

\* Assignment 4 will be posted soon.

## Different definitions of compactness

Def:  $X$  is **limit point compact** if every infinite set has a limit point.

Def:  $X$  is **countably compact** if every countable open cover admits a finite subcover.

Def:  $X$  is **sequentially compact** if every sequence has a converging subsequence.

Def: A collection of closed sets  $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  has the finite intersection property if every finite subcollection has a non-trivial intersection.

Proposition:  $X$  is compact iff every collection of closed sets with the finite intersection property has a non-trivial intersection.

Proof: Let  $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  be a collection of closed sets.

Let  $U_\alpha = A_\alpha^c$ . Then  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha = \emptyset \iff \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} U_\alpha = X$ .

Continue from there. □

Proposition:  $X$  is countably compact iff every countable collection of closed sets with the finite intersection property has a non-trivial intersection iff every nested sequence  $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of <sup>nonempty</sup> closed sets satisfies  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \neq \emptyset$ .  
( $A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq A_3 \supseteq \dots$ )

Proof

Recall by Heine Borel:  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is compact iff it's closed and bounded. We would like to generalize this thm <sup>wrt  $d_{\text{enc}}$</sup>  to arbitrary metric spaces.

$$\rightarrow \bar{d}(x, y) = \min\{1, d_{\text{enc}}(x, y)\}$$

Observation 1:  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \bar{d})$  is topologically equivalent to  $(\mathbb{R}^n, d_{\text{enc}})$ , but  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is closed and bounded wrt  $\bar{d}$  but not compact.

Def: Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space.  $X$  is **totally bounded** if  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists$  finite covering of  $X$  by  $\epsilon$ -balls.

Exc: Let  $d_1, d_2$  be equivalent metrics on  $X$ . Then  $X$  is totally bounded wrt  $d_1$  iff the same holds wrt  $d_2$ .

Exc:  $X$  is totally bounded  $\Rightarrow X$  is bounded.

on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is totally bounded  $\Leftrightarrow A$  is bounded wrt to desc.

Exc: Show  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \bar{d})$  is bounded but not totally bounded.

Observation 2: Consider  $X = \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ . Let  $B$  be the closed ball of radius 1 in  $X$ .  $B$  is closed & totally bounded but not compact.

Def: Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a **Cauchy sequence** if  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $d(x_n, x_m) < \epsilon$  whenever  $n, m > N$ .

We say  $(X, d)$  is **complete** if every Cauchy sequence converges.

**Exc.** Any closed subset of a complete metric space is complete.  
Also a complete subset of a metric space is closed.

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Proposition 1: Compact  $\implies$  Limit point compact.

Proof: Let  $A$  be an infinite set. Suppose  $A$  has no limit points. For every  $x \in X$ , let  $U_x$  be a neighborhood s.t.  $U_x \cap A = \{x\}$  or  $\emptyset$ . Since  $\{U_x\}_{x \in X}$  is an open cover,  $\exists$  a finite subcover  $U_{x_1}, \dots, U_{x_n}$ .  
Since  $U_{x_i} \cap A = \{x_i\}$  or  $\emptyset$  and  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n U_{x_i} = X$ , it follows that  $A \subseteq \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  contradiction.  $\square$

Proposition 2: Let  $(X, d)$  be a limit point compact metric space. Then  $X$  is totally bounded.

Proof: Suppose  $X$  is not totally bounded.

Then  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  s.t.  $X$  cannot be covered by finitely many  $\epsilon$ -balls. We will construct sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  satisfying  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  has no limit point.

Let  $x_1 \in X$ . Then  $B_\varepsilon(x_1) \subsetneq X$ . Let  $x_2 \in X \setminus B_\varepsilon(x_1)$   
 Then  $B_\varepsilon(x_1) \cup B_\varepsilon(x_2) \subsetneq X$ . Let  $x_3 \in X \setminus (B_\varepsilon(x_1) \cup B_\varepsilon(x_2))$   
 and so on. This defines a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  satisfying  
 $d(x_n, x_m) \geq \varepsilon$  for  $n \neq m \Rightarrow \{x_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is an  
 infinite set without a limit point, which is a contradiction.  $\square$

