

We'll go over some important results in general topology.

Def: Suppose  $(X, \tau)$  a topological space. A neighborhood

base for  $\tau$  at  $x \in X$  is a subset  $\mathcal{B}(x) \subset \tau$  s.t.

①  $\forall V \in \mathcal{B}(x), x \in V$

②  $\forall U \in \tau$  s.t.  $x \in U, \exists V \in \mathcal{B}(x)$  s.t.  $V \subseteq U$ .

A base for  $\tau$  is a subset  $\mathcal{B} \subset \tau$  which contains a neighborhood base for  $\tau$  at every  $x \in X$ .

Exercise:  $\mathcal{B} \subset \tau$  is a base  $\Leftrightarrow$  every  $U \in \tau$  is a union of members of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

Def:  $(X, \tau)$  is

- first countable if  $\exists$  a countable neighborhood base for  $\tau$  at every  $x \in X$ .
- second countable if  $\exists$  a countable base.

Exercise: Second countable  $\Rightarrow$  separable.

Exercise: Suppose  $X$  is first countable and  $A \subset X$ . Then  $x \in \bar{A} \Leftrightarrow \exists (x_j) \subset A$  s.t.  $x_j \rightarrow x$ .

Def: A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called:

- $T_1$  if  $\forall x, y \in X$  distinct,  $\exists$  open sets  $U, V \in \tau$  s.t.  $x \in U \cap V^c$  and  $y \in V \cap U^c$ . [Equivalently, points are closed.]
- Hausdorff (or  $T_2$ ) if  $\forall x, y \in X$  distinct,  $\exists$  disjoint open sets  $U, V \in \tau$  s.t.  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ .
- Regular (or  $T_3$ ) if  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_1$  and  $\forall F \subset X$  closed and  $x \in F^c$ ,  $\exists$  disjoint open sets  $U, V \in \tau$  s.t.  $x \in U$  and  $F \subseteq V$ .
- Normal (or  $T_4$ ) if  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_1$  and  $\forall$  disjoint closed  $F, G \subset X$ ,  $\exists$  disjoint open sets  $U, V \in \tau$  s.t.  $F \subseteq U$  and  $G \subseteq V$ .

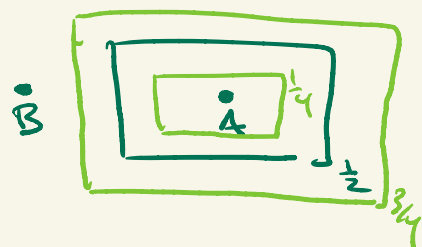
Urysohn's Lemma:  $(X, \tau)$  normal space. If  $A, B \subset X$  are disjoint, nonempty closed subsets,  $\exists$  cts  $f: X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  s.t.  $f|_A = 0$  and  $f|_B = 1$ .

Observe: If  $F \subset G \subset X$  w/  $F$  closed and  $G$  open, then  $\exists$  open  $U$  s.t.  $F \subset U \subset \bar{U} \subset G$  [Take disjoint open  $U, V$  s.t.  $F \subset U, X \setminus G \subset V \Rightarrow \bar{U} \subset X \setminus V$ .]

Lemma: Let  $D = \left\{ \frac{k}{2^n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, k = 1, \dots, 2^n - 1 \right\} \subset (0, 1)$  [Dyadic rationals]

$\exists$  open sets  $(U_d)_{d \in D}$  s.t.

- $A \subset U_d$  and  $\bar{U}_d \subset X \setminus B \quad \forall d \in D$
- $\bar{U}_d \subset U_{d'} \quad \forall d < d'$ .



Pf: Set  $D_n = \left\{ \frac{k}{2^n} \mid k = 1, \dots, 2^n - 1 \right\}$ . Construct  $U_d$  inductively.

$n=1$ : Let  $U_{1/2}$  be any open set  $A \subset U_{1/2} \subset \bar{U}_{1/2} \subset B$ .

Ind Step: Suppose  $U_d$  defined for all  $d \in D_1 \cup \dots \cup D_n$ . Then we choose  $U_{\frac{2k+1}{2^{n+1}}}$  for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, 2^n - 1$  by

$$\underline{k=0}: A \subset U_{\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}} \subset \bar{U}_{\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}} \subset U_{\frac{1}{2^n}}$$

$$\underline{k=1, \dots, 2^n - 2}: \bar{U}_{\frac{k}{2^n}} \subset U_{\frac{2k+1}{2^{n+1}}} \subset \bar{U}_{\frac{2k+1}{2^{n+1}}} \subset U_{\frac{k+1}{2^n}}$$

$$\underline{k=2^n - 1}: \bar{U}_{\frac{2^n - 1}{2^n}} \subset U_{\frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{2^{n+1}}} \subset \bar{U}_{\frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{2^{n+1}}} \subset X \setminus B.$$

Proof of Urysohn's Lemma: Define  $f: X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $f(x) := \sup \{d \mid x \notin U_d\}$ .

Clear  $f|_A = 0$  and  $f|_B = 1$ . Also

$$(i) f(x) > d \Rightarrow x \notin \bar{U}_d, \quad f(x) < d' \Rightarrow x \in U_{d'}.$$

$$(ii) x \notin \bar{U}_d \Rightarrow f(x) > d, \quad x \in U_{d'} \Rightarrow f(x) \leq d'.$$



Show  $f$  is cts: Fix  $x_0 \in X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Case 1: Suppose  $0 < f(x) < 1$ . Choose  $d, d' \in \mathbb{D}$  s.t.  $d < f(x_0) < d'$  and  $d' - d < \varepsilon$ . By (i),  $x_0 \in U_{d'} \setminus \overline{U_d}$ . By (ii),  $|f(x) - f(x_0)| < \varepsilon \quad \forall x_0 \in U_{d'} \setminus \overline{U_d}$ .

