

Compactness:

Compactness is subtle. There's a story that in 1925 and for a long time I warn you about that. Compactness is possibly the subtle. Most of what we've talked about so far, ~~to~~ I can give there are good reasons why it's defined that way, and we can be pretty clear about why connectedness is defined the way it is.

But compactness, not so much - the definition didn't really become set until 1930s, and before that, different people meant different things by "compact".

So: How many defs of compactness have you heard of?

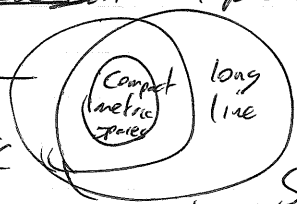
- open-cover
- sequential.

These almost always coincide:

Thm: If  $X$  is a metric space,  $X$  is DCC ( $\Leftrightarrow$ )  $X$  is SC.  $\bigcirc$

But: ~~if~~ if  $X$  is not a metric space, there are ~~many~~ counterexamples.

Ex:  ~~$[0,1] \subset \mathbb{R} = \{f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0,1]\}$  with product topol.~~  
~~is compact, not SC.~~  
~~is ~~not~~ DCC, not SC.~~



Ex:  ~~$\{f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0,1]\}$  DCC~~  
 function spaces

Ult, decided that function spaces are cpt, long line is not.

Def: A space  $X$  is compact if every open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.

An open cover of  $X$  is a collection of  $S_\alpha$   $s_{\alpha \in A}$  of open sets s.t.  $X = \cup S_\alpha$ . It has a finite subcover if  $\exists$  a finite set  $B \subset A$  s.t.  $\cup_{T \in B} T = X$ .

This is an unusual condition. Let's see how to use it: it's Pichard's cover. Main way to use. Thm: If  $X$  is compact, ~~metric space~~ then  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is cts, then  $f$  is bounded.

Pf: Consider  $S_n = f^{-1}(E_n, n)$ . These are open sets and  $\cup_n S_n = X$ . So  $\exists$  a finite subcover,

$X = S_{n_1} \cup S_{n_2} \cup \dots \cup S_{n_k} \subset S_N$  where  $N = \max\{n_1, \dots, n_k\}$ .  
 $\Rightarrow f(X) \subset [-N, N]$  //

EVT: If  $X$  compact,  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , then  $f$  achieves a max on  $X$ .

~~Pf: Suppose not. Let  $X$  Suppose not. Let  $m = \sup f(X)$  and suppose that  $f$  is not continuous. Then  $g(x) = f(x) - m$  is continuous~~

~~$\Rightarrow g$  is bounded on  $X$~~

Ex: Show that  $f$  achieves its max and min on  $X$ .

~~Can use cptness to approx to strings finite:~~

~~Thm: If  $X$  is compact, it is totally bounded.  
 $(\forall \epsilon > 0, X$  can be covered by finitely many  $\epsilon$ -balls)~~

~~Pf: Consider  $\{B(x, \epsilon)\}_{x \in X}$  //~~

Thm: If  $X$  is a compact metric space and  $(x_n)$  a sequence in  $X$ , then  $(x_n)$  has a convergent subsequence point of accumulation.

~~Pf: (Note: Watch carefully)~~

Def: A sequence  $(x_n)$  has a point of accumulation  $c$  if  $\forall$  nbhd  $U$  of  $c$ ,  $\exists$  infinitely many  $n$  s.t.  $x_n \in U$ .

If  $X$  is a metric space, and  $(x_n)$  accumulates to  $c$ , then  $\exists$  a subseq  $(x_{n_i})$  s.t.  $x_{n_i} \rightarrow c$  (but not in general)

~~Pf:  $\forall x \in X, \exists$  nbhd  $U_x$  s.t.  $\{x_n \in U_x\}$  is finite. Take a cover. Finitely many finite sets. Note: in fact totally compact.~~

~~Let  $F_n = \{x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, \dots\}$ ,  $E_n = X \setminus F_n$  then  $E_n$  is open. Then  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n = X$  (points of accumulation of  $(x_n)$ ).~~

If  $(x_n)$  accumulates to  $c$ , then  $\forall$  nbhd  $U$  of  $c$ ,  $\forall n \exists x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots \in U$ .  $\Rightarrow c \in F_n \forall n \Rightarrow c \in \bigcap F_n$ .

~~If  $(x_n)$  doesn't accumulate to  $c$ , then  $\exists$  nbhd  $U$  of  $c$ . Let  $c \in \bigcap F_n$ , then  $\forall$  nbhd  $U$  of  $c$ ,  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (x_n \in U)$  is finite.~~

~~Let  $c \in X$ . If  $\{x_n \in U\}$  were finite s.t. suppose  $\{x_n \in U\}$  is finite. Then it has a max  $N$ .  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (x_n \in U) = \emptyset \Rightarrow c \notin F_n$  for some nbhd  $U$  of  $c$ .~~

Suppose  $(x_n)$  has no accumpnts. Then  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n = X \setminus \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n = X$ . So  $\{E_n\}$  is an open cover.  $\Rightarrow \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n = X$ . But this doesn't contain  $x_{n+1}$ .

