

SOLUTIONS 1

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1. Verify axioms (M1)-(M4).

(M1) : Obvious.

$$(M2) : d_1(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) = 0 \Leftrightarrow |x_1 - y_1| = |x_2 - y_2| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x_1 = y_1, x_2 = y_2 \\ \Leftrightarrow \underline{x} = \underline{y}.$$

(M3) : Obvious since  $|x - y| = |y - x|$  for  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(M4) : Let  $\underline{x}, \underline{y}, \underline{z} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Then

$$d(\underline{x}, \underline{z}) = |x_1 - z_1| + |x_2 - z_2| \leq |x_1 - y_1| + |y_1 - z_1| + |x_2 - y_2| + |y_2 - z_2| \\ = d(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) + d(\underline{y}, \underline{z}).$$

2. (M1)-(M3) are clear. To prove (M4), let  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ .

We want to prove

$$\min \{1, |x - z|\} \leq \min \{1, |x - y|\} + \min \{1, |y - z|\}.$$

Now the RHS is equal to one of the numbers  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 1 + |y - z|$ ,  $c = 1 + |x - y|$ ,  $d = |x - y| + |y - z|$ . If  $|x - z| \leq 1$ , then the LHS =  $|x - z| \leq a, b, c, d$ , so LHS  $\leq$  RHS.

If  $|x - z| > 1$ , then LHS =  $1 \leq a, b, c$  and  $1 < d$  since  $1 < |x - z| \leq |x - y| + |y - z|$ , so LHS  $\leq$  RHS.

3. (M1) : Obvious.

$$(M2) : d^*(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y.$$

$$(M3) : d^*(x, y) = \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)} = \frac{d(y, x)}{1 + d(y, x)} = d^*(y, x).$$

(M4) : We first show that if  $a \geq 0, b \geq 0, c \geq 0$  and  $c \leq a + b$ , then  $\frac{c}{1 + c} \leq \frac{a}{1 + a} + \frac{b}{1 + b}$ . Now

$$\text{RHS} - \text{LHS} = \frac{a(1+b)(1+c) + b(1+a)(1+c) - c(1+a)(1+b)}{(1+a)(1+b)(1+c)}$$

$$= \frac{(a+b-c) + 2ab + abc}{(1+a)(1+b)(1+c)} \geq 0.$$

Substituting  $a = d(x, y)$ ,  $b = d(y, z)$ ,  $c = d(x, z)$  gives  
(M4).

4. (i) (M1):  $d(x, y) = \max \{ d^{(1)}(x_1, y_1), d^{(2)}(x_2, y_2) \} \geq 0.$

(M2):  $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow d^{(1)}(x_1, y_1) = d^{(2)}(x_2, y_2) = 0$

$\Leftrightarrow x_1 = y_1, x_2 = y_2 \Leftrightarrow x = y.$

(M3):  $d(x, y) = \max \{ d^{(1)}(x_1, y_1), d^{(2)}(x_2, y_2) \}$   
 $= \max \{ d^{(1)}(y_1, x_1), d^{(2)}(y_2, x_2) \} = d(y, x).$

(M4): let  $x, y, z \in X^{(1)} \times X^{(2)}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(x, z) &= \max \{ d^{(1)}(x_1, z_1), d^{(2)}(x_2, z_2) \} \\ &\leq \max \{ d^{(1)}(x_1, y_1) + d^{(1)}(y_1, z_1), d^{(2)}(x_2, y_2) + d^{(2)}(y_2, z_2) \} \\ &\leq \max \{ d^{(1)}(x_1, y_1), d^{(2)}(x_2, y_2) \} \\ &\quad + \max \{ d^{(1)}(y_1, z_1), d^{(2)}(y_2, z_2) \} \\ &\quad \text{(since } \max \{ a+b, c+d \} \leq \max \{ a, c \} + \max \{ b, d \} \text{)} \\ &= d(x, y) + d(y, z). \end{aligned}$$

(ii) (M1):  $d(x, y) = d^{(1)}(x_1, y_1) + d^{(2)}(x_2, y_2) \geq 0.$

(M2):  $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow d^{(1)}(x_1, y_1) = d^{(2)}(x_2, y_2) = 0$

$\Leftrightarrow x_1 = y_1, x_2 = y_2 \Leftrightarrow x = y.$

(M3): As above, follows from symmetry of  $d^{(1)}$  and  $d^{(2)}$ .

(M4): let  $x, y, z \in X^{(1)} \times X^{(2)}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(x, z) &= d^{(1)}(x_1, z_1) + d^{(2)}(x_2, z_2) \\ &\leq d^{(1)}(x_1, y_1) + d^{(1)}(y_1, z_1) + d^{(2)}(x_2, y_2) + d^{(2)}(y_2, z_2) \\ &= d(x, y) + d(y, z). \end{aligned}$$

5. By the triangle inequality we have

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

$$\text{i.e. } d(x, z) - d(z, y) \leq d(x, y). \quad (1)$$

Also by the triangle inequality we have

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

$$\text{i.e. } -d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) - d(z, y). \quad (2)$$

Combining (1) and (2) we obtain the desired result.

6. We must verify (M1) - (M4).

(M1): Let  $x, z \in X$ . Setting  $y = x$  in (M2') we obtain  $d(x, x) \leq 2d(x, z)$ . But  $d(x, x) = 0$  by (M1')

so  $d(x, z) \geq 0$  for any  $x, z \in X$ .