Case 2:  $f(x) = 0$  or  $1$ . Similar and omitted.

Tietze Extension Thm: Suppose  $X$  is normal. If  $A \subset X$  closed and  $f: A \rightarrow [a, b]$  is cts,  $\exists F: X \rightarrow [a, b]$  cts s.t.  $F|_A = f$ .

Pf: WLOG,  $[a, b] = [0, 1]$  [Else replace  $f$  w/  $\frac{f-a}{b-a}$ ].

We'll inductively build a seq. of fcts  $(g_n)$  on  $X$  s.t.

- $0 \leq g_n \leq \frac{2^{n-1}}{3^n} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $(\frac{2}{3})^{n-1} - \frac{2^{n-1}}{3^n} = \frac{2^{n-1}}{3^{n-1}} [1 - \frac{1}{3}]$
- $0 \leq f - \sum_{k=1}^n g_k \leq (\frac{2}{3})^n$  on  $A \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then  $\sum g_n$  converges uniformly to a cts limit fct  $F$ , and  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $0 \leq f - F \leq f - \sum_{k=1}^n g_k \leq (\frac{2}{3})^n$  on  $A$ , so  $F|_A = f$ .

Base case: Set  $B := f^{-1}([0, \frac{1}{3}])$  and  $C := f^{-1}([\frac{2}{3}, 1])$ .

Since  $f$  is cts,  $B, C \subset X$  closed. By Urysohn's lemma,  $\exists$

cts  $g_1: X \rightarrow [0, \frac{1}{3}]$  s.t.  $g_1|_B = 0$  and  $g_1|_C = \frac{1}{3}$ . Then

$$f - g_1 \leq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3} - 0 = \frac{1}{3} & \text{on } B \cap A \\ \frac{2}{3} - 0 = \frac{2}{3} & \text{on } (B \cup C)^c \cap A \\ 1 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3} & \text{on } C \cap A \end{cases} \leq \frac{2}{3} \text{ on } A.$$

Inductive step: If we have  $g_1, \dots, g_{n-1}$ ,  $\exists$  cts  $g_n: X \rightarrow [0, \frac{2^{n-1}}{3^n}]$  s.t.  $g_n = 0$  on  $\{f - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} g_k \leq \frac{2^{n-1}}{3^n}\}$  and  $g_n = \frac{2^{n-1}}{3^n}$  on  $\{f - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} g_k \geq (\frac{2}{3})^n\}$ .  
 $\leadsto f - \sum_{k=1}^n g_k \leq (\frac{2}{3})^n$  on  $A$  as before.  $[(\frac{2}{3})^{n-1} - \frac{2^{n-1}}{3^n} = (\frac{2}{3})^n] \leq (\frac{2}{3})^{n-1}$

## Convergence in topological spaces:

Recall a seq.  $x_n \rightarrow x$  if  $\forall$  open  $U \in \mathcal{E}$  s.t.  $x \in U$ ,  
 $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $n > N \Rightarrow x_n \in U$ . [can) eventually in  $U$ .]

Unfortunately, not all spaces are first countable, so  
sequences do not suffice to describe the topology.

Def: A directed set is a set  $I$  equipped with a  
preorder [reflexive + transitive] binary relation  $\leq$  satisfying  
•  $\forall i, j \in I, \exists k \in I$  s.t.  $i \leq k$  and  $j \leq k$ .

### Examples:

- ①  $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{R}$ , or any linearly ordered set.
- ②  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{a\}$  where  $x \leq y \Leftrightarrow |x-a| > |y-a|$ .
- ③ Any neighborhood base for  $(X, \tau)$  at  $x \in X$ , ordered  
by reverse inclusion [  $U \leq V \Leftrightarrow V \subseteq U$  ]
- ④ If  $X$  is any infinite set,  $\{F \subseteq X \mid F \text{ finite}\}$  ordered  
by inclusion.

Def: Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $I$  a directed set.

A net in  $X$  based on  $I$  (an  $I$ -net in  $X$ ) is a fct

$x: I \rightarrow X$  where we write  $x_i = x(i)$  and  $x = (x_i)_{i \in I}$ .

Given an  $I$ -net  $(x_i)_{i \in I}$  and a subset  $S \subseteq X$ , we say

- $(x_i)$  is eventually in  $S$  if  $\exists j \in I$  s.t.  $j \leq i \Rightarrow x_i \in S$ .
- $(x_i)$  is frequently in  $S$  if  $\forall j \in I, \exists j \leq i$  s.t.  $x_i \in S$ .

we say  $(x_i)$  converges to  $x \in X$  if  $(x_i)$  is eventually in  
every neighborhood of  $x$ . We say  $x$  is a cluster pt. of  
 $(x_i)$  if  $(x_i)$  is frequently in every neighborhood of  $x$ .

Prop 1: For  $A \subseteq X$ , TFAE:

①  $x$  is an accumulation/limit pt of  $A$

$\hookrightarrow \forall \text{ open } U \in \mathcal{T} \text{ s.t. } x \in U, A \cap (U \setminus \{x\}) \neq \emptyset$

②  $\exists$  a net in  $A \setminus \{x\}$  that converges to  $x$ .

Pf of ①  $\Rightarrow$  ②: Let  $I$  be a nbhd base at  $x$ , ordered by reverse inclusion. For all  $V \in I$ , pick  $x_V \in V \cap (A \setminus \{x\})$ .

[This uses the Axiom of Choice!] The  $(x_V)_{V \in I}$  converges to  $x$ .

Cor:  $A \subseteq X$  closed  $\iff$  every convergent net in  $A$  only converges to points in  $A$ .

Prop 2:  $X$  is Hausdorff  $\iff$  every convergent net has a ! limit.

