

Lecture 18: Metric and Hilbert spaces 27 August 2014 ①

Compactness

Let (X, d) be a metric space. Let $A \subseteq X$

The set A is sequentially compact if every sequence in A has a cluster point in A .

The set A is Cauchy compact, or complete, if every Cauchy sequence in A has a cluster point in A .

The set A is ball compact if A satisfies if $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ then there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$ and $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N \in X$ such that

$$A \subseteq B(x_1, \varepsilon) \cup B(x_2, \varepsilon) \cup \dots \cup B(x_N, \varepsilon).$$

The set A is cover compact if A satisfies if $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$ and $A \subseteq \bigcup_{U \in \mathcal{S}} U$ then there

exists $N \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$ and $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_N \in \mathcal{S}$ such that

$$A \subseteq U_1 \cup U_2 \cup \dots \cup U_N.$$

(in English: every open cover has a finite subcover).

Synonyms for ball compact are precompact and totally bounded.

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Theorem Let (X, d) be a metric space and let $A \subseteq X$.

(a) If A is cover compact then A is sequentially compact.

(b) If A is sequentially compact then A is cover compact.

(c) If A is sequentially compact then A is Cauchy compact.

(d) If A is cover compact then A is ball compact.

(e) If A is ball compact then A is bounded.

(f) If A is Cauchy compact then A is closed.

cover compact $\xrightarrow{(d)} \text{ball compact} \xrightarrow{(e)} \text{bounded}$
 $(a) \Downarrow \Uparrow (b)$

sequentially compact $\xrightarrow{(c)} \text{Cauchy compact} \xrightarrow{(f)} \text{closed}$

HW Let $A = (0, 1) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ with the standard metric on $\mathbb{R}$.

Show that A is ball compact but not cover compact.
and not closed (and not Cauchy compact).

HW Let $X = \mathbb{R}$ with metric given by $d(x, y) = \min\{|x - y|, 1\}$

Show that X is bounded but not ball compact.

HW Let $A = \mathbb{R}_{[0, 1]}$ with metric $d(x, y) = |x - y|$.

Show that A is closed but A is not Cauchy compact.

HW Show that $\mathbb{R}$ with the standard metric is ~~and not bounded~~
 Cauchy compact but not cover compact (and not ball compact).

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Theorem Let (X, d) be a metric space and let $A \subseteq X$.

If A is ball compact and Cauchy compact then A is cover compact.

Theorem Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ with the standard metric on $\mathbb{R}^n$.

If A is closed and bounded then

A is cover compact.

Proof Assume $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ and A is closed and bounded.

(a) Since $\mathbb{R}^n$ is complete, $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ and A is closed then A is complete. So A is Cauchy compact.

(b) Since $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ and A is bounded then A is ball compact.

Since A is Cauchy compact and ball compact.

So A is cover compact.

(Note: (b) follows since $A \subseteq B(0, C)$ for some $C \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ and $B(0, C)$ is ball compact in $\mathbb{R}^n$. (since $B(0, C)$ has finite volume))

HW Show that a closed subset of a Cauchy compact set is Cauchy compact.

HW Show that a bounded subset of a ball compact set is ball compact.

HW Show that a closed subset of a cover compact set is cover compact.

Example 1 $\ell^2 = \{\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots) \mid x_i \in \mathbb{R} \text{ with } \|\vec{x}\|_2 < \infty\}$

where

$$\|\vec{x}\|_2 = \left(\sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}} x_i^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ for } \vec{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots).$$

Then let

$$e_1 = (1, 0, 0, \dots)$$

$$e_2 = (0, 1, 0, \dots)$$

$$e_3 = (0, 0, 1, 0, \dots)$$

$\vdots$

Then $e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots$ is a sequence in ℓ^2

$\{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots\}$ is bounded since $d(e_i, e_j) = \sqrt{1+1} = \sqrt{2}$.

The set $\{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots\}$ is not ball compact.

Connectedness, compactness and the Mean value theorem (4)

Theorem Let X, Y be topological spaces and let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous function. Let $E \subseteq X$.

- (a) If E is cover compact then $f(E)$ is cover compact.
- (b) If E is connected then $f(E)$ is connected.

Corollary Let $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function where X is a compact metric space. Then f attains a maximum and minimum value, i.e. there exist

$a \in X$ such that $f(a) = \inf\{f(x) \mid x \in X\}$
and

$b \in X$ such that $f(b) = \sup\{f(x) \mid x \in X\}$.

Proposition Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$.

- (a) A is connected if and only if A is an interval.
- (b) A is compact and connected then A is a closed bounded interval.

Rolle's theorem $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $f(a) = f(b)$

The Mean value theorem $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. There exists $c \in [a, b]$ with

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

Sketches of proofs

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(a) cover compact $\Rightarrow$ sequentially compact.

To show: not sequentially compact $\Rightarrow$ not cover compact

Let $a_1, a_2, \dots$ be a sequence in A with no cluster point.

For each $a \in A$ let $\varepsilon_a \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ be such that

$B(a, \varepsilon_a) \cap \{a_1, a_2, \dots\}$ is finite.

Then $\{B(a, \varepsilon_a) \mid a \in A\}$ is an open cover of A with no finite subcover.

So A is not cover compact.

(b) sequentially compact $\Rightarrow$ cover compact

To show: not cover compact $\Rightarrow$ not sequentially compact

Let $\mathcal{S}$ be a cover of A with no finite subcover.

Let $a_1 \in A$ and $S_1 \in \mathcal{S}$ with $a_1 \in S_1$.

Let $a_2 \in A \setminus S_1$ and $S_2 \in \mathcal{S}$ with $a_2 \in S_2$.

Let $a_3 \in A \setminus (S_1 \cup S_2)$ and $S_3 \in \mathcal{S}$ with $a_3 \in S_3$.

$\vdots$

Then $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$ is a sequence in A with no cluster point.

(a cluster point a would have an $S \in \mathcal{S}$ with $a \in S$, and so S is a neighborhood of a and would contain all but a finite number of a_i and so $S_1 \cup S_2 \cup \dots \cup S_N \cup S$ would be a finite cover??).