

Compactness in metric spaces: gives access to uniform estimates (same $\delta > 0$ works $\forall x \in X$). Eg:

- Lebesgue number lemma: (last time)

Prop: (X, d) compact metric space, $(U_i)_{i \in I}$ open cover of $X \Rightarrow \exists \delta > 0$ st. any subset of diameter $< \delta$ is entirely contained in a single open U_i .

- Def: $f: (X, d_X) \rightarrow (Y, d_Y)$ is uniformly continuous if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ st. } \forall p, q \in X, d_X(p, q) < \delta \Rightarrow d_Y(f(p), f(q)) < \varepsilon.$$

(compare with continuity: the same δ must work for every p !).

- Theorem: If X and Y are metric spaces, $f: X \rightarrow Y$ continuous, and X is compact, then f is uniformly continuous.

Proof: take $\varepsilon > 0$, and consider open cover of Y by balls of radius $\frac{\varepsilon}{2}$

(so if $f(p), f(q)$ land in same ball, they're less than ε apart).

$X = \bigcup_{y \in Y} f^{-1}(B_{\varepsilon/2}(y))$ open cover, so by Lebesgue number lemma $\exists \delta > 0$ st.

if $d_X(p, q) < \delta$ then they lie in the same element of the cover, hence $d_Y(f(p), f(q)) < \varepsilon$. \square

Alternative notions of compactness:

- Def: \bullet X is compact if every open cover $(U_i)_{i \in I}$ of X has a finite subcover.
 \bullet X is limit point compact if every infinite subset of X has a limit point
 \bullet X is sequentially compact if every sequence $\{p_n\}$ in X has a convergent subsequence.

Ex: in \mathbb{R} , $\left\{ \frac{1}{n}, n \geq 1 \right\} \cup \mathbb{Z}_+$ has a limit point (0) and the sequence

$1, 2, \frac{1}{2}, 3, \frac{1}{3}, 4, \frac{1}{4}, \dots$ has a convergent subsequence $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots)$

so does $0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, \dots$ (e.g. subsequence $0, 0, \dots$).

but $\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{R}$ has no limit point & the sequence $1, 2, 3, \dots$ doesn't have a convergent subsequence, so \mathbb{R} is neither limit point compact nor seq. compact.

Thm: X is compact $\Rightarrow X$ is limit point compact.

Pf: Assume X is not limit point compact, i.e. $\exists A \subset X$ infinite with no limit point.

Since A contains all of its limit points (there are none), A is closed in X , hence compact.

However, $\forall a \in A$, a isn't a limit point so $\exists U_a \ni a$ a neighborhood of a st. $U_a \cap A = \{a\}$.

$(U_a)_{a \in A}$ is now an infinite open cover of A , without any finite subcover since each $a \in A$ only belongs to U_a and not to any other element of the cover. Contradiction. \square

Thm: X sequentially compact $\Rightarrow X$ limit point compact.

Pf: Given $A \subset X$ infinite subset, pick a sequence of distinct points of A and take a convergent subsequence $\Rightarrow \exists \{a_n\}$ sequence in A , $a_n \neq a_m \forall n \neq m$, converging to some limit $a \in X$. Then every neighborhood of a contains a_n for all large n , hence only many points of A , including some $\neq a$. So a is a limit pt of A . \square

The converse implications don't hold in general, but in metric spaces all three notions coincide! (& hence also for subspaces of metric spaces..)

Thm: || For a metric space (X, d) , X compact $\Leftrightarrow X$ limit pt compact $\Leftrightarrow X$ seq. compact.

Proof: • compact \Rightarrow limit point compact: already done (for all top spaces)

• limit point compact \Rightarrow sequentially compact: suppose X metric space and limit point compact, and consider a sequence x_1, x_2, \dots in X . If $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ finite, then $\exists x \in X$ st. $x_n = x$ for infinitely many n , which gives a subsequence that converges to x .

Otherwise, $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ is infinite, so has a limit point a . So:

$$\forall r > 0 \quad \exists n \text{ st. } 0 < d(a, x_n) < r.$$

First choose $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ st. $x_{n_1} \in B_r(a)$, then inductively, given n_1, \dots, n_{k-1} , let $\delta_k = \min \{d(x_i, a) \mid i \leq n_{k-1}, \text{ and } x_i \neq a\} > 0$, and $r_k = \min\left(\frac{1}{k}, \delta_k\right)$.