(M2): This is (M1').

(M3): Set  $z = x$  in (M2'). This gives  $d(x, y) \leq d(y, x)$

for any  $x, y \in X$ , and interchanging  $x$  and  $y$  we have  $d(y, x) \leq d(x, y)$ . Thus  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ .

(M4): This is just (M2'), bearing in mind that  $d$  has been shown to be symmetric.

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1. Since  $\|x-y\|$  defines a metric on  $X$ , the proof that  $d(x,y) = \min\{1, \|x-y\|\}$  defines a metric on  $X$  is similar to the proof of Problem 1.2. For  $d$  to be induced by some norm  $\|\cdot\|'$ , then by (n3) we have  $d(\lambda x, \lambda y) = \|\lambda x - \lambda y\|' = |\lambda| \cdot \|x-y\|' = |\lambda| d(x,y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and all scalars  $\lambda$ . Let  $x \in X$  such that  $\|x\| = 1$ . Then  $d(0, 2x) = \min\{1, \|2x\|\} = 1$ , but  $2d(0, x) = 2$ .

2.  $\dots \|x\| = \|(x-y) + y\| \leq \|x-y\| + \|y\|$   
 $\Rightarrow \|x\| - \|y\| \leq \|x-y\|$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .  
 $\Rightarrow$  (by symmetry)  $\|y\| - \|x\| \leq \|y-x\| = \|x-y\|$ .

Putting these two inequalities together we obtain  
 $-\|x-y\| \leq \|x\| - \|y\| \leq \|x-y\|$  as required.

3. (i) By Taylor's Theorem,  $f = p_n + R_n$  where

$$R_n(x) = \frac{1}{n!} \int_0^x (x-t)^n f^{(n+1)}(t) dt.$$

$$= \frac{1}{n!} \int_0^x (x-t)^n e^t dt.$$

Then  $d_\infty(f, p_n) = \|f - p_n\|_\infty$   
 $= \|R_n\|_\infty$   
 $= \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} \left| \frac{1}{n!} \int_0^x (x-t)^n e^t dt \right|$   
 $\leq \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} \frac{1}{n!} x^{n+1} e^x = \frac{e}{n!}.$

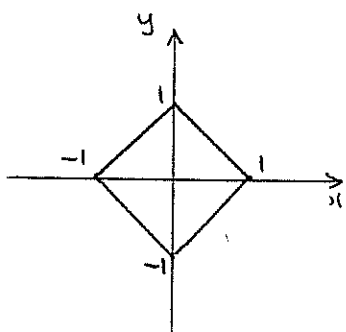
Since  $\|f\|_1 \leq \|f\|_\infty$  for all  $f \in C[0,1]$ , we have  $d_1(f,g) \leq d_\infty(f,g)$  for all  $f,g \in C[0,1]$ , and so also  $d_1(f,p_n) \leq e^n/n!$

(ii) Here  $R_n(x) = \frac{1}{n!} \int_0^x (x-t)^n \sin^{(n+1)}(t) dt$ .

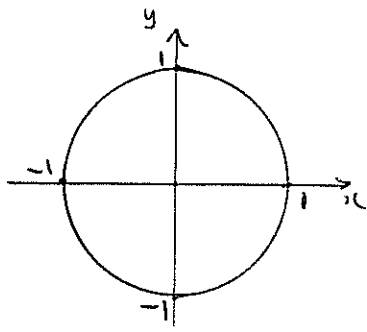
Then  $d_\infty(f, p_n) = \|R_n\|_\infty$   
 $= \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} \left| \frac{1}{n!} \int_0^x (x-t)^n \sin^{(n+1)}(t) dt \right|$   
 $\leq \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} \frac{1}{n!} x^{n+1} = \frac{1}{n!}$

Thus also  $d_1(f, p_n) \leq \frac{1}{n!}$

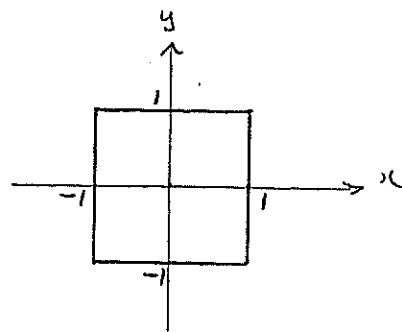
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$\|x\|_1 = |x| + |y| = 1$



$\|x\|_2 = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = 1$



$\|x\|_\infty = \max\{|x|, |y|\} = 1$

5. We show that  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is a vector space by showing that it is closed under addition and scalar multiplication.

Let  $x, y \in \mathcal{L}_2$ . To show  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (x_n + y_n)^2$  converges.

By Minkowski's Inequality we have for each  $N$ ,

$$\sum_{n=1}^N (x_n + y_n)^2 \leq \left\{ \left( \sum_{n=1}^N x_n^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \left( \sum_{n=1}^N y_n^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\}^2$$

Denoting the LHS by  $A_N$  and the RHS by  $B_N$ , we have that  $\{B_N\}_{N \geq 1}$  is an increasing, convergent sequence. Its limit is therefore an upper bound for the increasing sequence  $\{A_N\}$ , which thus converges itself. But this means that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (x_n + y_n)^2$  converges, and hence  $\underline{x} + \underline{y} \in \ell_2$ .