Pf of  $\Leftarrow$ : we'll prove the contrapositive. Suppose  $X$  is not Hausdorff, so  $\exists x, y \in X$  s.t.  $\forall$  nbhds  $U$  of  $x$  and  $V$  of  $y$ ,  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $I$  be a nbhd base for  $\mathcal{T}$  at  $x$  and  $J$  be a nbhd base for  $\mathcal{T}$  at  $y$ , ordered by reverse inclusion. Direct  $I \times J$  by  $(U_1, V_1) \geq (U_2, V_2)$  if  $U_1 \subseteq U_2$  and  $V_1 \subseteq V_2$ .  $\forall (U, V) \in I \times J$ , choose a pt  $x_{(U, V)} \in U \cap V$ . [AOC!] This net converges to both  $x$  and  $y$ .

Prop 3:  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  cts  $\iff \forall$  convergent net  $x_i \rightarrow x$  in  $X$ ,  $f(x_i) \rightarrow f(x)$  in  $Y$ .

Pf: Exercise.

Subnets: The net  $(y_j)_{j \in J}$  is a subnet of  $(x_i)_{i \in I}$  if

$\exists$  a fct  $f: J \rightarrow I$  [which need not be injective!] s.t.

•  $y_j = x_{f(j)} \quad \forall j \in J$  and

•  $\forall i \in I, \exists j_0 \in J$  s.t.  $f(j) \geq i \quad \forall j \geq j_0$ .

Remark: If  $x_i \rightarrow x$ , then  $\forall$  subset  $(y_j)$ ,  $y_j \rightarrow x$ .

Prop 4: Suppose  $(x_i) \subset X$  is a net and  $x \in X$ . TFAE:

①  $x$  is a cluster pt of  $(x_i)$

②  $\exists$  subset  $(y_j)$  of  $(x_i)$  s.t.  $y_j \rightarrow x$ .

Pf of ①  $\Rightarrow$  ②: Choose a nbhd base  $\mathcal{B}(x)$  at  $x$ . Define

$J := I \times \mathcal{B}(x)$  where  $(i_1, u_1) \leq (i_2, u_2)$  if  $i_1 \leq i_2$  and  $u_1 \supseteq u_2$ .

For each  $(i, u) \in J$ , define  $f(i, u) := i'$  to be any  $i'$  s.t.  $i' \geq i$  and  $x_{i'} \in u$ . [ $i'$  exists since  $(x_i)$  frequently in  $u$ ]

Then if  $(i_1, u_1) \leq (i_2, u_2)$ ,  $i_1 \leq i_2 \leq f(i_2, u_2)$  and

$x_{f(i_2, u_2)} \in u_2 \subseteq u_1$ . Thus  $(x_{f(i, u)})_{(i, u) \in J}$  is a subset of  $(x_i)$  converging to  $x$ .

Remark: When  $(X, \tau)$  is first countable, Props 1-4 hold w/ sequences instead of nets.

(Locally) Cpt Spaces:

Exercises:

- If  $X$  cpt and  $F \subset X$  closed, then  $F$  is cpt.
- If  $X$  is Hausdorff,  $F \subset X$  cpt, and  $x \notin F$ , then  $\exists$  open  $U, V \subseteq X$  s.t.  $x \in U$  and  $F \subset V$ .
- If  $X$  is Hausdorff and  $F \subset X$  cpt, then  $F$  is closed.
- If  $X$  is cpt Hausdorff, then  $X$  is normal.
- If  $X$  cpt and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  cts,  $f(X)$  is cpt.
- If  $X$  cpt,  $Y$  Hausdorff, and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  a cts bijection, then  $f$  is a homeomorphism [ $f^{-1}: Y \rightarrow X$  is cts]

Thm: Suppose  $X$  is a topological space. TFAE:

- ①  $X$  is cpt
- ②  $\forall$  family of closed subsets  $(F_i)_{i \in I}$  of  $X$  w/  $\text{FIP}$ ,  $\bigcap F_i \neq \emptyset$ .
- ③ Every net in  $X$  has a cluster pt
- ④ Every net in  $X$  has a convergent subnet.

Prf: ①  $\Leftrightarrow$  ② was Hw 1. ③  $\Leftrightarrow$  ④ was Prop 4.

②  $\Rightarrow$  ③: Let  $(x_i)_{i \in I}$  be a net in  $X$ . For  $i \in I$ , define  $F_i := \{x_j \mid j \gg i\}$ . Then

- $\bigcap \overline{F_i}$  is the set of cluster pts of  $(x_i)$ , and
- $(F_i)$  has  $\text{FIP} \Rightarrow (\overline{F_i})$  has  $\text{FIP} \Rightarrow \bigcap \overline{F_i} \neq \emptyset$ .

③  $\Rightarrow$  ②: we'll prove the contrapositive. If ② fails,  $\exists$

$(F_i)_{i \in I}$  closed sets in  $X$  w/  $\text{FIP}$ , but  $\bigcap F_i = \emptyset$ . Define  $J := \{(\text{nonempty}) \text{ finite intersections of } (F_i)\}$ , ordered by reverse inclusion. Since  $(F_i)$  has  $\text{FIP}$ ,  $\forall F \in J$ ,  $F \neq \emptyset$ . Use AC to pick  $x_F \in F \ \forall F \in J$ . Then any cluster pt of  $(x_F)_{F \in J}$  lies in  $\bigcap_{F \in J} F = \bigcap_{i \in I} F_i = \emptyset$ .

Will be Hw on ctbly cpt and sequentially cpt spaces.

Thm: If  $(X, \rho)$  is a metric space, TFAE:

- ①  $X$  cpt
- ②  $X$  sequentially cpt
- ③  $X$  complete + totally bdd.