Then take n_k st. $0 < d(a, x_{n_k}) < r_k$. By construction: $n_k > n_{k-1}$, and $d(a, x_{n_k}) < \frac{1}{k}$.
 $\Rightarrow x_{n_1}, x_{n_2}, \dots$ is a subsequence converging to a .

• seq. compact \Rightarrow compact: this is the hardest part. First we show:

Lemma 1: | IF X metric space is seq. compact, then $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ X can be covered by finitely many open balls of radius ε .

(as we expect if X is to be compact: $X = \bigcup_{x \in X} B_\varepsilon(x)$ should have a finite subcover!)

Proof: assume not, and choose $x_i \in X$, then inductively choose $x_n \in X \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} B_\varepsilon(x_i)$ (if this isn't possible then we've covered X by finitely many balls).

This yields a sequence in X , which by sequential compactness must have a convergent subsequence. But this is impossible since no two terms of the sequence are within ε of each other! Contradiction. \square

Lemma 2: || If X metric space is sequentially compact then every open cover has a Lebesgue number ($\exists \delta > 0$ st. any subset of diameter $< \delta$ is entirely in one U_i).

(we've seen this holds for compact metric spaces, so it should hold!)

Pf: suppose \exists open cover $(U_i)_{i \in I}$ with no Lebesgue number, ie. $\forall n \geq 1 \quad \exists C_n \subset X$ with diameter $< \frac{1}{n}$ which isn't contained in any single U_i . Take $x_n \in C_n$.

By sequential compactness, \exists subsequence (x_{n_k}) of (x_n) that converges to some $a \in X$.

Now $a \in U_{i_0}$ for some $i_0 \in I$, and so $\exists \varepsilon > 0$ st. $B_\varepsilon(a) \subset U_{i_0}$.

Take k sufficiently large so that $\frac{1}{n_k} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ and $d(x_{n_k}, a) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$.

Since C_{n_k} has diameter $< \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$, $C_{n_k} \subset B_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}(x_{n_k}) \subset B_\varepsilon(a) \subset U_{i_0}$, contradiction. \square

Remark: This proof illustrates how arguments using sequential compactness are often more intuitive than those involving open covers: "if some property fails to hold uniformly, take a sequence of points where things get worse and worse, extract a convergent subsequence, and see what goes wrong at the limit."

Now we can prove seq. compact \Rightarrow compact:

Pf: Given an open cover $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$, by lemma 2 $\exists \delta > 0$ st. every subset of diameter $< \delta$ is entirely inside a single U_i . Fix $\varepsilon \in (0, \frac{\delta}{2})$: by lemma 1, X is covered by finitely many ε -balls. Each of these has diameter $\leq 2\varepsilon < \delta$, so is contained in some U_i . This gives a finite subcover, replacing each ε -ball by one U_i containing it (and discarding the rest of the U_i 's). \square .

Thm: Every compact metric space (X, d) is complete, i.e. every Cauchy seq. converges.

Pf: let (x_n) Cauchy seq., by sequential compactness \exists subsequence $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x \in X$.

Now $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N$ st. $\forall m, n \geq N, d(x_m, x_n) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$. $\exists n_k \geq N$ st. $d(x_{n_k}, x) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$.

Hence: $\forall n \geq N, d(x_n, x) \leq d(x_n, x_{n_k}) + d(x_{n_k}, x) < \varepsilon$. \square .

Corollary: \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^n (with usual distances) are complete.

Pf: every Cauchy sequence is bounded, hence contained in a compact subset, hence convergent. \square

Corollary: $\mathbb{R}^X = \{ \text{functions } X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \}$ with uniform metric is complete.

Pf: given a Cauchy sequence $\{f_n\}$ (i.e. $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N$ st. $m, n \geq N \Rightarrow \sup_x |f_n(x) - f_m(x)| < \varepsilon$).

$\forall x \in X, \{f_n(x)\}$ is a Cauchy seq. in \mathbb{R} ($|f_n(x) - f_m(x)| \leq \sup_x |f_n(x) - f_m(x)| < \varepsilon$)

hence converges to some limit $f(x)$ (i.e. we have a pointwise limit).

