

## Metric Spaces

One important function of signal processing is approximation. We need to measure how close is the approximation. We have to define a way to measure this proximity. Let's introduce the notion of distance between signals that is both mathematically, practically and physically meaningful.

Definition :  $X$ : set of objects (could be functions, signals, ...)

A metric  $d$  is a function from  $X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\#}$  such that.

$$1) \quad d(x, y) = d(y, x)$$

$$2) d(x, y) \geq 0$$

$$3) d(x, y) = 0 \text{ if and only if } x = y$$

$$4) x, y, z \in X$$

$$d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$$

Example 1

$$x \in \mathbb{R}, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$d(x, y) = |x - y|$$

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$$4) d(x, z) = |x - z| = |(x - y) + (y - z)| \\ \leq |x - y| + |y - z| \\ \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$$

Example 2

$$X = \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{distance } d_1 : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$d_1(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|$$

is called  $l_1$  metric also known as the Manhattan metric

2. ~~med~~ metric  $d_2: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$d_2(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

$l_2$  metric: Euclidean distance

3. generalizing  $d_p: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$d_p(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^p \right)^{1/p}$$

$l_p$  metric

4  $p \rightarrow +\infty$

$$d_\infty(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \max_{i=1, \dots, n} |x_i - y_i|$$

$l_\infty$  metric

Definition: A metric space  $(X, d)$  is a set  $X$  together with a metric  $d$

$(\mathbb{R}^n, d_1)$  is a metric space

$(\mathbb{R}^n, d_2)$  is another metric space

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$l_p^{\mathbb{R}} = l_p^{\mathbb{C}}(0, \infty)$  set of consisting of all infinite sequences of real or complex numbers  $[x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots]$  such that  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} |x_i|^p < +\infty$

We will take  $1 \leq p < +\infty$ . The function

$$d_p(x, y) = \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} |x_i - y_i|^p \right]^{1/p}$$

defines a metric on  $l_p$  which we will call the  $l_p$  space. This is an infinite-dimensional space known as sequence space

The set of two-sided sequences  $[\dots, x_{-2}, x_{-1}, x_0, x_1, \dots]$  with metric  $d_p$  is the metric space  $l_p(-\infty, \infty)$

In discrete-time signal processing applications we deal most frequently with  $l_1$  space or with  $l_2$  space, the former because

absolute values are easy to compute, and the latter because the quadratic metric function is easily differentiable

3. The space  $l_\infty(0, \infty)$  consists of all sequences of numbers  $[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, \dots]$  such that  $|x_n| \leq M$  for some finite bound  $M$ , with the metric

$$d_\infty(x, y) = \sup_n |x_n - y_n|$$

~~max~~

Sup and Inf.

Let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}$  (subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ ), the least upper bound (LUB) is the smallest number  $z$

such that  $z \geq x$  for every  $x \in S$ . The

LUB of a set  $S$  is called the sup

(supremum) of the set. If there is there

is no number that is greater than all elements of  $S$ , then  $\sup(S) = \infty$ . Similarly the ~~greatest~~ greatest lower bound (GLB) of a set is the largest number  $w$  such that  $w \leq x$  for every  $x \in S$ . The GLB is called the inf (infimum) of  $S$ . If there is no number less than all the elements of  $S$ , then  $\inf(S) = -\infty$ .

The inf and sup are generalizations of min and max, respectively. Generally the inf and sup are used when there is a continuum of values over which to find the max or min, or where the extrema ~~is~~ may be infinite.

Examples

$S = (2, 5) \subset \mathbb{R}$  (This is an open set, and does not contain the endpoints.)

Then  $\sup(S) = 5$  and  $\inf(S) = 2$

Let  $T = [4, 7) \Rightarrow \inf(T) = 4, \sup(T) = 7$

$U = (1, \infty) \Rightarrow \inf(U) = 1, \sup(U) = \infty$

There are also many useful metric spaces defined over functions. These infinite dimensional spaces are called function spaces

The metric space  $(C[a, b], d_p)$

Let  $X = C[a, b]$  be the set of all real-valued (or complex valued) functions defined on the interval  $[a, b]$  with  $b > a$ .

