

eg 2.13  $X = C[a, b]$  with  $d_\infty(f, g) = \|f - g\|_\infty = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} |f - g|(x)$

let  $E = \{f \in C[a, b] : f(x) > 0, \forall x \in [a, b]\} \subset X$

$\forall f \in E$ ,  $f$  is positive, cts on the closed & bounded interval  $[a, b]$ , therefore  $\exists m > 0$  s.t.

$$f(x) \geq m > 0, \forall x \in [a, b].$$

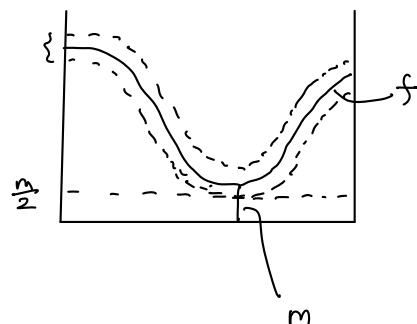
Consider  $B_{\frac{m}{2}}^\infty(f) = \{g \in C[a, b] : d_\infty(g, f) < \frac{m}{2}\}$

$\forall g \in B_{\frac{m}{2}}^\infty(f)$ , we have  $\forall x \in [a, b]$

$$g(x) = [g(x) - f(x)] + f(x)$$

$$\geq f(x) - \|g - f\|_\infty$$

$$> f(x) - \frac{m}{2} \geq m - \frac{m}{2} = \frac{m}{2} > 0$$



$\therefore g \in E$  & hence  $B_{\frac{m}{2}}^\infty(f) \subset E$

$\therefore E$  is open in  $(C[a, b], d_\infty)$ .

Similarly, one can show that  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\{f \in C[a, b] : f(x) > \alpha, \forall x \in [a, b]\}$$

$$\{f \in C[a, b] : f(x) < \alpha, \forall x \in [a, b]\}$$

are open in  $(C[a, b], d_\infty)$ .

And

$$\{f \in C[a,b] = f(x) \geq \alpha, \forall x \in [a,b]\}$$

$$\{f \in C[a,b] = f(x) \leq \alpha, \forall x \in [a,b]\}$$

are closed in  $(C[a,b], d_\infty)$  (Ex!)

$$\left( \text{Caution: } C[a,b] \setminus \{f \in C[a,b] = f(x) \geq \alpha, \forall x \in [a,b]\} \neq \{f \in C[a,b] = f(x) < \alpha, \forall x \in [a,b]\} \right)$$

eg 2.14: Let  $X \neq \emptyset$  and  $d = \text{discrete metric on } X$ .

Then  $\forall$  subset  $E \subset X$ ,

$$B_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) = \{x\} \subset E, \forall x \in E.$$

(HW 4)

$\therefore E$  is open.

Therefore, any subset  $E$  of  $(X, \text{discrete})$  is open,

& hence any subset  $E$  of  $(X, \text{discrete})$  is closed.

Together, any subset  $E$  of  $(X, \text{discrete})$  is both open and closed.

In particular, any  $\{x\} \subset (X, \text{discrete})$  is both

open and closed.

Prop 2.6 Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$  if and only if

$\forall$  open set  $G$  containing  $x$ ,  $\exists n_0$  such that  $x_n \in G$ ,  $\forall n \geq n_0$ .

Pf: ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $G$  open &  $x \in G$ .

$\Rightarrow \exists \varepsilon > 0$  s.t.  $B_\varepsilon(x) \subset G$

As  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , for this  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists n_0$  s.t.

$$d(x_n, x) < \varepsilon, \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_n \in B_\varepsilon(x) \subset G, \forall n \geq n_0$$

( $\Leftarrow$ )  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $B_\varepsilon(x)$  is an open set containing  $x$ .

Therefore  $\exists n_0$  s.t.  $x_n \in B_\varepsilon(x)$ ,  $\forall n \geq n_0$

$$\Rightarrow d(x_n, x) < \varepsilon, \forall n \geq n_0$$

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Prop 2.7 Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Then a set  $A \subset X$

is closed if and only if whenever  $\{x_n\} \subset A$

and  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  implies that  $x \in A$ .

Pf: ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose not. Then  $x \notin A$

i.e.  $x \in X \setminus A$  which is open (as  $A$  closed)

$\Rightarrow \exists \varepsilon > 0, B_\varepsilon(x) \subset X \setminus A$ .

