

MATH 793C

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TOPOLOGY

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Theorem 24.13.

Let X be a metric space. The following are equivalent.

- X is completely metrizable.
- X is a G_δ -set in the metric completion of X .
- X is a G_δ -set in every metric space of which it is a subspace.
- X is a G_δ -set in βX (the Stone-Ćech compactification of X).
- X is a G_δ -set in every Tychonoff space of which it is a dense subspace.

Proof (a) \Rightarrow (d)

Let d be a metric on X that is complete, compatible with the topology and bounded by 1.

For each $x \in X$, let $\varphi'_x : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be defined by $\varphi'_x(y) = d(x, y)$.

Note that φ'_x is continuous. Let $\varphi_x : \beta X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be a continuous extension of φ'_x .

Define $\rho : \beta X \times \beta X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\rho(a, b) = \inf \{ \varphi_x(a) + \varphi_x(b) : x \in X \}$$

To complete the proof it remains to show that

ρ is a metric on βX such that $\rho(a, x) = \varphi_x(a)$ for each $x \in X$ and $a \in \beta X$.

Claim 0 Let $x \in X$ and $a \in \beta X$.

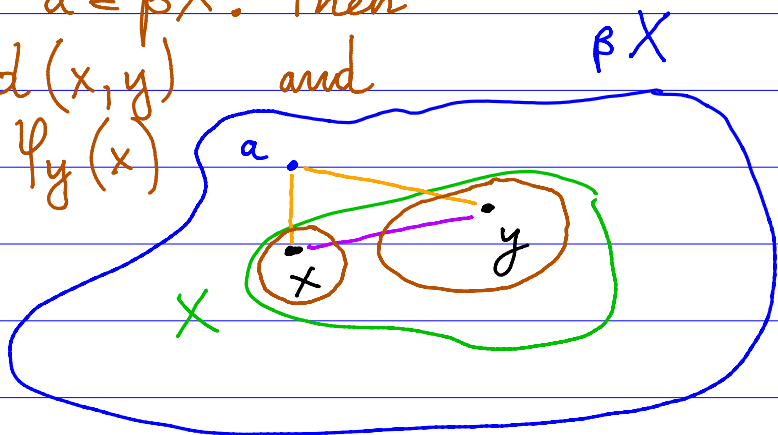
If $\varphi_x(a) < \varepsilon$, then a is in the closure (in βX) of the ball $B_d(x, \varepsilon)$ (which is a subset of X)

Claim 1 Let $x, y \in X$ and $a \in \beta X$. Then

$$\varphi_x(a) + \varphi_y(a) \geq d(x, y) \quad \text{and}$$

$$\varphi_x(a) + d(x, y) \geq \varphi_y(x)$$

Exercise



Proof of Claim 1

Suppose, BWOC, that $\varphi_x(a) + \varphi_y(a) < d(x, y)$.
Let ε, δ be such that

$$\varphi_x(a) < \varepsilon, \quad \varphi_y(a) < \delta \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon + \delta < d(x, y)$$

Claim 0 implies that $a \in d_{\beta X}(B_d(x, \varepsilon))$

Thus $a \in d_{\beta X}(X \setminus B_d(y, \delta))$ since

$$B_d(x, \varepsilon) \cap B_d(y, \delta) = \emptyset.$$

Since φ_y is cont. and since $\varphi_y(z) \geq \delta$ for

$z \in X \setminus B_d(y, \delta)$, it follows that $\varphi_y(a) \geq \delta$,

which is a contradiction.

The proof of $\varphi_x(a) + d(x, y) \geq \varphi_y(x)$ is similar
(Exercise)

Claim 2

If $x \in X$ and $a \in \beta X$, then $\varphi(a, x) = \varphi_x(a)$.

Proof

Let $y \in X$. Then the definition of φ implies that

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(a, x) &\geq \varphi_y(a) + \varphi_y(x) \\ &= \varphi_y(a) + d(x, y)\end{aligned}$$

Claim 1 implies that $\varphi_y(a) + d(x, y) \geq \varphi_x(a)$

Thus $\varphi(a, x) \geq \varphi_x(a)$.