Cor: Let  $(X, \rho)$  be a complete metric space and  $A \subset X$ .

$\overline{A}$  is cpt  $\Leftrightarrow A$  is totally bdd.

Def:  $X$  is locally cpt if  $\forall x \in X, \exists$  open  $U \ni x$  s.t.  $\overline{U}$  cpt.

Notation: LCH means locally cpt Hausdorff.

Exercises: Suppose  $X$  is LCH.

- $\forall$  open  $U \subset X$  and  $x \in U$ ,  $\exists$  open  $x \in V \subset \overline{V} \subset U$  s.t.  $\overline{V}$  cpt.
- If  $K \subset U \subset X$  where  $K$  cpt and  $U$  open,  $\exists$  open  $V$  w/  
 $K \subset V \subset \overline{V} \subset U$  s.t.  $\overline{V}$  is cpt.
- (Urysohn) If  $K \subset U \subset X$  as above,  $\exists$  cts  $f: X \rightarrow [0,1]$   
s.t.  $f|_K = 0$  and  $f = 1$  outside a cpt subset of  $U$ .
- (Tietze) If  $K \subset X$  cpt and  $f \in C(K)$ ,  $\exists F \in C_c(X)$   
s.t.  $f|_K = F$ .

Def: Suppose  $X$  is LCH. A fct  $f \in C(X)$  vanishes at  $\infty$  if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \{f > \varepsilon\}$  is cpt.

$$C_0(X) = \{ \text{cts } f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f \text{ vanishes at } \infty \}$$

$$C_b(X) = \{ \text{cts bdd } f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \}$$

Observe  $C_c(X) \subset C_0(X) \subset C_b(X)$ .

The uniform/ $\infty$ -norm on  $C_b(X)$  is given by

$$\|f\|_\infty := \sup_{x \in X} |f(x)|.$$

Prop: Suppose  $X$  is LCH.

- ①  $C_b(X)$  is complete w.r.t.  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ .
- ②  $C_0(X) \subset C_b(X)$  is closed.
- ③  $\overline{C_c(X)}^{\|\cdot\|_\infty} = C_0(X)$ .

Pf:

① If  $(f_n)$  is uniformly Cauchy, then

- $(f_n(x)) \subset \mathbb{C}$  is Cauchy  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$
- $f(x) := \lim f_n(x)$  is cts (uniform limit of cts fcts)
- $(\|f_n\|) \subset [0, \infty)$  is Cauchy
- $\sup \|f_n\| \leq \sup \|f\| < \infty$ .

② Suppose  $(f_n) \subset C_0(\mathbb{R})$  s.t.  $f_n \rightarrow f \in C_b(\mathbb{R})$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Pick  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $n > N \Rightarrow \|f - f_n\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ . Pick  $K \subset \mathbb{R}$  cpt s.t.  $\{ |f_n| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \}$  cpt. Then  $\underbrace{\{ |f| \geq \varepsilon \}}_{\text{closed}} \subset \underbrace{\{ |f_n| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \}}_{\text{cpt}}$  is cpt.

$$\left[ \varepsilon \leq |f(x)| \leq \underbrace{|f(x) - f_n(x)|}_{< \frac{\varepsilon}{2}} + \underbrace{|f_n(x)|}_{> \frac{\varepsilon}{2}} \Rightarrow x \in \{ |f_n| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \} \right]$$

③ Let  $f \in C_0(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  so  $A := \{ |f| \geq \varepsilon \}$  cpt. By

the LCH Urysohn's Lemma,  $\exists$  cts  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  s.t.

$g|_A = 1$ . Then  $gf \in C_c(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\|f - gf\|_\infty < \varepsilon$ .

$$[ |f(x) - gf(x)| = |f(x)| \cdot |1 - g(x)| \leq \chi_A(x) \cdot |f(x)| < \varepsilon \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R} ]$$

Exercise: Prove  $C(\mathbb{R})$  closed in topology of local uniform

convergence:  $f_n \rightarrow f \iff f_n|_K \rightarrow f|_K$  uniformly  $\forall$  cpt  $K$ .

Tychonoff's Thm: Suppose  $(X_i)_{i \in I}$  is a family of cpt

top. spaces. Then  $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$  is cpt in the product topology:

weakest topology on  $\prod X_i$  s.t. the canonical projection maps are cts.

Pf: In Discussion Section.

Def: Let  $X$  be a top space. A subset  $F \subset C(X)$  is called equicontinuous at  $x_0$  if  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists$  open  $U \subset X$  s.t.  $\forall x \in U, \forall f \in F, |f(x) - f(x_0)| < \epsilon$ . We call  $F$  equicontinuous if it is equicontinuous at  $x_0 \forall x_0 \in X$ .

Thm (Arzelà - Ascoli) Suppose  $X$  is cpt Hausdorff. For  $F \subset C(X)$ , TFAE:

- ①  $\bar{F}$  is cpt
- ②  $F$  is totally bdd
- ③  $F$  is equicontinuous and ptwise bdd [ $\{f(x) | f \in F\}$  bdd  $\forall x \in X$ ]

Pf: ①  $\Leftrightarrow$  ② follows as  $C(X) = C_b(X)$  is complete.

②  $\Rightarrow$  ③: Equicontinuous: Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Pick  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in F$  s.t.  $F \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_{\frac{\epsilon}{3}}(f_i)$ . Let  $x_0 \in X$ . Pick an open  $U \subset X$  s.t.  $|f_i(x) - f_i(x_0)| < \frac{\epsilon}{3} \forall x \in U, \forall i = 1, \dots, n$ . Now  $\forall f \in F, \exists i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  s.t.  $\|f - f_i\| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$ . Then  $\forall x \in U, |f(x) - f(x_0)| \leq \underbrace{|f(x) - f_i(x)|}_{< \frac{\epsilon}{3}} + \underbrace{|f_i(x) - f_i(x_0)|}_{< \frac{\epsilon}{3}} + \underbrace{|f_i(x_0) - f(x_0)|}_{< \frac{\epsilon}{3}}$ .

