

Lemma (continuous pseudometric).

Let X be a set and $(D_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ be a sequence of symmetric reflexive relations on X such that $D_1 = X \times X$ and

$$D_{n+1} \circ D_{n+1} \circ D_{n+1} \subseteq D_n$$

for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then there exists a pseudometric d on X such that

$$D_n \subseteq \{\langle x, y \rangle \in X \times X : d(x, y) < 2^{-n}\} \subseteq D_{n-1}$$

for each $n \geq 2$.

Proof. Note that $D_1 \supseteq D_2 \supseteq \dots$

- Define $f : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by $f(x, y) = 2^{-n}$, where n is the smallest element of \mathbb{N} with $\langle x, y \rangle \notin D_n$ if such n exists and $f(x, y) = 0$ otherwise.
- For each $x, y \in X$, let $S(x, y)$ be the set of all finite sequences in X with at least two terms such that the first term is equal to x and the last is equal to y .
- Define $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by

$$d(x, y) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i, x_{i+1}) : (x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \in S(x, y) \right\}.$$

- We verify that d is a pseudometric on X .

We check that the following conditions hold:

– $d(x, x) = 0$ for each $x \in X$.

Let $x \in X$. Since $f(x, x) = 0$, it follows that $d(x, x) = 0$.

– $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ for each $x, y \in X$.

Let $x, y \in X$. Let

$$P := \{\sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i, x_{i+1}) : (x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \in S(x, y)\}$$

and

$$Q := \{\sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i, x_{i+1}) : (x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \in S(y, x)\}.$$

- * Since D_i is symmetric for each $i \in \mathbb{N}$, it follows that $f(w, z) = f(z, w)$ for every $w, z \in X$. Thus $P = Q$.
 - * Since $d(x, y) = \inf P$ and $d(y, x) = \inf Q$, the conclusion holds.
- $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$ for any $x, y, z \in X$.

* Let $x, y, z \in X$. Let

$$P := \{\sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i, x_{i+1}) : (x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \in S(x, y)\},$$

$$Q := \{\sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i, x_{i+1}) : (x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \in S(y, z)\},$$

$$R := \{\sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i, x_{i+1}) : (x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \in S(x, z)\}.$$

- * Then $p + q \in R$ for any $p \in P$ and $q \in Q$.
 - * Thus $\inf R \leq p + q$ for any $p \in P$ and $q \in Q$.
 - * Thus $\inf R \leq \inf P + \inf Q$ and the conclusion holds.
- Let $n \geq 2$ and $E_n = \{\langle x, y \rangle \in X \times X : d(x, y) < 2^{-n}\}$.
 - We show that $D_n \subseteq E_n$.

- Let $\langle x, y \rangle \in D_n$.
- If $\langle x, y \rangle \in D_m$ for each $m \in \mathbb{N}$, then $f(x, y) = 0$, which implies that $d(x, y) = 0$.
- Otherwise, there is the smallest $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\langle x, y \rangle \notin D_m$.
- Then $m > n$ so $f(x, y) = 2^{-m} < 2^{-n}$.
- It follows that $d(x, y) \leq f(x, y) < 2^{-n}$ so $\langle x, y \rangle \in E_n$.

- We show that $E_n \subseteq D_{n-1}$.

- Let $\langle x, y \rangle \in E_n$. Then $d(x, y) < 2^{-n}$.
 - There is a sequence $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{m+1})$ with $x_1 = x$ and $x_{m+1} = y$ such that
- $$\sum_{i=1}^m f(x_i, x_{i+1}) < 2^{-n}.$$
- We use induction on $m \in \mathbb{N}$ to show that $\langle x, y \rangle \in D_{n-1}$.

* First, we prove that:

(!) if $w, z \in X$ and $f(w, z) < 2^{-n}$, then $\langle w, z \rangle \in D_n$.