Also, if  $\underline{x} \in \ell_2$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\lambda x_n)^2$  is clearly convergent, so  $\lambda \underline{x} \in \ell_2$ .

To show that  $\|\underline{x}\|_2 = \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n^2\right)^{1/2}$  defines a norm on  $\ell_2$ . Axioms (n1), (n2) and (n3) are trivial to verify, so we just prove (n4) (the triangle inequality).

Let  $\underline{x}, \underline{y} \in \ell_2$ . By Minkowski's Inequality we have for each  $N$ ,

$$\left(\sum_{n=1}^N (x_n + y_n)^2\right)^{1/2} \leq \left(\sum_{n=1}^N x_n^2\right)^{1/2} + \left(\sum_{n=1}^N y_n^2\right)^{1/2}.$$

Letting  $N \rightarrow \infty$  on both sides we obtain

$$\|\underline{x} + \underline{y}\|_2 \leq \|\underline{x}\|_2 + \|\underline{y}\|_2.$$

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1. We saw in problem 2.3 that  $d_\infty(\exp, p_n) \leq e/n!$ .  
Thus  $d_\infty(\exp, p_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  so  $p_n \rightarrow \exp$  in  $(C[0,1], d_\infty)$ . Since  $d_1(f, g) \leq d_\infty(f, g)$  for all  $f, g \in C[0,1]$ , it is also true that  $p_n \rightarrow \exp$  in  $(C[0,1], d_1)$ .
  
2. By the triangle inequality we have  
$$d(x_n, y_n) \leq d(x_n, x) + d(x, y) + d(y, y_n)$$
and also  
$$d(x, y) \leq d(x, x_n) + d(x_n, y_n) + d(y_n, y).$$
Thus  
$$|d(x_n, y_n) - d(x, y)| \leq d(x_n, x) + d(y_n, y) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$
which implies that  $d(x_n, y_n) \rightarrow d(x, y)$  in  $(\mathbb{R}, d_1)$ .
  
3. Let  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $(X, d)$  where  $d$  is the discrete metric. By the definition of convergence, there exists  $N$  such that  $d(x_n, x) < \frac{1}{2}$  for  $n > N$ . But since  $d$  takes only the values 0 and 1, this implies that  $d(x_n, x) = 0$  hence  $x_n = x$  for  $n > N$ . Thus there are at most  $N+1$  distinct points in the sequence  $\{x_n\}$ .
  
4. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $(X, d)$ . Then there exists  $N$  such that  $d(x_n, x_m) < \frac{1}{2}$  for  $n, m > N$ . Thus  $x_n = x_m = x$ , say, for  $n, m > N$ , so clearly  $x_n \rightarrow x$ .

5. Example (one of many): In  $(\mathbb{R}, d_1)$ ,  $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . But if  $d$  is the discrete metric on  $\mathbb{R}$ , then  $d(\frac{1}{n}, 0) = 1$  for all  $n$ , so  $\frac{1}{n} \not\rightarrow 0$  in  $(\mathbb{R}, d)$ .

6. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $(X, d)$ . The "only if" part is trivial, for if  $\{x_n\}$  is convergent, then  $\{x_n\}$  itself is a convergent subsequence. To prove the "if" part, let  $\{x_{n_k} : k=1, 2, \dots\}$  be a convergent subsequence with limit  $x$ , and let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Since  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x$  there exists  $K$  such that

$$k > K \Rightarrow d(x, x_{n_k}) < \epsilon/2.$$

Since  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy there exists  $N$  such that

$$n, m > N \Rightarrow d(x_n, x_m) < \epsilon/2.$$

Let  $N_1 = \max(n_K, N)$ . Then if  $n > N_1$ , choosing  $k$  such that  $k > K$  and  $n_k > N$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x, x_n) &\leq d(x, x_{n_k}) + d(x_{n_k}, x_n) \\ &< \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 \\ &= \epsilon, \end{aligned}$$

so  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , proving  $\{x_n\}$  is itself convergent.

7. Consider  $\mathbb{R}$  with usual metric  $d_1$ , and let  $x_n = y_n = n$ . Then  $d(x_n, y_n) = 0$  for all  $n$



so  $\{d(x_n, y_n)\}$  is trivially convergent. However,  $\{x_n\}$  is clearly not a Cauchy sequence.

8. Let  $\{\underline{x}_n\} = \{(x_{1n}, x_{2n})\}$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $X^{(1)} \times X^{(2)}$  under the metric  $d$  of problem 1.4(i).

Thus  $d(\underline{x}_n, \underline{x}_m) = \max\{d_1(x_{1n}, x_{1m}), d_2(x_{2n}, x_{2m})\} \rightarrow 0$  as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ . This implies that  $\{x_{1n}\}$  and  $\{x_{2n}\}$  are Cauchy sequences in the complete spaces  $(X^{(1)}, d_1)$  and  $(X^{(2)}, d_2)$  respectively, hence converge to limits  $x_1, x_2$  respectively. Then letting  $\underline{x} = (x_1, x_2)$  we have

$$d(\underline{x}_n, \underline{x}) = \max\{d_1(x_{1n}, x_1), d_2(x_{2n}, x_2)\} \\ \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

hence  $\underline{x}_n \rightarrow \underline{x}$  in  $(X^{(1)} \times X^{(2)}, d)$ , proving  $(X^{(1)} \times X^{(2)}, d)$  is complete.

