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Limits & cont.

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is cts at $a \in \mathbb{R}$ if $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$ s.t. $|x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(a)| < \epsilon$

$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is cts at (a,b) if $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$ s.t. $\sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2} < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x,y) - f(a,b)| < \epsilon$

both use distance measures

General Case:

$$f: (X, d_1) \rightarrow (Y, d_2)$$

X, Y metric spaces w/ distances d_1, d_2 .

$f: X \rightarrow Y$ is cts at $a \in X$ if $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta$ s.t. $d_1(x, a) < \delta \Rightarrow d_2(f(x), f(a)) < \epsilon$

Metric space: set X and function $d: X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ s.t.

1) $d(x, y) = 0$ iff $x = y$

2) $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$

3) $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(y, z)$ (triangle inequality)

(if \nearrow is then z is 'between' x and y)

Alternative definition for cts in $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$:

$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is cts at (a,b) if $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$ s.t. $\underbrace{|x-a| < \delta \text{ \& \& } |y-b| < \delta}_{\updownarrow} \Rightarrow |f(x,y) - f(a,b)| < \epsilon$

This definition corresponds to the box metric. $\max(|x-a|, |y-b|) < \delta$

$$d_\infty: \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty) \quad (\text{box metric in plane})$$

$$d_\infty((x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)) = \max(|x_1 - x_2|, |y_1 - y_2|)$$

Clearly it satisfies (1) and (2).


triangle ineq:

$$|x_1 - x_3| \leq |x_1 - x_2| + |x_2 - x_3| \leq \max(|x_1 - x_2|, |y_1 - y_2|) + \max(|x_2 - x_3|, |y_2 - y_3|)$$


$$|x_1 - x_3| \leq |x_1 - x_2| + |x_2 - x_3| \leq \max(|x_1 - x_2|, |y_1 - y_2|) + \max(|x_2 - x_3|, |y_2 - y_3|)$$

$$\downarrow$$

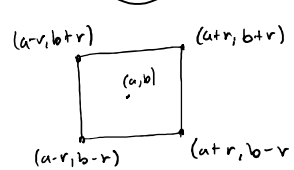
so is $|y_1 - y_3|$

so $d_\infty((x_1, y_1), (x_3, y_3)) \leq$ 

Geometry of metrics d_∞, d_2 ^{euclidean} on \mathbb{R}^2

$$\{(x, y) \mid d_e((x, y), (a, b)) < r\} =$$


(both exclude boundary)

$$\{(x, y) \mid d_\infty((x, y), (a, b)) < r\} =$$


\Rightarrow notion of cts the same under d_2 and d_∞ ? $yes.$

Lemma: (1) $id: (\mathbb{R}^2, d_2) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^2, d_\infty)$ are continuous everywhere.
 (2) $id: (\mathbb{R}^2, d_\infty) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^2, d_2)$

Proof: (1) Given $\varepsilon > 0$, want to find $\delta > 0$ s.t. $\sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2} < \delta \Rightarrow \max(|x-a|, |y-b|) < \varepsilon$
 $\delta = \varepsilon$ will work

(2) Given $\varepsilon > 0$, wff $\delta > 0$ s.t. $\max(|x-a|, |y-b|) < \delta \Rightarrow \sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2} < \varepsilon$
 $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{2}}$ will work.

Most useful metrics on \mathbb{R}^n arise from a simpler notion: norm = distance from origin.

Definition A norm on \mathbb{R}^n is a function $\nu: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ s.t.

- a) $\nu(\vec{x}) = 0$ iff $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$
- b) $\nu(\alpha \vec{x}) = |\alpha| \nu(\vec{x})$ where $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$
- c) $\nu(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) \leq \nu(\vec{x}) + \nu(\vec{y})$

Examples:

euclid $\nu_2(\vec{x}) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$

\Rightarrow $\nu_1(\vec{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$