- Since $f(w, z) < 2^{-n}$, it follows that either $\langle w, z \rangle \in D_k$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$ or $f(w, z) = 2^{-k}$ for some $k > n$.
- In the former case, it is clear that $\langle w, z \rangle \in D_n$.

- In the later case, k is the smallest element of \mathbb{N} with $\langle x, y \rangle \notin D_k$.
- Since $k > n$, it follows that $\langle x, y \rangle \in D_n$.
- * If $m = 1$, then $f(x, y) < 2^{-n}$ so (!) implies that $\langle x, y \rangle \in D_{n-1}$.
- * Assume that $m \geq 2$ and, as inductive hypothesis, that:
 - For any $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\ell \in \{1, 2, \dots, m-1\}$, if $(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{\ell+1})$ is a sequence of elements of X such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} f(y_i, y_{i+1}) < 2^{-k},$$
 then $\langle y_1, y_{\ell+1} \rangle \in D_{k-1}$.
- * We show that $\langle x, y \rangle \in D_{n-1}$.
 - We show that there exists $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^j f(x_i, x_{i+1}) < 2^{-n-1},$$
 whenever $j \geq 2$, and

$$\sum_{i=j+1}^m f(x_i, x_{i+1}) < 2^{-n-1},$$
 when $j \leq m-1$.
 - If $\sum_{i=1}^m f(x_i, x_{i+1}) < 2^{-n-1}$, then taking $j := m$ works.
 - Otherwise, let $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m-1\}$ be as small as possible with $\sum_{i=1}^{j+1} f(x_i, x_{i+1}) \geq 2^{-n-1}$.
 - If $j \geq 2$, then $\sum_{i=1}^j f(x_i, x_{i+1}) < 2^{-n-1}$ as required.
 - Since $\sum_{i=1}^m f(x_i, x_{i+1}) < 2^{-n}$, it follows that

$$\sum_{i=j+1}^m f(x_i, x_{i+1}) < 2^{-n-1}$$
 as required.
 - The inductive hypothesis implies that $\langle x_1, x_j \rangle \in D_n$ and $\langle x_{j+1}, x_{m+1} \rangle \in D_n$.
 - We have $f(x_j, x_{j+1}) < 2^{-n}$, so (!) implies that $\langle x_j, x_{j+1} \rangle \in D_n$.
 - Since $D_n \circ D_n \circ D_n \subseteq D_{n-1}$, it follows that $\langle x, y \rangle \in D_{n-1}$.

Exercise (continuous pseudometric).

Let \mathcal{D} be a uniformity on a set X and $(D_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ be a sequence of symmetric members of \mathcal{D} such that $D_1 = X \times X$ and

$$D_{n+1} \circ D_{n+1} \circ D_{n+1} \subseteq D_n$$

for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let d be a pseudometric on X such that

$$D_n \subseteq \{\langle x, y \rangle \in X \times X : d(x, y) < 2^{-n}\} \subseteq D_{n-1}$$

for each $n \geq 2$.

- Prove that d is uniformly continuous relative to \mathcal{D} .
- Let $\mathcal{B} = \{D_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$. Prove that \mathcal{B} is a uniformity base on X .
- Let \mathcal{E} be the uniformity on X that is induced by \mathcal{B} . Prove that \mathcal{E} is the uniformity induced by the pseudometric d .

Solution.

- d is uniformly continuous relative to \mathcal{D} .
 - Let $\varepsilon > 0$ and $A_\varepsilon = \{\langle x, y \rangle \in X \times X : d(x, y) < \varepsilon\}$.
 - To show that d is uniformly continuous relative to \mathcal{D} , it suffices to show that $A_\varepsilon \in \mathcal{D}$.
 - There is $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $2^{-n} \leq \varepsilon$. Then $D_n \subseteq A_\varepsilon$.
 - Since $D_n \in \mathcal{D}$, it follows that $A_\varepsilon \in \mathcal{D}$.
- \mathcal{B} is a uniformity base on X .

