

Recall A sequence  $(s_n)$  in a metric space  $(E, d)$  converges to  $L \in E$  if  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $n > N \Rightarrow d(s_n, L) < \epsilon$ .

Lemma 4.3 (didn't prove it last time) A sequence  $(s_n)$  in  $(E, d)$  converges to  $L \Leftrightarrow \forall$  open set  $U \subseteq E$  with  $L \in U \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $n > N \Rightarrow s_n \in U$ .

Proof  $(\Rightarrow)$  Suppose  $s_n \rightarrow L$ ,  $U \subseteq E$  is open,  $L \in U$ .

Then  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  st  $B_\epsilon(L) \subseteq U$ . Since  $s_n \rightarrow L \exists N$  st  $n > N \Rightarrow d(s_n, L) < \epsilon$ , i.e.  $s_n \in B_\epsilon(L) \subseteq U$ .

$(\Leftarrow)$   $\forall \epsilon > 0$ ,  $B_\epsilon(L)$  is open and contains  $L$ .

Therefore  $\exists N$  st  $n > N \Rightarrow s_n \in B_\epsilon(L)$ , i.e.  $d(s_n, L) < \epsilon$  for  $n > N$ .  $\square$

Lemma 4.4 Convergent sequences are bounded.

Proof Suppose  $s_n \rightarrow L$  in a metric space  $(E, d)$ .

Then  $\exists N$  st  $n > N \Rightarrow d(s_n, L) < 1$

Let  $r = \max \{ 1, d(s_1, L), \dots, d(s_N, L) \}$

Then  $\forall r \quad d(s_k, L) < r + 1 \Rightarrow s_k \in B_{r+1}(L) \quad \forall k$ .

Fact Suppose  $(s_n)$  is a sequence in a metric space  $(E, d)$ .

If  $s_n \rightarrow L_1$  and  $s_n \rightarrow L_2$  then  $L_1 = L_2$ .

Proof see p46 of text.

Def Let  $s: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow E$  be a sequence. A subsequence of  $s$

is a function  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow E$  of the form  $f = s \circ n$

where  $n: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is a strictly increasing function.

i.e.  $n$  is a sequence  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k, \dots$  of natural numbers with

$$1 \leq n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < \dots < n_k < n_{k+1} < \dots$$

and  $s \circ n = (s_{n_1}, s_{n_2}, \dots)$  Note  $n_k \geq k \quad \forall k$   
Why?

Fact If  $s_n \rightarrow L$  and  $\{s_{n_k}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  is a subsequence  
 then  $s_{n_k} \rightarrow L$ .

Proof see p46.

Recall A subset  $C$  of a metric space  $(E, d)$  is closed  
 iff  $E \setminus C$  is open:  $\forall x \notin C \exists r > 0$  st  $B_r(x) \cap C = \emptyset$ .

Lemma 5.1 Let  $C$  be a closed subset of  $(E, d)$ ,  $\{s_n\}$  a sequence  
 in  $C$  (ie  $s_n \in C \forall n$ ). If  $s_n \rightarrow L$  then  $L \in C$ .  
 Conversely if  $\forall$  convergent sequence  $\{s_n\}$  in  $C$   $\lim s_n \in C$   
 then  $C$  is closed.

Proof ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $C$  is closed,  $\{s_n\} \in C$  and  $s_n \rightarrow L$ .

If  $L \notin C$  then  $\exists r > 0$  st  $B_r(L) \subseteq E \setminus C$  (since  $E \setminus C$  is open)

Since  $s_n \rightarrow L \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $s_n \in B_r(L)$  for  $n > N$ .

Contradiction since  $s_n \in C \forall n$  and  $B_r(L) \cap C = \emptyset$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose  $C$  is not closed. Then  $E \setminus C$  is not open.

$\Rightarrow \exists p \in E \setminus C$  so that  $\forall r > 0$   $B_r(p) \not\subseteq E \setminus C$  ie

$B_r(p) \cap C \neq \emptyset$ .

In particular  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \exists x_n \in B_{1/n}(p) \cap C$

Then  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence with  $d(x_n, p) < \frac{1}{n}$ .

Given  $\varepsilon > 0 \exists N$  st  $\frac{1}{N} < \varepsilon$ . Then for  $n > N$ ,

$$\varepsilon > \frac{1}{N} > \frac{1}{n} > d(x_n, p)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_n \rightarrow p \notin C$$

We proved: if  $C$  is not closed  $\exists$  sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $C$  with  $x_n \rightarrow p \notin C$ .