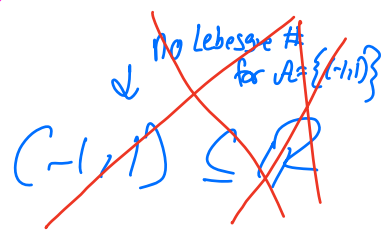
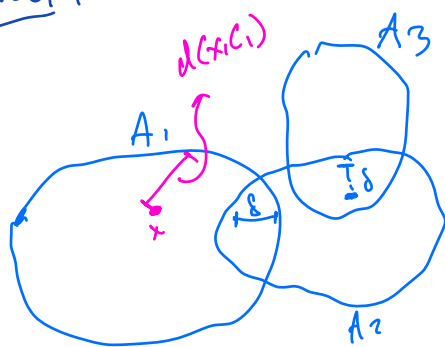
called **Lebesgue #** for  $\mathcal{A}$

Lebesgue # lemma: Let  $X$  be a compact metric space and  
 let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an open cover.  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.

each subset with diameter  $< \delta$  is contained in an element in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

$\leftarrow \text{diam}(B) = \sup_{x, y \in B} d(x, y)$

Proof:



Since  $X$  is compact,  $\exists$  finite subcover  $A_1, \dots, A_n$ .

Let  $C_i = A_i^c$ .

(If  $X = A_i$  for some  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , then any positive # is a Lebesgue #)  
 Assume that  $A_i \neq X \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

Note that the function  $x \mapsto d(x, C_i)$  is cont. (exc)

Define  $f: X \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n d(x, C_i)$$

We first show  $f > 0$ . Let  $x \in X$ , then  $x \in A_i$  for some  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ .

So  $\exists \varepsilon > 0$   $B_\varepsilon(x) \subseteq A_i \Rightarrow d(x, y) \geq \varepsilon \quad \forall y \in C_i$

$$\Rightarrow d(x, C_i) \geq \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) > 0 \quad \text{since } d(x, C_j) \geq 0 \text{ for all } j \in \{1, \dots, n\} \\ \text{ \& } d(x, C_i) > 0.$$

Since  $f > 0$  and cont on a compact set, by EVT it follows that  $f(x) \geq \inf_{x \in X} f = f(x_{\min}) =: \delta > 0$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) \geq \delta \quad \forall x \in X$$

If  $B$  is a set with diameter  $< \delta$ , then  $B$  is contained in the ball  $B_\delta(x)$  for some  $x \in B$ . Let  $d(x, C_k) = \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \{d(x, C_i)\} > 0$

$$\text{Since } d(x, C_k) \geq f(x) > \delta \Rightarrow B \subseteq B_\delta(x) \subseteq A_k$$

□

Ex: Lebesgue # lemma holds also for arbitrary limit point compact metric spaces.

Def: Let  $f: (X, d_x) \rightarrow (Y, d_y)$ . We say  $f$  is

**Uniformly Continuous** if  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  s.t.

$$d_y(f(x), f(y)) < \epsilon \text{ whenever } d_x(x, y) < \delta.$$

**Ex:** Uniformly cont  $\Rightarrow$  cont.

Uniform Continuity Thm: Let  $f: (X, d_x) \rightarrow (Y, d_y)$  be a continuous function on a compact metric space  $X$ . Then  $f$  is uniformly cont.

Proof: Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . For  $x \in X$ , let  $U_x := f^{-1}(B_{\epsilon/2}(f(x)))$

which is open since  $f$  is cont.

Then  $\{U_x\}_{x \in X}$  is an open cover for the compact set  $X$  and so admits a Lebesgue #  $\delta$  by the Lebesgue # lemma.

Let  $x, y \in X$  satisfying  $d_x(x, y) < \delta$ .

