

## § 7. Compact sets

### 7.1 Definition

Let  $(X, \mathcal{O})$  be a topological space,  $K \subseteq X$ .

$K$  is called sequentially compact if every sequence in  $K$  has a subsequence which converges in  $(K, \mathcal{O}_K)$ .

### 7.2 Theorem

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $K \subseteq X$ . Then, we have:  
 $K$  compact  $\Leftrightarrow K$  sequentially compact.

#### Proof

" $\Rightarrow$ ": Let  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $K$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let

$$K_n = \{x_\ell, \ell \geq n\}^K$$

$\rightarrow (K_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  family of sets closed in  $(K, \mathcal{O}_K)$  with f.i.p.

4.9c)  $\Rightarrow \exists x \in \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} K_n$ .

$\Rightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0, n \in \mathbb{N}: B_{1/2}(\epsilon) \cap \{x_\ell, \ell \geq n\} \neq \emptyset$

Inductively, define a monotonically increasing sequence  $(n_r)_{r \geq 1}$  in  $\mathbb{N}$  with

$$x_{n_r} \in B_{1/2^r}(\epsilon) \quad \forall r \geq 1.$$

$\rightarrow (x_{n_r})_{r \geq 1}$  is subsequence of  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  with  $x_{n_r} \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} x$ .

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" $\Leftarrow$ ": By Ex. 25,  $(K, d_K)$  is sep.able.

Let  $K = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$  be an open cover in  $(K, \mathcal{O}_K)$ .

S6 d)  $\exists$  sequence  $(i_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $I: K = \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} U_{i_j}$ .

IA:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists x_n \in K \setminus (U_{i_0} \cup \dots \cup U_{i_n})$

assumption

$\Rightarrow$  From subsequence  $(x_{n_r})_{r \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , let  $x = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_r}$ .

$\Rightarrow \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, x = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_r} \in K \setminus (U_{i_0} \cup \dots \cup U_{i_n}) \subseteq K$  since  $K = \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} U_{i_j}$ .  
 $\subseteq K$  closed

Thus, there is a finite subcover. q.e.d.

### 7.3 Theorem

Let  $(X, \mathcal{O})$  be a topological space,  $K \subseteq X$ . Then, we have

$(K, \mathcal{O}_K)$  is compact  $\Leftrightarrow$  Every net in  $(K, \mathcal{O}_K)$  has a convergent subnet in  $(K, \mathcal{O}_K)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow$  Every net in  $(K, \mathcal{O}_K)$  has a cluster point.

#### Proof

" $\Rightarrow$ ": Let  $(x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  be a net in  $K$ . For  $\beta \in A$ , let

$$K_\beta = \{x_\alpha, \alpha \geq \beta\}^K$$

Then,  $(K_\beta)_{\beta \in A}$  is a family of closed sets in  $(K, \mathcal{O}_K)$ . Since  $A$  is directed,  $(K_\beta)_{\beta \in A}$  has f.i.p.

4.9c)  $\Rightarrow \exists x \in \bigcap_{\beta \in A} K_\beta$ . Let

$$I = \{(U, \alpha), U \in \mathcal{O}(x), x_\alpha \in U\} \neq \emptyset \text{ (since } (x, x) \in I \forall \alpha \in A)$$

be directed by

$$(U_1, \alpha_1) \leq (U_2, \alpha_2) \Leftrightarrow U_1 \supseteq U_2 \text{ and } \alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2.$$

For  $(U, \alpha) \in I$ , let  $y_{(U, \alpha)} = x_\alpha$ . Then,  $(y_{(U, \alpha)})_{(U, \alpha) \in I}$  is a subnet of  $(x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$ .

If  $U_0 \in \mathcal{O}(x)$ , there is  $\alpha_0 \in A$  with  $x_{\alpha_0} \in U_0$ .

$\Rightarrow \forall (U, \alpha) \geq (U_0, \alpha_0): y_{(U, \alpha)} = x_\alpha \in U \subseteq U_0$ .

Thus,  $y_{(U, \alpha)} \xrightarrow{(U, \alpha)} x$ .

" $\Leftarrow$ ": Let  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{O}(K)$  be a family of sets closed in  $(K, \mathcal{O}_K)$  with f.i.p.

By 4.9 d), it is enough to show  $\bigcap_{F \in \mathcal{F}} F \neq \emptyset$ .