On the other hand  $x_n \rightarrow x, \exists n_0$  s.t.  $d(x_n, x) < \varepsilon \forall n \geq n_0$

$\Rightarrow x_n \in B_\varepsilon(x) \subset X \setminus A$

$\Rightarrow x_n \notin A$  contradiction  $\#$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose not. Then  $A$  is not closed.

$\Leftrightarrow X \setminus A$  is not open

$\exists x \in X \setminus A$  s.t.  $B_\varepsilon(x) \not\subset X \setminus A, \forall \varepsilon > 0$ .

In particular,  $B_{\frac{1}{n}}(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset, \forall n = 1, 2, \dots$

Pick  $x_n \in B_{\frac{1}{n}}(x) \cap A$  for each  $n$

Then  $\{x_n\} \subset A$  &  $d(x_n, x) < \frac{1}{n}, \forall n$

$\Rightarrow x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Contradicting the assumption (as  $x \in X \setminus A$ )  $\#$

Prop 2.8 Let  $f: (X, d) \rightarrow (Y, \rho)$  be a mapping between metric spaces,

(a)  $f$  is continuous at  $x$

$\Leftrightarrow \forall$  open set  $G$  (in  $Y$ ) containing  $f(x)$ ,

$f^{-1}(G)$  contains  $B_\varepsilon(x)$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

(b)  $f$  is continuous in  $X$

$\Leftrightarrow \forall$  open set  $G$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(G)$  is open in  $X$

Pf: (a) ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose not,

then  $\exists$  open set  $G$  in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$

s.t.  $f^{-1}(G)$  doesn't contain  $B_\varepsilon(x)$ ,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ .

ie.  $B_\varepsilon(x) \cap [X \setminus f^{-1}(G)] \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ .

In particular  $B_{\frac{1}{n}}(x) \cap [X \setminus f^{-1}(G)] \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\forall n$ .

Pick  $x_n \in B_{\frac{1}{n}}(x) \cap [X \setminus f^{-1}(G)]$ ,  $\forall n$ .

Then

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_n \in B_{\frac{1}{n}}(x) \Rightarrow x_n \rightarrow x \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \\ x_n \in X \setminus f^{-1}(G) \Rightarrow f(x_n) \notin G, \forall n \end{array} \right.$$

By Prop 2.6,  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$ . Contradicting the assumption that  $f$  is not continuous at  $x$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ )  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $B_\varepsilon(f(x)) \subset Y$  is an open set containing  $f(x)$ . By assumption,

$$f^{-1}(B_\varepsilon(f(x))) \supset B_\delta(x) \text{ for some } \delta > 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } f(y) \in B_\varepsilon(f(x)), \quad \forall y \in B_\delta(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow d(f(y), f(x)) < \varepsilon, \quad \forall d(y, x) < \delta.$$

$\therefore f$  is continuous at  $x$ .

(b) follows from (a). (Ex!) ~~✗~~

Note: We also have:

$f$  is continuous in  $X$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall \text{ closed set } F \subset Y, f^{-1}(F) \text{ is closed in } X.$$

(Pf: Ex!)

Ex (i) Let  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  &  $A \neq \emptyset$ .

Since  $\rho_A(x) = d(x, A)$  is cts,

$$G_r = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : d(x, A) < r\} = \rho_A^{-1}(B_r(0))$$

is open in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(ii) Claim: If  $A$  is closed, then  $A = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} G_{\frac{1}{n}}$ .

Hence any closed set is a countable intersection of open sets.

Bf: It is clear that  $A \subset \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} G_{\frac{1}{n}}$  as  $A \subset G_{\frac{1}{n}}, \forall n$ .

Let  $x \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} G_{\frac{1}{n}}$  then  $x \in G_{\frac{1}{n}}, \forall n$

$$\Rightarrow d(x, A) < \frac{1}{n}, \forall n$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists x_n \in A \text{ s.t. } d(x, x_n) < \frac{1}{n}, \forall n$$

Hence  $\{x_n\} \subset A$  is a seq in  $A$  s.t.  $x_n \rightarrow x$ .