The proof for the metric  $d$  of problem 1.4(ii) is exactly similar.

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9. Let  $\{\underline{x}_n\}$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $\ell_2$ , where  $\underline{x}_n = (x_{n1}, x_{n2}, \dots)$ ; i.e.  $\|\underline{x}_n - \underline{x}_m\|_2 \rightarrow 0$  as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ ;

$$\text{i.e. } \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (x_{ni} - x_{mi})^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m, n \rightarrow \infty.$$

$\Rightarrow$  for each  $i$ ,  $\{x_{ni} : n=1, 2, \dots\}$  is Cauchy in  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
 Let  $x_i = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{ni}$  and  $\underline{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$ .

We claim that  $\underline{x} \in \ell_2$  and that  $\underline{x}_n \rightarrow \underline{x}$ .

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . By the Cauchy property of  $\{\underline{x}_n\}$ , there exists  $N$  such that

$$m, n > N \Rightarrow \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (x_{mi} - x_{ni})^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} < \epsilon.$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \sum_{i=1}^k (x_{mi} - x_{ni})^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} < \epsilon \text{ for each } k.$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we have that

$$m > N \Rightarrow \left( \sum_{i=1}^k (x_{mi} - x_i)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \epsilon \text{ for each } k. (*)$$

Then for  $m > N$  and each  $k$  we have by Minkowski's

Inequality,

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^k x_i^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^k (x_{mi} - x_i)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \left( \sum_{i=1}^k x_{mi}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

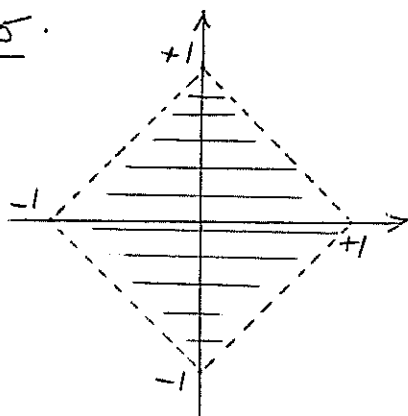
$$\leq \epsilon + \|\underline{x}_m\|_2.$$

Thus the series  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i^2$  converges, so  $\underline{x} \in \ell_2$ , and it follows from (\*) that  $\|\underline{x}_m - \underline{x}\|_2 \leq \epsilon$  for  $m > N$ , proving  $\underline{x}_m \rightarrow \underline{x}$ .

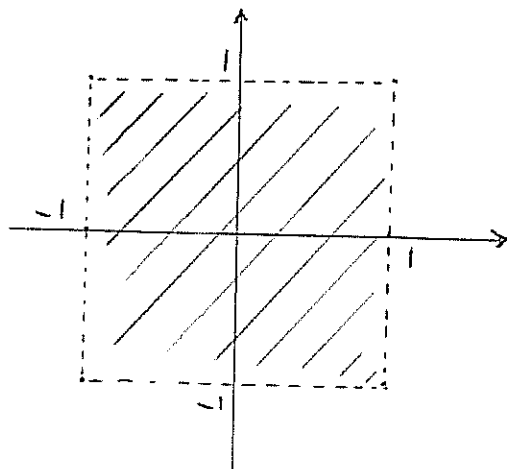
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1. (i)



(ii)



2 (a) As usual, (M1)-(M3) are clear, and only the triangle inequality (M4) needs checking; i.e. for any  $\underline{x}, \underline{y}, \underline{z} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,

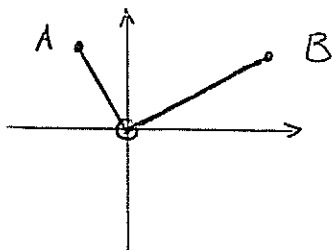
$$d(\underline{x}, \underline{z}) \leq d(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) + d(\underline{y}, \underline{z}).$$

If  $\underline{x} = \underline{z}$ ,  $d(\underline{x}, \underline{z}) = 0$  so the inequality is obvious.

If either  $\underline{x} = \underline{y}$  or  $\underline{y} = \underline{z}$ , then LHS = RHS, so the inequality is again obvious. The only other possibility is that  $\underline{x}, \underline{y}, \underline{z}$  are all distinct, in which case

$$\text{LHS} = \|\underline{x}\|_2 + \|\underline{z}\|_2 \leq \|\underline{x}\|_2 + 2\|\underline{y}\|_2 + \|\underline{z}\|_2 = \text{RHS}.$$

[Geometric interpretation: The distance between two distinct points is the sum of their "usual" (Euclidean) distances from the origin:

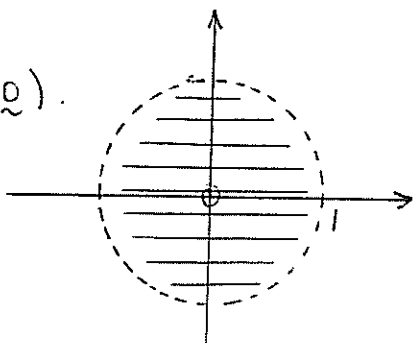


$$\text{Thus } d(A, B) = AO + OB.$$

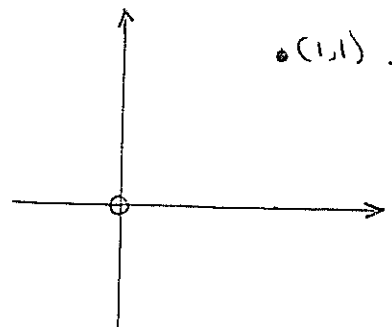
(Mail from A to B goes via the "mail exchange" O, hence the name "Post office metric") ]

2(b)

$B_1(0)$ .