Let  $\mathcal{d} = \{F, n, \bigcap_{i=1}^n F_i, n \geq 1, F_1, \dots, F_n \in \mathcal{F}\}$  be directed by " $F \leq G \Leftrightarrow F \supseteq G$ ".

f.i.p.  $\forall F \in \mathcal{d}: \exists x \in F$ . Then,  $(x_F)_{F \in \mathcal{d}}$  is a net in  $K$ .

assumption  $\Rightarrow \exists$  conv. subnet  $(x_{F_i})_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $(x_F)_{F \in \mathcal{d}}$ . Let  $x = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_{F_i}$ . Let  $F_0 \in \mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{d}$ .

$\Rightarrow \exists i_0 \in \mathbb{N} F_0 \supseteq F_{i_0}, i.e. F_0 \subseteq F_{i_0}$ . Thus  $x = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_{F_i} \in F_{i_0} \subseteq F_0$ . Thus,  $x \in \bigcap_{F \in \mathcal{F}} F$ . Second " $\Leftarrow$ " is Ex. 33e).  
 $F_0 \subseteq K$  closed

7.6 Remark:

Using 7.2 & 7.3 multiple times (by passing to subsequences/subsets multiple times), one can show that finite products of compact metric (or top. spaces) are compact.

Using a diagonal argument, one can show that countable products of compact metric spaces are also compact.

7.5 Definition

(i.e. a non-empty set with an anti-symmetric quasi-ordering)

Let  $M$  be a partially ordered set,  $\emptyset \in M$ .

- a)  $\mathcal{C}$  is called totally ordered or a chain if  $\forall x, x' \in \mathcal{C}: x \leq x' \text{ or } x' \leq x$ .
- b)  $y \in M$  is called upper bound for  $\mathcal{C}$  if  $\forall x \in \mathcal{C}: x \leq y$ .
- c)  $z \in M$  is called maximal element of  $M$  if  $\forall x \in M, x \geq z \Rightarrow x = z$ .

7.6 Remark:

One can show that the following theorem, called Zorn's Lemma holds (it is actually equivalent to the axiom of choice in ZF).

Every partially ordered set  $M \neq \{\}$ , in which every chain has an upper bound, has a maximal element.

7.7 Theorem (Tychonoff)

← Is actually also equivalent to the axiom of choice in ZF.

Let  $(X_i, \tau_i)_{i \in I}$  be a family of compact topological spaces.

Then,  $X = \prod_{i \in I} X_i$  equipped with the product topology is compact.

proof different!

Proof:

Let  $x = (x_i^{(n)})_{i \in I, n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a net in  $X$ .

For  $j \in I$ , let  $X_j = \prod_{i \neq j} X_i$  be equipped with the product topology.

For  $j \in I$ , we call  $g \in X_j$  a partial cluster point of  $x$  if  $g$  is a cluster point of  $x|_j = (x_i^{(n)})_{i \in I, n \in \mathbb{N}}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{D} = \{g \in X_j, j \in I, g \text{ is a partial cluster point of } x\}$ .

For  $i_0 \in I$ ,  $(x_{i_0}^{(n)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  has a cluster point  $g_{i_0} \in X_{i_0} \hat{=} X_{i_0}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{D} \neq \{\}$ .

Define a partial ordering on  $\mathcal{D}$  by

$$(g_i)_{i \in I} \leq (h_i)_{i \in I} \iff \exists j \subseteq k \text{ and } g_i = h_i \forall i \in j$$

Let  $\mathcal{C} = \{g^{(\lambda)} = (g_i^{(\lambda)})_{i \in I}, \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be a chain in  $\mathcal{D}$ .

Let  $J = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} J_\lambda$  and define  $G = (G_i)_{i \in I} \in X_j$  by  $G_i = g_i^{(\lambda)}$  if  $i \in J_\lambda$ .

This is well-defined since for  $i \in J_\lambda, i \in J_\mu, \lambda < \mu$  we have  $g_i^{(\lambda)} \leq g_i^{(\mu)}$  and thus  $G_i = g_i^{(\mu)}$ .

Next, let  $u \in U(G), u \in \prod_{i \in I} U_i, U_i \subseteq X_i$  open  $\forall i \in I, \exists F \subseteq J$  finite:  $U_i = X_i \forall i \in I \setminus F$ .