Since $\varphi(a, x) \leq \varphi_x(a) + \varphi_x(x) = \varphi_x(a)$

it follows that $\varphi(a, x) = \varphi_x(a)$.

Claim 3 If $a, b, c \in \beta X$, then $\varphi(a, b) + \varphi(b, c) \geq \varphi(a, c)$

Proof Suppose, BWOC, that

$$\varphi(a, b) + \varphi(b, c) < \varphi(a, c).$$

Let $x, y \in X$ be such that

$$\varphi_x(a) + \varphi_x(b) + \varphi_y(b) + \varphi_y(c) < \varphi(a, c)$$

Claim 1 implies that $\varphi_x(b) + \varphi_y(b) \geq d(x, y)$

and

$$d(x, y) + \varphi_y(c) \geq \varphi_x(c)$$

Thus $\varphi_x(a) + \varphi_x(c) < \varphi(a, c)$ which is a contr.

Claim 4. If $x \in X$ and $a \in \beta X \setminus X$, then $\varphi(x, a) > 0$.

Proof Since βX is Hausdorff there is $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $a \notin \text{cl}_{\beta X}(B_d(x, \varepsilon))$. Then $\varphi_x(a) \geq \varepsilon$, by Claim 0.

Claim 5

φ is a metric on βX .

Proof

It is clear that $\varphi(a, b) \geq 0$ and $\varphi(a, b) = \varphi(b, a)$ for each $a, b \in \beta X$.

Claim 2 implies that φ is a pseudometric on βX .

Let $a, b \in \beta X$ be distinct. If $a \in X$ or $b \in X$, then claim 4 implies that $\varphi(a, b) > 0$.

Assume $a, b \in \beta X \setminus X$. Suppose BWOC that $\varphi(a, b) = 0$. Then there is a sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in X s.t. $\varphi_{x_n}(a) + \varphi_{x_n}(b) < \frac{1}{n}$.

The sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is d -Cauchy so it d -converges to some $x \in X$

It follows that $\rho(x, a) = \rho(x, b) = 0$, which is a contradiction.

Exercise

Prove that for each $a \in \beta X \setminus X$ the singleton $\{a\}$ is open in the topology τ induced by ρ on βX .

Conclude that τ is finer than the original topology of βX .

Exercise

Assume that there exists a pseudo-metric ρ' on βX that extends the metric d on X and such that the original topology of βX is finer than the topology induced by ρ' . Prove that $\beta X = X$ so X is compact and $\rho' = d$.

Let X be a set and $f: X \rightarrow X$.
 $x \in X$ is a fixed point iff $f(x) = x$.

Let (X, ρ) be a metric space and $f: X \rightarrow X$.
We say that f is ρ -contractive iff there exists $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ s.t. $\rho(f(x), f(y)) \leq \alpha \cdot \rho(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$.

Theorem 24.16 (Banach)

If X is complete in a metric ρ on X and $f: X \rightarrow X$ is ρ -contractive, then f is continuous and has exactly one fixed point.

Proof

The uniqueness is clear. Cont. of f is clear.

Let $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ be s.t. $\rho(f(x), f(y)) \leq \alpha \cdot \rho(x, y) \forall x, y \in X$.
Let $x \in X$. Let $x_1 = x$, $x_2 = f(x_1)$, ..., $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

$(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is Cauchy since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha^n$ converges.

Let y be the limit of $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.

Since f is cont. $f(y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{n+1} = y$

25. The Baire theorem.

Let X be a topological space.

We say that X is a Baire space iff the intersection of any countable family of dense open sets in X is dense in X .

Example

\mathbb{Q} with standard top. is not a Baire space.

Let q_1, q_2, \dots be an enumeration of \mathbb{Q} .

$U_n = \mathbb{Q} \setminus \{q_n\}$ is open in \mathbb{Q} and dense in \mathbb{Q} .

$\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} U_n = \emptyset$ which is not dense in \mathbb{Q} .