

1. Let  $(x^{(m)})$  and  $(y^{(m)})$  be sequences in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  converging to  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively. Show that the scalar product  $x^{(m)} \cdot y^{(m)}$  converges to  $x \cdot y$ . Deduce that if  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  and  $g: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  are continuous at  $x$ , then so is the pointwise scalar product  $f \cdot g: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .
2. Show that a Cauchy sequence with a convergent subsequence is convergent.
3. Show that in an ultrametric space every triangle is isosceles and every open ball is closed.
4. Which of the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  are open? Which are closed? (And why?)
  - (i)  $\{(x, 0) : 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$ ;
  - (ii)  $\{(x, 0) : 0 < x < 1\}$ ;
  - (iii)  $\{(x, y) : y \neq 0\}$ ;
  - (iv)  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{(x, y) : y = nx\} \cup \{(0, y) : y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ;
  - (v)  $\bigcup_{q \in \mathbb{Q}} \{(x, y) : y = qx\} \cup \{(0, y) : y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ;
  - (vi)  $\{(x, f(x)) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , where  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous function.
5. Is the set  $(1, 2]$  an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ ? Is it closed? What if we replace  $\mathbb{R}$  with the subspace  $(1, 3)$ ,  $[0, 2]$  or  $(1, 2]$ ?

6. Let  $M$  be a metric space and  $A \subset M$ . Define the *closure* of  $A$  (in  $M$ ) to be the set

$$\bar{A} = \{x \in M : \exists (x_n) \text{ in } A \text{ such that } x_n \rightarrow x\},$$

Define the *interior* of  $A$  (in  $M$ ) to be the set

$$A^\circ = \{x \in M : A \text{ is a neighbourhood of } x \text{ in } M\}.$$

Show that  $A \subset \bar{A}$  and  $\bar{A}$  is closed in  $M$  and that for any closed subset  $F$  of  $M$  with  $A \subset F$  we have  $\bar{A} \subset F$ . Show also that  $A^\circ \subset A$  and  $A^\circ$  is open in  $M$  and that for any open subset  $U$  of  $M$  with  $U \subset A$  we have  $U \subset A^\circ$ .

Show that the inclusions  $D_r(x) \subset B_r(x)^\circ$  and  $\overline{D_r(x)} \subset B_r(x)$  hold in every metric space and can be strict in general but that they are always equalities in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

7. Let  $A$  be a non-empty subset of a metric space  $M$ . For  $x \in M$  let

$$d(x, A) = \inf\{d(x, a) : a \in A\}.$$

Show that the map  $M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x \mapsto d(x, A)$ , is 1-Lipschitz and that  $d(x, A) = 0$  if and only if  $x \in \bar{A}$ . Deduce that if  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint closed subsets of  $M$ , then there exist disjoint open subsets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $M$  such that  $A \subset U$  and  $B \subset V$ .

8. Which of the following metric spaces are complete?

- (i)  $C^1[0, 1] = \{f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f \text{ continuously differentiable}\}$  in the uniform metric  $D$ ;
- (ii)  $C^1[0, 1]$  in the metric  $D_1(f, g) = D(f, g) + D(f', g')$ ;
- (iii)  $C[0, 1]$  in the  $L_1$ -metric.
- (iv)  $\mathbb{Z}$  in the 2-adic metric.

9. (a) Show that there is a metric on  $\mathbb{R}$  which is equivalent to the usual metric but in which  $\mathbb{R}$  is not complete.

(b) Let  $d$  and  $d'$  be equivalent metrics on a set  $M$ . Show that if  $d$  and  $d'$  are uniformly equivalent, then  $(M, d)$  and  $(M, d')$  have the same Cauchy sequences (and hence one is complete if and only if the other is complete). If  $(M, d)$  and  $(M, d')$  have the same Cauchy sequences, does it follow that  $d$  and  $d'$  are uniformly equivalent?

10. Use the contraction mapping theorem to show that  $\cos x = x$  has a unique solution in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Using a calculator, find a good approximation to this solution and justify the claimed accuracy of your approximation.

11. Let  $f: M \rightarrow M$  be a function on a non-empty complete metric space  $M$ . Assume that for some  $k \geq 1$ , the  $k$ -fold composition  $f \circ \dots \circ f$  of  $f$  with itself is a contraction mapping. Show that  $f$  has a unique fixed point. Deduce that the initial value problem

$$f'(t) = f(t^2), \quad f(0) = y$$

has a unique solution on the interval  $[0, 1]$ .

12. Let  $a < b$  and  $R > 0$  be real numbers, let  $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $\varphi: [a, b] \times B_R(y_0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a continuous function. Assume that for some  $K \geq 0$  we have  $\|\varphi(t, x) - \varphi(t, y)\| \leq K\|x - y\|$  for all  $t \in [a, b]$  and all  $x, y \in B_R(y_0)$ . Assume further that

$$\sup \{ \|\varphi(t, x)\| : t \in [a, b], x \in B_R(y_0) \} \leq \frac{R}{b - a}.$$

Using the first part of the previous question, show that for any  $t_0 \in [a, b]$ , the initial value problem

$$f'(t) = \varphi(t, f(t)), \quad f(t_0) = y_0$$

has a unique solution on  $[a, b]$ .

13. We are given a nested sequence  $A_1 \supset A_2 \supset \dots$  of non-empty closed subsets of a complete metric space. Assume that the diameter  $\text{diam}(A_n) = \sup\{d(x, y) : x, y \in A_n\}$  converges to zero. Show that the intersection  $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$  is non-empty. Is it true that a nested sequence of closed balls in a complete metric space has non-empty intersection?