

Warm-up Exercises.

10. Recall the p -series test from elementary calculus:

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$ converges if $p > 1$ and diverges to ∞ if $p \leq 1$.

So fix $p \in [1, \infty)$, and consider the sequence

$\left\{ \left(\frac{1}{j} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$. If $r \leq p$, then $\frac{r}{p} \leq 1$, and if $r > p$, $\frac{r}{p} > 1$.

Thus $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left| \left(\frac{1}{j} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right|^r = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{j} \right)^{\frac{r}{p}}$ converges iff $r > p$.

Also, the sequence $\left\{ \left(\frac{1}{j} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$ is clearly bounded, so it belongs to $\ell^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{N})$.

Hence the sequence belongs to $\ell^r(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{N})$ for all $r \in (p, \infty]$, and no other r .

Next, consider the Bertrand series:

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\alpha} \ln^{\beta}(n)}$$

The series converges if (i) $\alpha > 1$

or (ii) $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta > 1$

Otherwise, the series diverges.

Thus, define the sequence $\left\{ n^{-\frac{1}{p}} \ln^{-2}(n) \right\}_{n=2}^{\infty}$, where $p \in [1, \infty)$

Then $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left| n^{-\frac{1}{p}} \ln^{-2}(n) \right|^r = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{-\frac{r}{p}} \ln^{-2r}(n)$

This Bertrand series is convergent iff $r > p$.

The sequence is clearly bounded, so it belongs to $\ell^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{N})$.

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all $r \in [p, \infty]$, and no other r .

1. Suppose $\sum a_k$ converges.

Consider $2^{k-1} a_{2^k} = a_{2^k} + a_{2^k} + \dots + a_{2^k}$

$$\leq \left\{ a_{2^{k-1}+1} + a_{2^{k-1}+2} + \dots + a_{2^k-1} + a_{2^k} \right\}$$

since $\{a_k\}$ is non-increasing.

Since $2^{k-1} a_{2^k} \leq \sum_{r=2^{k-1}+1}^{2^k} a_r$, we have

$$0 \leq \sum_{k=1}^n 2^{k-1} a_{2^k} \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\sum_{r=2^{k-1}+1}^{2^k} a_r \right) \\ = \sum_{r=1}^{2^n} a_r$$

Thus the partial sums of the sequence $\{2^{k-1} a_{2^k}\}$ are bounded by the partial sums of $\{a_k\}$, and the partial sums are positive since every term is positive.

Since $\sum a_k$ converges, the partial sums $\sum_{k=1}^n a_k$ are bounded.

$$\text{Hence } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n 2^{k-1} a_{2^k} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k < \infty,$$

so $\sum 2^{k-1} a_{2^k}$ converges, since the partial sums form an increasing series that is bounded above. Of course,

$2 \sum 2^{k-1} a_{2^k} = \sum 2^k a_{2^k}$ converges also.

Next, suppose $\sum 2^k a_{2^k}$ converges.

$$\sum_{r=2^{k-1}+1}^{2^k} a_r = a_{2^{k-1}+1} + a_{2^{k-1}+2} + \dots + a_{2^k}$$

$$\leq a_{2^{k-1}} + a_{2^{k-1}} + \dots + a_{2^{k-1}} \\ = 2^{k-1} a_{2^{k-1}}$$

$$\text{So } \sum_{2^{k-1}+1}^{2^k} a_r \leq 2^{k-1} a_{2^{k-1}}$$

since the a_k 's are non-increasing.

$$\text{The } \sum_{k=1}^{2^n} a_k = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\sum_{r=2^{k-1}+1}^{2^k} a_r \right) \\ \leq \sum_{k=1}^n 2^{k-1} a_{2^{k-1}}$$

Since $\sum 2^k a_{2^k}$ converges, the partial sums on the right are bounded.

Thus the partial sums $\sum_{k=1}^{2^n} a_k$ form an increasing sequence that is bounded above, and hence they converge as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Hence $\sum a_n$ converges.

It is easy to see that the three series being considered are comprised of non-increasing sequences of positive numbers.

$$i) \sum 2^k a_{2^k} = \sum 2^k 2^{-k} = \sum 1,$$

which is clearly divergent. Hence $\sum \frac{1}{n}$ diverges.

$$ii) \sum \frac{2^k}{2^k \ln(2^k)} = \sum \frac{1}{k \ln 2} \\ = \frac{1}{\ln 2} \sum \frac{1}{k},$$

which is divergent, so $\sum \frac{1}{n \ln n}$ is divergent.

$$iii) \sum \frac{2^k}{2^k (\ln(2^k))^2} = \sum \frac{1}{k^2 \ln^2(2)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\ln^2(2)} \sum \frac{1}{k^2}$$

This series converges, so $\sum \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^2}$ converges as well.