Ptwise bdd: Observe that  $\forall x \in X, ev_x: C(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by  $f \mapsto f(x)$  is cts. Then  $\{f(x) | f \in F\} = ev_x(F) \subset \underbrace{ev_x(F)}_{\text{cts}} \subset \underbrace{\mathbb{C}}_{\text{cpt}}$  which is cpt and thus bdd.

③  $\Rightarrow$  ②: Discussion!

Stone-Weierstraß Thm: Suppose  $X$  cpt Hausd, so  $C(X)$  is a Banach alg. Let  $A \subset C(X)$  be a closed subalg. that separates pts of  $X$  [ $\forall x \neq y, \exists f \in A$  s.t.  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ ] and is closed under complex conjugation.

- If  $A$  contains a non-vanishing  $f$ ,  $A = C(X)$ .
- If every  $f \in A$  has a zero,  $\exists x_0 \in X$  s.t.  $A = \{f \in C(X) | f(x_0) = 0\}$ .



Step 1: The fct  $x \mapsto |x|$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  can be uniformly approx. by a polynomial which vanishes at 0 on any cpt  $K \subset \mathbb{R}$ .

Pf: (Weierstrass) We'll show for  $R > 0$ ,  $\exists$  seq  $(p_n)$  of poly's conv. unif to  $|x|$  on  $[-R, R]$  s.t.  $p_n(0) = 0 \forall n$ . WLOG,  $R = 1$ . Define  $q(t) := 1 - |t|$  on  $[-1, 1]$ . It suffices to find a seq.  $(q_n)$  of poly's converging to  $q$  unif s.t.  $q_n(0) = 1 \forall n$ . Observe

(\*)  $q$  takes values in  $[0, 1]$  and  $(1 - q(t))^2 = t^2 \forall |t| \leq 1$ .

For a given  $t \in [-1, 1]$ , consider the eq.  $(1-s)^2 = t^2$ . It has 2 sol's:  $s = 1 \pm |t|$ , and exactly one of these  $1 - |t| \in [0, 1]$ .

Hence  $q(t)$  is the ! fct on  $[-1, 1]$  satisfying (\*). Rewrite (\*) as:

(\*\*)  $q$  takes values in  $[0, 1]$  and  $q(t) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - t^2 + q(t)^2)$ .

We'll define  $(q_n)$  inductively by:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & \bullet q_0(t) = 1 \\ & \bullet q_{n+1}(t) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - t^2 + q_n(t)^2) \end{aligned} \right] \begin{aligned} & \text{eq. } q_1(t) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}t^2 \\ & \leadsto q_0 - q_1 = \frac{1}{2}t^2 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

By induction,  $\forall n \geq 0$ ,

- $q_n$  takes values in  $[0, 1]$ ,
- $q_n(0) = 1$ ,
- $q_n - q_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}(q_{n-1}^2 - q_n^2) = \frac{1}{2}(q_{n-1} - q_n)(q_{n-1} + q_n) \geq 0$

Thus  $(q_n)$  is monotone decreasing by construction. Let  $\tilde{q}$  be its ptwise limit, which takes values in  $[0, 1]$ . Observe  $\tilde{q}$  satisfies (\*\*) by construction, so  $\tilde{q} = q$  by !ness. Finally, as  $q_n \searrow q$  on  $[-1, 1]$ ,  $q_n \rightarrow q$  uniformly by Dini's Lemma.

Step 2: If  $A \subset C(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{R})$  is a closed subalg, then  $A$  is a lattice, i.e.,  $\forall f, g \in A$ ,  $\max\{f, g\}, \min\{f, g\} \in A$ .

Pf: Suppose  $f \in A$  and  $f \neq 0$ . Then  $\frac{f}{\|f\|_\infty} : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow [-1, 1]$ . By

Step 1,  $\exists$  poly  $p$  on  $[-1, 1]$  s.t.  $p(0) = 0$  and  $|t| - p(t) < \varepsilon$   $\forall t \in [-1, 1]$ . Hence  $\left| \frac{|f(x)|}{\|f\|_\infty} - p\left[\frac{f(x)}{\|f\|_\infty}\right] \right| < \varepsilon \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{X}$ , i.e.,

$$\left\| \frac{|f|}{\|f\|_\infty} - p\left(\frac{f}{\|f\|_\infty}\right) \right\|_\infty < \varepsilon. \text{ Since } p(0) = 0, \quad p\left(\frac{f}{\|f\|_\infty}\right) \in \text{Span}\{f^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \stackrel{CA}{\subset} A$$

Since  $A$  is closed and  $\varepsilon > 0$  was arbitrary,  $\frac{|f|}{\|f\|_\infty} \in A$ , and thus  $|f| \in A$ . Then if  $f, g \in A$ ,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \max\{f, g\} &= \frac{1}{2}[f + g + |f - g|] \\ \min\{f, g\} &= \frac{1}{2}[f + g - |f - g|] \end{aligned} \right] \in A.$$

Step 3: Suppose  $A \subset C(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{R})$  is a  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space and also a lattice. If  $f \in C(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{R})$  can be approximated by  $a \in A$  at every 2 pts of  $\mathbb{X}$ , then  $f \in \overline{A}^{\|\cdot\|_\infty}$ .

