

Prop 2.1 Let $f: (X, d) \rightarrow (Y, \rho)$ be a mapping between 2 metric spaces, and $x_0 \in X$. Then f is continuous at $x_0 \iff \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$ such that $\rho(f(x), f(x_0)) < \varepsilon, \forall x$ with $d(x, x_0) < \delta$.

(Pf = Ex!)

Prop 2.2 : Let $f: (X, d) \rightarrow (Y, \rho)$ &
 $g: (Y, \rho) \rightarrow (Z, m)$

are mappings between metric spaces.

(a) If f is continuous at x & g is continuous at $f(x)$,

then $g \circ f: (X, d) \rightarrow (Z, m)$ is continuous at x .

(b) If f is cts in X and g is cts in Y ,

then $g \circ f$ is cts in X .

(Pf = Easy)

Eg: let (X, d) be a metric space, $A \subset X, A \neq \emptyset$.

Define $\rho_A: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\rho_A(x) = \inf_{y \in A} d(y, x)$$

(distance from x to the subset A).

Claim: $|\rho_A(x) - \rho_A(y)| \leq d(x, y)$, $\forall x, y \in X$,

Pf of claim: For fixed $x, y \in X$.

By defn. of $\rho_A(y)$,

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists z \in A \text{ s.t. } \rho_A(y) + \varepsilon > d(z, y)$$

$$\text{Hence, } \rho_A(x) \leq d(z, x) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z) \\ < d(x, y) + \rho_A(y) + \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho_A(x) - \rho_A(y) < d(x, y) + \varepsilon.$$

Interchanging the roles of x & y

$$\rho_A(y) - \rho_A(x) < d(x, y) + \varepsilon$$

$$\text{Therefore } |\rho_A(x) - \rho_A(y)| < d(x, y) + \varepsilon.$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, $|\rho_A(x) - \rho_A(y)| \leq d(x, y)$ ~~iff~~

By claim, $d(x_n, x) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \rho_A(x_n) \rightarrow \rho_A(x)$

$\therefore \rho_A: (X, d) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is cts.

(In fact, ρ_A is "Lipschitz continuous".)

This example shows that there are "many" cts functions on a metric space.

Notation: Usually, we use the following notations

$$d(x, F) = \inf \{ d(x, y) : y \in F \}$$

$$d(E, F) = \inf \{ d(x, y) : x \in E, y \in F \}$$

for subsets E & F .

§ 2.2 Open and Closed Sets

Def: Let (X, d) = metric space

- A set $G \subset X$ is called an open set if
 $\forall x \in G, \exists \underline{\epsilon} > 0$ s.t. $B_\epsilon(x) = \{y : d(x, y) < \epsilon\} \subset G$.

(The number $\epsilon > 0$ may vary depending on x .)

- We also define the empty set \emptyset to be an open set.

Prop: Let (X, d) be a metric space. We have

(a) X and \emptyset are open sets.

(b) Arbitrary union of open sets is open:

if $G_\alpha, \alpha \in A$, is a collection of open sets

then $\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} G_\alpha$ is an open set.

(c) Finite intersection of open sets is open:

if G_1, \dots, G_N are open sets, then $\bigcap_{j=1}^N G_j$ is an open set.

Pf: (a) Clear

(b) let $x \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} G_\alpha$

$\Rightarrow x \in G_\alpha$ for some $\alpha \in A$.

$\Rightarrow \exists \varepsilon > 0$ s.t. $B_\varepsilon(x) \subset G_\alpha$ (since G_α open)

$\Rightarrow B_\varepsilon(x) \subset \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} G_\alpha$ ~~✗~~

(c) let $x \in \bigcap_{j=1}^N G_j$

$\Rightarrow x \in G_j, \forall j=1, \dots, N$

$\Rightarrow \exists \varepsilon_j > 0$ s.t. $B_{\varepsilon_j}(x) \subset G_j, \forall j=1, \dots, N$

let $\varepsilon = \min\{\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_N\} > 0$. Then

$B_\varepsilon(x) \subset B_{\varepsilon_j}(x) \subset G_j, \forall j=1, \dots, N$

$\Rightarrow B_\varepsilon(x) \subset \bigcap_{j=1}^N G_j$ ~~✗~~

Def: let (X, d) be a metric space.

A set $F \subset X$ is called a closed set if the complement $X \setminus F$ is an open set.

Prop 2.4 let (X, d) be a metric space. We have

(a) X and \emptyset are closed sets.