15. l^1 metric: Suppose $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is on the plane.

By inductive use of the triangle inequality, it is easy to see that

$$\|x - 0\|_1 = |x_1| + |x_2| + \dots + |x_n| \geq |x_1 + \dots + x_n| = 1$$

If $x = (1, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$, for example, $\|x - 0\|_1 = 1$, so 1 is the shortest distance from the origin to the plane.

l^2 : A normal vector to the plane is $n = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$.
A vector from the plane to the origin is

$v = -(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$, where (x_1, \dots, x_n) is on the plane.

The distance from the plane to the origin is found by projecting n onto v :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Distance} &= \frac{|n \cdot v|}{\|n\|_2} = \frac{|x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n|}{(1 + 1 + \dots + 1)^{1/2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \end{aligned}$$

l^∞ : $x = (\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}, \dots, \frac{1}{n})$ is clearly the closest point, with $\|x - 0\|_\infty = \frac{1}{n}$.

Otherwise, if y is on the plane, $\|y\|_\infty \leq \frac{1}{n}$, then $|y_1|, |y_2|, \dots, |y_n| < \frac{1}{n}$,

which implies $|y_1| + |y_2| + \dots + |y_n| < n(\frac{1}{n}) = 1$,

contradicting $|y_1| + \dots + |y_n| \geq |y_1 + \dots + y_n| = 1$ (triangle inequality)

14. By the result of question 15, the distance from the plane to the origin in \mathbb{R}^3 is:

$$l^1 \text{ metric: } D = 1$$

$$l^2 \text{ metric: } D = 3^{-1/2}$$

$$l^\infty \text{ metric: } D = \frac{1}{3}$$

19. Fix $\epsilon > 0$, and let $x = 0$ (the center of the open balls will not affect the relationship between their radii).

$$\text{Let } d = (1/\sqrt{2}) \cdot$$

18. Let $p \in (1, \infty)$. Let B be an ℓ^p -open ball,

$$B = B_{\varepsilon}^{\ell^p}(x) = \left\{ y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|^p \right)^{1/p} < \varepsilon \right\}$$

Let $\varepsilon' = \min(\varepsilon^p, 1)$.

Consider $B' = B_{\varepsilon'}^{\ell^1}(x) = \left\{ y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - x_i| < \varepsilon' \right\}$.

Fix $y \in B'$. Note $|y_i - x_i| < 1 \forall 1 \leq i \leq n$, so

$$|y_i - x_i|^p \leq |y_i - x_i| \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$\text{Thus } \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - x_i|^p \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - x_i| < \varepsilon' < \varepsilon^p,$$

hence $\|y - x\|_p < \varepsilon$, and $y \in B$.

Thus $B' \subset B$, so we can place an ℓ^1 -open ball inside the ℓ^p -open balls both with centre x .

Next, let $B = B_{\varepsilon}^{\ell^1}(x)$, an ℓ^1 -open ball.

Let $\varepsilon' = \varepsilon/n$, $B' = B_{\varepsilon'}^{\ell^p}(x)$. Let $y \in B'$.

$$\text{Then } \|x - y\|_p < \varepsilon' \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|^p < (\varepsilon')^p$$

$$\text{Thus } |x_i - y_i|^p < (\varepsilon')^p \Rightarrow |x_i - y_i| < \varepsilon' \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$\text{Hence } \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i| < n\varepsilon' = \varepsilon,$$

so $y \in B$.

Thus we can place an ℓ^p -open ball containing x inside B .

Next, if $B = B_\epsilon^{l^\infty}(x)$, let $B' = B_\epsilon^{l^1}(x)$.

Then $y \in B' \Rightarrow \|x-y\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i - y_i|$

$$\leq \sum_1^n |x_i - y_i|$$

$$\leq \|x-y\|_1 < \epsilon,$$

so $y \in B$, and $B' \subset B$.

Finally, if $B = B_\epsilon^{l^1}(x)$, let $\epsilon' = \epsilon/n$, $B' = B_{\epsilon'}^{l^\infty}(x)$.