For  $f \in F$ , there is  $\lambda_f \in \Lambda$  with  $f \in J_{\lambda_f}$ .

Choose  $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda, F \subseteq J_{\lambda_0}$ .

$g^{(\lambda_0)} \in \mathcal{D} \implies \exists \beta \in \Lambda: \beta \geq \lambda_0, \forall i \in F: x_i^{(\beta)} \in U_i$ , thus  $x^{(\beta)} \in U$ .

Thus,  $G \in \mathcal{D} \implies \forall \lambda \in \Lambda: G \leq g^{(\lambda)}$ .  $G$  is an upper bound for  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Zorn  $\implies \exists g = (g_i)_{i \in I} \in \mathcal{D}$  maximal.  $\forall \lambda \in I$ .

Let  $k \in I \setminus J$ . Since  $g \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $g$  is a cluster point of  $(x_i^{(n)})_{i \in I, n \in \mathbb{N}}$ .

$\exists \epsilon > 0 \exists$  subnet  $(x_i^{(n_k)})_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathcal{C}$  of  $(x_i^{(n)})_{i \in I, n \in \mathbb{N}}$  with  $x_i^{(n_k)} \leq g$ .

$(X_k, \tau_k)$  comp  $\implies (x_k^{(n_k)})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  has a cluster point  $p \in X_k$ .

For  $i \in J \cup \{k\}$ , set  $h_i = \begin{cases} p, & i = k \\ g_i, & i \in J \end{cases}$  and  $h = (h_i)_{i \in I} \in \mathcal{D}$ .

Let  $u \in U(h), u \in \prod_{i \in I} U_i, U_i \subseteq X_i$  open  $\forall i \in I, \exists F \subseteq J \cup \{k\}$  finite:  $U_i = X_i \forall i \in I \setminus F$ .

$\implies \exists t_0 \in \mathbb{N}: k_{t_0} \geq k$  and  $\forall t \geq t_0: x_i^{(n_{k_t})} \in \prod_{i \in J} U_i$ .

Let  $t_0 \geq t_0'$  (in part.  $k_{t_0} \geq k_{t_0'}$ ) with  $x_i^{(n_{k_{t_0}})} \in U_i$ .

$\implies k_{t_0} \geq k$  and  $x_i^{(n_{k_{t_0}})} \in U_i \forall i \in F$ .

Thus,  $h \in \mathcal{D}$ .  $h \geq g$  and  $h \neq g \implies g$  not maximal. By 7.3, our claim follows. q.e.d.

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7.8 Corollary (Heine-Borel)

Consider the top. space  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \|\cdot\|_2)$ . For  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ , we have:

$K$  compact  $\iff K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  closed + bounded.

Proof:

" $\Rightarrow$ ":  $K$  compact  $\Rightarrow K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  closed.

Since  $K \subseteq \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_n(0)$  is an open cover,  $K$  is also bounded.

" $\Leftarrow$ ":  $K$  bounded  $\Rightarrow \exists L > 0: K \subseteq \overline{B}_L(0) = \prod_{i=0}^n \overline{B}_L(0) = \prod_{i=0}^n [-L, L]$

By Tychonoff,  $\prod_{i=0}^n [-L, L]$  is compact

$K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  closed  $\Rightarrow K$  compact. q.e.d.

7.9 Definition

A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called locally compact if every  $x \in X$  has a compact neighbourhood  $C \in \mathcal{U}(x)$ .

7.10 Examples

a)  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \tau_{||\cdot||_2})$  and  $(\mathbb{C}^n, \tau_{||\cdot||_2})$  are locally compact by 7.8 resp. similar arguments

(for  $x \in X$ ,  $\overline{B}_{||x||_2}(0)$  is a compact neighbourhood)

b) Differentiable manifolds (even top. manifolds) are locally compact since every point has by definition a neighbourhood which is homeomorphic to an open set in some  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

c)  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with the product topology is not locally compact.

Suppose, a point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  had a compact neighbourhood  $C$ .

6.4.8  $\exists B = \prod_{i=0}^n U_i \times \prod_{i=n+1}^{\infty} \mathbb{R} \subseteq C$  ( $U_i \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  open  $\forall i=0, \dots, n$ ) with  $x \in B$

$\Rightarrow \overline{B} \subseteq C$  compact  $\xrightarrow[\text{continuous}]{\text{Proj}}$   $\prod_{i=0}^n \overline{U_i} = \mathbb{R}$  compact  $\subseteq$

d) By functional analysis, a normed vector space  $(V, ||\cdot||)$  is locally compact if and only if  $V$  is finite-dimensional.