We can define a metric on functions

$x$  and  $y$  in  $X$  by

$$d_p(x, y) = \left[ \int_a^b |x(t) - y(t)|^p dt \right]^{1/p}$$

where  $1 \leq p < +\infty$ . This gives the

metric space  $(C[a, b], d_p)$ . The metric

$d_p$  between functions is referred to as

the  $L_p$  metric

$$p=2 \quad d_2(x, y) = \left[ \int_a^b |x(t) - y(t)|^2 dt \right]^{1/2}$$

$L_2$  metric

The metric space  $(C[a, b], d_\infty)$

$$d_\infty(x, y) = \sup \{ |x(t) - y(t)| : a \leq t \leq b \}$$

In other words, the distance between the functions

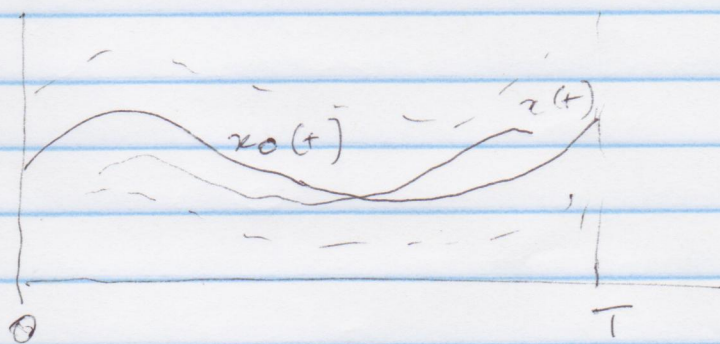
is obtained at the point where the functions

are farthest apart



The difference between the metric spaces  $(C[a, b], d_\infty)$  and  $\mathbb{R}$   $(C[a, b], d_p)$  can be appreciated by considering the following example

$$X = C[0, T] \quad x_0(t) \in X$$



$$d_\infty(x_0, x) < \varepsilon$$

$$\sup |x_0(t) - x(t)| < \varepsilon$$

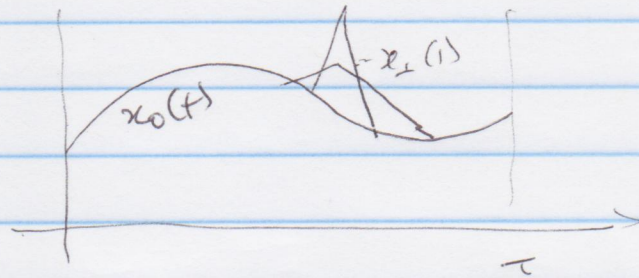
$$|x(t) - x_0(t)| < \varepsilon$$

$$-\varepsilon < x(t) - x_0(t) < \varepsilon$$

$$x_0(t) - \varepsilon < x(t) < x_0(t) + \varepsilon$$

$$d_2(x_0, x) < +\infty$$

$$d_2(x_0, x) = \int_0^T (x_0(t) - x(t))^2 dt$$



At any time  $t_0$  to  $x(t)$  there may be significant deviation from  $x_0(t)$ , as long as long as the region over which the deviation occurs is not too long.

If  $x(t)$  is an approximation to  $x_0(t)$ , using the  $d_2$  metric in expressing the approximation criterion provides an upper bound to the approximation error  $|x(t) - x_0(t)|$  that cannot be obtained when using the  $d_p$  metric

## Metric Space $L_p[a, b]$

$L_p[a, b]$  set of functions such that

$$\text{that } \int_a^b |x(t)|^p dt < +\infty$$

This set with  $d_p$  is  $1 \leq p < \infty$

$(L_p[a, b], d_p)$  or simply noted

$L_p[a, b]$

## Metric Space $L_\infty[a, b]$

$L_\infty[a, b]$  : set of functions such

$$\text{that } \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |x(t)| < \infty$$

This set equipped with metric  $d_\infty$

is a metric space

## Some Topological

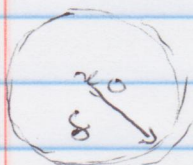
### Some Topological terms

$(X, d)$

Ball or sphere centered at  $x_0$  with radius  $\delta$  is the set of points

such that

$$B(x_0, \delta) = \{x \in X : d(x_0, x) < \delta\}$$



Such a ball is <sup>also</sup> ~~also called~~ said to be a neighborhood of  $x_0$