Now: given $\varepsilon > 0$, take N st. $m, n \geq N \Rightarrow \sup_x |f_n(x) - f_m(x)| < \varepsilon$.

Then $\forall n \geq N, \forall x \in X, |f_n(x) - f(x)| = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} |f_n(x) - f_m(x)| \leq \varepsilon$.

i.e. $\forall n \geq N, \sup_x |f_n(x) - f(x)| \leq \varepsilon$, which implies $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly. \square

(When X is a top. space, we've seen that uniform limits of continuous functions are continuous, so we also have completeness of $C^0(X, \mathbb{R}) = \{\text{continuous } f^n\} \subset \mathbb{R}^X$, uniform top. more generally: closed subsets of complete metric spaces are complete!)

Compactification

Def: A compactification of a (Hausdorff) top space X is a compact (Hausdorff) space Y with an inclusion $i: X \hookrightarrow Y$ which is an embedding (ie. homeom. onto its image), ie. topology on $X = \text{subspace topology of } i(X) \subset Y$, with X open & dense in Y ($\bar{X} = Y$).

Ex: $\mathbb{R}^n \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{R}^n \cup \{\infty\}$ as in HW2; this is in fact homeo to S^n (unit sphere in \mathbb{R}^{n+1})
 This is not the only option: eg. $(0,1) \cong \mathbb{R}$ compactifies to $\bullet \xrightarrow{[0,1]} \bullet$ or $\bullet \circlearrowleft S^1$
 $(0,1) \times (0,1) \cong \mathbb{R}^2$: eg.

* The one-point compactification, if exists, is unique.

Let $Y = X \cup \{\infty\}$ (add a new point). The requirements of a compactification imply:
 → a subset $U \subset X$ is open in Y iff it is open in X (subspace top. $\cong \tau_X$)
 → a subset V containing ∞ is open in Y iff $Y - V$ is closed, hence compact
 (we want Y compact), and a subset of X (since $\infty \in V$).

⇒ Def: $\tilde{\tau}_Y = \{U \subset X \text{ open}\} \cup \{Y - K \mid K \subset X \text{ compact}\}$.

Thm: $\tilde{\tau}_Y$ is a topology on $Y = X \cup \{\infty\}$, and Y is a compactification of X (in particular, Y is compact)

Pf: • axioms of a topology: case by case for U 's and $(Y - k)$'s.

Arbitrary unions and finite intersections of a single type of open are still of the same type.

(note: $\cap (Y - k_i) = Y - (\cup k_i)$, a finite union of compact subsets of X is compact).

Moreover, $\cup_n (Y - k) = \cup_n (X - k)$ open $\subset X$

$\cup_k (Y - k) = Y - (\underbrace{k \cap (X - U)}_{\text{closed in } k \text{ hence compact}})$

• Y is compact: if $(A_i)_{i \in I}$ open cover of Y . Then $\infty \in A_{i_0} = Y - k$ for some $i_0 \in I$, and now the $(A_i \cap k)$ form an open cover of $k \Rightarrow \exists i_1, \dots, i_n$ st. $A_{i_1} \cup \dots \cup A_{i_n} \supset k$. Thus $Y = A_{i_0} \cup (A_{i_1} \cup \dots \cup A_{i_n})$ finite subcover. □

However, this Y is not always Hausdorff! One-point compactifs are only useful if Hausdorff.

Def: X is locally compact if $\forall x \in X, \exists K \text{ compact } \subset X$ which contains a neighborhood of x .

Ex: \mathbb{R} is loc. compact ($x \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow x \in \text{int}([x-1, x+1])$), so is \mathbb{R}^n .

\mathbb{R}^∞ isn't (for any of usual topologies). Neither is \mathbb{Q} with usual top ($\subset \mathbb{R}$)

Thm: The one-point compactifn $Y = X \cup \{\infty\}$ is Hausdorff iff X is locally compact and Hausdorff

Pf: • X Hausdorff \Leftrightarrow we can separate points of $X \subset Y$ by open subsets (in X or in Y)
 • X loc. compact $\Leftrightarrow \forall x \in X \ \exists \text{open } U \ni x, Y - K \ni \infty$ st. $U \cap K = \emptyset$ ie. $\cap_{k \in K} (Y - k) = \emptyset$
 \Leftrightarrow we can separate points of X from ∞ by open subsets in Y . □