We need to verify the following conditions:

- Each member of \mathcal{B} is a reflexive relation on X .

Holds by assumption.
- For each $B \in \mathcal{B}$, there exist $D \in \mathcal{B}$ with $D \subseteq B^{-1}$.

Holds since the members of \mathcal{B} are symmetric.
- For each $B \in \mathcal{B}$, there exists $D \in \mathcal{B}$ with $D \circ D \subseteq B$.

If $B = D_n$, then $D := D_{n+1}$ satisfies the requirements.
- For each $B, D \in \mathcal{B}$, there exists $E \in \mathcal{B}$ with $E \subseteq B \cap D$.

If $B = D_n$ and $D = D_m$, then let $E := D_k$, where $k = \max\{n, m\}$.

- \mathcal{E} is the uniformity induced by the pseudometric d .

Let \mathcal{E}' be the uniformity induced by d .

- Let $E \in \mathcal{E}'$. We show that $E \in \mathcal{E}$.
 - * There is $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $A_\varepsilon \subseteq E$, where
$$A_\varepsilon = \{\langle x, y \rangle \in X \times X : d(x, y) < \varepsilon\}.$$
 - * If $n \in \mathbb{N}$ satisfies $2^{-n} \leq \varepsilon$, then $D_n \subseteq A_\varepsilon$ so $D_n \subseteq E$ and hence $E \in \mathcal{E}$.
- Let $E \in \mathcal{E}$. We show that $E \in \mathcal{E}'$.
 - * There is $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $D_n \subseteq E$.
 - * If $x, y \in X$ and $d(x, y) < 2^{-n-1}$, then $\langle x, y \rangle \in D_n$ so $\langle x, y \rangle \in E$.
 - * It follows that $E \in \mathcal{E}'$.

Pseudometrizable uniform space.

A uniform space (X, \mathcal{D}) is *pseudometrizable* iff there exists a pseudometric d on X such that \mathcal{D} is the uniformity induced by d , (see uniformity from pseudometric).

- (X, \mathcal{D}) is *metrizable* iff there exists a metric d on X such that \mathcal{D} is the uniformity induced by d .
- Note that (X, \mathcal{D}) is metrizable if and only if it is pseudometrizable and \mathcal{D} is separating.
 - If (X, \mathcal{D}) is metrizable, then it is pseudometrizable and \mathcal{D} is separating.
 - Assume that (X, \mathcal{D}) is pseudometrizable and \mathcal{D} is separating.
 - * Let d be a pseudometric on X that induces \mathcal{D} .
 - * Since \mathcal{D} is separating, d must be a metric.
 - * Thus (X, \mathcal{D}) is metrizable.

Theorem (pseudometrizable uniform space).

A uniform space is pseudometrizable if and only if it has a countable base.

Proof. Assume that (X, \mathcal{D}) is a pseudo-metrizable uniform space.

- Let d be a pseudometric on X that induces \mathcal{D} .
- Define $\mathcal{B} = \{B_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$, where

$$B_n = \{\langle x, y \rangle \in X \times X : d(x, y) < 1/n\}$$

for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

- We show that \mathcal{B} is a base for \mathcal{D} .
 - Since $B_n \in \mathcal{D}$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{D}$.
 - It remains to show that for each $D \in \mathcal{D}$ there is $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $B_n \subseteq D$.
 - Let $D \in \mathcal{D}$. There is $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $\langle x, y \rangle \in D$ for each $x, y \in X$ with $d(x, y) < \varepsilon$.
 - Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ be such that $1/n \leq \varepsilon$. Then $B_n \subseteq D$.

Now assume that \mathcal{D} has a countable base $\mathcal{B} = \{B_1, B_2, \dots\}$.