Pf:  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$  and  $x, y \in \mathbb{X}$ , pick  $a_{xy} \in A$  s.t.  $|f(x) - a_{xy}(x)| < \varepsilon$  and  $|f(y) - a_{xy}(y)| < \varepsilon$ . Then  $x, y$  are both in

$$U_{xy} := \{z \in \mathbb{X} \mid f(z) < a_{xy}(z) + \varepsilon\} \quad \text{and}$$

$$V_{xy} := \{z \in \mathbb{X} \mid a_{xy}(z) < f(z) + \varepsilon\}.$$

Fix  $x \in \mathbb{X}$ . The sets  $(U_{xy})_{y \in \mathbb{X}}$  are an open cover of  $\mathbb{X}$ . Since  $\mathbb{X}$  is cpt,  $\mathbb{X} \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^m U_{x y_i}$ . Then  $a_x := \bigvee_{i=1}^m a_{x y_i} \in A$ , and  $f(z) < a_x(z) + \varepsilon$   $\forall z \in \mathbb{X}$  by construction. Also,  $a_x(z) < f(z) + \varepsilon$   $\forall z \in W_x := \bigcap_{i=1}^m V_{x y_i}$ , an open nbhd of  $x$ . Varying  $x \in \mathbb{X}$ ,  $(W_x)$  is an open cover, so  $\mathbb{X} \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^n W_{x_j}$  as  $\mathbb{X}$  cpt, and  $a_\varepsilon := \bigwedge_{j=1}^n a_{x_j}$  satisfies  $\|f - a_\varepsilon\|_\infty < \varepsilon$ .

Step 4: Suppose  $A \subset C(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{R})$  is a subalg which separates pts.

- If  $A$  contains a non-vanishing fct,  $\bar{A} = C(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{R})$ .
- If every  $f \in A$  has a zero,  $\exists x_0 \in \mathbb{X}$  s.t.  $\bar{A} = \{f \mid f(x_0) = 0\}$ .

Pf: Suppose  $x \neq y$  in  $\mathbb{X}$ . Then since point evaluation is an  $\mathbb{R}$ -algebra hom  $A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $A_{xy} := \{f(x), f(y) \mid f \in A\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  is a subalgebra. The only subalgebras of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  are:  
 $(0,0)$ ,  $\mathbb{R} \times \{0\}$ ,  $\{0\} \times \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\Delta = \{(x,x) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Since  $A$  separates pts,  $A_{xy} \neq (0,0)$  or  $\Delta \ \forall x \neq y$ .

Claim:  $A_{xy} = \mathbb{R}^2 \ \forall x \neq y$  except for at most one possible  $x_0 \in \mathbb{X}$ .

Pf: If  $\exists x \neq y$  s.t.  $A_{xy} \neq \mathbb{R}^2$ , then wlog,  $A_{xy} = \{0\} \times \mathbb{R}$ , so  $f(x) = 0 \ \forall f \in A$ . Since  $A$  separates pts,  $f(x') = 0 \ \forall f \in A \Rightarrow x' = x$ . So  $A_{yz} = \mathbb{R}^2 \ \forall y \neq x \neq z$ .

Case 1: Suppose  $A$  contains a non-vanishing fct. By the claim,  $A_{xy} = \mathbb{R}^2 \ \forall x \neq y$ . So  $\forall f \in C(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $\exists a_{xy} \in A$  s.t.  $f(x) = a_{xy}(x)$  and  $f(y) = a_{xy}(y)$ . By Step 2,  $\bar{A}$  is a lattice, and by Step 3,  $f$  can be uniformly approximated by  $\bar{A}$ , so  $f \in \bar{A}$ .

Case 2: Suppose  $\exists x_0 \in \mathbb{X}$  s.t.  $a(x_0) = 0 \ \forall a \in A$ . Then the argument of Case 1 applies  $\forall f \in \{f \in C(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{R}) \mid f(x_0) = 0\}$ , which is a closed subalgebra (ideal) in  $C(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{R})$ . We conclude  $\bar{A} = \{f \in C(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{R}) \mid f(x_0) = 0\}$ .

Step 5:  $A \subset C(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{C})$  separates pts + is closed under complex conjugation. Similar statements as in Step 4 hold.

Pf: Apply Step 4 to  $A_{sa} := \{a \in A \mid a = \bar{a}\}$ . Since  $A = A_{sa} \oplus i A_{sa}$  and  $C(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{C}) = C(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{R}) \oplus i C(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{R})$ , the result follows.

Exercise: Suppose  $\mathbb{X}$  is LCH,  $A \subset C_0(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{C})$  separates points and is closed under complex conjugation. Then either  $\bar{A} = C_0(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{C})$  or  $\{f \in C_0(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{C}) \mid f(x_0) = 0\}$  for some  $x_0 \in \mathbb{X}$ .

• use 1pt compactification


Def: An embedding  $\varphi: \mathbb{X} \rightarrow Y$  is a cts injection which is a homeomorphism onto its image  $[\varphi^{-1}: \varphi(\mathbb{X}) \rightarrow \mathbb{X} \text{ is cts}]$ .

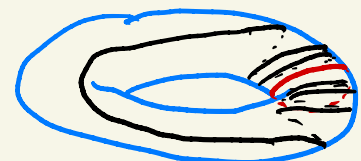
Def: A compactification of a topological space  $\mathbb{X}$  is a cpt space  $K$  and an embedding  $\varphi: \mathbb{X} \rightarrow K$  s.t.  $\varphi(\mathbb{X})$  is dense in  $K$ .

Examples:  $\mathbb{R}$  can be compactified by:

①  $\overline{\mathbb{R}} = [-\infty, +\infty]$

② add one pt to get  $S^1$

③  add  $(0,0)$  and  $S^1$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  embedded in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  in  $\mathbb{D}$ .

④  add a circle to  $\mathbb{R}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  in  $\mathbb{T}^2$ .

Alexandhoff (one pt) compactification: Suppose  $X$  is LCH.

