

A metric space is a set X with a function

$d: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ such that

- (a) If $p \in X$ then $d(p, p) = 0$,
- (b) If $p, q \in X$ and $p \neq q$ then $d(p, q) > 0$,
- (c) If $p, q \in X$ then $d(p, q) = d(q, p)$,
- (d) If $p, q, r \in X$ then $d(p, r) \leq d(p, q) + d(q, r)$.

Let X be a metric space.

A sequence in X is a function $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$.
 $n \mapsto a_n$

Let (a_n) be a sequence in X .

The sequence (a_n) converges if there exists $L \in X$ such that if $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ then there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

if $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n > N$ then $d(a_n, L) < \varepsilon$.

Example $X = \mathbb{R}$ with $d(p, q) = |q - p|$ and

$$a_n = \frac{n^2 - 1}{2n^2 + 3} = \frac{\frac{1}{n^2}(n^2 - 1)}{\frac{1}{n^2}(2n^2 + 3)} = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{n^2}}{2 + \frac{3}{n^2}}$$

Claim $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \frac{1}{2}$.

Proof To show: If $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ then there exists $N \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ such that

if $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $n > N$ then $|a_n - \frac{1}{2}| < \epsilon$.

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

To show: There exists $N \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ such that

if $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $n > N$ then $|a_n - \frac{1}{2}| < \epsilon$.

Let $N \geq \frac{10}{\epsilon} \sqrt{\frac{5}{4\epsilon}}$

To show: If $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $n > N$ then $|\frac{n^2-1}{2n^2+3} - \frac{1}{2}| < \epsilon$.

Assume $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $n > N$.

To show: $|\frac{n^2-1}{2n^2+3} - \frac{1}{2}| < \epsilon$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \frac{n^2-1}{2n^2+3} - \frac{1}{2} \right| &= \left| \frac{2n^2-2-2n^2-3}{2(2n^2+3)} \right| \\
&= \left| \frac{-5}{4n^2+6} \right| = \left| \frac{5}{4n^2+6} \right| \\
&< \frac{5}{4N^2+6} < \frac{5}{4N^2} \\
&< \epsilon
\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2-1}{2n^2+3} = \frac{1}{2} \quad //$

A sequence (a_n) is Cauchy if it satisfies (3)
if $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ then there exists $N \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ such that
if $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $m > N$ and $n > N$ then $d(a_m, a_n) < \epsilon$.

Theorem Let (a_n) be a sequence in X .

(a) If (a_n) converges then (a_n) is Cauchy.

(b) If $X = \mathbb{R}$ and (a_n) is Cauchy then (a_n) converges.

Proof (a) Assume (a_n) converges.

Then there exists $L \in X$ such that

if $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ then there exists $N \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ such that
if $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $n > N$ then $d(a_n, L) < \epsilon$.

To show: (a_n) is Cauchy.

To show: If $\delta \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ then there exists $P \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ such
that if $m, p \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $m > P$ and $p > P$ then
 $d(a_m, a_p) < \delta$.

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

Let $\epsilon = \delta/2$. Then there exists $N \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ such that
if $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $n > N$ then $d(a_n, L) < \epsilon$.

To show: There exists $P \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ such that

if $m, p \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $m > P$ and $n > P$ then $d(a_m, a_p) < \delta$.

Let $P = N$.

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To show: If $m, p \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $m > P$ and $n > P$
then $d(a_m, a_n) < \delta$

Assume $m, p \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $m > P$ and $n > P$.

Then $m > N$ and $n > N$.

So $d(a_m, L) < \varepsilon$ and $d(a_n, L) < \varepsilon$.

To show: $d(a_m, a_n) < \delta$.

$$\begin{aligned} d(a_m, a_n) &\leq d(a_m, L) + d(L, a_n) \\ &< \varepsilon + \varepsilon = \delta/2 + \delta/2 = \delta. \end{aligned}$$

If you use Taylor's theorem you will find:

$$\begin{aligned} (1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2})}{2!}x^2 + \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2})(\frac{3}{2})}{3!}x^3 + \dots \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2^2 2!}x^2 + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2^3 3!}x^3 - \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2^4 4!}x^4 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\infty \quad (1+1)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 4} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6} - \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8 \cdot 10} - \dots$$

Let (s_1, s_2, \dots) be given by

$$\begin{aligned} s_1 &= 1, & s_4 &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 4} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6} \\ s_2 &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}, & s_5 &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 4} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6} - \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8} \\ s_3 &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 4}, & & \vdots \end{aligned}$$

Then (s_n) is a sequence in \mathbb{R} that converges to $\sqrt{2}$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \sqrt{2} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}.$$

Of course,

(s_n) is a sequence in \mathbb{Q} but

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n \text{ does not exist.}$$

The sequence (s_n) is Cauchy (since ~~it~~ converges in \mathbb{R}).

The Cauchy sequence (s_1, s_2, \dots) in \mathbb{Q} does not converge in \mathbb{Q} .

Let X be a metric space.

The completion of X is the smallest metric space \hat{X} such that

(a) $\hat{X} \supseteq X$

(b) every Cauchy sequence in \hat{X} converges in X .

A metric space X is complete if it satisfies if (a_n) is a Cauchy sequence in X then (a_n) converges in X .