

Last time: In a metric space  $(E, d)$ ,  $K \subseteq E$  compact  $\Rightarrow K$  is closed and bounded.

(The converse is false)

Theorem 10.3  $X$  topological space,  $K_1 \supseteq K_2 \supseteq \dots \supseteq K_n \supseteq \dots$  sequence of nested closed compact sets. Then  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n \neq \emptyset$ .

Proof Suppose  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n = \emptyset$ .

Then

$E = E \setminus \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (E \setminus K_n) \Rightarrow \{E \setminus K_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is an open cover of  $E$  and, hence, of  $K_1$ . Since  $K_1$  is compact

$\exists n_1 \leq n_2 \leq \dots \leq n_e$  st

$$\begin{aligned} K_1 &\subseteq (E \setminus K_{n_1}) \cup (E \setminus K_{n_2}) \cup \dots \cup (E \setminus K_{n_e}) = E \\ &= E \setminus (K_{n_1} \cap K_{n_2} \cap \dots \cap K_{n_e}) = E \setminus K_{n_e} \end{aligned}$$

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K<sub>i</sub>'s are nested!

Contradiction since  $K_{n_e} \subseteq K_1$ . □

Definition A subset  $K$  of a topological space is sequentially compact if every sequence in  $K$  has a convergent subsequence with a limit in  $K$ .

Ex 11.0 Suppose  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is closed and bounded. Then  $K$  is sequentially compact: by HW#3 problem 6 any sequence  $\{s_n\}$  in  $K$  has a convergent subsequence  $\{s_{n_k}\}$ . Since  $K$  is closed,  $L = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} s_{n_k} \in K$ .

Lemma 11.1 Let  $(E, d)$  be a metric space. Suppose  $K \subseteq E$  is compact. Then  $K$  is sequentially compact.

Proof  $\Rightarrow$  Let  $\{s_n\}$  be a sequence in  $K$ . We argue:

(\*)  $\exists x \in K$  so that  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \quad \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid s_n \in B_\epsilon(x)\}$  is infinite.

(\*)  $\Rightarrow$  There is a subsequence that converges to  $x$ :

take  $\varepsilon = 1, 1/2, 1/3, \dots$  and find  $n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_k < \dots$  st  
 $s_{n_k} \in B_{1/k}(x)$

Suppose (\*) does not hold. Then  $\forall x \in K \exists \varepsilon(x)$  st  
 $\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid s_n \in B_{\varepsilon(x)}(x)\}$  is finite.

The collection  $\{B_{\varepsilon(x)}(x) \mid x \in K\}$  is an open cover of  $K$ .  
 Since  $K$  is compact, it has a finite subcover:

$$\{x_1\} \subseteq K \subseteq B_{\varepsilon(x_1)}(x_1) \cup \dots \cup B_{\varepsilon(x_k)}(x_k).$$

But  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid s_n \in B_{\varepsilon(x_1)}(x_1) \cup \dots \cup B_{\varepsilon(x_k)}(x_k)\}$   
 is finite. Contradiction.

Definition A subset  $K$  of a metric space is totally bounded if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$   
 $\exists x_1, \dots, x_n \in K$  st  $K \subseteq B_{\varepsilon}(x_1) \cup \dots \cup B_{\varepsilon}(x_n)$ , i.e.  
 $\forall \varepsilon$   $K$  can be covered by finitely many balls of radius  $\varepsilon$ .

Lemma 11.2 Suppose  $(E, d)$  is a metric space,  $K \subseteq E$  sequentially compact.  
 Then  $(K, d)$  is complete and  $K$  is totally bounded.

Proof Suppose  $\{s_n\} \subseteq K$  is Cauchy. Since  $K$  is sequentially compact  
 $\{s_n\}$  has a convergent subsequence with limit  $L$  in  $K$ .

Since  $\{s_n\}$  is Cauchy,  $s_n \rightarrow L$ .

Suppose  $K$  is not totally bounded. Then  $\exists \varepsilon > 0$  st  $K$  cannot  
 be covered by finitely many  $\varepsilon$ -balls  $\Rightarrow \exists x_1$  st  $K \setminus B_{\varepsilon}(x_1) \neq \emptyset$ .

