

Metric topology

Let (X, d) be a metric space:

here d is a metric on the set X ,

$$d: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$$

Def's

Open ball in (X, d) : $B_r(x) = \{y \in X: d(y, x) < r\}$

radius ≥ 0

centre, $x \in X$

An open set in (X, d) : a union of some collection of open balls.

THM

If (X, d) is a metric space, the collection \mathcal{T}_d of all d -open subsets of X is a topology on X .

DEF's d is a metric on X

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{T}_d$ is a metric topology (on X)

A top. space (X, \mathcal{T}) is **metrisable** if there exists a metric d on X for which $\mathcal{T}_d = \mathcal{T}$.

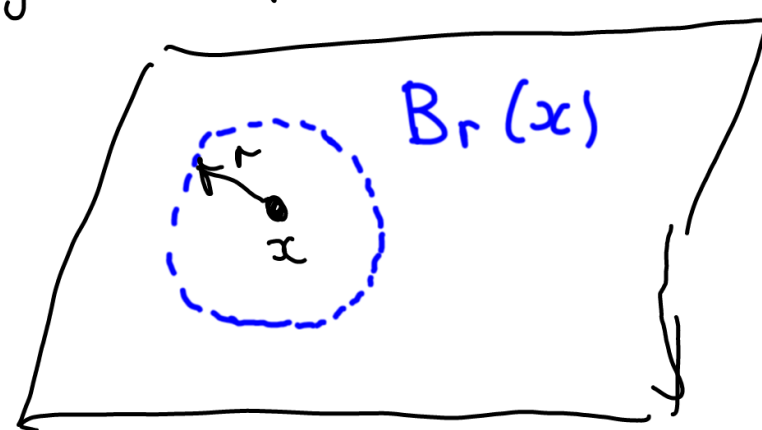
$\mathbb{R}^n = \{ (x_1, \dots, x_n) : x_i \in \mathbb{R} \forall i \}$ The Euclidean distance between $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$, $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is

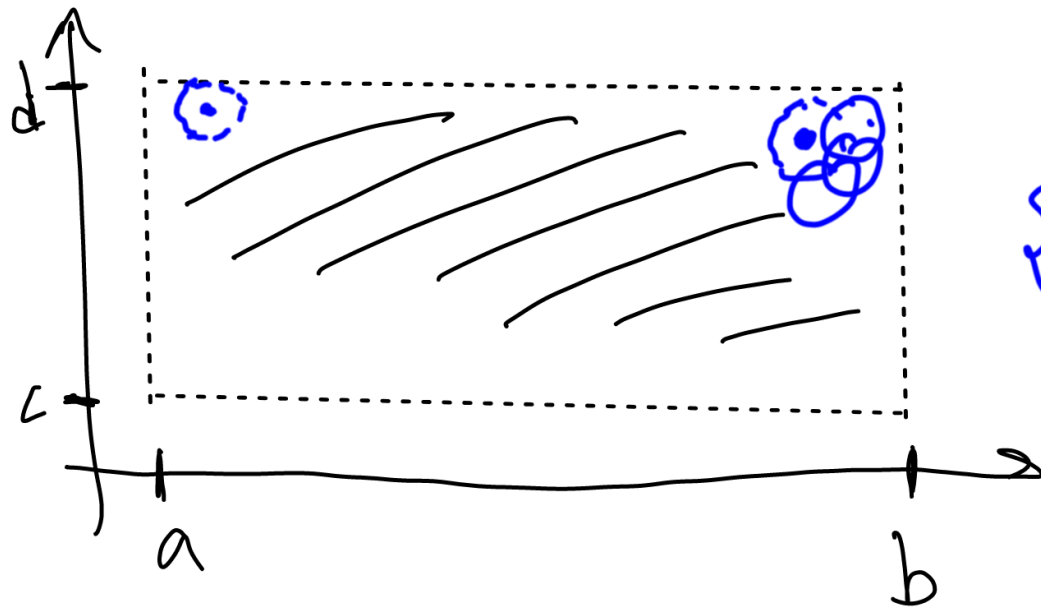
$$d_2(x, y) = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

The d_2 makes \mathbb{R}^n a metric space, therefore —
 see THM — a topological space. **Euclidean**
(topological) space \mathbb{R}^n .

Remark 1: any subset $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ becomes a metric space, hence a topological space.

Ex \mathbb{R}^2 **Euclidean plane**
 $B_r(x)$ = open disc around x
 of radius r





open
rectangle

$$\{(x_1, x_2) : a < x_1 < b, \\ c < x_2 < d\}$$

is a union of some
collection of open discs

Def (X, \mathcal{T}) is an (arbitrary) top. space.

An **open cover** of X is a collection \mathcal{C} of open subsets of X such that $\bigcup \mathcal{C} = X$.

A **base** of topology \mathcal{T} is a collection \mathcal{B} of subsets of X s.t. $\mathcal{T} = \{\text{all possible unions of subcollections of } \mathcal{B}\}$

Rem 1 Every base of topology on X is an open cover of X : unions of single-set subcollections of \mathcal{B} are just sets from \mathcal{B} and they must be members of \mathcal{T} , hence open; also, X is open (axiom (i)) so $X = \bigcup \mathcal{B}'$, $\mathcal{B}' \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ so $\bigcup \mathcal{B} = X$.

Rem 2 Any \mathcal{T} has a base, e.g. $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{T}$ (not interesting). However, a metric topology \mathcal{T}_d has base $\mathcal{B} = \{ \text{all } d\text{-open balls in } X \}$

Rem 3 Are there any interesting bases
of the Euclidean topology on \mathbb{R}^n ,
other than Euclidean open balls?

Yes Reminder Two metrics d, e on the set X
are Lipschitz equivalent

if $\exists h, k > 0 :$

$\forall x, y \in X$

$$he(x, y) \leq d(x, y) \leq ke(x, y)$$

THM (Math 2111):
equivalent metrics

d, e on X are Lipschitz
 $\implies \mathcal{T}_d = \mathcal{T}_e$.

Rems on \mathbb{R}^n :
metrics

These are
Lip. equivalent
to d_2

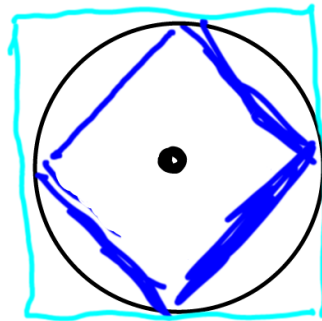
$$d_1(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|$$

$$d_\infty(x, y) = \max_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|$$

e.g. \mathbb{R}^2

unit balls

$B_1(0,0)$



THREE BASES, SAME TOPOLOGY

d_1 -unit ball

d_2 -unit ball

d_∞ -unit ball