Since  $A$  is closed, we have  $x \in A$ . (Prop 2.7)

$$\therefore A = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} G_{\frac{1}{n}} \quad \text{***}$$

## §2.4 Points in Metric Spaces

Def: Let  $E$  be a set in a metric space  $(X, d)$

(1) A point  $x \in X$  (not nec. in  $E$ ) is called a

boundary point of  $E$  if  $\forall$  open set  $G \subset X$

containing  $x$ ,  $G \cap E \neq \emptyset$  &  $G \setminus E \neq \emptyset$

$$(G \cap (X \setminus E) \neq \emptyset)$$

(2) The set of boundary points of  $E$  will be denoted by  $\partial E$  and is called the boundary of  $E$ .

(3) The closure of  $E$ , denoted by  $\overline{E}$ , is defined to be  $\overline{E} = E \cup \partial E$ .

Note =

(i) In (1), it suffices to check  $G$  of the form  $B_\varepsilon(x)$  for all small  $\varepsilon > 0$ , or even  $B_{\frac{1}{n}}(x)$ ,  $\forall n \geq 1$  (See the proof of Prop 2.9(a)).

(ii)  $\partial E = \partial(X \setminus E)$ ,  $\forall E \subset X$ .

$$E \left\{ \begin{array}{l} X \setminus E \\ \partial E \end{array} \right.$$



eg: For  $B_r(x) = \{y \in \mathbb{X} : d(y, x) < r\}$  in  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \text{standard})$

$$\partial B_r(x) = S_r(x) = \{y \in \mathbb{X} : d(y, x) = r\} \quad \&$$

$$\overline{B}_r(x) = B_r(x) \cup \partial B_r(x) = \{y \in \mathbb{X} : d(y, x) \leq r\}$$

Further Notes (i)  $\partial \emptyset = \emptyset$  (Ex!)

(ii)  $\forall E \subset \mathbb{X}$ ,  $\partial E$  is a closed set.

(iii) If  $E$  is closed, then  $\overline{E} = E$ .

Pf of (ii): Consider a seq  $\{x_n\} \subset \partial E$  converging to some  $x \in \mathbb{X}$ .

Then  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $x_n \in B_\varepsilon(x)$  for  $n \geq n_0$  (for some  $n_0$ )

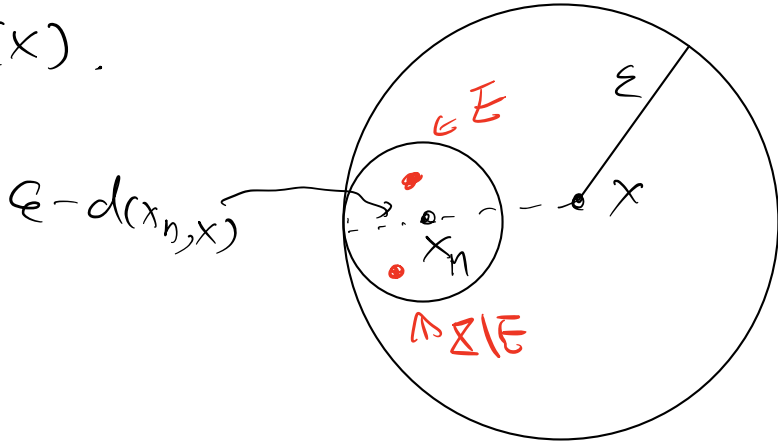
$$\Rightarrow B_{\varepsilon - d(x_n, x)}(x_n) \subset B_\varepsilon(x).$$

As  $x_n \in \partial E$ ,

$$\begin{cases} B_{\varepsilon - d(x_n, x)}(x_n) \cap E \neq \emptyset \\ B_{\varepsilon - d(x_n, x)}(x_n) \setminus E \neq \emptyset \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} B_\varepsilon(x) \cap E \neq \emptyset \\ B_\varepsilon(x) \setminus E \neq \emptyset \end{cases}$$

$\varepsilon - d(x_n, x)$



(Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  arbitrary)  
 $\Rightarrow x \in \partial E$ .

Therefore  $\partial E$  is closed ~~✗~~

Pf of (iii) : Only need to show that  
 $\partial E \subset E$  if  $E$  is closed.

Let  $x \in \partial E$ , then by definition

$$B_{\frac{1}{n}}(x) \cap E \neq \emptyset \quad (\& \quad B_{\frac{1}{n}}(x) \cap (\mathbb{X} \setminus E) \neq \emptyset)$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists x_n \in B_{\frac{1}{n}}(x) \cap E.$$

$$\Rightarrow d(x_n, x) < \frac{1}{n}, \quad \forall n$$

$$\therefore x_n \rightarrow x$$

Since  $E$  is closed, Prop 2.7  $\Rightarrow x \in E$ .

