

# MA 509 - REAL ANALYSIS - LECT. 15

## COMPACT SETS

$$\left( \overbrace{\hspace{10em}} \right) \quad G_n = \left( \frac{1}{n}, 1 \right), n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Then  $(0, 1) \subset \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n}, 1 \right)$ . Let  $x \in (0, 1)$   
 $\exists m \in \mathbb{N} \geq \frac{1}{m} < x \Rightarrow x \in G_m$ .

$\Rightarrow \{G_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  forms an open cover of  $(0, 1)$ .

Defn. Open cover : An open cover of a set  $E$  in a metric space  $X$  is a collection  $\{G_\alpha\}$  of open subsets of  $X$   $\exists E \subset \bigcup_{\alpha} G_\alpha$ .

Defn. A subset  $K$  of a metric space  $X$  is said to be compact if every open cover of  $K$  contains a finite subcover.

This means if  $\{G_\alpha\}$  is an open cover of  $K$ , that is,  $K \subset \bigcup_{\alpha} G_\alpha$ . Then  $\exists$  finitely many  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \exists$

$$K \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n G_{\alpha_i}$$

Eg. A finite set is always compact.

Thm. 2.18 Suppose  $K \subset Y \subset X$ . Then  $K$  is compact relative to  $X$  iff  $K$  is compact relative to  $Y$ .

Proof: " $\Rightarrow$ " Suppose  $K$  is compact relative to  $X$ .  
 Let  $\{V_\alpha\}$  be an open cover of  $K$  consisting of open sets in  $Y$ .  
Claim:  $K \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_{\alpha_i}$  for some  $V_{\alpha_i}$ 's in  $\{V_\alpha\}$ .

Note that by the previous theorem,  $\exists \{G_\alpha\}$  - a collection of open sets in  $X$  - such that  $V_\alpha = Y \cap G_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha$ .

Since  $K$  is compact relative to  $X$  and  $\{G_\alpha\}$  is an open cover of  $K$  ( $\because K \subset \bigcup_\alpha V_\alpha \subset \bigcup_\alpha G_\alpha$ ) there exists finitely many indices, say,

$$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \ni K \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n G_{\alpha_i}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } K \subset Y, \quad K &\subset \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n G_{\alpha_i} \right) \cap Y \\ &= \bigcup_{i=1}^n (G_{\alpha_i} \cap Y) \\ &= \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_{\alpha_i} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow K$  is compact relative to  $Y$ .

" $\Leftarrow$ " Suppose  $K$  is compact relative to  $Y$ .  
 Let  $\{G_\alpha\}$  be an open cover of  $K$  consisting of open sets in  $X$ .  
 Let  $V_\alpha = Y \cap G_\alpha$   
 Now  $K \subset \bigcup_\alpha V_\alpha$  ( $\because K \subset Y$  &  $\bigcup_\alpha G_\alpha$  is an open cover of  $K$  and since  $Y \cap (\bigcup_\alpha G_\alpha) = \bigcup_\alpha Y \cap G_\alpha = \bigcup_\alpha V_\alpha$ )

$\exists$  finitely many indices  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \ni$   
 $K \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_{\alpha_i}$ .

But  $V_{\alpha_i} \subset G_{\alpha_i} \quad \forall i \ni 1 \leq i \leq n$ .

$\Rightarrow K \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n G_{\alpha_i}$ .

$\Rightarrow K$  is compact relative to  $X$ .

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Thm. 2.19 Compact subsets of metric spaces are closed.

Proof: Let  $K$  be a compact subset of a metric space  $X$ .

Claim:  $K^c$  is open.

Let  $p \in K^c$ . We show  $\exists$  nbhd  $V$  of  $p \ni V \subset K^c$ .

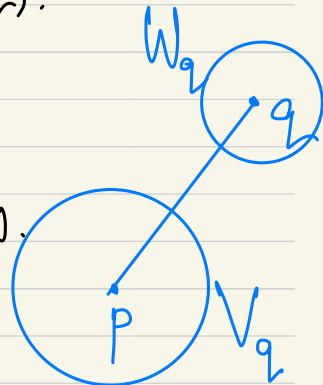
To that end, let  $q \in K$ . Then  $d(p, q) > 0$ .

Then consider nbhds  $V_q$  and  $W_q$  of  $p$  and  $q$  respectively of radius  $< \frac{1}{2} d(p, q)$ .

Let  $\bigcup_{q \in K} W_q$  be an open cover of  $K$ .

Then  $K$  compact implies  $\exists$  a finite sub-cover  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n W_{q_i} \ni K \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n W_{q_i} =: W$ .

Take corresponding nbhds  $V_{q_1}, V_{q_2}, V_{q_3}, \dots, V_{q_n}$  of  $p$  & let  $V = \bigcap_{i=1}^n V_{q_i}$ .



First,  $V$  is open. (finite intersection of open sets)

By construction,  $V \cap W = \emptyset$ .

Also,  $p \in V$  and  $K \subset W$ .

$\Rightarrow$  The nbhd  $V$  of  $p$  is contained in  $K^c$ .

$\Rightarrow p$  is an interior pt. of  $K^c$ .

$\Rightarrow K^c$  is open, so  $K$  is closed.  $\square$

Thm. 2.20 Closed subsets of compact sets are compact.

Proof: Let  $F \subset K \subset X$ , where  $F$  is closed (relative) to the metric space  $X$ , and  $K$  is compact. Then, let  $\{V_\alpha\}$  be an open cover of  $F$ .

Then  $\{V_\alpha\} \cup F^c$  is an open cover of  $K$ .  
(open)

- By compactness of  $K$ ,  $\exists$  a finite subcover of  $\{V_\alpha\} \cup F^c$  which covers  $K$  (and hence  $F$ ).
- $K$  compact  $\Rightarrow \exists V_{\alpha_i}, 1 \leq i \leq n, \exists K \subset (\bigcup_{i=1}^n V_{\alpha_i}) \cup F^c$ .
- If  $F^c$  is a member of this finite subcover, remove it; still we get a finite subcover of  $F$ .

$\Rightarrow F$  is compact.  $\square$

Cor. 2.21 If  $F$  is closed and  $K$  is compact, then  $F \cap K$  is compact.

Proof:  $K$  compact  $\Rightarrow K$  closed

$\Rightarrow F \cap K$  closed & thus a closed subset

of compact set  $K$ , and hence compact.