$B_{\frac{1}{2}}(1,1)$ .



(The only point whose distance from  $(1,1)$  is less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  is  $(1,1)$  itself, since the distance of any other point from  $(1,1)$  is at least  $\|(1,1)\|_2 = \sqrt{2}$ ).

3. let  $y \in A$ . We want to show that  $d(x,y) < 2r$ .

let  $z \in A \cap B_r(x)$ , i.e.  $z \in A$  and  $d(x,z) < r$ .

By the triangle inequality,  $d(x,y) \leq d(x,z) + d(z,y)$ .

Since  $z, y \in A$  and  $A$  has diameter  $< r$ ,  $d(z,y) < r$ .

Thus  $d(x,y) < 2r$ ; (i.e.  $y \in B_{2r}(x)$ ).

4. (i)  $x \in \text{Int } A \Rightarrow$  there exists  $r > 0$  such that

$B_r(x) \subseteq A$ ; since  $A \subseteq B$  we have  $B_r(x) \subseteq B$ ,

so  $x \in \text{Int } B$ .

(ii)  $x \in \text{Int}(A \cap B) \Leftrightarrow$  there exists  $r > 0$  such that

$B_r(x) \subseteq A \cap B \Leftrightarrow$  there exists  $r > 0$  such that  $B_r(x) \subseteq A$

and  $B_r(x) \subseteq B \Leftrightarrow x \in (\text{Int } A) \cap (\text{Int } B)$ .

(iii)  $\text{Int } A \cup \text{Int } B \subseteq \text{Int}(A \cup B)$ . Since both

$A \subseteq A \cup B$  and  $B \subseteq A \cup B$ , we have by (i) that

$\text{Int } A \subseteq \text{Int}(A \cup B)$  and  $\text{Int } B \subseteq \text{Int}(A \cup B)$ , so

$(\text{Int } A) \cup (\text{Int } B) \subseteq \text{Int}(A \cup B)$ .

(iv). In  $(\mathbb{R}, d_1)$ , let  $A = [0, 1]$ ,  $B = [-1, 0]$ . Then

$0 \in \text{Int}(A \cup B) = (-1, 1)$ , but neither  $0 \in \text{Int } A$  nor  $0 \in \text{Int } B$ .

5. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $x \in X$ . To show  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is open. Given  $y \in X \setminus \{x\}$ , let  $r = d(x, y)$ . Then the open ball  $B_r(y)$  does not contain  $x$ , hence lies within  $X \setminus \{x\}$ . By Theorem 4.1(i),  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is open.

Now let  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  be any finite set in  $X$ . Then

$$X \setminus \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} = \bigcap_{i=1}^n X \setminus \{x_i\}.$$

Thus  $X \setminus \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  is a finite intersection of open sets by the first part, so by Theorem 4.2(iii) is open. This is the "hence" method of proof.

An "otherwise" method: let  $y \in X \setminus \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  and let  $r_i = d(x_i, y)$ ,  $i=1, \dots, n$  and let  $r = \min_i r_i$ . Then the open ball  $B_r(y)$  does not contain any of the points  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , hence lies within  $X \setminus \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ , which is therefore open by Theorem 4.1(i).

6. The "only if" part is trivial, since if every subset of  $X$  is open, then in particular each singleton set is open. For the "if" part, observe that every subset is a union of singleton sets, and by Theorem 4.2(ii), any union of open sets is open.

7. (a) Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed linear space. Let  $B_r(x)$  be any open ball in  $X$ . Then besides the point  $x$ ,  $B_r(x)$  contains the point  $(1 + \frac{r}{2\|x\|})x$ . Since the distance between these two points is the norm of their difference, which is  $r/2 < r$ . Thus an open ball always contains more than one point, hence so

does any nonempty open set.

(b) Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $x \neq 0$ . Then  $\|x\|_2 \neq 0$  and the distance of any other point from  $x$  is at least  $\|x\|_2$ . Letting  $r = \|x\|_2$ , we thus have that  $B_r(x) = \{x\}$ , so that the singleton  $\{x\}$  is an open ball and hence an open set.  $\{0\}$  is not an open set, since an open ball around  $0$  in the Post office metric is the same as the corresponding open ball in the usual metric, which is a nonempty circular disc.

It is thus immediate by (a) that no norm on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  induces the Post office metric.

8. Referring to Theorem 4.1(i), it is sufficient to show that each open ball in one metric, with a given centre, contains an open ball in the other metric with the same centre.

So let  $B_r(x)$  be any open ball in  $X$  with respect to the metric  $d$ . We want  $r' > 0$  such that  $B_{r'}^*(x) \subseteq B_r(x)$  (where  $B^*$  denotes open ball with respect to  $d^*$ ), i.e. if  $d^*(x, y) < r'$ , then  $d(x, y) < r$ . Now  $d^*(x, y) < r' \Rightarrow d(x, y) < r'/(1-r')$ , so setting  $r'/(1-r') = r$  gives  $r' = r/(1+r)$ .

