

Fun fact: The Continuum Hypothesis

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We know $\mathbb{N}$ are countable. Let $\aleph_0$ be this cardinality. $\mathbb{R}$ is uncountable. Call its cardinality C .

Claim: there is no set with cardinality strictly between $\aleph_0$ and $C = 2^{\aleph_0}$.

→ independent of axioms of set theory → unprovable.

$$|\mathbb{Q}| = \aleph_0$$

$$|\mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{N}^*|$$

Metric Spaces

A metric on a set X is a relation

$$d: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

such that

$$(1) \quad \forall x, y \in X$$

$$d(x, y) \geq 0$$

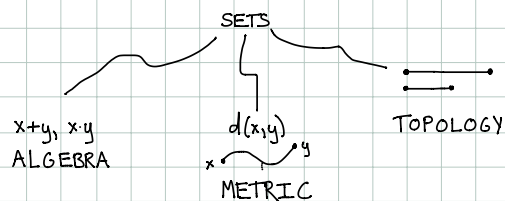
$$\text{and } d(x, y) = 0 \text{ iff } x = y.$$

$$(2) \quad d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X.$$

$$(3) \quad d(x, y) = d(y, x).$$

Remark: think distance.

Big picture:



A metric space is a pair (X, d) of a set and a metric.

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

$$(2) \quad \mathbb{R}^2 \quad d(x, y) = \sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2} \quad \text{Euclidean distance}$$

$$(3) \quad \mathbb{R}^n \quad d(x, y) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2}$$

$$(4) \quad \mathbb{R}^2 \quad d(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^2 |x_i - y_i| \quad \text{Manhattan distance}$$

$$(5) \quad X = \{\text{genetic sequences}\}$$

$$d(x, y) = \# \text{ spaces in which they differ}$$

$$(6) \quad X = \text{any set} \quad d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = y \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{discrete metric}$$

Ex. Non-metrics

(7) $\mathbb{R}^n$. $d(x, y) = |x_3 - y_3| \rightarrow$ fails $d(x, y) = 0$ if $x \neq y$.

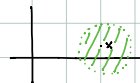
(8) $\mathbb{R}^2$. $d(x, y) = \sum_i x_i \ln(\frac{x_i}{y_i}) \rightarrow$ fails symmetry

(9) X $d(x, y) = 0 \rightarrow$ fails if $|x| > 1$.

Let X be a metric space. Let $r > 0$ ($r \in \mathbb{R}$). The open ball or neighborhood of $x \in X$ with radius r is

$$B_r^o(x) = B^o(x, r) = N_r(x) = \{y \in X \mid d(x, y) < r\}.$$

Ex. $\mathbb{R}^2$



The closed ball centered at x of radius r is

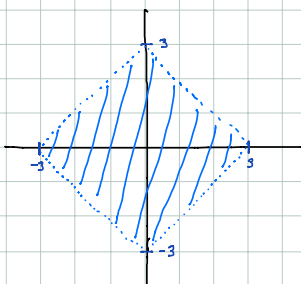
$$\bar{B}_r(x) = \bar{B}(x, r) = \{y \in X \mid d(x, y) \leq r\}$$

Ex. $\mathbb{R}^2$

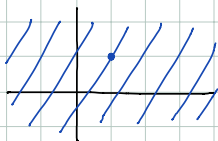


Ex. $\mathbb{R}^2$, Manhattan

$$N_3(0, 0) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid |x| + |y| < 3\}$$

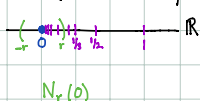


Ex. $N_2(1, 1)$ $\mathbb{R}^2$, discrete



A point p in a metric space X is a limit point of a subset $E \subseteq X$ if for each neighborhood $N_r(p)$ of p there is a point $q \in E$ such that $q \neq p$, $q \in E$, $q \in N_r(p)$.

Ex. $X = \mathbb{R}$. $E = \{\frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$. $p = 0$



Claim: 0 is a limit point of E .

PF. $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\frac{1}{n} < r$. But the Archimedean property yields an $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $nr > 1$. Thus 0 is a limit point of E .

Let $p \in X$, $E \subseteq X$. Then p is an interior point of E if $\exists r > 0$ such that $N_r(p) \subseteq E$.

The set of all interior points of E is called the interior of E , denoted E° .

Ex. $E = (-1, 2] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$



$E^\circ = (-1, 2)$

Suppose $p(x)$ is a property.

$\forall$ is a universal quantifier $\rightarrow \forall x \ p(x)$

$\exists$ is an existential quantifier $\rightarrow \exists x \ p(x)$

$\neg(\forall x \ p(x)) = \exists x \ (\neg p(x))$

A point $p \in X$ is an isolated point of $E \subseteq X$ if $p \in E$ and p is not a limit point of E .

Note: p is not a limit point of E if $\neg(\forall N_r(p) \exists q \in N_r(p) \text{ such that } q \in E, q \neq p)$
 $\exists N_r(p) \forall q \in N_r(p) \text{ such that } q \notin E \text{ or } q = p$.

Ex. $E = \{\frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