Since  $x \in \partial E$  is arbitrary,  $\partial E \subset E$ . #

Prop 2.9 Let  $E \subset (\mathbb{X}, d)$ . Then

$$(a) \quad x \in \bar{E} \Leftrightarrow B_r(x) \cap E \neq \emptyset, \quad \forall r > 0.$$

$$(b) \quad A \subset B \Rightarrow \bar{A} \subset \bar{B} \quad \forall A, B \subset (\mathbb{X}, d)$$

(c)  $\bar{E}$  is closed

$$(d) \quad \bar{E} = \bigcap \{ C : C = \text{closed set}, C \supset E \}.$$

(i.e.  $\bar{E}$  is the smallest closed set containing  $E$ )

Pf (a)  $(\Rightarrow)$   $x \in \bar{E} \Rightarrow x \in E$  or  $x \in \partial E$ .

If  $x \in E$ , then  $x \in B_r(x) \cap E, \forall r > 0$

$\Rightarrow B_r(x) \cap E \neq \emptyset, \forall r > 0$ .

If  $x \in \partial E$ , then by definition of boundary point,

$\forall$  open set  $G$  containing  $x, G \cap E \neq \emptyset$

( $\& G \setminus E \neq \emptyset$ )

Since  $B_r(x)$  is open and  $x \in B_r(x), \forall r > 0$ ,

we have  $B_r(x) \cap E \neq \emptyset, \forall r > 0$ .

$(\Leftarrow)$  If  $x \in E$ , we are done. ( $x \in E \subset \bar{E}$ )

If  $x \notin E$ , then for any open set  $G$  containing  $x$ ,

$x \in G \setminus E$ . Hence  $G \setminus E \neq \emptyset$ .

To show that  $G \cap E \neq \emptyset$ , we choose  $r_0 > 0$

s.t.  $B_{r_0}(x) \subset G$  (it is possible since  $G$  is open).

Then by assumption,  $B_{r_0}(x) \cap E \neq \emptyset$

and hence  $G \cap E (\supset B_{r_0}(x) \cap E) \neq \emptyset$ . ~~##~~

(b) Let  $x \in \bar{A}$ .

By part (a),  $B_r(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset, \forall r > 0$

Since  $A \subset B$ ,  $B_r(x) \cap B \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\forall r > 0$

Part (a) again,  $x \in \bar{B}$ .

$\therefore \bar{A} \subset \bar{B}$ . #

(c) Consider a seq  $\{x_n\} \in \bar{E}$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$   
for some  $x \in X$ . We need to show that  $x \in \bar{E}$   
(Prop 2.7)<sup>o</sup>

Suppose not, then  $x \notin \bar{E}$ .

Part (a)  $\Rightarrow \exists \varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that  $B_{\varepsilon_0}(x) \cap E = \emptyset$

For this  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ ,  $\exists n_0 > 0$  such that  $x_n \in B_{\varepsilon_0}(x) \forall n \geq n_0$ .

Then  $B_{\varepsilon_0}(x) \cap E = \emptyset \Rightarrow x_n \in \partial E \setminus E$  for  $n \geq n_0$ .

In particular  $\{x_n\}_{n=n_0}^{\infty}$  is a seq. in  $\partial E$  and

$x_n \rightarrow x$ . By Note (ii) above and Prop 2.7,

$x \in \partial E \subset \bar{E}$  which is a contradiction. #

(d) By (c),  $\bar{E}$  is closed &  $\bar{E} \supset E$

$\therefore \bar{E} \in \{C : C = \text{closed set}, C \supset E\}$

$\Rightarrow \bar{E} \supset \bigcap \{C : C = \text{closed set}, C \supset E\}$

Conversely, let  $C$  be a closed set &  $C \supset E$ .

Then by (i) and (ii) of Further Notes above,

$$\bar{E} \subset \bar{C} = C$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{E} \subset \bigcap \{C : C = \text{closed set, } C \supset E\} \quad \#$$

Def = let  $E$  be a subset of a metric space  $(X, d)$ .

(1) A point  $x$  is called an interior point of  $E$   
if  $\exists$  an open set  $G$  s.t.  $x \in G$  &  $G \subset E$ .