Now let  $B_r^*(x)$  be any open ball in  $X$  with respect to the metric  $d^*$ . We want  $r' > 0$  such that  $B_{r'}(x) \subseteq B_r^*(x)$ , i.e. if  $d(x, y) < r'$  then  $d^*(x, y) < r$ .

Observing that  $d^*(x, y) \leq d(x, y)$ , we can just take  $r' = r$ .

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1. (i) Let  $y$  be any cluster point of  $B_r[x_0]$ . Thus for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $x \in B_r[x_0]$  such that  $d(x, y) < \epsilon$ . Then  $d(x_0, y) \leq d(x_0, x) + d(x, y) < r + \epsilon$ . Since  $\epsilon$  can be arbitrarily small, we deduce that  $d(x_0, y) \leq r$ ; i.e.  $y \in B_r[x_0]$ , proving  $B_r[x_0]$  is closed.

(ii). Let  $(X, d)$  be a discrete metric space. Then for  $x_0 \in X$ ,  $B_{\frac{1}{2}}(x_0) = \{x_0\}$  which is closed, hence  $\overline{B_{\frac{1}{2}}(x_0)} = \{x_0\}$ . However,  $B_1[x_0] = X$ , so provided  $X$  has more than one point, we have  $\overline{B_{\frac{1}{2}}(x_0)} \neq B_{\frac{1}{2}}[x_0]$ .

2. (i) Since every cluster point of  $A$  is a cluster point of  $B$  if  $A \subseteq B$ , we have  $A' \subseteq B'$ , and hence  $\bar{A} = A \cup A' \subseteq B \cup B' = \bar{B}$ .

(ii) The inclusion  $\supseteq$  follows by (i), since  $A \subseteq A \cup B \Rightarrow \bar{A} \subseteq \overline{A \cup B}$  and similarly  $\bar{B} \subseteq \overline{A \cup B}$ , so  $\bar{A} \cup \bar{B} \subseteq \overline{A \cup B}$ . For the reverse inclusion, note that  $\bar{A} \cup \bar{B}$  is a closed set (by Thm. 5.4 (iii)) containing  $A \cup B$ , and hence contains  $A \cup B$ , the smallest closed set containing  $A \cup B$  by Thm. 5.5.

(iii) Either:  $A \cap B \subseteq A$  and  $A \cap B \subseteq B$ , so by (i)  $\overline{A \cap B} \subseteq \bar{A}$  and  $\overline{A \cap B} \subseteq \bar{B}$ , so  $\overline{A \cap B} \subseteq \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$ ;  
Or:  $\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$  is a closed set (by Thm. 5.4 (ii)) containing  $A \cap B$ , hence contains  $\overline{A \cap B}$  by Thm. 5.5.

The reverse inclusion does not hold; e.g. let  $A = (-1, 0)$ ,  $B = (0, 1)$  in  $(\mathbb{R}, d_1)$ . Then  $\overline{A \cap B} = \bar{\emptyset} = \emptyset$ , but  $\bar{A} \cap \bar{B} = [-1, 0] \cap [0, 1] = \{0\}$ .

The inclusion does hold if either  $A \subseteq B$  or  $B \subseteq A$ .

3. (i) If  $x \in \text{Int } A$ , then some open ball  $B_r(x)$  lies within  $A$ . Thus  $x \notin \overline{X \setminus A}$ , since neither  $x \in X \setminus A$  nor is  $x$  a cluster point of  $X \setminus A$  (otherwise  $B_r(x)$  would contain some point of  $X \setminus A$ ). Thus  $x \notin \text{bdry } A$ , so  $\text{Int } A \cap \text{bdry } A = \emptyset$ .

(ii). The inclusion  $\supseteq$  is immediate since both  $\text{Int } A \subseteq \bar{A}$  and  $\text{bdry } A \subseteq \bar{A}$  from their definitions. To show that every point of  $\bar{A}$  belongs to either  $\text{Int } A$  or  $\text{bdry } A$ : let  $x \in \bar{A}$  such that  $x \notin \text{Int } A$ . Since  $x \notin \text{Int } A$ , every open ball  $B_r(x)$  contains a point of  $X \setminus A$  so  $x \in \overline{X \setminus A}$ . Thus  $x \in \bar{A} \cap \overline{X \setminus A} = \text{bdry } A$ .

4. (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): let  $Y$  be any closed superset of  $A$ . Then  $Y$  contains  $\bar{A} = X$  by Thm. 5.5, so  $Y = X$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): let  $U$  be an open set such that  $U \cap A = \emptyset$ . Thus  $A \subseteq X \setminus U$  so  $\bar{A} \subseteq \overline{X \setminus U}$ . But  $\bar{A} = X$  and  $\overline{X \setminus U} = X \setminus U$  (since  $X \setminus U$  is closed). Thus  $X = X \setminus U$ , hence  $U = \emptyset$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv): Immediate (in fact (iv) is just the contrapositive of (iii)).

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): let  $x \in X$ , and let  $B_r(x)$  be any open ball centered at  $x$ . Then  $B_r(x)$  is a nonempty open set so there exists  $y \in A \cap B_r(x)$ . Thus  $x \in \bar{A}$ , so  $\bar{A} = X$ .

