

# Complete Metric Spaces

## Topology [5]

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$(X, d)$   $\{x_n\} \in X$  sequence of pts is

Cauchy if  
 $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N$  s.t.  $\forall n, m \geq N$   
 $d(x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon$

Def:  $(X, d)$  metric space is complete if all Cauchy sequences converge

i.e. if  $\{x_n\}$  Cauchy  $\Rightarrow \exists x \in X$  s.t.  $x_n \xrightarrow{d} x$

Note: enough to know every Cauchy sequence has a convergent subsequence

in fact if  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x \quad \forall n_k \geq N \quad d(x_{n_k}, x) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$

but then  $d(x_n, x_{n_k}) + d(x_{n_k}, x) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$   
 $\leq d(x_n, x)$

hence the whole sequence converges to same  $x$  if  $N$  large enough that  $d(x_n, x_{n_k}) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$   $\forall n, n_k \geq N$

Examples:  $(\mathbb{R}, d(x,y) = |x-y|)$  complete but

$(\mathbb{Q}, d(x,y) = |x-y|)$  not complete

(construction of real numbers as completion of  $\mathbb{Q}$ )

Product spaces  $X = \prod_{\alpha} X_{\alpha}$   $x_n = (x_{n,\alpha})$  sequence

then  $x_n \rightarrow x$  iff  $\pi_{\alpha}(x_n) \rightarrow \pi_{\alpha}(x)$  for each  $\alpha$

$\Rightarrow$  because  $\pi_{\alpha}$  continuous

$\Leftarrow$  take  $U = \bigcup_{\alpha_i} U_{\alpha_i}(x) \times \prod_{\alpha \neq \alpha_i} X_{\alpha}$

for  $N = \max_i N_{\alpha_i}$  if  $x_n \in U(x)$   
for each  $\alpha_i$  know  $\pi_{\alpha_i}(x_n) \in U_{\alpha_i}(x_{\alpha_i})$  for  $n \geq N_{\alpha_i}$

$(X, d) \rightsquigarrow$  bounded metric  $d'(x, y) = \min\{d(x, y), 1\}$

Note:  $(X, d)$  complete iff  $(X, d')$  complete  
(same small balls; same conv. sequences)

$X^J = \prod_{j \in J} X$  product of copies of  $X$  indexed by  $J$

$$\delta(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) := \sup_{j \in J} \{d'(x_j, y_j)\}$$

$\underline{x} = (x_j)$   
 $\underline{y} = (y_j)$

this  $\delta$  is a metric on  $X^J$   
"uniform metric"

if  $(X, d)$  complete  $\Rightarrow (X^J, \delta)$  also complete

$d'(x_j, y_j) \leq \delta(\underline{x}, \underline{y})$  so given  $\underline{x}_n = (x_{j,n})$   
sequence in  $X^J$

$$d'(x_{j,n}, x_{j,m}) \leq \delta(\underline{x}_n, \underline{x}_m)$$

so if  $\underline{x}_n$  is Cauchy in  $(X^J, \delta)$ , then  
 $x_{j,n}$  is Cauchy in the  $j$ -th copy of  $(X, d')$

$$\Rightarrow x_{j,n} \xrightarrow{d'} x_j \text{ in } X$$

then  $\underline{x} = (x_j) \in X^J$  with  $\underline{x}_n \xrightarrow{\delta} \underline{x}$  in  $X^J$

indeed have:

$\forall n \geq N$   $\forall m \geq n$   $\exists N$  indep of  $j$  (Cauchy on  $X^J$ )  
 $d'(x_{n,j}, x_{m,j}) < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \Rightarrow d'(x_{n,j}, x_j) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  for all  $j$   
 $\Rightarrow \delta(\underline{x}_n, \underline{x}) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \epsilon$