

Theorem Let (X, d) be a complete metric space. Then
 X is compact if and only if X is ball compact.

Proof $\Rightarrow$: Assume X is ^{cover} compact.

To show: If $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ then there exist $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k \in X$
such that $X \subseteq B_\varepsilon(x_1) \cup \dots \cup B_\varepsilon(x_k)$.

Assume $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$. Then

$\mathcal{S} = \{B_\varepsilon(x) \mid x \in X\}$ is an open cover.

So $\mathcal{S}$ contains a finite subcover of X .

So there exists $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k \in X$ such that
 $X \subseteq B_\varepsilon(x_1) \cup \dots \cup B_\varepsilon(x_k)$.

So X is ball compact.

$\Leftarrow$ Assume X is ball compact.

To show: X is ^{sequentially} compact.

To show: If $(x_1, x_2, \dots)$ is a sequence in X then
 $(x_1, x_2, \dots)$ has a cluster point in X .

Assume $(x_1, x_2, \dots)$ is a sequence in X .

To show: $(x_1, x_2, \dots)$ has cluster point in X .

To show: There exists a subsequence $(x_{n_1}, x_{n_2}, \dots)$ of
 $(x_1, x_2, \dots)$ such that $(x_{n_1}, x_{n_2}, \dots)$ converges in X .

Using that X is ball compact,

Let $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$ be minimal such that $B_1(x_{n_1})$

contains an infinite number of $(x_1, x_2, \dots)$

Let $n_2 \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$ be minimal such that $\bigcap_{n_2 > n_1 \text{ and}} B_{\frac{1}{2}}(x_{n_2})$

contains an infinite number of $(x_1, x_2, \dots) \cap B_1(x_{n_1})$.

Let $n_3 \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$ be minimal such that $\bigcap_{n_3 > n_2 \text{ and}} B_{\frac{1}{3}}(x_{n_3})$

contains an infinite number of $(x_1, x_2, \dots) \cap B_1(x_{n_1}) \cap B_{\frac{1}{2}}(x_{n_2})$.

To show: $(x_{n_1}, x_{n_2}, x_{n_3}, \dots)$ converges.

To show: $(x_{n_1}, x_{n_2}, x_{n_3}, \dots)$, since (X, d) is complete.

To show: If $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ then there exists $\ell \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$ such that if $r, s \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq \ell}$ then $d(x_{n_r}, x_{n_s}) < \varepsilon$.

Assume $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$.

To show: There exists $\ell \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$ such that if $r, s \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq \ell}$ then $d(x_{n_r}, x_{n_s}) < \varepsilon$.

Let $\ell \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$ be such that $\frac{1}{\ell} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$.

To show: If $r, s \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq \ell}$ then $d(x_{n_r}, x_{n_s}) < \varepsilon$.

Assume $r, s \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq \ell}$.

To show: $d(x_{n_r}, x_{n_s}) < \varepsilon$.

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n_r}, x_{n_s}) &\leq d(x_{n_r}, x_{n_\ell}) + d(x_{n_\ell}, x_{n_s}) < \frac{1}{\ell} + \frac{1}{\ell} \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

So $(x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots)$ is Cauchy.

So $(x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots)$ converges.

So $(x, x_1, \dots)$ has a cluster point.

So (X, d) is ^{sequentially} compact. //

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

If X is sequentially compact then X is ball compact.

Proof Assume X is not ball compact.

Then there exists $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that X is not covered by finitely many $B_\varepsilon(x)$.

Let $x_1 \in X$, $x_2 \in B_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}(x_1)^c$, $x_3 \in (B_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}(x_1) \cup B_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}(x_2))^c, \dots$

Then $(x_1, x_2, \dots)$ has no cluster point, since every $B_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}(x)$ contains at most one point of $(x_1, x_2, \dots)$.

So X is not sequentially compact.