

Metric and Hilbert Spaces : Lecture 16

Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be a topological space. Let $A \subseteq X$.

The boundary of A is $\partial A = \bar{A} \cap \bar{A}^c$

The set A is dense in X if $\bar{A} = X$

The set A is nowhere dense in X if $(\bar{A})^\circ = \emptyset$.

Examples: (1) In \mathbb{R} $\partial([0, 1]) = \{0, 1\}$.

(2) \mathbb{Q} is dense in \mathbb{R} .

(3) \mathbb{R} is nowhere dense in \mathbb{R}^2

Exercise Let (X, d) be a metric space and let

$U \subseteq X$ and $V \subseteq X$. Show that if U and V are open dense in X then $U \cap V$ is open and dense in X .

Proof

Assume U and V are open dense in X .

Since finite intersections of open sets are open then $U \cap V$ is open in X .

To show: $\overline{U \cap V} = X$.

Let $x \in X$.

To show: x is a close point to $U \cap V$.

Let $N \in \mathcal{N}(x)$.

To show: $N \cap (U \cap V) \neq \emptyset$

We know $N \cap U \neq \emptyset$ and $N \cap V \neq \emptyset$ since $\bar{U} = X$ and $\bar{V} = X$.

Let $y \in N \cap U$.

Then $N \cap U$ is a neighborhood of y .

Since $\bar{V} = X$ then $(N \cap U) \cap V \neq \emptyset$.

Baire theorem Let (X, d) be a complete metric space. Let U_1, U_2, \dots be open dense subsets of X . Show that $(U_1 \cap U_2 \cap \dots)$ is dense in X .

Example Let X be a complete normed vector space over \mathbb{R} . A sphere in X is

$$S_r(a) = \{x \in X \mid d(x, a) = r\} \text{ for } a \in X, r \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}.$$

(a) $S_r(a)$ is nowhere dense

(b) There does not exist $r_1, r_2, \dots \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ and $a_1, a_2, \dots \in X$ such that

$$(S_{r_1}(a_1) \cup S_{r_2}(a_2) \cup \dots) = X$$

(c) If $X = \mathbb{Z}$ then there does exist

$r_1, r_2, \dots \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ and $a_1, a_2, \dots \in \mathbb{Z}$ such

that $(S_{r_1}(a_1) \cup S_{r_2}(a_2) \cup \dots) = \mathbb{Z}$,

namely

$$S_1(0) \cup S_2(0) \cup \dots = \mathbb{Z}$$

since $S_\ell(0) = \{-\ell, 0, \ell\}$

Note that $S_1(0)$ is not nowhere dense in \mathbb{Z}

Baire Theorem (nowhere dense version)

Let (X, d) be a complete metric space.

Let F_1, F_2, \dots be nowhere dense subsets of X .

Then $(F_1 \cup F_2 \cup \dots)^{\circ} \neq \emptyset$

Vector spaces

Let $K = \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{C}

A normed vector space is a vector space

V with a function $\|\cdot\|: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ such that

- (a) If $x, y \in V$ then $\|x+y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$
- (b) If $c \in K$ and $v \in V$ then $\|cv\| = |c| \cdot \|v\|$.
- (c) If $v \in V$ and $\|v\| = 0$ then $v = 0$.

Let $(V, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed vector space.

The norm metric on V is the function

$$d: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \text{ given by } d(x, y) = \|y - x\|.$$

Proposition Let $(V, \|\cdot\|)$ a normed vector space.

Let $d: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ be the norm metric on V .

Then d is a metric on V .

Proof To show: (a) If $v \in V$ then $d(v, v) = 0$.

(b) If $v_1, v_2 \in V$ and $d(v_1, v_2) = 0$ then $v_1 = v_2$.

(c) If $v_1, v_2 \in V$ then $d(v_1, v_2) = d(v_2, v_1)$

(d) If $x, y, z \in V$ then

$$d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y).$$

(a) Assume $v \in V$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(v, v) &= \|v - v\| = \|0\| = (0 \cdot 1) \|0\| = 0 \cdot \|0\| \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Assume $v_1, v_2 \in V$ and $d(v_1, v_2) = 0$.

To show: $v_1 = v_2$.

Since $\|v_1 - v_2\| = d(v_1, v_2) = 0$ then $v_1 - v_2 = 0$.

$$\text{So } v_1 = v_2$$

(c) Assume $v_1, v_2 \in V$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(v_1, v_2) &= \|v_2 - v_1\| = \|(-1)(v_1 - v_2)\| \\ &= |-1| \cdot \|v_1 - v_2\| = 1 \cdot \|v_1 - v_2\| \\ &= \|v_1 - v_2\| = d(v_2, v_1). \end{aligned}$$

(d) Assume $x, y, z \in V$.

To show: $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$.

$$d(x, y) = \|y - x\| = \|y - z + z - x\|$$

$$\leq \|y - z\| + \|z - x\| = d(z, y) + d(x, z). \quad \parallel$$

A Banach space is a complete normed vector space $(V, \|\cdot\|)$ such that if d is the ^{norm} metric then (V, d) is Cauchy compact.