Choose an object  $\infty$  not in  $X$ . Define  $X^\circ := X \cup \{\infty\}$ . Say  $U \subset X^\circ$  open if  $U \subset X$  open, or  $\infty \in U$  and  $U^c$  is cpt.

Thm:  $X^\circ$  is cpt Hausdorff, and  $X \hookrightarrow X^\circ$  is an embedding

Pf: We'll prove  $X^\circ$  is cpt Hausdorff.

cpt: Suppose  $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$  is an open cover. Then  $\exists U_0$  s.t.

$\infty \in U_0$  and  $U_0^c$  is cpt. Then  $\{U_i \cap X\}_{i \in I}$  covers  $X \setminus U_0^c$ , cpt. Pick a finite subcover.

Hausdorff: It suffices to separate  $x \in X$  and  $\infty$ . Since  $X$  is LCH,  $\exists$  open  $U \subset X$  s.t.  $x \in U$  and  $\bar{U}$  cpt. Set  $V := \bar{U}^c$ , which is an open nbhd of  $\infty$  disjoint from  $U$ .

Def:  $X$  is completely regular if  $\forall$  closed  $F \subset X$  and  $x \in F^c$ ,

$\exists$  cts  $f: X \rightarrow [0,1]$  s.t.  $f(x) = 1$  and  $f|_F = 0$ .

$X$  is called Tychonoff if  $X$  is completely regular +  $T_1$ .

Facts:

① Tychonoff  $\Rightarrow$  Hausdorff

② every normal space is Tychonoff by Tietze Extension.

③ Any subspace of a Tychonoff space is Tychonoff.

Embedding Lemma: Suppose  $\Phi \subset C(X, [0,1])$  is a family of fcts. Define  $e: X \rightarrow [0,1]^\Phi$  [cpt!] by  $x \mapsto (f(x))_{f \in \Phi}$ .

①  $e$  is cts.

②  $e$  is injective  $\iff \Phi$  separates pts

③ If  $\Phi$  separates pts from closed sets [ $\forall F \subset X$  closed and  $x \in F^c$ ,  $\exists f \in \Phi$  s.t.  $f(x) \notin \overline{f(F)}$ ],  $e$  is open.

④ If separates pts and separates pts + closed sets,  $e$  is an embedding.

Pf: ① observe  $\pi_f \circ e = f$  is cts  $\forall f \in \Phi$ .

②  $e(x) \neq e(y) \Leftrightarrow \exists f \in \Phi$  s.t.  $\underbrace{[\pi_f \circ e](x)}_{f(x)} \neq \underbrace{[\pi_f \circ e](y)}_{f(y)}$

③ Suppose  $\Phi$  separates pts from closed sets. Let  $U \subset X$  be open. Let  $x \in U$ . Find an open set  $V \subset [0,1]^\Phi$  s.t.  $e(x) \in V \cap e(X) \subset e(U)$ .  $\exists f \in \Phi$  s.t.  $f(x) \notin \overline{f(U^c)}$ . Then  $W := [0,1] \setminus \overline{f(U^c)}$  is an open set containing  $f(x)$ , so  $e(x) \in \pi_f^{-1}(W)$ , open set in  $[0,1]^\Phi$ . Observe that  $e(y) \in \pi_f^{-1}(W) \cap e(X) \Leftrightarrow f(y) \notin \overline{f(U^c)} \Rightarrow y \in U$ . Hence  $e(x) \in \underbrace{\pi_f^{-1}(W)}_{=: V} \cap e(X) \subset e(U)$  as desired.

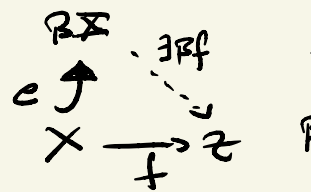
④ By ②,  $e: X \hookrightarrow [0,1]^\Phi$  is a cts injection. By ③,  $e^{-1}$  on  $e(X)$  is cts, so  $e$  is a homeom. onto  $e(X)$ .

Cor:  $X$  is Tychonoff  $\Leftrightarrow \exists$  embedding  $X \hookrightarrow [0,1]^I$ .

Stone-Čech compactification: Suppose  $X$  is Tychonoff. Let  $\Phi := C(X, [0,1])$ , and consider the embedding  $e: X \hookrightarrow [0,1]^\Phi$ . Define the compactification  $\beta X := \overline{e(X)}$ .

Thm: The compactification  $(\beta X, e)$  of  $X$  satisfies:

①  $\beta X$  is cts Hausdorff and  $\forall$  cts Hausdorff  $Z$  and cts  $f: X \rightarrow Z$ ,  $\exists$  cts  $\beta f: \beta X \rightarrow Z$  s.t.  $\beta f \circ e = f$ .



② The map  $\beta f$  above is unique cts  $g: \beta X \rightarrow Z$  s.t.  $g \circ e = f$ .

③  $\beta X$  is uniquely characterized by the universal property ①.

④  $\beta$  is a functor  $\{\text{Tychonoff spaces}\} \rightarrow \{\text{cts Hausdorff spaces}\}$

Strategy: We'll prove the above in the following order:

②, ③, ④, ①.

② Suppose  $\gamma: X \rightarrow Y$  is a compactification and  $f: X \rightarrow Z$  is cts.  $\exists$  at most one cts fct  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  s.t.  $g \circ \gamma = f$ .

Pf: If  $g_1, g_2$  both satisfy  $g_i \circ \gamma = f$ ,  $g_1 = g_2$  on  $\gamma(X) \subset Y$ , dense.  
Hence  $g_1 = g_2$ .

