

**Practical lecture 1.**

14th and 16th of February

**Preliminary concepts. Metric spaces. Normed spaces.**

- Let  $M$  be an arbitrary set and  $x, y \in M$  be two arbitrary elements of  $M$

$$d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x = y, \\ 1, & \text{if } x \neq y. \end{cases}$$

Show that  $(M, d)$  is a metric space. This metric space is called the discrete metric space.

- Let us consider the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean vector space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Show that  $d(x, y) := \#\{j : x_j \neq y_j\}$  is a metric over  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Practically, this metric  $d(x, y)$  gives the number of coordinates, in which the two vectors  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  differ from each other.
- Show that the following functions  $\|\cdot\|_{1,2,\infty} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are norms on the Euclidean vector space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

$$(a) \quad \|x\|_1 := \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|, \quad (b) \quad \|x\|_2 := \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2 \right)^{1/2}, \quad (c) \quad \|x\|_\infty := \max_{i=1,\dots,n} \{|x_i|\}.$$

Give the formula of the corresponding metric generated from each norm.

- Let  $x = (1, 1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Compute the length of  $x$  using the different norm definitions of Exercise 3.

[HF<sub>1</sub>] 5. If  $a$  is a strictly positive real valued parameter, is it true that  $\|x\| := \max\{|2x_1 - x_2|, |ax_1|\}$  is a norm on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?

- If we consider the 2-dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , draw the „unit ball”<sup>1</sup>  $B_1(0) := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \|x\|_i < 1\}$  considering each norm  $\|\cdot\|_{i=1,2,\infty}$  of Exercise 3.

[HF<sub>2</sub>] 7. Draw the „unit ball” of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  if the norm is defined as presented in [HF<sub>1</sub>].

- Is it true that

(a) the normed space is also a metric space

(b) for every metric considered on a vector space there exists a norm such that the metric can be defined by this norm.

- It is given a bounded closed interval  $I = [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $X = \{f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \text{ is continuous}\}$  be the set of continuous functions.

(a) Show that  $X$  is a vector space.

(b) Show that the functions above are norm on the vector space  $X$ :

$$\|f\|_\infty := \max_{x \in [a,b]} |f(x)|, \quad \|f\|_2 := \left( \int_a^b |f^2(x)| dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

(\*1) Can we give a metric space, in which there exists to points  $x, y$  such that for some  $0 < r < R$  we have that  $B_R(x) \subsetneq B_r(y)$ ?

(\*2) Prove that in  $\mathbb{R}^n \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \|x\|_p = \|x\|_\infty, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

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<sup>1</sup>or „unit circle”