$$\text{s.t. } \{f_{i_k}^{n_k}(q_j)\}_i \text{ converges for } q_j = q_1, q_2, \dots, q_k$$

We are now ready to define the convergent subsequence
let's write down more explicitly the sequences we have constructed



Now we extract the diagonal, and define the subsequence $\{g_m\}$ of $\{f_n\}$

$$g_m = f_m^{n_m}$$

Note $\{g_m(q_i)\}_m$ converges for all q_i rational point in I , by construction.

Now let us show that such a subsequence $\{g_{n_k}\}$ is convergent. We will do it by showing that it is Cauchy. Then the claim follows from the fact that $C(I)$ is complete.

Fix $\epsilon > 0$. Let $\delta = \delta_\epsilon$ be the delta of the def of equicontinuity.

By the compactness of $[0, 1]$, we can cover it with finitely many intervals I_1, \dots, I_J of width $< \delta$.

Let $t \in I$. We can estimate

$$|g_n(t) - g_m(t)| \leq \overset{(1)}{|g_n(t) - g_n(q_i)|} + \overset{(2)}{|g_n(q_i) - g_m(q_i)|} + \overset{(3)}{|g_m(q_i) - g_m(t)|}$$

for t, q_i in the same I_j

(1) and (3) can be made $< \epsilon/3$ for q_i close enough to t , by unif. equicont.

(2) can be made $< \epsilon/3$ for big enough n, m , since $\{g_n(q_i)\}_n$ converges.

$$\leq \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} = \epsilon$$

Hence $\{g_n\}_n$ is Cauchy. By completeness of $C(I)$, it converges

Remark 1: It could be shown that the convergence $g_n \rightarrow g_*$ is uniform.

That is because, in general $\{g_n\}_n$ seq. s.t. $g_n \rightarrow g_*$ pointwise and $\{g_n\}_n$ unif. Cauchy, then $g_n \rightarrow g_*$ uniformly.

proof: Fix $\epsilon > 0$, since $\{g_n\}_n$ is unif. Cauchy, $\exists N_\epsilon$ s.t.

$$|g_m(x) - g_n(x)| < \epsilon \quad \forall x \in I, \forall m, n > N$$

take limit for $m \rightarrow \infty$, get

$$|g_n(x) - g_*(x)| < \epsilon \quad \forall x \in I, \forall n > N$$

hence $g_n \rightarrow g_*$ uniformly β

Remark 2 There are many ways of stating Ascoli-Arzelà theorem, and many generalizations.

It holds for $f \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$, where (X, d_X) compact metric space
 (Y, d_Y) complete metric space.

We proved it for $X = [0, 1]$
 $Y = \mathbb{R}$

Try to 'get inspired' by this proof, and reproduce it in a more general setting.

Remark 3 A-A is very important.

↳ characterizes compactness in an important class of spaces,
↳ is central in many important proofs, and

↳ gives us another instance of difference between fin. dim. and
 ∞ -dim. vector space

(6)

Finite dim. and infinite dim. vector spaces behave very differently.

In ∞ -dim. vector spaces, some typical properties of fin. dim. do not hold:

- $V \neq V^*$
- Linear mappings are not necessarily continuous
- Closed balls are not necessarily compact
- On a space V we can put two norms $\|\cdot\|_1, \|\cdot\|_2$ s.t. the $\|\cdot\|_1$ -unit ball is unbounded w.r.t. $\|\cdot\|_2$
- \Rightarrow non-equivalent norms

Ex. 6.5, 6.6 are about exploring such differences between fin. and infinite linear spaces.
In particular, looking at norms

Ex. 6.5 Prove that all the norms on a fin. dim. vector space are equivalent

- Fix $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ max norm.
Show that a generic $\|\cdot\|_1$ is equivalent to $\|\cdot\|_\infty$
- Notice (prove it) $\|\cdot\|_1: (X, \|\cdot\|_\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
is continuous
- Use this fact to get (*)

Ex. 6.6

(i) \mathbb{R}^2 is fin. dimensional.

The usual distance on \mathbb{R}^2 is d_{euc} .

If we hope to find d' not equiv. to d , here we need to choose one which is not induced by a norm.

We have seen one $d'(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \neq y \\ 0 & x = y \end{cases}$

If d would be eq. to d' , it would hold

$$d'(0, z_n) \leq C d(0, z_n) \quad (\#)$$

You have d' and d , just need to construct a suitable seq z_n s.t. $(\#)$ cannot hold for all n

(ii) We have to fix an ∞ -dim. vector space.

We know $C(I)$, $C^1(I)$

Fix two obvious norms, and try to repeat some argument as above.

Constructing a suitable seq. of functions.