- Let D_1, D_2, \dots be a sequence of members of \mathcal{D} such that
 - $D_1 = X \times X$.
 - D_n is symmetric for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
 - $D_{n+1} \circ D_{n+1} \circ D_{n+1} \subseteq D_n$ and $D_{n+1} \subseteq B_n$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

- Let d be a pseudometric on X such that

$$D_n \subseteq \{\langle x, y \rangle \in X \times X : d(x, y) < 2^{-n}\} \subseteq D_{n-1}$$

for every $n \geq 2$. Such a pseudometric exists by Lemma (continuous pseudometric).

- Let \mathcal{E} be the uniformity on X that is induced by d . We show that $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{D}$.

– We show that $\mathcal{E} \subseteq \mathcal{D}$.

* Let $E \in \mathcal{E}$. There is $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $\langle x, y \rangle \in E$ for every $x, y \in X$ with $d(x, y) < \varepsilon$.

* Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ be such that $2^{-n} \leq \varepsilon$. Then $D_n \subseteq E$.

* Since $D_n \in \mathcal{D}$, it follows that $E \in \mathcal{D}$.

– We show that $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{E}$.

* Let $D \in \mathcal{D}$. There is $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $B_n \subseteq D$.

* Then $D_{n+1} \subseteq B_n$ so $D_{n+1} \subseteq D$. Let $\varepsilon = 2^{-n-2} > 0$.

* For any $x, y \in X$ with $d(x, y) < \varepsilon$, we have $\langle x, y \rangle \in D_{n+1} \subseteq D$.

* Thus $D \in \mathcal{E}$.

Example (nonmetrizable uniformity metrizable topology).

Let $X = \Omega_0$ (the set of all countable ordinals) and for each $\alpha \in X$ let

$$B_\alpha = \{\langle x, y \rangle \in X \times X : x = y \text{ or both } x, y > \alpha\}.$$

- Then $\mathcal{B} = \{B_\alpha : \alpha \in X\}$ is a uniformity base on X .
- Let \mathcal{D} be the uniformity on X that is induced by \mathcal{B} . Then \mathcal{D} is not metrizable, in particular \mathcal{D} is not the discrete uniformity.
- The topology on X induced by \mathcal{D} is the discrete topology, hence the topology is metrizable.

Proof. We show that:

- $\mathcal{B} = \{B_\alpha : \alpha \in X\}$ is a uniformity base on X .

We show the following conditions:

- Every member of \mathcal{D} is a reflexive relation on X .

This is clear from the definition of B_α .

- If $B \in \mathcal{B}$, then there exists $D \in \mathcal{B}$ with $D^{-1} \subseteq B$.

We have $B^{-1} = B$ for each $B \in \mathcal{B}$.

- If $B \in \mathcal{B}$, then there is $D \in \mathcal{B}$ with $D \circ D \subseteq B$.

- * Let $\alpha \in X$ be such that $B = B_\alpha$.

- * Since $B_\alpha \circ B_\alpha = B_\alpha$, taking $D := B$ works.

- If $B, D \in \mathcal{B}$, then there is $E \in \mathcal{B}$ with $E \subseteq B \cap D$.

- * Let $\alpha, \beta \in X$ be such that $B = B_\alpha$ and $D = B_\beta$.

- * Let $\gamma = \max\{\alpha, \beta\}$. Then $E := B_\gamma$ works.

- \mathcal{D} is not metrizable.

We show that \mathcal{D} has no countable base. Then Theorem (pseudometrizable uniform space) implies that \mathcal{D} is not metrizable.

- Suppose, for a contradiction, that \mathcal{A} is a countable base for \mathcal{D} .

- For each $A \in \mathcal{A}$, there is $\alpha_A \in X$ with $B_{\alpha_A} \subseteq A$.

- Since the set $\{\alpha_A : A \in \mathcal{A}\}$ is a countable subset of X , there is $\beta \in X$ such that $\alpha_A < \beta$ for every $A \in \mathcal{A}$.

