

Section 1.1, page 8

6. Show that d in 1.1-6 (i.e. $d(x, y) = \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |\xi_j - \eta_j|$ where $x = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots)$ and $y = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots)$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots$, $|\xi_j| \leq c_x$ for some real number c_x , and $x, y \in X = \{\text{bounded sequences of complex numbers}\}$) satisfies the triangle inequality.

Proof:

Let $x = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots)$, $y = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots)$, and $z = (\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \dots)$. Then for all j ,

$$|\xi_j - \eta_j| = |\xi_j - \zeta_j| + |\zeta_j - \eta_j| \leq \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |\xi_j - \zeta_j| + \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |\zeta_j - \eta_j| < 2c_{x-z} + 2c_{z-y} < +\infty.$$

Since this is true for all j , we can take the supremum of the left side to get

$$d(x, y) = \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |\xi_j - \eta_j| \leq \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |\xi_j - \zeta_j| + \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |\zeta_j - \eta_j| = d(x, z) + d(z, y).$$

7. If A is the subspace of l^∞ consisting of all sequences of zeros and ones, what is the induced metric on A ?

If the metric defined on l^∞ is the same as defined in #6 above, then the induced

$$\text{metric on } A \text{ is } d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & : x \neq y \\ 0 & : x = y \end{cases}.$$

Proof:

$$\forall x, y \in A, \forall j \in \mathbb{N}, |\xi_j - \eta_j| = \begin{cases} 1 & : \xi_j \neq \eta_j \\ 0 & : \xi_j = \eta_j \end{cases}, \text{ so then } d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & : x \neq y \\ 0 & : x = y \end{cases}.$$

M1, M2, M3 are evident.

To show the triangle inequality, M4, is satisfied, note that for $x = y$, clearly we have $0 = d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$.

For $x \neq y$, we have either $x \neq z$ or $y \neq z$, hence $d(x, z) = 1$ or $d(y, z) = 1$.

Thus, $1 = d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + 1$ or $1 = d(x, y) \leq 1 + d(z, y)$.

8. Show that another metric \tilde{d} on the set X in 1.1-7 ($X = \mathcal{C}[a, b]$) is defined by

$$\tilde{d}(x, y) = \int_a^b |x(t) - y(t)| dt.$$

Proof:

M1, M3, and $\tilde{d}(x, x) = 0$ are evident. If $\tilde{d}(x, y) = 0$ for some $x, y \in X$, then

$|x(t) - y(t)| = 0$ for all t , hence $x = y$. So M2 holds.

To show the triangle inequality, M4, is satisfied, let $x, y, z \in X$ and note that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b |x(t) - y(t)| dt &= \int_a^b |x(t) - z(t) + z(t) - y(t)| dt \leq \int_a^b (|x(t) - z(t)| + |z(t) - y(t)|) dt = \\ &= \int_a^b |x(t) - z(t)| dt + \int_a^b |z(t) - y(t)| dt. \end{aligned}$$

Since $|x(t) - z(t)|$ and $|z(t) - y(t)|$ are compositions of continuous functions, then we have $\tilde{d}(x, y) = \tilde{d}(x, z) + \tilde{d}(z, y)$.

13. Using the triangle inequality, show that $|d(x, z) - d(y, z)| \leq d(x, y)$.

Proof:

By the triangle inequality, $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$ and $d(y, z) \leq d(y, x) + d(x, z)$.

Thus $-d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) - d(y, z)$ and $d(x, z) - d(y, z) \leq d(x, y)$.

So then $|d(x, z) - d(y, z)| \leq d(x, y)$.
