

Introduction to Metric and Topological Spaces

Mathematics Bachelor's Degree - LMD - 3rd Semester

Solution of series 2 (Metric spaces)

Exercise 1:

1. Let $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$, $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$, $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then,

A) $\textcircled{C_1}$

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(x, y) = 0 &\iff \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i| = 0, \\ &\iff |x_i - y_i| = 0, \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ &\iff x_i = y_i, \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ &\iff x = y. \end{aligned}$$

$\textcircled{C_2}$

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(x, y) &= \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|, \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n |-(y_i - x_i)|, \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - x_i|, \\ &= d_1(y, x). \end{aligned}$$

$\textcircled{C_3}$

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(x, y) &= \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|, \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - z_i + z_i - y_i|, \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - z_i| + \sum_{i=1}^n |z_i - y_i|, \\ &\leq d_1(x, z) + d_1(z, y). \end{aligned}$$

From $\textcircled{C_1}$, $\textcircled{C_2}$ and $\textcircled{C_3}$ we conclude that d_1 is a distance on \mathbb{R}^n .

B) $\textcircled{C_1}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_\infty(x, y) = 0 &\iff \sup_{i=1, \dots, n} (|x_i - y_i|) = 0, \\
 &\iff |x_i - y_i| = 0, \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq n, \\
 &\iff x_i = y_i, \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq n, \\
 &\iff x = y.
 \end{aligned}$$

$\textcircled{C_2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_\infty(x, y) &= \sup_{i=1, \dots, n} (|x_i - y_i|), \\
 &= \sup_{i=1, \dots, n} (|-(y_i - x_i)|), \\
 &= \sup_{i=1, \dots, n} (|y_i - x_i|), \\
 &= d_\infty(y, x).
 \end{aligned}$$

$\textcircled{C_3}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_\infty(x, y) &= \sup_{i=1, \dots, n} (|x_i - y_i|), \\
 &= \sup_{i=1, \dots, n} (|x_i - z_i + z_i - y_i|), \\
 &\leq \sup_{i=1, \dots, n} (|x_i - z_i|) + \sup_{i=1, \dots, n} |z_i - y_i|, \\
 &\leq d_\infty(x, z) + d_\infty(z, y).
 \end{aligned}$$

From $\textcircled{C_1}$, $\textcircled{C_2}$ and $\textcircled{C_3}$ we conclude that d_∞ is a distance on \mathbb{R}^n .

2. Let $f, g, h \in C[a, b]$.

A) $\textcircled{C_1}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_1(f, g) = \int_a^b |f(t) - g(t)| dt = 0 &\iff |f(t) - g(t)| = 0 \quad \forall t \in [a, b], \\
 &\iff f(t) = g(t) \quad \forall t \in [a, b], \\
 &\iff f \equiv g.
 \end{aligned}$$

$\textcircled{C_2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_1(f, g) = \int_a^b |f(t) - g(t)| dt &= \int_a^b |-(g(t) - f(t))| dt, \\
 &= \int_a^b |g(t) - f(t)| dt, \\
 &= d_1(g, f).
 \end{aligned}$$

③

$$\begin{aligned}
d_1(f, g) &= \int_a^b |f(t) - g(t)| dt, \\
&= \int_a^b |f(t) - h(t) + h(t) - g(t)| dt, \\
&\leq \int_a^b |f(t) - h(t)| dt + \int_a^b |h(t) - g(t)| dt, \\
&\leq d_1(f, h) + d_1(h, g).
\end{aligned}$$

From ①, ② and ③ we conclude that d_1 is a distance on $C[a, b]$.

B) ①

$$\begin{aligned}
d_\infty(f, g) = \sup_{t \in [a, b]} (|f(t) - g(t)|) = 0 &\iff |f(t) - g(t)| = 0 \quad \forall t \in [a, b], \\
&\iff f(t) = g(t) \quad \forall t \in [a, b], \\
&\iff f \equiv g.
\end{aligned}$$

②

$$\begin{aligned}
d_\infty(f, g) = \sup_{t \in [a, b]} (|f(t) - g(t)|) &= \sup_{t \in [a, b]} (|-(g(t) - f(t))|), \\
&= \sup_{t \in [a, b]} (|g(t) - f(t)|), \\
&= d_\infty(g, f).
\end{aligned}$$

③

$$\begin{aligned}
d_\infty(f, g) &= \sup_{t \in [a, b]} (|f(t) - g(t)|), \\
&= \sup_{t \in [a, b]} (|f(t) - h(t) + h(t) - g(t)|), \\
&\leq \sup_{t \in [a, b]} (|f(t) - h(t)|) + \sup_{t \in [a, b]} (|h(t) - g(t)|), \\
&\leq d_\infty(f, h) + d_\infty(h, g).
\end{aligned}$$

From ①, ② and ③ we conclude that d_∞ is a distance on $C[a, b]$.

Exercise 2:

Let (\mathbb{X}, d) be a metric space and f a real increasing function defined on \mathbb{R}_+ and satisfying:

$$\begin{cases} f(0) = 0 \\ f(x + y) \leq f(x) + f(y), \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}_+. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

1. \textcircled{C}_1 We have $\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{X} \xrightarrow{d} \mathbb{R}_+ \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}_+$ and for each $x, y \in \mathbb{X}$,

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(x, y) = (f \circ d) = 0 &\iff f(d(x, y)) = 0, \\ &\iff d(x, y) = 0, \\ &\iff x = y. \end{aligned}$$

- \textcircled{C}_2 For each $x, y \in \mathbb{X}$ we have,

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(x, y) = (f \circ d)(x, y) &= f(d(x, y)), \\ &= f(d(y, x)), \\ &= (f \circ d)(y, x), \\ &= d_1(y, x). \end{aligned}$$

- \textcircled{C}_3 For each $x, y, z \in \mathbb{X}$ we have, $d_1(x, y) = (f \circ d)(x, y) = (f(d(x, y)))$. Since $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$ and f is an increasing function we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(x, y) = f(d(x, y)) &\leq f(d(x, z) + d(z, y)), \\ &\leq f(d(x, z)) + f(d(z, y)), \text{ (According to (1)}_2\text{)} \\ &\leq (f \circ d)(x, z) + (f \circ d)(z, y), \\ &\leq d_1(x, z) + d_1(z, y). \end{aligned}$$

From \textcircled{C}_1 , \textcircled{C}_2 and \textcircled{C}_3 we conclude that d_1 is a distance on \mathbb{X} .

2. i) For $d_2 = \frac{d}{1+d}$, we consider the function $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ defined by $f(x) = \frac{x}{1+x}$. Indeed, f is an increase function because $f'(x) = \frac{1}{(1+x)^2} > 0$. Moreover, we have $f(0) = 0$ and,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x+y) = \frac{x+y}{1+x+y} &= \frac{x}{1+x+y} + \frac{y}{1+x+y}, \\ &\leq \frac{x}{1+x} + \frac{y}{1+y}, \\ &= f(x) + f(y), \end{aligned}$$

for each $x, y \in \mathbb{X}$. Since, $(f \circ d)(x, y) = f(d(x, y)) = \frac{d(x, y)}{1+d(x, y)} = d_2(x, y)$ it follows from the first question that $d_2 = \frac{d}{1+d}$ is a distance on \mathbb{X} .

- ii) For $d_3 = \inf(1, d)$, we consider the function $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ defined by $f(x) = \inf(1, x)$. Indeed, f is an increase function. Moreover, we have $f(0) = \inf(1, 0) = 0$ and,

$$f(x+y) = \inf(1, x+y) \leq \inf(1, x) + \inf(1, y) = f(x) + f(y).$$

for each $x, y \in \mathbb{X}$. Since, $(f \circ d)(x, y) = f(d(x, y)) = \inf(1, d(x, y)) = d_3(x, y)$, it follows from the first question that $d_3 = \inf(1, d)$ is a distance on \mathbb{X} .

Exercise 3:

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

$$\textcircled{c_1} \forall x, y \in \mathbb{X}, \delta(x, y) = 0 \iff x = y \text{ (by definition).}$$

$$\textcircled{c_2} \forall x, y \in \mathbb{X}, \delta(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \neq y \\ 0 & \text{if } x = y \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y \neq x \\ 0 & \text{if } y = x \end{cases} = \delta(y, x).$$

$$\textcircled{c_3} \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{X},$$

- If $\delta(x, z) = 1$ or $\delta(z, y) = 1$, then $\delta(x, y) \leq \delta(x, z) + \delta(z, y)$ because $\delta(x, y) \leq 1$.

- If $\delta(x, z) = \delta(z, y) = 0$, then $x = y = z$ which implies that $0 = \delta(x, y) \leq \delta(x, z) + \delta(z, y) = 0$.

From $\textcircled{c_1}$, $\textcircled{c_2}$ and $\textcircled{c_3}$ we conclude that δ is a distance on \mathbb{X} .

2. By definition we have $B(x_0, r) = \{x \in \mathbb{X} : \delta(x_0, x) < r\}$.

- If $r > 1$, then $\delta(x_0, x) \leq 1 < r$ for each $x \in \mathbb{X}$ which implies that $B(x_0, r) = \mathbb{X}$.

- If $r \leq 1$, then $\delta(x_0, x) < r \leq 1$. Hence, $\delta(x_0, x) = 0$, which implies that $x = x_0$, and therefore, $B(x_0, r) = \{x_0\}$.

Exercise 4:

1) \implies 2) Suppose that there exists a neighborhood N of x containing only finitely many elements a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n of A . Let

$$r = \inf\{d(x, a_i) : i = 1, \dots, n\}.$$

Then, the set $N \cap B(x, \frac{r}{2})$ is a neighborhood of x that does not contain any point of A other than x . Therefore, x is not an accumulation point of A .

2) \implies 3) Suppose that every neighborhood N of x contains infinitely many points of A . Then, $(N \setminus \{x\}) \cap A \neq \emptyset$. Thus, $N \cap (A \setminus \{x\}) \neq \emptyset$, which implies that $x \in Cl(A \setminus \{x\})$.

3) \implies 1) Suppose that $x \in Cl(A \setminus \{x\})$. Thus, for every neighborhood N of x , we have $N \cap (A \setminus \{x\}) \neq \emptyset$, which implies that $(N \setminus \{x\}) \cap A \neq \emptyset$. Therefore, $x \in A'$ (the derived set of A).

Exercise 5:

It suffices to show this for two open sets. Let D_1 and D_2 be two dense open sets in \mathbb{X} . On the one hand, it is clear that $D = D_1 \cap D_2$ is an open set in \mathbb{X} . On the other hand, since D_1 is dense in \mathbb{X} , for every $x \in \mathbb{X}$ and $r > 0$, we have $A = B(x, r) \cap D_1 \neq \emptyset$. Notice that A is a non-empty open set in \mathbb{X} , which implies that $A \cap D_2 \neq \emptyset$ because D_2 is dense in \mathbb{X} . However, $A \cap D_2 = B(x, r) \cap (D_1 \cap D_2) \neq \emptyset$, which shows that $D = D_1 \cap D_2$ is a dense open set in \mathbb{X} .

Exercise 6:

Let $B = \{x \in \mathbb{X} : d(x, A) = 0\}$.

$$\bullet Cl(A) \stackrel{?}{\subseteq} \{x \in \mathbb{X} : d(x, A) = 0\} = B.$$

Suppose $a \notin B$. Then $d(a, A) = r > 0$, which implies that the open ball $B(a, \frac{r}{2})$ contains no points of A . In other words, $B(a, \frac{r}{2}) \cap A = \emptyset$, and consequently, $a \notin Cl(A)$.

$$\bullet B = \{x \in \mathbb{X} : d(x, A) = 0\} \stackrel{?}{\subseteq} Cl(A).$$

Let $a \notin Cl(A)$. Then there exists $r > 0$ such that $B(a, r) \cap A = \emptyset$, from which we obtain $d(a, b) \geq r$ for all $b \in A$. This shows that $d(a, A) = \inf_{b \in A} d(a, b) \geq r > 0$, and therefore $d(a, A) \neq 0$; that is, $a \notin B$.

Finally, we conclude that $Cl(A) = \{x \in \mathbb{X} : d(x, A) = 0\}$.

Exercise 7:

1. • $\text{diam}(A) \stackrel{?}{\leq} \text{diam}(\text{Cl}(A))$.

We have $A \subseteq \text{Cl}(A)$, which implies that

$$\text{diam}(A) \leq \text{diam}(\text{Cl}(A)). \quad (1)$$

- $\text{diam}(\text{Cl}(A)) \stackrel{?}{\leq} \text{diam}(A)$.

If $x, y \in \text{Cl}(A)$, then there exist two sequences (x_n) and (y_n) of elements in A such that $x_n \rightarrow x$ and $y_n \rightarrow y$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$. Therefore, there exist $x', y' \in A$ such that, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, we have $d(x, x') < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ and $d(y, y') < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$. Hence,

$$d(x, y) \leq d(x, x') + d(x', y') + d(y', y) < d(x', y') + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = d(x', y') + \varepsilon.$$

Thus,

$$\text{diam}(\text{Cl}(A)) = \sup_{x, y \in \text{Cl}(A)} d(x, y) < \sup_{x', y' \in A} d(x', y') + \varepsilon = \text{diam}(A) + \varepsilon,$$

for all $\varepsilon > 0$, which implies that

$$\text{diam}(\text{Cl}(A)) \leq \text{diam}(A). \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2), we conclude that

$$\text{diam}(\text{Cl}(A)) = \text{diam}(A).$$

2. • $\text{diam}(A \cup B) \stackrel{?}{\leq} \text{diam}(A) + \text{diam}(B) + d(A, B)$.

Suppose $x, y \in A \cup B$, $a \in A$ and $b \in B$, then

$$\begin{aligned} d(x, y) &\leq d(x, a) + d(a, b) + d(b, y), \\ &\leq \text{diam}(A) + d(A, B) + \text{diam}(B), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\sup_{x, y \in A \cup B} d(x, y) \leq \text{diam}(A) + \text{diam}(B) + d(A, B).$$

Hence, $\text{diam}(A \cup B) \leq \text{diam}(A) + \text{diam}(B) + d(A, B)$.

Exercise 8:

Let $O \in \mathcal{T}_{d_1}$. We want to show that O is also open with respect to d_2 . Let $x \in O$. Since O is open for d_1 , there exists an open ball $B_{d_1}(x, r_1)$ such that $x \in B_{d_1}(x, r_1) \subseteq O$. By hypothesis, there exists an open ball $B_{d_2}(x, r_2)$ such that $x \in B_{d_2}(x, r_2) \subseteq B_{d_1}(x, r_1) \subseteq O$. Consequently, $O = \bigcup_{x \in O} B_{d_2}(x, r_2)$. Thus, O is open

for d_2 because it is an union of open balls for d_2 . Therefore, $\mathcal{T}_{d_1} \subset \mathcal{T}_{d_2}$.

Exercise 9: Let $B_{d_1}(f, r)$ be an open ball such that $f \in C[a, b]$ and $\varepsilon = \frac{r}{b-a}$. Then, according to the previous exercise, it suffices to show that $B_{d_\infty}(f, \varepsilon) \subseteq B_{d_1}(f, r)$. Let $g \in B_{d_\infty}(f, \varepsilon)$, so we have:

$$\sup_{t \in [a, b]} |f(t) - g(t)| < \varepsilon = \frac{r}{b-a}.$$

Thus,

$$d_1(f, g) = \int_a^b |f(t) - g(t)| \, dt \leq \int_a^b \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |f(t) - g(t)| \, dt < \frac{r}{b-a} \int_a^b dt = r.$$

Therefore, $g \in B_{d_1}(f, r)$. Consequently, $\mathcal{T}_{d_1}(f, \varepsilon) \subseteq \mathcal{T}_{d_\infty}(f, r)$.

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