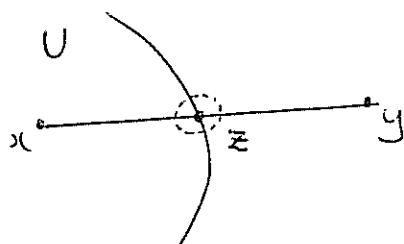


6. Let  $X$  be a normed linear space, and let  $U$  be an open subset of  $X$  such that  $U \neq \emptyset, X$ . We show that  $U$  cannot be closed.

NOTATION: For  $a, b \in X$ ,  $[a, b]$  denotes the "closed line segment" joining  $a$  and  $b$ ; i.e.

$$[a, b] = \{ a + t(b-a) : 0 \leq t \leq 1 \}.$$

Choose  $x \in U, y \notin U$ .



Define  $t_0 = \sup \{ t \geq 0 : [x, t(y-x)] \subseteq U \}$ . Then  $0 \leq t_0 \leq 1$ . Define  $z = x + t_0(y-x)$ . Intuitively it is obvious that  $z \notin U$ , since no open ball around  $z$  lies within  $U$ . We prove this rigorously.

If  $t_0 = 1$ , then  $z = y$  and  $y \notin U$ , so we suppose  $t_0 < 1$ . Let  $r > 0$  be arbitrary,  $r \leq 1 - t_0$ . Let  $r' = \min \{ r, r/\|y-x\| \}$ . By definition of  $t_0$ , the interval  $[z, z + r'(y-x)]$  does not lie within  $U$ , so there exists  $r_0, 0 \leq r_0 < r'$ , such that  $w = z + r_0(y-x) \notin U$ . Then

$$d(w, z) = \|w - z\| = r_0 \|y-x\| < r.$$

Thus the open ball  $B_r(z)$  does not lie within  $U$ ; since  $U$  is open and  $r$  was arbitrary, we conclude that  $z \notin U$ .

However,  $z$  is clearly a cluster point of  $U$ , since if  $x_n = x + (t_0 - \frac{1}{n})(y-x)$ , then  $x_n \in U$  and  $d(x_n, z) = \|x_n - z\| = \|x - y\|/n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus  $U$  is not closed. (Here we have used the fact that  $t_0 > 0$ ; if  $t_0 = 0$ , then  $z = x \in U$ , which contradicts  $z \notin U$ ).

7. Since  $(X, d)$  is complete, there exists  $a \in X$  such that  $a_n \rightarrow a$ . Thus  $a$  is a cluster point of  $A$  which is closed, hence  $a \in A$ .

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1. We use Thm. 6.1. Let  $x \in X$ , and let  $x_n \rightarrow x$ . Thus by definition  $d(x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$ . Now

$$d(x_n, x_0) \leq d(x_0, x) + d(x, x_n)$$

$$\text{and } d(x_0, x) \leq d(x_0, x_n) + d(x, x_n),$$

so  $|d(x_n, x_0) - d(x_0, x)| \leq d(x, x_n) \rightarrow 0$ . Thus  $d(x_n, x_0) \rightarrow d(x, x_0)$ ; i.e.  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$  as required.

2. Observing that the mapping  $F$  is linear, by Thm. 6.3 we need only show that it is bounded as a mapping from the normed linear space  $(C[a, b], \|\cdot\|_\infty)$  to the normed linear space  $(\mathbb{R}, |\cdot|)$ .

Now for any  $f \in C[a, b]$ ,

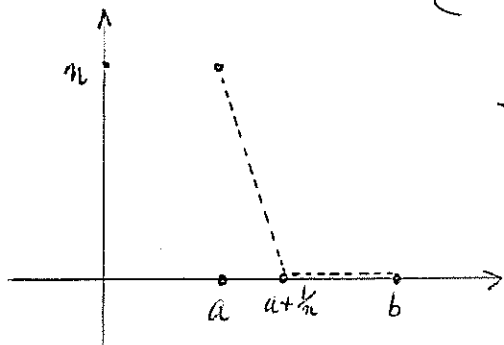
$$\begin{aligned} |F(f)| &= |f(x_0)| \\ &\leq \sup_{x \in [a, b]} |f(x)| = \|f\|_\infty, \end{aligned}$$

so  $F$  is bounded, hence continuous on  $(C[a, b], \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ .

However,  $F$  is not bounded on  $(C[a, b], \|\cdot\|_1)$ .

e.g. if  $x_0 = a$ , define  $f_n \in C[a, b]$  by

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} -n^2x + (n+n^2a), & a \leq x \leq a + \frac{1}{n} \\ 0, & a + \frac{1}{n} \leq x \leq b \end{cases}$$



$$\text{Then } \|f_n\|_1 = \int_a^b |f_n| = \frac{1}{2} \text{ for all } n$$

$$\text{But } |F(f_n)| = |f_n(a)| = n.$$

Thus there cannot exist a constant  $M > 0$  such that  $|F(f)| \leq M \|f\|_1$  for all  $f \in C[a, b]$ , so  $F$  is not bounded hence not continuous on  $(C[a, b], d_1)$ .

3. We use Thm. 6.1. Let  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $X$ . Then  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$  in  $Y$  since  $f$  is continuous; then  $g(f(x_n)) \rightarrow g(f(x))$  in  $Z$  since  $g$  is continuous; i.e.  $(g \circ f)(x_n) \rightarrow (g \circ f)(x)$  as required.

