

Topology

Urysohn Metrization Theorem:

Every regular space X with a countable basis is metrizable.

Proof:

Let X be a regular space with countable basis.

To p.t. X is metrizable.

For Proving this, ~~we have to construct~~

Let us embed X in a metrizable space Y .

For that, we have to show that X is homeomorphic with a subspace of Y .

We have, \mathbb{R}^{ω} in the product topology is metrizable.

Take $Y = \mathbb{R}^{\omega}$.

Step: 1.

We Prove the following:

There exists a countable collection of continuous functions $f_n: X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ having the property that given any point x_0 of X and any neighborhood U of x_0 , there exists an index n such that $f_n(x_0) > 0$ and $f_n(U) = 0$ and $f_n(X-U) = 0$.

Let $\{B_n\}$ be a countable basis for X . (2)

For each pair n, m of indices for which $\overline{B_n} \subset B_m$, apply the Urysohn lemma, choose a continuous function,

$$g_{n,m}: X \rightarrow [0, 1] \text{ such that } g_{n,m}(\overline{B_n}) = \{1\} \text{ and } g_{n,m}(X - B_m) = \{0\}.$$

Given x_0 and given a neighborhood U of x_0 , one can choose a basis element B_m , such that $x_0 \in B_m \subset U$.

Since X is regular, choose B_n so that $x_0 \in B_n$ & $\overline{B_n} \subset B_m$.

Then, we get a function $g_{n,m}$, for n, m

Pair of indices, such that

$$g_{n,m}(x_0) > 0 \text{ \& } g_{n,m} \text{ vanishes outside}$$

U .

Since the collection $\{g_{n,m}\}$ is indexed with a subset of $\mathbb{Z}_+ \times \mathbb{Z}_+$ is countable.

Therefore, it can be ~~re~~ reindexed with positive integers, $\{f_n\}$.

Step: 2

Given the functions f_n of step 1, take \mathbb{R}^ω in the product topology, and define a map $F: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^\omega$ by the rule,

$$F(x) = (f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots).$$

We claim that F is an imbedding.

Since \mathbb{R}^ω has the product topology, and each f_n is continuous, \therefore hence F is continuous.

Next to p.T F is 1-1.

$x \neq y \Rightarrow$ there is an index n such that $f_n(x) > 0$ and $f_n(y) = 0$.

$$\therefore (f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x), \dots) \neq (f_1(y), f_2(y), \dots, f_n(y), \dots)$$

$$\Rightarrow F(x) \neq F(y).$$

Thus F is injective.

Finally, we have to p.T F is a homeomorphism of X onto its image, the subspace $Z = F(X)$ of \mathbb{R}^ω .

We know that F defines a continuous bijection of X with Z .

We need only show that for each open set U in X , the set $F(U)$ is open in Z .

Let $z_0 \in F(U)$.

We shall find an open set W of Z such that $z_0 \in W \subset F(U)$.

Let $x_0 \in U$ such that $F(x_0) = z_0$.

Choose an index N for which

$\delta_N(x_0) > 0$ and $\delta_N(X - U) = \{0\}$.

Take the open ray $(0, \infty)$ in \mathbb{R} ,

let V be the open set,

$$V = \pi_N^{-1}((0, +\infty)) \text{ of } \mathbb{R}^{\omega}.$$

Let $W = V \cap Z$.

Then ~~W~~ W is open in Z .

We assert that $z_0 \in W \subset F(U)$.

Since, $\pi_N(z_0) = \pi_N(F(x_0)) = \delta_N(x_0) > 0$.

$\Rightarrow z_0 \in W$.

Next to p.T $W \subset F(U)$.

If $z \in W$ then $z = F(x)$ for some $x \in X$.
& $T_N(z) \in (0, \infty)$.

So $T_N(z) = T_N(F(x)) = g_N(x)$
& g_N vanishes outside U .

\therefore the point $x \in U$.

Thus $z = F(x) \in F(U)$.

Hence $z_0 \in W \subset F(U)$.

$\Rightarrow z_0$ is interior point of $F(U)$.

Thus $F(U)$ is open in Z .

Thus F is an embedding
of X in R^W .

Hence X is metrizable.