$\square$

## Sequences in $\mathbb{R}$

Proposition 5.2 Let  $\{a_n\}, \{b_n\}$  be sequences in  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $a_n \rightarrow a, b_n \rightarrow b$ . Then

i)  $a_n + b_n \rightarrow a + b$

ii)  $a_n b_n \rightarrow ab$

iii)  $c a_n \rightarrow c a \quad \forall c \in \mathbb{R}$

iv) if  $b \neq 0$  and if  $b_n \neq 0 \quad \forall n$ , then  $\frac{a_n}{b_n} \rightarrow \frac{a}{b}$

v) if  $a_n \leq b_n \quad \forall n$  then  $a \leq b$ .

Proof (i) - (ii) see pp 48-49.

(iii) Note For a constant sequence  $n \mapsto c \quad \forall n, c \rightarrow c$ . So (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii).

(iv) It is enough to prove:  $\frac{1}{b_n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{b}$  for then, by (ii)

$$\frac{a_n}{b_n} = a_n \cdot \frac{1}{b_n} \rightarrow a \cdot \frac{1}{b}$$

Now,

$$\left| \frac{1}{b_n} - \frac{1}{b} \right| = \frac{|b - b_n|}{|b_n| |b|}$$

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$  let

$$\varepsilon' = \min \left( \frac{|b|}{2}, \frac{|b|^2}{2} \varepsilon \right)$$

Then, since  $b_n \rightarrow b, \exists N$  with  $n > N \Rightarrow |b_n - b| < \varepsilon'$ .

$$\text{Since } |b| = |b - b_n + b_n| \leq |b_n - b| + |b_n|, \quad |b_n| \geq |b| - |b_n - b|$$

And then, for  $n > N$

$$|b_n| \geq |b| - \varepsilon' \geq |b| - \frac{|b|}{2} = |b|/2$$

$$\text{Therefore, for } n > N \quad \left| \frac{1}{b_n} - \frac{1}{b} \right| < \frac{|b - b_n|}{|b|} \cdot \frac{2}{|b|} < \frac{|b|^2}{2} \varepsilon \cdot \frac{2}{|b|^2} = \varepsilon$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{b_n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{b}$$

(v)  $a_n \leq b_n \Leftrightarrow b_n - a_n \geq 0, \Leftrightarrow b_n - a_n \in [0, \infty) \quad \forall n$   
 $b - a = \lim (b_n - a_n) \in [0, \infty)$  since  $[0, \infty)$  is closed. □

### Interior, closure, boundary

Fix a metric space  $(E, d)$  and a subset  $S \subseteq E$ . We define

Interior  $(S) \equiv S^\circ := \bigcup_{\substack{O \subseteq S \\ O \text{ open}}} O =$  largest open set contained in  $S$  (it may be  $\emptyset$ )

Closure  $(S) \equiv \bar{S} = \bigcap_{\substack{C \text{ closed} \\ S \subseteq C}} C$  smallest closed set containing  $S$

Boundary  $(S) \equiv \partial S = \bar{S} \setminus S^\circ$

Exterior  $(S) \equiv \text{Ext}(S) :=$  interior of  $E \setminus S$

Ex  $E = \mathbb{R}$ , standard metric,  $S = \mathbb{Q}$  the rationals. Then

$\mathbb{Q}^\circ = \emptyset$  since  $\forall q \in \mathbb{Q} \forall r > 0 \quad B_r(q) = (q-r, q+r) \cap (\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}) \neq \emptyset$   
 so  $\nexists r$  s.t.  $B_r(q) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$ .

$$\bar{\mathbb{Q}} = \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial \mathbb{Q} = \bar{\mathbb{Q}} \setminus \mathbb{Q}^\circ = \mathbb{R}.$$

Ex  $E = \{-1, 0, 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $d(x, y) = |x - y| \quad \forall x, y \in E$ .

$B_1(0) = \{0\}$ . Similarly  $B_1(1) = \{1\}$ ,  $B_1(-1) = \{-1\}$ .

$\Rightarrow$  every subset of  $E$  is open (and closed).

$\Rightarrow$  closure  $(B_1(0)) = \{0\}$ .

Note  $\bar{B}_1(0) = \{y \in E \mid |0 - y| \leq 1\} = E$

So closed ball  $\bar{B}_1(0) \neq$  closure of  $B_1(0) = \overline{B_1(0)}$

Ex  $S = \{\frac{1}{n} \mid n > 0\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

$$S^\circ = \emptyset, \quad \bar{S} = \{0\} \cup S$$

$$\partial S = \bar{S} \setminus S^\circ = \{0\} \cup S$$

$$\text{Ext}(S) = (\mathbb{R} \setminus S)^\circ = \mathbb{R} \setminus (S \cup \{0\})$$

Since every open ball about  $\{0\}$  contains points of  $S$