(2) The set of all interior points of  $E$  is called the interior of  $E$ , denoted by  $E^\circ$ .

Notes = (i)  $E^\circ$  is open

$$(ii) E^\circ = E \setminus \partial E$$

$$(iii) E^\circ = X \setminus \overline{(X \setminus E)}$$

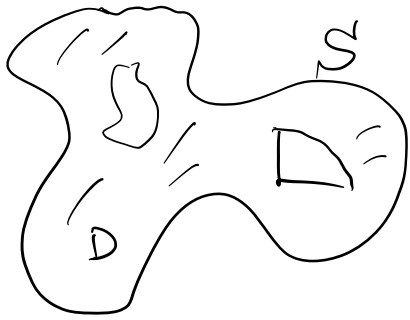
$$(iv) E^\circ = \bigcup \{G : G = \text{open} \& G \subset E\}$$

(Pf = Ex!)

eg 2.18  $E = \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$  in  $(X = [0, 1], d(x, y) = |x - y|)$

Then  $E^\circ = \emptyset$  &  $\bar{E} = [0, 1]$ ,  $\partial E = ?$ .

eg 2.19 Let  $D$  be a domain in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  bounded by several cts. curves  $S$ .



Then  $\partial D = S$

$$\bar{D} = D \cup S = D \cup \partial D$$

$$\approx (\bar{D})^\circ = D.$$

eg 2.20 : (i)  $\overline{E \cup F} = \bar{E} \cup \bar{F}$  for  $E, F \subset (\mathbb{X}, d)$   
(Ex!)

(ii) However  $(E \cup F)^\circ \neq E^\circ \cup F^\circ$  in general.

Counterexample:  $E = \mathbb{Q}$  ( $\mathbb{R}, d$ )  
 $F = \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  (" $\mathbb{R}$ , standard")

$$\text{Then } E \cup F = \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow (E \cup F)^\circ = \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{However } E^\circ = F^\circ = \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow E^\circ \cup F^\circ = \emptyset \neq \mathbb{R} = (E \cup F)^\circ.$$

(iii) We only have  $E^\circ \cup F^\circ \subset (E \cup F)^\circ$  (Pf: Ex!)

eg 2.21 : ( $\mathbb{X} = C[0, 1]$ ,  $d_\infty(f, g) = \|f - g\|_\infty$ )

Let  $S = \{f \in \mathbb{X} : 1 < f(x) \leq 5, \forall x \in [0, 1]\}$

(1) Claim:  $\bar{S} = \{f \in \mathbb{X} : 1 \leq f(x) \leq 5, \forall x \in [0, 1]\}$ .

Pf: Let  $C = \{f \in \mathcal{X} : 1 \leq f(x) \leq 5, \forall x \in [0, 1]\} \supset S^0$ .

Then  $C = \{1 \leq f(x)\} \cap \{f(x) \leq 5\}$

$\therefore C$  is closed. ↖ closed in  $(\mathcal{X}, d_\infty)$   
(Ex!)

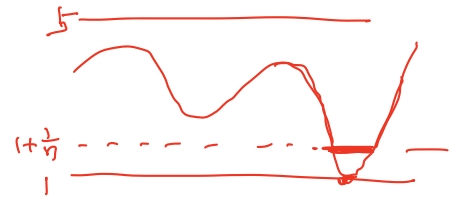
$\therefore \overline{S^0} \subset C$  (by Prop 2.9 (d))

Conversely,  $\forall f \in C$

$f_n(x) = \max\{f(x), 1 + \frac{1}{n}\} \in \mathcal{X} = C[0, 1], \forall n$ .

Then  $1 < 1 + \frac{1}{n} \leq f_n(x) \leq 5, \forall n$

$\Rightarrow f_n(x) \in S^0, \forall n$



Note  $d_0(f_n, f) = \max_{x \in [0, 1]} |f_n - f|(x)$

$$\leq 1 + \frac{1}{n} - 1 = \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$\therefore f \in \overline{S^0}$  as  $f_n \rightarrow f$ .

Hence  $C \subset \overline{S^0}$ .  $\times$

(2) Claim:  $S^0 = \{f \in \mathcal{X} : 1 < f(x) < 5, \forall x \in [0, 1]\}$ .

(Pf = Ex!)