7.11 Theorem (One-point-compactification)

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a Hausdorff space,  $\infty \notin X$  and  $\hat{X} = X \cup \{\infty\}$ .

Then,  $\hat{\tau} = \tau \cup \{\hat{X} \setminus K, K \subseteq X \text{ compact}\} \cup \{\hat{X}\}$

defines a topology on  $\hat{X}$  such that

a)  $X \subseteq \hat{X}$  is open and  $\hat{\tau}|_X = \tau$ ,

b)  $(\hat{X}, \hat{\tau})$  is a compact topological space.

If  $(X, \tau)$  is locally compact,  $(\hat{X}, \hat{\tau})$  is Hausdorff. If  $(X, \tau)$  is not compact,  $\overline{X}^{\hat{\tau}} = \hat{X}$  holds.

Proof:

$\hat{\tau}$  is a topology

o  $\emptyset, \hat{X} \in \hat{\tau}$  ✓

o  $U \in \hat{\tau}, K, L \subseteq X$  compact  $\Rightarrow \hat{X} \setminus K \cap \hat{X} \setminus L = \hat{X} \setminus (K \cup L) \in \hat{\tau}$  (4.10b)

Inductively,  $\hat{\tau}$  closed under finite intersections.

o For  $U \in \hat{\tau}$  and a family  $(K_i)_{i \in I}$  of comp. subsets of  $X$ ,  $K \subseteq X$  compact, we have

$$\bigcup_{i \in I} (U \setminus K_i) = U \setminus \bigcap_{i \in I} K_i \quad \text{and} \quad U \cup \hat{X} \setminus K = \hat{X} \setminus (K \cap (X \setminus U))$$

Thus  $\hat{\tau}$  is closed under unions.

Due to  $x \in \tau \subseteq \hat{\tau}$ ,  $X \subseteq \hat{X}$  is open.

Furthermore,

$$\hat{\tau}|_X = \tau \quad \text{4.10b}$$

$(\hat{X}, \hat{\tau})$  is compact.

Let  $\hat{X} = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$  be an open cover

$\Rightarrow \exists i_0 \in I: U_{i_0} = \hat{X} \setminus K$  with  $K \subseteq X$  compact,  $\infty \in U_{i_0}$

Then,  $K \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I, i \neq i_0} U_i \Rightarrow \exists i_1, \dots, i_n \in I \setminus \{i_0\}: K \subseteq U_{i_1} \cup \dots \cup U_{i_n}$

$(\hat{X}, \hat{\tau})$  is Hausdorff if  $(X, \tau)$  is locally compact.

Let  $x, y \in \hat{X}, x \neq y, \infty \in y = \infty$  (since  $(X, \tau)$   $\mathbb{R}^d + \tau \subseteq \hat{\tau}$ )

$\Rightarrow \exists K \in \mathcal{U}(x)$  comp in  $(X, \tau)$

$\Rightarrow K, \hat{X} \setminus K$  are disjoint neighbourhoods of  $x$  and  $\infty$  in  $(\hat{X}, \hat{\tau})$

At last, let  $x$  be not compact,  $U \in \mathcal{U}(\infty), \infty \notin U \subseteq \hat{X}$  open

$\Rightarrow \exists K \subseteq X$  cp. :  $U = \hat{X} \setminus K$

$\Rightarrow U \cap X = X \setminus K \neq \emptyset$ . q.e.d.

Theorem different (same proof!)

7.12 Theorem

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a Hausdorff space. Then:

$$X \text{ is locally compact} \Leftrightarrow \forall x \in X \forall U \in \mathcal{U}(x): \exists K \in \mathcal{U}(x) \text{ comp.} : K \subseteq U.$$

Proof:

" $\Leftarrow$ ": ✓

" $\Rightarrow$ ": Let  $x \in X, U \in \mathcal{U}(x)$ , n.l.o.g.  $U \subseteq X$  open.

