

AMAT 342 Lecture 15

- Finish with RMSD
- Return / review exams
- Topology of metric spaces.

Recall: $\text{RMSD}: O^n \times O^n \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is given by

$$\text{RMSD}(P, P') = \min_{\phi \in E} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} d_2(V(P), V(\phi(P'))).$$

ordinary
Euclidean
distance

where: $O^n =$ Set of all length n ordered lists of points in \mathbb{R}^3 .
 $E =$ Set of all rigid motions of \mathbb{R}^3
 $V: O^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{3n}$ is given by
$$V\left(\left((x_1, y_1, z_1), (x_2, y_2, z_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n, z_n)\right)\right)$$
$$= (x_1, y_1, z_1, x_2, y_2, z_2, \dots, x_n, y_n, z_n).$$

RMSD satisfies properties 2 and 3 of a metric. [proof omitted]
Also $\text{RMSD}(P, P) = 0 \forall P \in O^n$, because $\text{Id}_{\mathbb{R}^3}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
is a rigid motion.

But we can have $\text{RMSD}(P, Q) = 0$ but $P \neq Q$.

we saw an example of this last lecture.

\Rightarrow property 1 of a metric does not hold.

Namely, let $Q = \varphi(P)$ for any rigid motion φ .

Then φ^{-1} is a rigid motion, and

$$\begin{aligned} d_2(V(P), V(\varphi^{-1}(Q))) &= d_2(V(P), V(\varphi^{-1}(\varphi(P)))) \\ &= d_2(V(P), V(P)) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

so $\text{RMSD}(P, Q) = 0$.

We'll modify RMSD to get a metric.

Define an equivalence relation \sim on O^n by

$P \sim Q$ iff \exists a rigid motion $\varphi: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$
with $\varphi(P) = Q$.

Fact: $\text{RMSD}(P, Q) = \text{RMSD}(P', Q')$ if $P \sim P'$ and $Q \sim Q'$

(Exercise: Prove this).

As a consequence, $\text{RMSD}: O^n \times O^n \rightarrow [0, \infty)$
descends to a genuine metric on O^n/\sim .

Specifically, we define

$\overline{\text{RMSD}}: O^n/\sim \times O^n/\sim \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by

$$\overline{\text{RMSD}}([P], [Q]) = \text{RMSD}(P, Q).$$

By the fact^{*}, this function is well defined.

Exercise: Prove that $\overline{\text{RMSD}}$ is a metric.

Exam: Total points = 33 (Excludes 1 exam taken
Mean = 23.1 a week later)
Median = 22.25

Curve: Take the number of points you lost
and multiply it by .43 That's the
number of points you lost in the curved score.

curved mean ≈ 87 .

Exam review

4. Prove that if $f: S \rightarrow T$ and $g: T \rightarrow U$ is a homeomorphism, then $g \circ f: S \rightarrow U$ is a homeomorphism.

Pf: Since f and g are homeomorphisms

f and g are continuous,

f^{-1} and g^{-1} are continuous,

$\Rightarrow g \circ f$ is continuous and $f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}$ is continuous.
(Composition of continuous functions is continuous).

Note that $(g \circ f)^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} (g \circ f) \circ (f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}) = g \circ (f \circ f^{-1}) \circ g^{-1} = g \circ \text{Id}_T = \text{Id}_U. \\ (f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}) \circ (g \circ f) = f^{-1} \circ (g^{-1} \circ g) \circ f = f^{-1} \circ \text{Id}_S = \text{Id}_S. \end{array} \right]$$

Thus $g \circ f$ is invertible, hence a bijection.

6. Let

$$S = \{(1, y) \mid y \in I\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$T = \{(2, y) \mid y \in I\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$$

a. Sketch S and T

b. Give an explicit homeomorphism $f: S \rightarrow T$

$$f(1, y) = (2, y).$$

c. What is f^{-1} ? $f^{-1}(2, y) = (1, y).$

d. Give an explicit expression for an isotopy

$$h: S \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ from } S \text{ to } T$$

$$h((1, y), t) = (1+t, y)$$

e. Is h invertible?

No. $\text{im}(h) = [1, 2] \times I \Rightarrow h$ is not surjective
 $\Rightarrow h$ is not a bijection
 $\Rightarrow h$ is not invertible.

However, h can be "reversed" to give an isotopy \bar{h} from T to S :

$$\bar{h}: S \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, \quad \bar{h}((1, y), t) = h((1, y), (1-t)) = (1+(1-t), y)$$

$$= ((2-t), y)$$

h is not an inverse of h .

7. Let T_k denote a subset of the unit circle obtained by removing k distinct points from S^1 .

How many path components does T_k have?

Ans: k .

8. Prove that if $f: S \rightarrow T$ is an embedding then S and $\text{im } f$ have the same # of path components.

Pf: f is an embedding means that $\tilde{f}: S \rightarrow \text{im}(f)$ is a homeomorphism, where $\tilde{f}(x) = f(x) \forall x$.

Proposition: homeomorphic spaces have the same # of path components.

$\Rightarrow S$ and $\text{im}(f)$ have same # of path components

Metrics and topology

Metric space definition of continuity:

Let M and N be metric spaces with metrics d_M, d_N .

A function $f: M \rightarrow N$ is continuous at $x \in M$ if
 $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$ such that
 $d_M(x, y) < \delta \Rightarrow d_N(f(x), f(y)) < \epsilon$.

f is said to be continuous if it is continuous at each $x \in M$.

(This definition generalizes the definition for Euclidean subspaces considered earlier).

Example: Let M be any metric space and take N to be \mathbb{R} with the Euclidean metric.