Then $y \in B' \Rightarrow \|x-y\|_1 = \sum_1^n |x_i - y_i|$

$$\leq n \cdot \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i - y_i|$$

$$= n \|x-y\|_\infty < n \epsilon' = \epsilon,$$

so $y \in B$, and $B' \subset B$.

Thus, we have shown that if $p, q \in [1, \infty]$, and U is an open set in l^p , then for any $x \in U$, we may find an l^p -ball B , $x \in B \subset U$, an l^q -ball B' , $x \in B' \subset B$, and an l^q -ball B'' , $x \in B'' \subset B' \subset B \subset U$.

Thus U is open in l^q , and similarly open sets in l^q are open in l^p .

Thus l^p is equivalent to $l^q \forall p, q \in [1, \infty]$.

20. Suppose $x_n \rightarrow 0$ in $l^1(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{N})$.

For any $\varepsilon > 0$, find $N_\varepsilon \geq 1$ so that

$$n \geq N_\varepsilon \Rightarrow \|x_n\|_1 < \varepsilon.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } n \geq N_\varepsilon \Rightarrow \|x_n\|_\infty &= \max_i |(x_n)_i| \\ &\leq \sum_i |(x_n)_i| \\ &= \|x_n\|_1 < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $x_n \rightarrow 0$ in $l^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{N})$.

Next, let $x_1 = (1, 0, 0, \dots)$, $\frac{1}{n}, \dots$

$$x_2 = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, \dots)$$

$$x_n = (\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}, 0, 0, \dots)$$

n times

Then $\|x_n\|_1 = 1 \quad \forall n \geq 1$,

$$\text{but } \|x_n\|_\infty = \frac{1}{n} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

So $x_n \rightarrow 0$ in $l^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{N})$, but not in $l^1(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{N})$, so the metrics are not equivalent.

Warmup

⑥ Let $z = (z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2$, with $z_j = x_j + iy_j$.

The unit ball in the ℓ^2 metric on \mathbb{C}^2 is those points $z \in \mathbb{C}^2$ s.t.

$$\|z\|_2 = 1, \text{ i.e. } \left(\sum_{j=1}^2 |z_j|^2 \right)^{1/2} = 1$$

$$= \left(\sum_{j=1}^2 |x_j + iy_j|^2 \right)^{1/2} = \left(\sum_{j=1}^2 x_j^2 + y_j^2 \right)^{1/2} = (x_1^2 + y_1^2 + x_2^2 + y_2^2)^{1/2} \\ = \|(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2)\|_2^{\mathbb{R}^4}$$

So the ℓ^2 norm of a point in \mathbb{C}^2 is the same as the ℓ^2 norm of the corresponding point in \mathbb{R}^4 . Thus, the unit balls correspond.

In ℓ^1 norm, the two unit balls do not correspond.

Consider $z = (0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1+i)) \in \mathbb{C}^2$.

Considered as a point in \mathbb{C}^2 , $\|z\|_1 = \sum_{j=1}^2 |z_j| = |0| + |\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1+i)| = 1$,
so z is on the ℓ^1 unit ball in \mathbb{C}^2 .

But the corresponding point in \mathbb{R}^4 , $(0, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$, is

not on the ℓ^1 unit ball, as $\|z\|_1^{\mathbb{R}^4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \neq 1$.

So, the ℓ^1 balls do not correspond.

Suppose ρ, ρ' are equivalent metrics on X ,
 (i.e. each ε -ball in metric ρ about x_0 contains a ball
 in metric ρ' about x_0 , and vice versa.)

Suppose $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ converges to x_0 in ρ metric.

Desire to show $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ converges to x_0 in ρ' metric.

Fix any $\varepsilon > 0$. ~~Choose N large enough so that~~

Find some $\varepsilon' > 0$ so that $B(\rho, x_0, \varepsilon') \subset B(\rho', x_0, \varepsilon)$.

Since the sequence converges in ρ , there is some N so that

$$\forall n > N \quad \rho(x_n, x_0) < \varepsilon', \text{ i.e. } x_n \in B(\rho, x_0, \varepsilon').$$

So, for $n > N$, $x_n \in B(\rho', x_0, \varepsilon)$. Since ε is arbitrary,
 the sequence converges to x_0 in ρ' as required.

Switching the roles of ρ and ρ' , we obtain "if and only if"
