

eg. 2.1  $(\mathbb{X} = \mathbb{R}, d(x,y) = |x-y|)$  is a metric space.

eg. 2.2 Let  $\mathbb{X} = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $d_2(x,y) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2}$  (Euclidean metric)

for  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  &  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Then  $(\mathbb{R}^n, d_2)$  is a metric space. (Proof omitted, Ex!)

eg. 2.3 Let  $\mathbb{X} = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $d_1(x,y) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|$

$$d_\infty(x,y) = \max_{i=1, \dots, n} |x_i - y_i|$$

Then  $(\mathbb{R}^n, d_1)$  &  $(\mathbb{R}^n, d_\infty)$  are metric spaces.

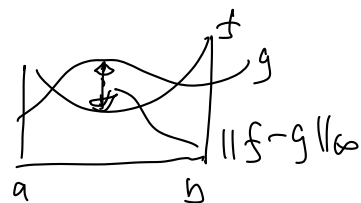
Generalization of egs 2.2 & 2.3 to function spaces:

eg. 2.4 Let  $C[a,b] = \{ \text{(real) continuous functions on } [a,b] \}$

$\forall f, g \in C[a,b]$ , define

$$d_\infty(f,g) = \|f-g\|_\infty = \max \{ |f(x) - g(x)| : x \in [a,b] \}$$

Then  $(C[a,b], d_\infty)$  is a metric space (Ex!)



Similarly, one can define

$$d_1(f,g) = \int_a^b |f(x) - g(x)| dx$$

It is also easy to verify that  $(C[a,b], d_1)$  is a metric space. (Ex!)

The natural generalization of the Euclidean metric to  $C[a,b]$  is

$$d_2(f,g) = \sqrt{\int_a^b |f-g|^2}$$

(M1) & (M2) are clear for  $d_2$  (because  $f, g$  etc.).

Note that  $d_2(f, g) = \|f - g\|_2$  (as in Fourier series)

$\Rightarrow d_2$  satisfies (M3) (Ex! using Cauchy-Schwarz to prove)  
 $\|f + g\|_2 \leq \|f\|_2 + \|g\|_2$

$\therefore (C[a, b], d_2)$  is a metric space.

eg 2.5 On  $X = R[a, b] = \{ \text{Riemann integrable functions on } [a, b] \}$ .

$d_1$  is still defined

$$d_1(f, g) = \int_a^b |f - g|$$

However, (M1) is not satisfied:

$$d_1(f, g) = 0 \Leftrightarrow f = g \text{ almost everywhere}$$

$$\not\Rightarrow f = g \text{ (at every point)}$$

$\therefore d_1$  is not a metric on  $R[a, b]$ .

To overcome this, we consider  $X = \frac{R[a, b]}{\sim}$

where " $\sim$ " is an equivalent relation on  $R[a, b]$

defined by  $f \sim g \Leftrightarrow f = g$  almost everywhere.

(Check: " $\sim$ " is an equivalent relation.)

Then elements of  $\frac{R[a, b]}{\sim}$  can be represented as

$$[f] \text{ or } \bar{f} = \{ g \in R[a, b] : g = f \text{ almost everywhere} \}$$

Now define  $\hat{d}_1$  on  $\frac{R[a, b]}{\sim}$  by

$$\hat{d}_1(\bar{f}, \bar{g}) = d_1(f, g)$$

check:  $\hat{d}_1$  is well-defined, i.e. indep. of the choice of representatives  $f$  &  $g$ :

$$\forall f_1 \in \bar{f}, g_1 \in \bar{g}.$$

$$\text{Then } d_1(f_1, g_1) = \int |f_1 - g_1|$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \int |f_1 - f| + \int |f - g| + \int |g - g_1| \\ &= d_1(f, g) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly } d_1(f, g) \leq d_1(f_1, g_1)$$

$$\therefore d_1(f, g) = d_1(f_1, g_1).$$

Then it is straight forward to verify that  $(\mathbb{R}[a, b] / \sim, \hat{d}_1)$  is a metric space.

Similarly for  $(\mathbb{R}[a, b] / \sim, \hat{d}_2)$  is a metric space & note that  $\hat{d}_2$  is the  $L^2$ -distance defined before.

Def: A norm  $\|\cdot\|$  is a function on a real vector space  $X$  to  $[0, \infty)$  s.t.  $\forall x, y \in X$  &  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(N1) \quad \|x\| \geq 0 \quad \& \quad " \|x\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0 "$$

$$(N2) \quad \|\alpha x\| = |\alpha| \|x\|$$

$$(N3) \quad \|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$$

The pair  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is called a normed space.

And  $d(x, y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \|x - y\|$  is called the metric induced by the norm  $\|\cdot\|$ .

(Ex: Show that  $d(x, y) = \|x - y\|$  is a metric with the property  $d(\alpha x, \alpha y) = |\alpha| d(x, y), \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ )

egs:  $\|x\|_2 = (\sum x_i^2)^{1/2}$ ,  $\|x\|_1 = \sum |x_i|$

$\|x\|_\infty = \max\{|x_1|, \dots, |x_n|\}$  are norms on  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$\|f\|_2 = (\int_a^b |f|^2)^{1/2}$ ,  $\|f\|_1 = \int_a^b |f|$

$\|f\|_\infty = \sup\{|f(x)| : x \in [a, b]\}$  are norms on  $C[a, b]$

We've seen: "norm" induces "metric"

eg  $X = \text{non-empty set}$

$$d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \neq y \\ 0 & \text{if } x = y \end{cases}$$

discrete metric on  $X$

(Ex: check this is a metric)

- $X$  not necessary a vector space, so  $d$  is not induced by norm.
- Even  $X$  is a vector space:

$$\begin{cases} 1 \\ 0 \end{cases} = d(\alpha x, \alpha y) = |\alpha| d(x, y) = \begin{cases} |\alpha| \\ 0 \end{cases}$$

Contradiction for  $|\alpha| \neq 1$  (for  $x \neq y$ )

Def: Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Then for any non-empty  $Y \subset X$ ,  $(Y, d|_{Y \times Y})$  is called a metric subspace of  $(X, d)$ .

Notes: (i) metric subspace is a metric space.

(ii) We simply write  $(Y, d)$  for  $(Y, d|_{Y \times Y})$

(iii) A metric subspace of a normed space needs not be a normed space, unless it is a vector subspace.