

Qu. How is $[a, b]$ different from (a, b) or $[a, \infty)$?

\uparrow
 closed & bdd

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 open

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 unbounded

For the concept of **bounded**, need metric
 i.e., $\exists x \in X, R > 0$ s.t. $A \subset B(x, R)$

Clearly, expect to **remove** the metric

Qu. What is the concept?

- A. Heine-Borel
- B. Bolzano-Weierstrass
- C. Sequentially Compact

Given a topological space (X, \mathcal{J}) .

A set $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{J}$ is an **open cover** if

$X = \bigcup \mathcal{C}$ \leftarrow the union of all open sets in \mathcal{C}

A subset $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathcal{C}$ is a **subcover** if

it is already an open cover, i.e., $\bigcup \mathcal{E} = X$

Heine-Borel

The space (X, \mathcal{J}) is **compact** if every open cover has a **finite** subcover

$\forall \mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{J}$ with $\bigcup \mathcal{C} = X$, \exists finite $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathcal{C}$
 such that $\bigcup \mathcal{E} = X$.

Let us also recall the other two concepts.

Bolzano-Weierstrass

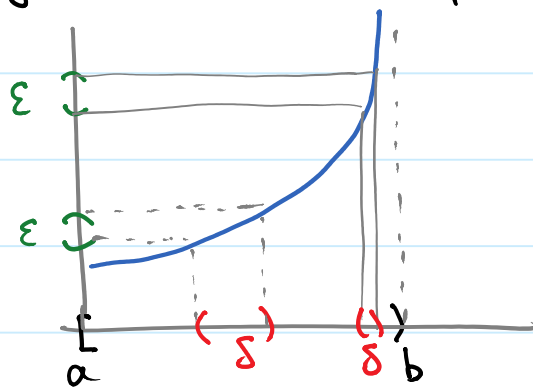
Every infinite set in X has a cluster point.

Sequentially compact

Every sequence has a convergent subsequence.

Each of the three concepts has its importance and usefulness. Let us use the following example to understand Heine-Borel.

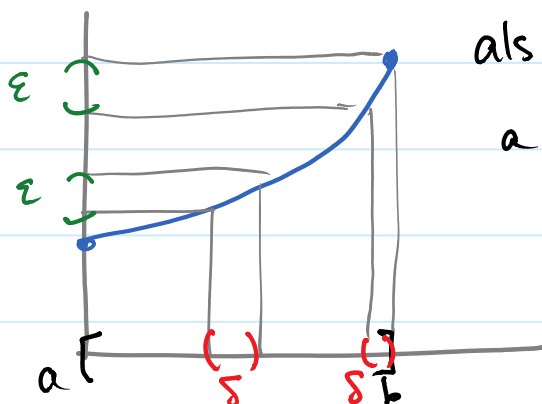
Continuity.— The $\delta > 0$ depends on $\epsilon > 0$ and x



For the same $\epsilon > 0$, $\delta > 0$ gets smaller and smaller.

There are infinitely many δ -intervals on $[a, b]$

For uniform continuity, though the δ -intervals



also get smaller. There is a minimum size. Therefore

$[a, b]$ can be covered

by finitely many δ -intervals

Examples

1. $[a, b]$ is compact. How to prove it?

2. \mathbb{R}^n is not compact

* \mathbb{R}^n always has a finite open cover, $\mathcal{G} = \{\mathbb{R}^n\}$

This is irrelevant to compactness

* $\mathbb{R}^1 = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (2n, 2n+2) \cup (2n+1, 2n+3)$ but

cannot be reduced to finitely many.

* $\mathcal{G} = \{B(m, 1) : m \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}\}$ is an open cover for \mathbb{R}^2

Can we take away some sets from \mathcal{G} ?

3. $(0, 1] = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (\frac{1}{n}, 1]$ is not compact

4. Qu. Is this compact?

$$K = \{0\} \cup \{1/n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subset \mathbb{R}$$

In general, let $x_n \rightarrow x$ in X . Then

$$K = \{x\} \cup \{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \text{ is compact}$$

Compact Subset

Given (X, \mathcal{J}) and $A \subset X$.

$(A, \mathcal{J}|_A)$ is compact \iff

$\forall \mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{J}$ with $\bigcup \mathcal{G} \supset A$, \exists finite $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathcal{G}$
such that $\bigcup \mathcal{E} \supset A$

Recall $[a, b]$ is compact

Let $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{J}$ be an open cover for $[a, b]$

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Ask if $[a, x]$

can have finite subcover

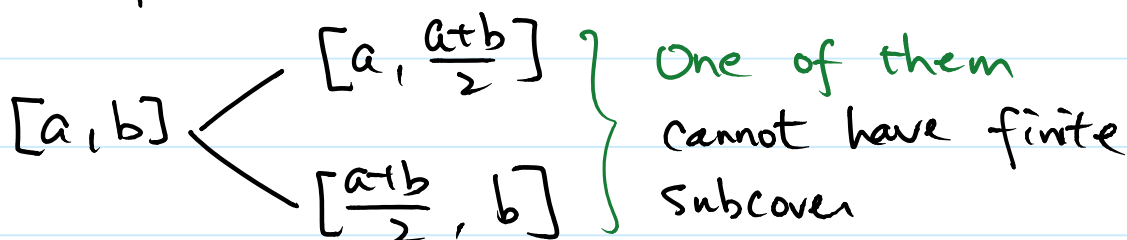
$$T = \left\{ x \in [a, b] : [a, x] \text{ can be covered} \right. \\ \left. \text{by finite } \mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{C} \right\}$$

Then $T \neq \emptyset$ because $a \in T$

Let $s = \sup T$, exists and $s \leq b$

Can prove that $s < b$ gives contradiction

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Get $[a, b] \supset [a_1, b_1] \supset \dots \supset [a_k, b_k] \supset \dots$

If it stops at finite step then done

If it does not stop then contradiction

Note. Second method is valid for closed & bdd subset in \mathbb{R}^n , or totally bounded complete metric space

Qu. Observe from examples in \mathbb{R} , is there any relation between closed & compact?

Theorem. If (X, \mathcal{J}) is compact and $A \subset X$ is closed then A is compact

Proof. Let $\mathcal{C} \subset X$ with $\bigcup \mathcal{C} \supset A$

$$\vdots \longleftarrow \mathcal{C}' = \mathcal{C} \cup \{X \setminus A\}, \bigcup \mathcal{C}' = X$$

Get finite $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathcal{C}$

$$\bigcup \mathcal{E} \supset A$$

Theorem If $f: (X, \mathcal{J}_X) \longrightarrow Y$ is continuous and X is compact then so is $f(X) \subset Y$.

Proof Let $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{J}_Y$ with $\bigcup \mathcal{C} \supset f(X)$.

$$\text{Then } \mathcal{C}_X = \{f^{-1}V : V \in \mathcal{C}\}, \quad \bigcup \mathcal{C}_X = X$$

$\therefore \exists \{f^{-1}V_1, \dots, f^{-1}V_n\} \subset \mathcal{C}_X$ satisfies

$$\bigcup_{k=1}^n f^{-1}V_k = X$$

$$\text{Set Theory } \left(\begin{array}{l} \hookrightarrow \\ \hookrightarrow \end{array} \right) \bigcup_{k=1}^n V_k \supset f(X)$$

* X compact, $X \xrightarrow{f} X/\sim \implies X/\sim$ is so.

* $\prod X_\alpha$ compact \implies each factor X_β is so.

Qu. What about the converses?

For quotient, e.g., $\mathbb{R} \longrightarrow S^1$.