For any $x \in M$, the function $d^x: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $d^x(y) = d_M(x, y)$ is a continuous function.

Pf: Exercise.

With this definition of continuity, the definition of homeomorphism extends immediately to metric spaces:

For metric spaces M and N ,
 $f: M \rightarrow N$ is a homeomorphism if

- 1) f is a continuous bijection
- 2) f^{-1} is also continuous.

Example: Consider the metric d on $[0, 2\pi)$ given by $d(x, y) = \min(|x - y|, |(x + 2\pi) - y|, |(x - 2\pi) - y|)$



Then the function $f: ([0, 2\pi), d) \rightarrow S^1$ given by $f(t) = (\cos t, \sin t)$ is a homeomorphism.
take S^1 to have usual Euclidean metric

The definition of isotopy also extends, but we'll not get into the details of this.

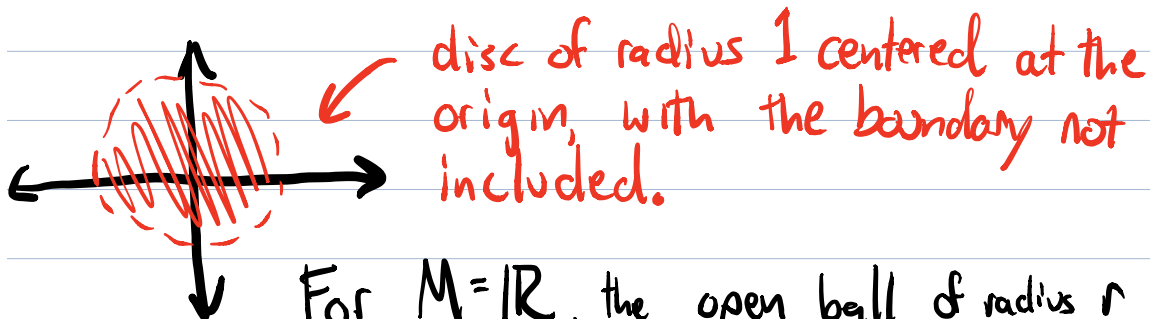
An alternate description of continuity

Open Sets

Let M be a metric space. For $x \in M$ and $r > 0$, the open ball in M of radius r , centered at x , is the set

$$B(x, r) = \{y \in M \mid d_M(x, y) < r\}.$$

Example: For $M = \mathbb{R}^2$ with the Euclidean distance, $B(\vec{0}, 1)$ looks like this



For $M = \mathbb{R}$, the open ball of radius r centered at x is just the interval $(x-r, x+r)$.

A subset of M is called open if it is a union of (possibly infinitely many) open balls.

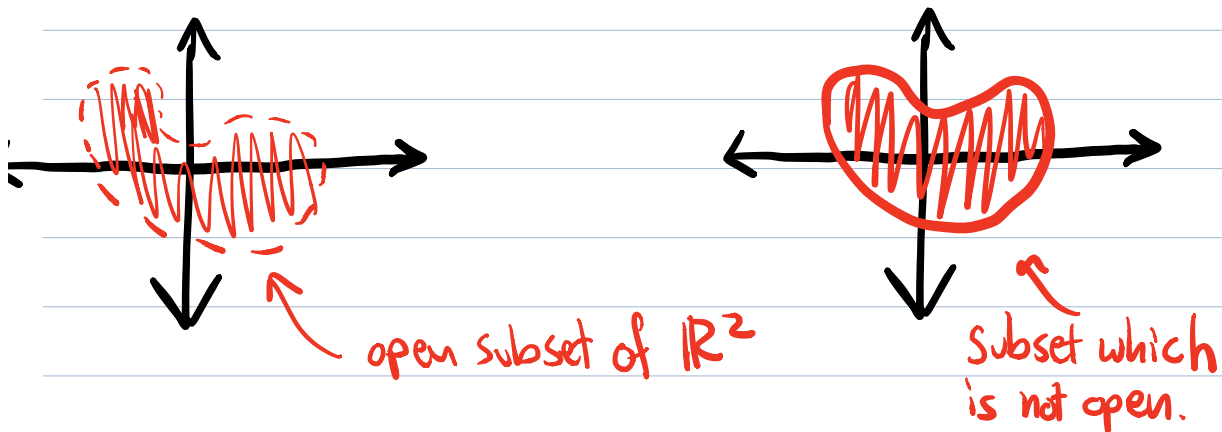
The empty set is always considered open.

$$M \text{ itself is open: } M = \bigcup_{x \in M} B(x, 1)$$

Fact: A region in \mathbb{R}^n is open if it contains none of its boundary points.

this is an informal statement because I haven't defined "boundary points." It can be made formal, but I will not go into the details.

Illustration: Dashed line = boundary not included
Solid line = boundary included

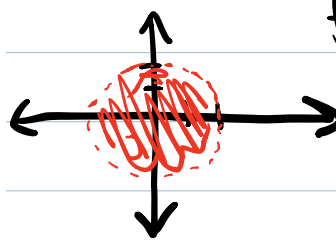


Fundamental Fact: Whether a function of metric spaces $f: M \rightarrow N$ is continuous depends only on the open sets of M, N and not otherwise on the metric! (this is made precise by the proposition below)

Notation: For $f: S \rightarrow T$ any function and $U \subset T$, $f^{-1}(U) = \{x \in S \mid f(x) \in U\}$.

Example: Let $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be given by $f(x) = d_2(x, 0)$.

$f^{-1}([0, 2)) =$ the open ball of radius 2 centered at 0 .



Proposition: A function $f: M \rightarrow N$ of metric spaces is continuous if and only if $f^{-1}(U)$ is open for every open subset of N .

Proof: Exercise.