it is the set of points that live close to

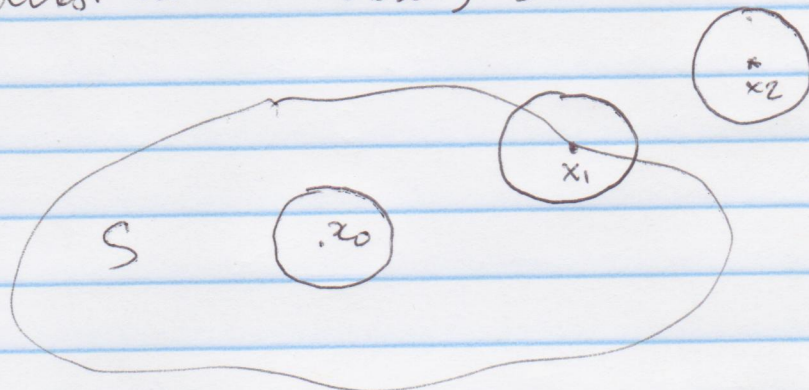
$x_0$

Definition: A point  $x_0 \in X$  is interior to a set  $S \subset X$  if all points sufficiently near  $x_0$  are in  $S$ . That is there is ~~some~~ some  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$B(x_0, \delta) \subset S$$

The interior of set  $S$  is all the set of all points that are interior to the set

$x_0 \notin S$  is exterior to if there is a neighborhood of  $x_0$  that is not outside (does not intersect)  $S$ .



Definition A set  $X$  is open if every point in  $X$  is interior

Example  $X = (0, 1) \subset \mathbb{R}$   
 $x_0 \in X \quad 0 < x_0 < 1$

$$B(x_0, x_0/2) \quad |x - x_0| < \frac{x_0}{2}$$

$$\frac{x_0 - x_0}{2} < x < \frac{x_0 + x_0}{2}$$

Definition A set  $S \subset X$  is said to be closed if the complement of  $S$  is open

Definition A boundary point of a set  $S$  is a point  $x_0$  such that every neighborhood

of  $x_0$  contains elements both in  $S$  and not in  $S$ . A boundary point is not necessarily an element of  $S$ .

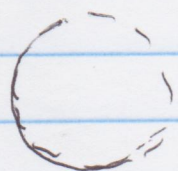
The boundary set of  $S$  is the collection of all boundary points of  $S$ . It is sometimes noted  $\text{bdy}(S)$ .

Definition: the closure of  $X$  is the union of  $X$  and  $\text{bdy}(X)$  and is noted  $\text{closure}(X)$  or  $\overline{X}$ .

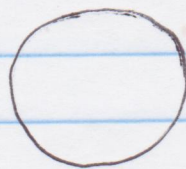
$$\text{closure}(X) = \overline{X} = X \cup \text{bdy}(X)$$

Example  $X = [0, 1)$

$$\overline{X} = [0, 1] \quad \overline{X} \text{ is closed}$$



open set

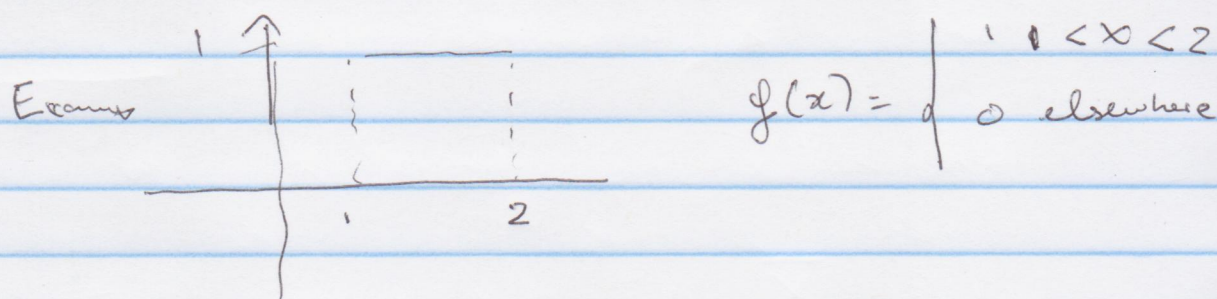


closed set

Definition  $x \in X$  is said to be a cluster point if every neighborhood around  $x$  contains infinitely many points of  $X$

Definition : The support of a function

$f: A \rightarrow B$  is the closure of the set of elements  $a \in A$  where  $f(a) \neq 0$



support of  $f$  :  $\text{closure}((1,2)) = [1,2]$

Sequences, Cauchy sequences and

Completeness

sequences can be generated many ways

Most frequently in signal processing is

through iterations. ~~for example~~

$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n, u_n)$$

Example: car loan

$x_0$ : initial loan

$x_n$ : balance on month  $n$

$u_n$ : payment on month  $n$

$I$ : annual interest.