In particular, if  $X$  is a metric space, then compact  $\Rightarrow$  sequentially cpt. (works)

More generally: ~~Before the break, mostly metric spaces, Now let's work~~  
~~more generally: Before the break, ways to use cptness. Now more general.~~  
 Def:  $X$  is compact if every open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.

Thm: Suppose  $X$  is a space,  $Y \subset X$  is a subspace. Then:  
 -  $Y$  is compact  $\Leftrightarrow$  every cover of  $Y$  by open subsets of  $X$  has a finite subcover  
 - If  $X$  is compact,  $Y$  is closed, then  $Y$  is compact.  
 - If  $X$  is Hausdorff,  $Y$  is compact, then  $Y$  is closed.

Pf: 1, 2: ~~easy~~ leave as exercise.

3: I want to show you something: Arguments about compactness  
 Compact is v. close to finite. Often, you can't argue about finite sets, make an arg about compact.

Ex: If  $X$  is Hausdorff,  $Y$  is finite, then  $Y$  is closed.

Pf: Let  $Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_k\}$ , suppose  $x \in X \setminus Y$ .  
 ETS that  $\exists$  a nbhd  $U$  of  $x$  s.t.  $U \cap Y = \emptyset$ .  
 Since  $X$  is Hausdorff,  $\forall i, \exists B_i, C_i$  s.t.  $B_i \ni y_i, C_i \ni x$   
 $B_i \cap C_i = \emptyset$ . Then  $\bigcap_{i=1}^k C_i$  is a nbhd of  $x$  s.t.  $y_j \notin \bigcap_{i=1}^k C_i \forall j$ .

And same for cpt:

Pf:  $\forall y \in Y, \exists B_y, C_y$  open sets,  $B_y \ni y, C_y \ni x$ .

Can't take  $\bigcap_{y \in Y} C_y$ , but  $\exists y_1, \dots, y_k$  s.t.  $\bigcup_{i=1}^k B_{y_i} \ni Y$ . Then  $\bigcap_{i=1}^k C_{y_i} \ni x$  and  $Y \cap \bigcap_{i=1}^k C_{y_i} = \emptyset$ .

So: Thm (Heine-Borel): Every compact  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  then  $S$  is compact  $\Leftrightarrow S$  is closed and bounded.

Pf: compact  $\Rightarrow$  closed  $\checkmark$  compact  $\Rightarrow$  bounded  $\checkmark$

$\Leftarrow$ : ETS that if  $S$  is closed, bounded, then  $S \subset [-N, N]$

for some  $N$ . So ETS that  $[-N, N]$  is compact.

A closed subset of a compact space is cpt, so ETS that  $[-N, N]$  is compact.

~~Suppose~~ Suppose  $[-N, N] = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} S_\alpha$ .

Finite sub-covers LUB:  $x \in \mathbb{N}$  and

Let  $c = \sup \{ x \mid [-N, x] \text{ is covered by finitely many } S_\alpha \}$

~~Then  $c \geq N$ . If  $c < N$ , then  $c \in \mathbb{N}$ .~~

A priori ~~→~~

Claim:  $[-N, c]$  is covered by fin. many  $S_\alpha$ 's and  $c = N$ .

(Main issue:  ~~$[-N, c]$  is covered by fin. many  $S_\alpha$ 's~~)

Let  $S_\alpha \ni c$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  s.t.  $(c - \varepsilon, c + \varepsilon) \subset S_\alpha$ .

Then there's a finite cover of  $[-N, c - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}]$ . Add  $S_\alpha$  to this to get a finite cover of  $[-N, c + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}]$ .

Suppose  $c < N$ . So  $[-N, c]$  has a finite cover, and  $c + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} > c$ .

~~If  $c < N$ , then further,  $[-N, \min(N, c + \frac{\varepsilon}{2})]$~~

~~is covered by fin. many  $S_\alpha$ 's. Further, if  $c < N$ , this is largest possible.~~

~~Further, if  $c < N$ , then  $*$ . In fact, this covers  $[-N, c + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}]$ , so if  $c < N$ , then  $*$  //~~

~~Then one last thing:~~

Finally: Compactness is preserved by cts maps:

~~Lemma: If  $X$  is cpt,  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  cts, then  $f(X)$  is cpt.~~

~~Pf: Let  $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  be an open cover of  $f(X)$ . Then  $\{f^{-1}(U_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in A}$  is an open cover of  $X \Rightarrow$  has a finite subcover  $\Rightarrow \{U_\alpha\}$  has a finite subcover. //~~

Cor: If  $X$  is compact,  $Y$  is Hausdorff, and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a continuous bijection, then  $f$  is a homeomorphism.

Pf: Need:  $f^{-1}$  is cts. I.e., if  $U \subset X$  is open, then  $f(U)$  is open.

Let  $U \subset X$  be open. Then  $X \setminus U$  closed  $\Rightarrow X \setminus U$  compact  $\Rightarrow f(X \setminus U)$  is compact  $\Rightarrow f(X \setminus U)$  is closed  $\Rightarrow f(U)$  is open. //

(Not true in general:



cts bij, not homeo