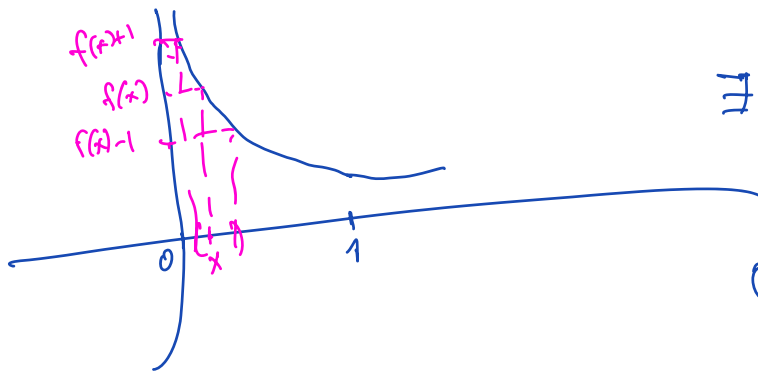
Then  $\{x, y\}$  has diameter  $< \delta$  and so  $\{x, y\} \subseteq U_{x_0}$

$$\text{for some } x_0 \in X. \text{ And so } d_y(f(x), f(y)) \leq d_y(f(x), f(x_0)) + d_y(f(x_0), f(y))$$

$$< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon.$$

Hence,  $f$  is uniformly cont. ▣

Ex:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  on  $(0,1)$

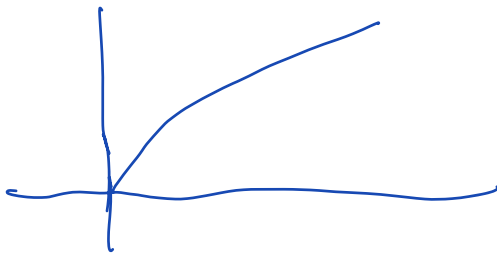


Choose  $\varepsilon = 1$ . Let  $x \in (0,1)$

$$\exists \delta_x \text{ s.t. } |x-y| < \delta \Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y} \right| < 1$$

Observe  $\inf_{x \in (0,1)} \delta_x = 0$

Ex:  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  on  $(0,1)$



$f$  is uniformly cont since  $f$  can be extended to a continuous function on  $[0,1]$  & so by

the uniform continuity thm,  $f$  is uniformly cont on  $[0,1]$

$\Rightarrow f$  is uniformly cont on  $(0,1)$

But  $f$  is not Lipschitz.

Ex:  $f(x) = x \sin \frac{1}{x}$  on  $(0,1]$

$f$  is uniformly cont since  $\tilde{f}(x) = \begin{cases} x \sin \frac{1}{x} & , x \neq 0 \\ 0 & , x = 0 \end{cases}$  is a continuous extension of  $f$  on



The compact set  $[0, 1]$

On the other hand,  $f(x) = \sin \frac{1}{x}$  is cont on  $(0, 1]$   
but not uniformly cont! (But it's uniformly cont  
on  $(\epsilon, 1]$  for any  $\epsilon > 0$ )

Proposition 3: Compact  $\stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{\Rightarrow}$  countably compact  
 $\stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{\Rightarrow}$  limit point compact.

Proof:  $\textcircled{1}$  is trivial.

$\textcircled{2}$ : Let  $A$  be an infinite set. Assume wlog  
that  $A$  is countable, so  $A = \{x_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

Then define the sets  $C_k := \{x_n \mid n > k\}$ .

Suppose  $A$  has no limit point, so  $\{C_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  is a nested  
collection of nonempty closed sets.  $(C_k \supseteq C_{k+1})$   
 $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$

Since  $X$  is countably compact,  $x_m \in \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} C_k$  for some  
 $m \in \mathbb{N}$  which is a contradiction since  $x_m = x_n$  for infinitely  
many  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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## Post-lecture - Practice - Questions.

- #1) Do the exercises above
- #2) Let  $X$  be a totally bounded metric space. Show that  $X$  is separable. Conclude that any compact metric space is second countable.
- #3) Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a basis for  $X$ . Show that  $X$  is compact iff every open cover by members in  $\mathcal{B}$  has a finite subcover.
- #4) Solve #2 on pg 177.
- #5) Let  $X = \{p, q\}$  be equipped with the indiscrete topology. Show  $\mathbb{N} \times X$  is limit point compact but not compact.
- #6) Solve #1, 2, 3 on pg 181
- #7)  $(\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}, D)$  is complete where  $D(x, y) = \sup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \left( \frac{d(x_i, y_i)}{i} \right)$
- #8)  $(\mathbb{Q}, d_{\text{euc}})$  is not complete