- Then $\langle \beta, \beta + 1 \rangle \in B_{\alpha_A} \subseteq A$ for any $A \in \mathcal{A}$, but $\langle \beta, \beta + 1 \rangle \notin B_\beta$.

- Thus no member of \mathcal{A} is a subset of B_β (which is a member of \mathcal{D}).

- Hence \mathcal{A} is not a base for \mathcal{D} , and we have a contradiction.

- The topology induced by \mathcal{D} is the discrete topology.

- Let $\alpha \in X$. There is $\beta \in X$ with $\alpha < \beta$. Let $D := B_\beta \in \mathcal{D}$.

- Then $D[\alpha] = \{\alpha\}$ so $\{\alpha\}$ is open in the topology τ on X that is induced by \mathcal{D} .

- Thus τ is the discrete topology.

Uniformity from pseudometric family.

Let \mathcal{P} be a family of pseudometrics on a set X . For each $d \in \mathcal{P}$, let \mathcal{D}_d be the uniformity on X that is induced by d and let $f_d : X \rightarrow X$ be the identity function. Let \mathcal{D} be the weak uniformity on X induced by the family $\{(\mathcal{D}_d, f_d) : d \in \mathcal{P}\}$. We say that \mathcal{D} is the uniformity on X that is *induced* by \mathcal{P} .

(1) Theorem (union uniformity subbase) implies that $\mathcal{S} = \bigcup \{\mathcal{D}_d : d \in \mathcal{P}\}$ is a uniformity subbase on X . Note that \mathcal{S} induces \mathcal{D} .

- For each $d \in \mathcal{P}$ and $D \in \mathcal{D}_d$, we have $\hat{f}_d^{-1}[D] = D$.
- Then $\mathcal{D}_d = \mathcal{D}'_d$, where $\mathcal{D}'_d = \{\hat{f}_d^{-1}[D] : D \in \mathcal{D}_d\}$ for each $d \in \mathcal{P}$.
- The definition of \mathcal{D} as the weak uniformity means that \mathcal{D} is induced by $\bigcup \{\mathcal{D}'_d : d \in \mathcal{P}\}$ which is equal to \mathcal{S} .

(2) \mathcal{D} is the weakest uniformity on X making all the pseudometrics in \mathcal{P} uniformly continuous.

(3) Let $\mathcal{B} = \{B_{\mathcal{Q},\varepsilon} : \mathcal{Q} \subseteq_f \mathcal{P}, \varepsilon > 0\}$, where

$$B_{\mathcal{Q},\varepsilon} = \{\langle x, y \rangle \in X \times X : (\forall d \in \mathcal{Q}) d(x, y) < \varepsilon\}$$

and $\mathcal{Q} \subseteq_f \mathcal{P}$ means that \mathcal{Q} is a finite subset of \mathcal{P} . Then \mathcal{B} is base for \mathcal{D} .

Proof.

- We show that $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{D}$.
 - Let $B \in \mathcal{B}$. Then there are $\mathcal{Q} \subseteq_f \mathcal{P}$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $B = B_{\mathcal{Q},\varepsilon}$.
 - If $d \in \mathcal{Q}$, then $E_{d,\varepsilon} \in \mathcal{D}_d \subseteq \mathcal{D}$, where

$$E_{d,\varepsilon} = \{\langle x, y \rangle \in X \times X : d(x, y) < \varepsilon\}.$$
 - It follows that

$$B = \bigcap \{E_{d,\varepsilon} : d \in \mathcal{Q}\} \in \mathcal{D},$$
 since \mathcal{D} is closed under finite intersections.
- We show that for every $D \in \mathcal{D}$, there is $B \in \mathcal{B}$ with $B \subseteq D$.
 - Let $D \in \mathcal{D}$.