4. The sequence  $\{1/n\}$  is clearly Cauchy in  $(0, \infty)$ , since  $|1/n - 1/m| \rightarrow 0$  as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ . However, the sequence  $\{f(1/n)\} = \{n\}$  is clearly not Cauchy. (We are assuming  $f: x \mapsto 1/x$  is continuous on  $(0, \infty)$ ).

5. Let  $A$  be any open subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then a constant mapping  $f: x \mapsto c$  is continuous and  $f(A) = \{c\}$ , which is not an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , thus  $f$  is not open. ( $\{c\}$  is not open by problem 4.7(a)).

6. Define  $f: (-\pi/2, \pi/2) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $f(x) = \tan x$ . Then  $f$  is continuous, one-one, and onto  $\mathbb{R}$ .

7. The verification that  $d''$  is indeed a metric is routine.

To show that  $d', d''$  are equivalent metrics, it is sufficient to show that if  $y_n \rightarrow y$  in  $Y$  in one metric, then  $y_n \rightarrow y$  in the other metric. (Proof: this condition is (by Thm. 6.1) equivalent to continuity of the identity mappings  $I: (Y, d') \rightarrow (Y, d'')$  and  $I: (Y, d'') \rightarrow (Y, d')$ .

If  $U$  is any open set in  $(Y, d'')$ , then by continuity of the first mapping,  $I^{-1}(U) = U$  is open in  $(Y, d')$  - Thm. 6.2. Similarly any open set  $U$  in  $(Y, d')$  is open in  $(Y, d'')$ , hence  $d', d''$  give rise to the same open sets, and are thus equivalent).

So suppose  $y_n \rightarrow y$  in  $(Y, d')$ ;  $\Rightarrow f^{-1}(y_n) \rightarrow f^{-1}(y)$  in  $(X, d)$  since  $f^{-1}$  is continuous  $\Rightarrow d(f^{-1}(y_n), f^{-1}(y)) \rightarrow 0$   
 $\Rightarrow d''(y_n, y) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow y_n \rightarrow y$  in  $(Y, d'')$ .

Conversely, suppose  $y_n \rightarrow y$  in  $(Y, d'')$ ;  $\Rightarrow d''(y_n, y) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow d(f^{-1}(y_n), f^{-1}(y)) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow f^{-1}(y_n) \rightarrow f^{-1}(y)$  in  $(X, d) \Rightarrow y_n = f(f^{-1}(y_n)) \rightarrow f(f^{-1}(y)) = y$  in  $(Y, d')$  since  $f$  is continuous.

8. For  $\underline{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in V^n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(\underline{x})\|_1 &= \sum_{j=1}^m \left| \sum_{i=1}^n t_{ji} x_i \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n |t_{ji}| |x_i| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^m \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |t_{ji}| \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| \\ &= \left( \sum_{j=1}^m \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |t_{ji}| \right) \|\underline{x}\|_1, \end{aligned}$$

So  $T$  is bounded from  $\ell_1^n$  to  $\ell_1^m$ .

9. It follows from Thm. 6.2, on considering complements, that a mapping is continuous if and only if the inverse image of every closed set is a closed set. Now by problem 7.5,  $\{0\}$  is a closed set in any normed linear space. Thus if  $T$  is a continuous linear mapping,  $\text{Ker } T = T^{-1}(\{0\})$  is closed.

10. The condition  $\|T(x)\|' \leq M\|x\|$  implies that  $T$  is bounded hence continuous. We require  $T^{-1}$  to exist and be continuous. Now  $T(x) = T(y) \Rightarrow \|T(x) - T(y)\|' = \|T(x-y)\|' = 0$ , so  $m\|x-y\| \leq \|T(x-y)\|' = 0$ , hence  $\|x-y\| = 0$ ; i.e.  $x=y$ . Thus  $T$  is one-one; if  $y \in T(X)$ ,  $y = T(x)$ , then  $m\|x\| \leq \|T(x)\|'$ ; i.e.  $m\|T^{-1}(y)\| \leq \|y\|'$ ; i.e.  $\|T^{-1}(y)\| \leq m^{-1}\|y\|'$ , proving  $T^{-1}$  is bounded hence continuous.

11. (i) Let  $\sim$  denote "is homeomorphic to". For any metric space  $(X, d)$ , the identity mapping  $I: (X, d) \rightarrow (X, d)$  is clearly a homeomorphism, so  $(X, d) \sim (X, d)$ . i.e.  $\sim$  is reflexive.

(ii) If  $(X, d) \sim (Y, d')$ , then there exists a homeomorphism  $f: (X, d) \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} (Y, d')$ ; then clearly  $f^{-1}: (Y, d') \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} (X, d)$  is a homeomorphism, so  $(Y, d') \sim (X, d)$ ; i.e.  $\sim$  is symmetric.

(iii). If  $(X, d) \sim (Y, d')$  and  $(Y, d') \sim (Z, d'')$  under homeomorphisms  $f: (X, d) \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} (Y, d')$  and  $g: (Y, d') \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} (Z, d'')$ , then clearly  $g \circ f: (X, d) \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} (Z, d'')$  is a homeomorphism, so  $(X, d) \sim (Z, d'')$ ; i.e.  $\sim$  is transitive.

Thus  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation.