

CAUCHY SEQUENCES & COMPLETENESS

Defn A sequence $\{p_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ in a metric space (X, d) is called Cauchy if

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n, m \geq N \quad d(p_n, p_m) < \epsilon.$$

Lemma: Every convergent sequence is Cauchy.
(in all metric spaces)

Proof Let $p_n \rightarrow p$ for $\{p_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in (X, d) .

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N \quad \forall n \geq N \quad d(p_n, p) < \frac{\epsilon}{2}.$$

$$\forall n, m \geq N \quad d(p_n, p_m) \leq d(p_n, p) + d(p, p_m) < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon \quad \#.$$

Example $\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{R}$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \exists p_n \in \mathbb{Q} \cap (\sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{n}, \sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{n})$
Density of \mathbb{Q} in \mathbb{R} .

$p_n \rightarrow \sqrt{2}$ since

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N \quad N > \frac{1}{\epsilon}, \forall n \geq N$$

$$|\sqrt{2} - p_n| < \frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{1}{N} < \epsilon.$$

(Lemma: \Rightarrow) $\{p_n\}$ is Cauchy in \mathbb{R} .

Look at the
same sequence in \mathbb{Q} .

$$|p_n - p_m|_{\mathbb{Q}} = |p_n - p_m|_{\mathbb{R}}$$

$\{p_n\}$ is Cauchy in \mathbb{Q} . ($p_n \in \mathbb{Q}$, but $p \notin \mathbb{Q}$)

$\{p_n\}$ doesn't converge in \mathbb{Q} .

Cauchy $\not\Rightarrow$ Convergent in \mathbb{Q} .

Defn A metric space (X, d) is called complete if every Cauchy sequence in (X, d) is convergent.

***** Thm (1) Every compact metric space is complete

(2) $(\mathbb{R}^k, \text{standard metric})$ is complete, $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Prep Lemmas: Recall $\text{diam}(A) = \sup \{d(x, y) \mid x, y \in A\}$, if $A \neq \emptyset$.

If (X, d)
is a
metric
space.

(a) If \bar{E} is the closure of E , then
 $\text{diam}(E) = \text{diam}(\bar{E})$

(b) If K_n is compact $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\emptyset \neq K_{n+1} \subseteq K_n$, $\forall n$,
and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}(K_n) = 0$

then $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n = \{p\}$.

Proof (a)

$$A \subseteq B \implies \text{diam}(A) \leq \text{diam} B$$

Why? $\{d(x,y) \mid x,y \in A\} \subseteq \{d(x,y) \mid x,y \in B\}$.

$$E \subseteq \bar{E} = E \cup E'$$

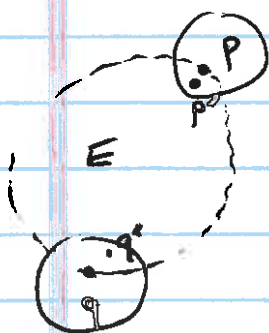
① $\text{diam}(E) \leq \text{diam}(\bar{E})$.

Let $p, q \in \bar{E}$ be arbitrary.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given

$$\exists p', q' \in E \text{ s.t. } d(p, p') < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$d(q, q') < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$



$$d(p, q) \leq d(p, p') + d(p', q') + d(q', q)$$

$$\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \text{diam}(E) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$\forall p, q \in \bar{E} \quad d(p, q) \leq \varepsilon + \text{diam}(E)$$

↓ supremum as $p, q \in \bar{E}$

$$\text{diam}(\bar{E}) \leq \varepsilon + \text{diam}(E), \forall \varepsilon > 0$$

② $\text{diam}(\bar{E}) \leq \text{diam}(E)$

$$\text{diam}(E) = \text{diam}(\bar{E}) \text{ by } ① + ②$$

Lemma (b) $\{K_{n+1} \subseteq K_n \text{ compact, } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

(Thm 2.36) STEP 1 To show $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n \neq \emptyset$.

Let $G_n = X - K_n$ open. $\forall n$.
 \uparrow compact \rightarrow closed

$X \neq G_{n+1} \supseteq G_n$. Let $K = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n$.

Suppose K is \emptyset .

$$K_1 \subseteq X = X - K = X - \left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n \right) \\ = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (X - K_n) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} G_n.$$

\uparrow open.

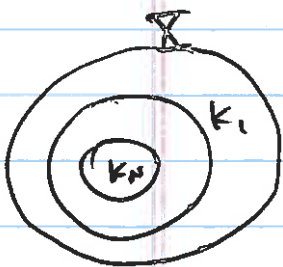
$\{G_n\}$ is an open cover of K_1 , compact.

\exists finite subcover $K_1 \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^r G_{n_i} = G_N$
 $N = \max(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r)$

$\emptyset = K_1 - G_N = K_1 - (X - K_N) = K_N \neq \emptyset$. Contradiction
since $K_N \subseteq K_1 \subseteq X$.

This proves

$$K = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n \neq \emptyset.$$



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Lemma (4)

STEP 2

Suppose $\exists p, q \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n$, $p \neq q$.

thn $p, q \in K_n$. $d(p, q) \leq \text{diam } K_n$.

$$0 < d(p, q) \leq \text{diam}(K_n) \rightarrow 0$$

Hypothesis $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam } K_n = 0$.

Contradiction.

Hence $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n = \{p\}$ contains exactly one point.

***** Proof: Every compact metric space is complete.

(i.e. Cauchy \Rightarrow convergent.)

Let $\{p_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be a Cauchy sequence in (X, d) which is a compact metric space.

WANT $p_n \rightarrow p$ for some $p \in X$.

$\{p_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ Cauchy

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N_0 \in \mathbb{N} \forall n, m \geq N_0 \ d(p_n, p_m) < \epsilon.$$

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Let $E_N = \{p_n \mid n \geq N\}$ for each $N \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$E_{N+1} \subseteq E_N \Rightarrow \overline{E_{N+1}} \subseteq \overline{E_N} \quad \forall N \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\text{diam}(\overline{E_{N_0}}) = \text{diam}(E_{N_0}) \leq \epsilon$$

Hence $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\text{diam}(\overline{E_{N_0}}) \leq \epsilon$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}(\overline{E_N}) = 0$$

$\overline{E_N}$ closed in compact X , $\overline{E_N}$ is compact.
 $\emptyset \neq E_N \subseteq \overline{E_N}$

$$\overline{E_{N+1}} \subseteq \overline{E_N} : \bigcap_{N=1}^{\infty} \overline{E_N} = \{p\} \text{ for some } \checkmark p \in X. \text{ (unique)}$$

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$$p \in \bigcap_{N=1}^{\infty} \overline{E_N}, \text{ so } p \in \overline{E_N} \forall N \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given

$$\text{Since } \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}(\overline{E_N}) = 0$$

$$\exists N_1, \forall N \geq N_1, \text{diam}(\overline{E_N}) < \epsilon$$

$$\forall n \geq N \quad p_n \in E_N \subseteq \overline{E_N}$$

$$p \in \overline{E_N}$$

$$d(p_n, p) \leq \text{diam}(\overline{E_N}) < \epsilon,$$

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N_1, \forall n \geq N \geq N_1, d(p_n, p) < \epsilon.$$

$$p_n \rightarrow p.$$

Use N_1 ,
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Thus: To prove \mathbb{R}^k is complete. next

Lemma: Cauchy \Rightarrow bounded (Hw)

Proof (\mathbb{R}^k is complete)

Take any Cauchy sequence $\{p_n\}$ in \mathbb{R}^k .

By Lemma:

$\{p_n\}$ is bounded.

$$\exists R > 0 \quad \{p_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subseteq B_R(\vec{0}) \subseteq \underbrace{[-R, R] \times [-R, R] \times \dots \times [-R, R]}_{\text{compact.}}$$

$\{p_n\}$ converges in $[-R, R]^k$ since it is Cauchy, in a compact metric sp.

" " " \mathbb{R}^k .

Hence Cauchy \Rightarrow Convergent in \mathbb{R}^k .