(b) Arbitrary intersection of closed sets is closed:

if $F_\alpha, \alpha \in A$, are closed sets, then $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} F_\alpha$ is closed.

(c) Finite union of closed sets is closed:

if F_1, \dots, F_N are closed sets, then $\bigcup_{j=1}^N F_j$ is closed.

Note: Prop 2.3 & 2.4 $\Rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ \& } \emptyset$ are both open & closed.

eg 2.8 (1) Every metric ball $B_r(x) = \{y \in \mathbb{X} : d(y,x) < r\}$ is an open set.

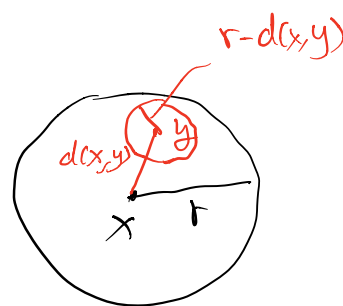
PF: $\forall y \in B_r(x)$

Then $\varepsilon = r - d(x,y) > 0$

& $\forall z \in B_\varepsilon(y)$,

$$\begin{aligned} d(z,x) &\leq d(z,y) + d(y,x) \\ &< \varepsilon + d(y,x) = r \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow B_\varepsilon(y) \subset B_r(x)$ ~~✱~~

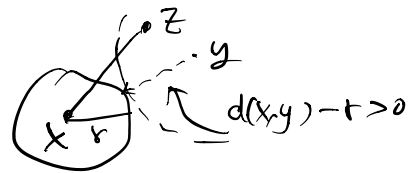


(2) The set $E = \{y \in \mathbb{X} : d(y,x) > r\}$ is open and hence

$\mathbb{X} \setminus E = \{y \in \mathbb{X} : d(y,x) \leq r\}$ is closed.

PF: $\forall y \in E$

Then $\varepsilon = d(x,y) - r > 0$



$$\begin{aligned}
\forall z \in B_\varepsilon(y), \\
d(z, x) &\geq d(x, y) - d(z, y) \quad (\text{triangle inequality}) \\
&> d(x, y) - (d(x, y) - r) \\
&= r \\
\therefore B_\varepsilon(y) &\subset E \quad \#
\end{aligned}$$

Note: We usually write *(Confusing notation here, not equal closure of $B_r(x)$ in general)*

$$\overline{B_r(x)} = \overline{B_r(x)} = \{y \in X : d(y, x) \leq r\}$$

the closed ball of radius r centered at x .

(3) Since $B_r(x)$ & $E = \{y \in X : d(x, y) > r\}$ are open,

$$B_r(x) \cup E \text{ is open.}$$

$$\Rightarrow X \setminus (B_r(x) \cup E) = \{y \in X : d(x, y) = r\}$$

is closed.

In particular, $E = \{y \in X : d(y, x) > 0\}$ is open

$$\Rightarrow \{x\} = X \setminus E \text{ is } \underline{\text{closed}} \text{ (in any metric space)}$$

[Note: $\{x\}$ may not be open (unless $\exists \varepsilon_0 > 0$ s.t. $B_{\varepsilon_0}(x) = \{x\}$.)]

eg 2.9 $B_{\frac{1}{n}}(x)$, $n=1, 2, \dots$, are open sets.

Claim: $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} B_{\frac{1}{n}}(x) = \{x\}$ (closed, may not be open)

(\therefore infinite intersection of open sets may not open.)

Pf of claim: $\forall y \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} B_{\frac{1}{n}}(x) \Rightarrow y \in B_{\frac{1}{n}}(x), \forall n=1,2,\dots$

$$\Rightarrow d(y,x) < \frac{1}{n}, \forall n=1,2,\dots$$

$$\Rightarrow d(y,x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = x \quad \text{**}$$

eg 2.11 $\mathbb{X} = C[a,b]$ with $d_{\infty}(f,g) = \|f-g\|_{\infty} = \sup_{x \in [a,b]} |f-g|(x)$

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

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

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

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 $(C[a,b], d_\infty)$

eg 12: Let $X \neq \emptyset$ and $d = \text{discrete metric on } X$.

Then \forall subset $E \subset X$,

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

$\therefore E$ 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 2.5 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 2.6 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. $d(x_n, x) < \varepsilon$
 $\forall n \geq n_0$

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

$$\Rightarrow x_n \notin A \text{ contradiction} \quad \#$$

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

$$\Leftrightarrow X \setminus A \text{ is not open}$$

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x_n \rightarrow x \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

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