



The Bright Side of Mathematics

Functional analysis - part 5

Example: $X = (0,3)$ with $d(x,y) = |x-y|$ (\longleftarrow)

$(0,3)$ is closed:

- complement \emptyset is open
- each convergent sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq (0,3)$ (with limit $\tilde{x} \in X$) satisfies $\tilde{x} \in (0,3)$

What is about the sequence $(\frac{1}{n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$?

- sequence in X
- $d(x_n, x_m) \xrightarrow{n,m \rightarrow \infty} 0$
- it does not converge $\Rightarrow (X, d)$ is not complete

Definition: Let (X, d) be a metric space. A sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq X$ is called Cauchy sequence if $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \forall n, m \geq N : d(x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon$.

(X, d) is called complete if all Cauchy sequences converge.

Example: (a) $X = [0,3]$ with $d(x,y) = |x-y|$ is complete.

(b) $X = (0,3)$ with $d(x,y) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \neq y \\ 0, & x = y \end{cases}$ is complete.

Let $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq X$ be a Cauchy sequence. Take $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}$. Then there is an $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $n, m \geq N$, we have $d(x_n, x_m) < \frac{1}{2}$. Hence $x_n = x_m$.