$\exists x_2 \in K \setminus B_{\varepsilon}(x_1)$  st  $K \setminus (B_{\varepsilon}(x_2) \cup B_{\varepsilon}(x_1)) \neq \emptyset$

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$\exists x_n \in K \setminus (B_{\varepsilon}(x_1) \cup \dots \cup B_{\varepsilon}(x_{n-1}))$  st  $K \setminus (B_{\varepsilon}(x_1) \cup \dots \cup B_{\varepsilon}(x_n)) \neq \emptyset$

We get a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $K$  with  $d(x_n, x_m) \geq \varepsilon$  for  $n \neq m$ .

$\Rightarrow \{x_n\}$  has no Cauchy subsequence and hence no convergent subsequence

Contradiction. □

Lemma 11.3  $(E, d)$  metric space,  $K \subseteq E$  complete and totally bounded. Then  $K$  is compact.

Proof Suppose  $\exists$  an open cover  $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  of  $K$  with no finite subcover. Since  $K$  is totally bounded,  $K$  can be covered by finitely many open balls of radius  $\frac{1}{2}$ .  $\Rightarrow \exists x_0 \in K$  st.

$B_{\frac{1}{2}}(x_0)$  cannot be covered by finitely many  $U_\alpha$ 's.

There is a finite cover of  $K$  by balls of radius  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Consider a subset of these balls that cover  $B_{\frac{1}{2}}(x_0)$

Then one of these balls, say  $B_{\frac{1}{2}}(x_1)$  cannot be covered by finitely many  $U_\alpha$ 's.

Proceeding this way we get a sequence  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, \dots$

s.t.  $B_{\frac{1}{2^n}}(x_n) \cap B_{\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}}(x_{n+1}) \neq \emptyset$  (condition 1)

(and then  $d(x_n, x_{n+1}) < \frac{1}{2^n} + \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} < \frac{2}{2^n} = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$ )

and  $B_{\frac{1}{2^n}}(x_n)$  cannot be covered by finitely many  $U_\alpha$ 's

Since  $d(x_n, x_{n+k}) \leq d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \dots + d(x_{n+k-1}, x_{n+k})$   
 $< \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} (1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^k}) < \frac{2}{2^{n-1}} = \frac{1}{2^{n-2}}$

$\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy. Since  $K$  is complete,  $x_n \rightarrow y$  for some  $y \in K$ .

Since  $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  covers  $K$ ,  $\exists \alpha_0$  st  $y \in U_{\alpha_0}$ .

Since  $U_{\alpha_0}$  is open  $\exists r > 0$  st  $B_r(y) \subseteq U_{\alpha_0}$ .

Since  $x_n \rightarrow y$   $\exists n$  st  $x_n \in B_{r/2}(y)$  and  $\frac{1}{2^n} < \frac{r}{2}$ .

Then  $B_{\frac{1}{2^n}}(x_n) \subseteq B_r(y) \subseteq U_{\alpha_0}$ .

Contradiction, since  $B_{\frac{1}{2^n}}(x_n)$  cannot be covered by one  $U_\alpha$ . □

Summary For a subset of a metric space:

$\subseteq$  compact  $\Rightarrow$  sequentially compact  $\Rightarrow$  complete and totally bounded  $\Rightarrow$  compact.

Thus all three are equivalent.

Heine-Borel Theorem A subset  $K$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is compact  $\Leftrightarrow$   $K$  is closed and bounded.

Proof ( $\Rightarrow$ ) true in any metric space.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose  $K$  is closed and bounded. By Ex 11.0,  $K$  is sequentially compact. By 11.2  $K$  is complete and totally bounded. By 11.3  $K$  is compact.  $\square$

Ex.  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $d(x, y) = \min(1, |x - y|)$

$(\mathbb{R}, d)$  is bounded but it's not totally bounded since it's complete but not compact. (in fact  $\mathbb{R}$ )

$$B_{1/2}^d(x) = (x - 1/2, x + 1/2) \quad \forall x$$

and  $\mathbb{R}$  cannot be covered by finitely many balls of radius  $1/2$ .

Thus only in  $(\mathbb{R}^n, d_2)$  (or  $d_1$  or  $d_\infty$ )

bounded  $\Rightarrow$  totally bounded.

Next time Continuous functions

(we'll discuss the last bit of chapter 3, connected sets, later)