

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

$\uparrow$  closed & bdd       $\nearrow$  open       $\uparrow$  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

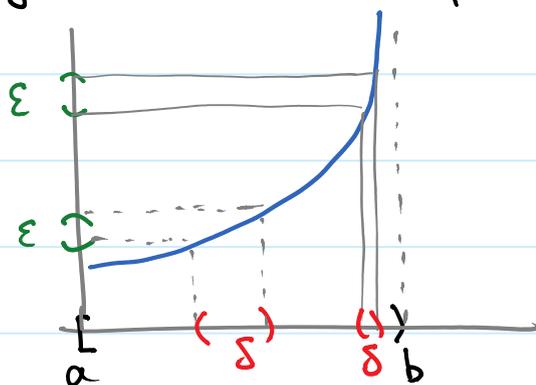
Every infinite set in  $X$  has a cluster point.

### 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.

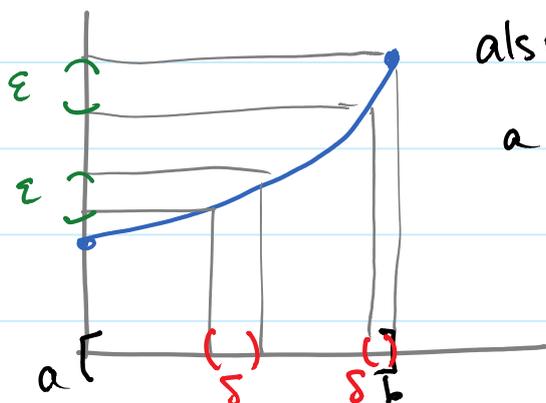
Continuity.— The  $\delta > 0$  depends on  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $x$



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

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

For uniform continuity, though the  $\delta$ -intervals



also get smaller. There is a minimum size. Therefore  $[a, b]$  can be covered by finitely many  $\delta$ -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  $\bigcup \mathcal{E} \supset A$