③  $\exists$  at most one compactification  $\psi: X \rightarrow Y$  s.t.:

$\begin{array}{ccc} Y & & \\ \psi \downarrow & \searrow \exists \tilde{f} & \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Z \end{array}$   $\forall$  cts Hausdorff  $Z$  and cts  $f: X \rightarrow Z$ ,  
 $\exists$  cts  $\tilde{f}: Y \rightarrow Z$  s.t.  $f = \tilde{f} \circ \psi$ .

Pf: Suppose  $(\psi, Y)$  and  $(\psi, Z)$  are such embeddings. Then

$Y \xrightarrow{\exists \tilde{f}} Z \xrightarrow{\exists g} Y \xrightarrow{\exists f} Z$   $[g \circ \tilde{f}] \circ \psi = \psi \Rightarrow g \circ \tilde{f} = \text{id}_Z$  by lemma ②  
 $\begin{array}{ccc} Y & & \\ \psi \downarrow & \searrow \exists \tilde{f} & \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Z \end{array}$   $[f \circ g] \circ \psi = \psi \Rightarrow f \circ g = \text{id}_Y$  by lemma ②

④ Suppose  $f: X \xrightarrow{\text{Tychonoff}} Y$  is cts. Define  $F: [0,1]^{\Phi_X} \rightarrow [0,1]^{\Phi_Y}$   
comparative: for  $g \in \Phi_Y = \mathcal{C}(Y, [0,1])$ , define  $\pi_g[F(p)] := \pi_{g \circ f}(p)$ .  
Then  $F$  is cts since  $\pi_g \circ F = \pi_{g \circ f}: [0,1]^{\Phi_X} \rightarrow [0,1]$  cts  $\forall g \in \Phi_Y$ .

Moreover,  $\forall x \in X$ ,

$$\pi_g(F(e_X(x))) = \pi_{g \circ f}(e_X(x)) = g(f(x)) = \pi_g(e_Y(f(x))).$$

Hence  $F \circ e_X = e_Y \circ f: X \rightarrow [0,1]^{\Phi_Y}$ , so  $\text{im}(F|_{\beta X}) \subset \overline{e_Y(X)} = \beta Y$ .

Define  $\beta f := F|_{\beta X}: \beta X \rightarrow \beta Y$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X & \xrightarrow{e_X} & \beta X & \hookrightarrow & [0,1]^{\Phi_X} \\ f \downarrow & \hookrightarrow & \downarrow \beta f & \hookrightarrow & \downarrow F \\ Y & \xrightarrow{e_Y} & \beta Y & \hookrightarrow & [0,1]^{\Phi_Y} \end{array}$$

Remark: If every  $h \in \Phi_X$  factorizes as  $h = g \circ f$  for some  $g \in \Phi_Y$ , then  $F$  is injective. Indeed, if  $p, p' \in [0, 1]^{\Phi}$ , we have

$$F(p) = F(p') \iff \pi_g[F(p)] = \pi_g[F(p')] \quad \forall g \in \Phi_Y \iff \pi_{g \circ f}(p) = \pi_{g \circ f}(p') \quad \forall g$$
$$\implies \pi_h(p) = \pi_h(p') \quad \forall h \in \Phi_X \iff p = p'.$$

Observe:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \beta_X & \\
 e_X \uparrow & \dashv \exists \beta f & \\
 X & \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{e_Y} & \beta Y
 \end{array}$$

st.  $\beta f \circ e_X = e_Y \circ f \Rightarrow \underline{\text{unique by } \odot!}$

### Functionality:

id: Since  $\beta[id_X] \circ e_X = e_X \circ id_X = e_X = id_{\beta X} \circ e_X$ ,  $\beta[id_X] = id_{\beta X}$   
by uniqueness in ②.

o: Suppose  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ , all Tychonoff. Since

$$\beta(g \circ f) \circ e_X = e_Z \circ g \circ f = \beta g \circ e_Y \circ f = \beta g \circ \beta f \circ e_X,$$

$\beta(g \circ f) = \beta g \circ \beta f$  by uniqueness in (2).

① Existence of factorization of maps  $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R}^n & \xrightarrow{g} & \mathbb{R}^m \\ \downarrow f & & \downarrow h \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Z \end{array}$

Pf: Since  $Z$  is  $\text{cpt}$ ,  $e_Z(Z) \subset \mathbb{R}Z$  is dense +  $\text{cpt} \Rightarrow e_Z(Z) = \mathbb{R}Z$ . Then  $e_Z: Z \rightarrow \mathbb{R}Z$  is a  $\text{cts}$  bij  $\text{cpt} \rightarrow \text{Hausd} \Rightarrow Z \cong \mathbb{R}Z$  homeom. So the map  $\beta f: \mathbb{R}X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}Z \cong Z$  satisfies  $\beta f \circ e_X = f$ .

Cor: Let  $X$  be Tychonoff and  $\varphi: X \rightarrow K$  a compactification.

① The unique lift  $\beta^{\sharp}: \beta \Sigma \rightarrow K$  is surjective.

② Suppose  $\forall f \in C_b(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\exists g \in C(K)$  s.t.  $f = g \circ \varphi$ . Then  $\varphi$  is a homeomorphism  $\beta\mathbb{R} \cong K$ .

Pf: ① Since  $\beta\gamma \circ e_X = \gamma$  and  $\gamma(X)$  is dense in  $K$ ,  $\beta\gamma(\beta X)$  is dense in  $K$ . But  $\beta X$  cpt  $\Rightarrow \beta\gamma(\beta X)$  cpt and thus closed. So  $\beta\gamma(\beta X) = K$ . cpt closed.

② By ①, it suffices to prove  $\beta\varphi: \beta\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$  is injective. This follows similar to the Remark. Indeed, every  $f \in \Phi_{\mathbb{K}} \subset C_b(\mathbb{R})$  factorizes as  $f = \lambda(g \circ \varphi)$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $g \in \Phi_{\mathbb{K}}$ .