$$x_1 = \left(1 + \frac{I}{12}\right) x_0 - u_1$$

$$x_2 = \left(1 + \frac{I}{12}\right) x_1 - u_2$$

⋮

$$x_n = \left(1 + \frac{I}{12}\right) x_{n-1} - u_n.$$

sequence  $[x_0, x_1, \dots]$

$n \rightarrow$  large.  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  (paid)

- Deposit (with interest)

$y_0$ : initial deposit

$y_n$ : balance on month  $n$

$v_n$ : deposit on month  $n$

$I$ : annual interest

$$y_1 = \left(1 + \frac{I}{12}\right) y_0 + u_1$$

$$y_2 = \left(1 + \frac{I}{12}\right) y_1 + u_2$$

$$y_n = \left(1 + \frac{I}{12}\right) y_{n-1} + u_n$$



## Definition

If for every  $\delta > 0$  there is an  $n_0$  such that  $d(x_n, x^*) < \delta$  for every  $n > n_0$  for some fixed value  $x^*$ , then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is said to converge to  $x^*$ . In this case we write

$$x_n \rightarrow x^*$$

$x^*$  is the limit of  $x_n$

For every neighborhood  $N$  of  $x^*$ , there is an  $n_0$  such that  $x_n \in N$ , when  $n \geq n_0$

Example:

$$a_n = n^2 \quad ? \quad \text{converge.}$$

$$b_n = 1 + (-1)^n \quad ? \quad \text{converge}$$

Properties of convergent sequences

1) Let  $(X, d)$  a metric space

The closure of a set  $A \subset X$  is the set of all limits of converging sequences of points from  $A$

2) A set  $A \subset X$  is closed if it contains the limit of every converging sequence  $\{x_n\}$  whose points lie in  $A$

Example

$$\{x_n\} = [1, 1.41, 1.414, 1.4142, \dots]$$

each number in this sequence is a rational number  $\in \mathbb{Q}$  however.

$n \rightarrow +\infty$  it converges to  $\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$  so

$\mathbb{Q}$  is not a closed set  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}} = \mathbb{R}$

$\mathbb{R}$  is closed because every convergent

sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$  has its limit in  $\mathbb{R}$

limit point

$$b_n = 1 + (-1)^n$$

$$n \rightarrow \infty \quad b_n \begin{cases} 2 & n \text{ even} \\ 0 & n \text{ odds} \end{cases}$$

both 0 and 2 are limit points but not limits.

Definition: A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a metric space  $(X, d)$  is said to be a Cauchy sequence. if for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there is an  $N > 0$  (may depend on  $\epsilon$ ) such that  $d(x_m, x_n) < \epsilon$  for  $m, n > N$

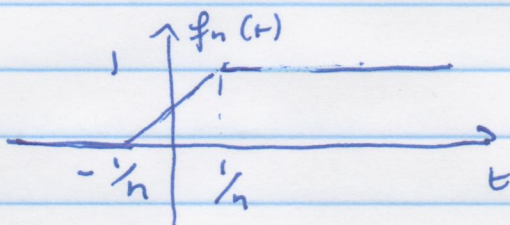
$\{x_n\}$  converges  $\implies \{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. but a Cauchy sequence does not ~~have~~ necessarily converge.

Example

Let  $C[-1, 1]$  be the set of continuous functions defined in the interval  $[-1, 1]$  and consider the sequence of functions

defined by

$$f_n(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < -\frac{1}{n} \\ \frac{nt}{2} + \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{n} \leq t \leq \frac{1}{n} \\ 1 & t > \frac{1}{n} \end{cases}$$



$(C[-1, 1], d_2)$

$$d_2(f, g) = \int_{-1}^1 (f(t) - g(t))^2 dt$$

$$\begin{aligned} d_2(f_n, f_m) &= \frac{1}{6m^3n} (m^3 + 4m^2n + mn^2 + 2n^3) \quad m > n \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{1}{n} + \frac{4}{m} + \frac{n}{m^2} + \frac{2n^2}{m^3} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$n, m \text{ large} \quad d_2(f_n, f_m) = 0$$

It is a Cauchy sequence.

$$\lim f_n = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & t = 0 \\ 1 & t > 0 \end{cases}$$

is a discontinuous function  $\notin C[-1, 1]$   
does not converge in  $C[-1, 1]$

The ~~factor~~ failure of a Cauchy sequence to converge is a deficiency - a "hole" in the underlying metric space.

Definition: A metric space  $(X, d)$  is complete if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  is convergent in  $X$ .

Cauchy seq  $\iff$  convergent sequence

when the space is complete