$X$  loc. comp.  $\Rightarrow \exists \tilde{K} \in \mathcal{U}(x)$  compact.

$$\stackrel{4.10(a)}{\Rightarrow} A = \tilde{K} \cap (X \setminus U) \in \tilde{K} \text{ compact}$$

For any  $y \in A$ , let  $U_y \in \mathcal{U}(y)$  open in  $X, V_y \in \mathcal{U}(y)$  open in  $X, U_y \cap V_y = \emptyset$

$$\Rightarrow A \subseteq \bigcup_{y \in A} U_y \stackrel{A \text{ comp.}}{\Rightarrow} \exists y_1, \dots, y_n \in A: A \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_{y_i}. \text{ Let } V = \bigcap_{i=1}^n V_{y_i}$$

$$\Rightarrow U = \bigcap_{i=1}^n U_{y_i} \in \mathcal{U}(x) \text{ with } U \cap V = \emptyset.$$

Then  $\overline{U \cap \text{Int}(\tilde{K})} \in \mathcal{U}(x)$  open with  $\neq \emptyset$  due to  $\tilde{K} \in \mathcal{U}(x)$

$$\overline{U \cap \text{Int}(\tilde{K})} \stackrel{4.10(b)}{\subseteq} \bar{U} \cap \tilde{K} \subseteq \overbrace{X \setminus V}^{\text{closed}} \cap \tilde{K} \subseteq X \cap \tilde{K} = (X \setminus \tilde{K} \cup U) \cap \tilde{K} = U \cap \tilde{K} \subseteq \tilde{K} \subseteq U$$

$$\stackrel{4.10(a)}{\Rightarrow} K = \overline{U \cap \text{Int}(\tilde{K})} \text{ compact with } K \in \mathcal{U}(x), K = \overline{U \cap \text{Int}(\tilde{K})} \subseteq U. \text{ q.e.d.}$$

7.13 Corollary:

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a locally compact Hausdorff space,  $K \subseteq X$  compact,  $U \subseteq X$  open with  $K \subseteq U$ .

$$\Rightarrow \exists V \subseteq X \text{ open } \bar{V} \text{ compact, } K \subseteq V \subseteq \bar{V} \subseteq U.$$

Proof:

By 7.12:  $\forall x \in K: \exists V_x \in \mathcal{U}(x): V_x \subseteq X$  open,  $\bar{V}_x \subseteq U, \bar{V}_x$  compact.

$$K \text{ comp. } \exists x_1, \dots, x_n \in K: K \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_{x_i} = V$$

$$\Rightarrow V \subseteq X \text{ open with } K \subseteq V \text{ such that } \bar{V} = \bigcap_{i=1}^n \bar{V}_{x_i} \subseteq U \text{ q.e.d.}$$

7.14 Definition

A top. space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a Baire space if for every sequence  $(F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of sets closed in  $X$  with  $\text{Int}(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} F_n) \neq \emptyset$ , there is  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\text{Int}(F_{n_0}) \neq \emptyset$ .

7.15 Theorem

Every locally compact Hausdorff space is a Baire space. (Note: neither generalisation nor special case of 2.13)

Proof:

Let  $\text{Int}(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} F_n) \neq \emptyset$ .  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}: \text{Int}(F_n) = \emptyset$ .

Let  $x_0 \in \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} F_n, B_0 \subseteq X$  compact,  $B_0 \in \mathcal{U}(x_0), B_0 \subseteq \text{Int}(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} F_n)$

$\text{Int}(F_0) = \emptyset \Rightarrow \text{Int}(B_0) \cap X \setminus F_0 \neq \emptyset$ , let  $x_1 \in \text{Int}(B_0) \cap X \setminus F_0, B_1 \in \mathcal{U}(x_1)$  compact with  $B_1 \subseteq \text{Int}(B_0) \cap X \setminus F_0$ .

inductively  $\Rightarrow \exists (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $X, (B_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  seq. of compact sets such that:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}: B_n \in \mathcal{U}(x_n), \forall n \geq 1: B_n \subseteq B_{n-1} \cap X \setminus F_{n-1}$ .

Then,  $(B_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  has the f.i.p since finite intersections of its elements have non-empty interior.

$$\begin{matrix} B_n \subseteq B_0 \\ \Rightarrow \\ \text{closed} \\ \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \end{matrix} \quad \exists x \in \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_n \subseteq \bigcap_{n \geq 1} B_n \subseteq \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} X \setminus F_n. \text{ But } x \in B_0 \subseteq \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} F_n \stackrel{\#}{\neq} \text{ q.e.d.}$$