- If $D = X \times X$, then $B_{\emptyset,1} = X \times X \subseteq D$.
- Otherwise, there is finite and nonempty $\mathcal{Q} \subseteq \mathcal{P}$ and $D_d \in \mathcal{Q}_d$ for each $d \in \mathcal{Q}$ so that $\bigcap \{D_d : d \in \mathcal{Q}\} \subseteq D$.
- For each $d \in \mathcal{Q}$, let $\varepsilon_d > 0$ be such that $\langle x, y \rangle \in D_d$ whenever $d(x, y) < \varepsilon_d$.
- Let $\varepsilon = \min \{\varepsilon_d : d \in \mathcal{Q}\}$.
- Then $B_{\mathcal{Q},\varepsilon} \subseteq D_d$ for each $d \in \mathcal{Q}$ so $B_{\mathcal{Q},\varepsilon} \subseteq D$.

Theorem (uniformity from pseudometric family).

Let \mathcal{D} be a uniformity on a set X and \mathcal{P} be the family of all pseudometrics on X that are uniformly continuous relative to \mathcal{D} . Then \mathcal{D} is induced by \mathcal{P} .

Proof. Let \mathcal{E} be the uniformity on X that is induced by \mathcal{P} .

- Since \mathcal{E} is the weakest uniformity on X making all the pseudometrics in \mathcal{P} uniformly continuous, it follows that $\mathcal{E} \subseteq \mathcal{D}$.
- We show that $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{E}$.
 - Let $D \in \mathcal{D}$.
 - Let $D_1 = X \times X$, let $D_2 \in \mathcal{D}$ be symmetric with $D_2 \subseteq D$ and, for each $n \geq 2$, let $D_{n+1} \in \mathcal{D}$ be symmetric and such that $D_{n+1} \circ D_{n+1} \subseteq D_n$.
 - Let $\mathcal{B}_D = \{D_1, D_2, \dots\}$.
 - Lemma (continuous pseudometric) and the exercise following it show that there exists a pseudometric $d \in \mathcal{P}$ such that \mathcal{B}_D is a base for the uniformity \mathcal{E}_d on X that is induced by d .
 - Then $D \in \mathcal{B}_D \subseteq \mathcal{E}_d \subseteq \mathcal{E}$.

Exercise (uniformly continuous metric).

Consider $X = \mathbb{R}$ as a uniform space (with the standard uniformity on \mathbb{R}), let A be an uncountable set and $Y = X^A$ (that is, Y is the product of uncountably many copies of X). Consider Y as a uniform space with the product uniformity \mathcal{D} . Prove that no metric on Y is uniformly continuous relative to \mathcal{D} .

Solution. Let d be a pseudometric on Y that is uniformly continuous relative to \mathcal{D} . We will show that d is not a metric.

- For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $B_n = \{\langle f, g \rangle \in Y \times Y : d(f, g) < 1/n\}$.
- Since d is uniformly continuous relative to \mathcal{D} , it follows that $B_n \in \mathcal{D}$, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ (see uniformly continuous pseudometric).
- For each $\alpha \in A$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, let

$$S_{\alpha, \varepsilon} := \{\langle f, g \rangle \in Y \times Y : |f(\alpha) - g(\alpha)| < \varepsilon\}.$$

- Then $\mathcal{S} := \{S_{\alpha, \varepsilon} : \alpha \in A, \varepsilon > 0\}$ is a subbase for \mathcal{D} .
- Thus for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there is finite $A_n \subseteq A$ such that

$$\{\langle f, g \rangle \in Y \times Y : \forall \alpha \in A_n f(\alpha) = g(\alpha)\} \subseteq B_n.$$

- Since A is uncountable, there is $\beta \in A \setminus \bigcup \{A_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$.
- Let $f(\alpha) = 0$ for each $\alpha \in A$, let $g(\alpha) = 0$ for every $\alpha \in A \setminus \{\beta\}$ and $g(\beta) = 1$.
- Then $\langle f, g \rangle \in \bigcap \{B_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$, which implies that $d(f, g) = 0$.
- Since $f \neq g$, it follows that d is not a metric.