

How do we judge a set as large or small?

- (i) cardinality
- (ii) measure
- (iii) dimension
- (iv) Baire Category: first category (small or meagre) or second category (large; not meagre)
- (v) ultra-filter sense (later)

Warm up Let  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $X$  top. space. We say  $A$  is dense if every nonempty  $U \subseteq X$  satisfies  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$  ( $A$  meets  $U$ ). A set  $A \subseteq X$  is somewhere dense if  $\bar{A}$  contains some nonempty open set  $U \subseteq X$ . Eg.  $\mathbb{Q}$  is somewhere dense since  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}} = \mathbb{R}$ .  $\mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$  is somewhere dense since its closure is  $[0, 1]$ . Note:  $A \subseteq X$  is somewhere dense if  $\bar{A}^\circ \neq \emptyset$ .

$A = \{0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5}, \dots\}$  is nowhere dense.  $\bar{A} = \{0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5}, \dots\} \cup \{1\}$  has empty interior.

A sequence  $(x_n)$  in a metric space  $(X, d)$  is Cauchy if for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist  $N$  such that for all  $m, n > N$ ,  $d(x_m, x_n) < \varepsilon$ . Every convergent sequence in a metric space is Cauchy.  $X$  is complete (or  $d$  is complete) if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  converges.

If  $A \subseteq X$  where  $X$  is a metric space, then  $\text{diam}(A) = \sup \{d(a, b) : a, b \in A\} \in [0, \infty]$ .  
( $A \neq \emptyset$ ) If  $\text{diam}(A) < \infty$  then  $A$  is bounded. If  $A$  is unbounded then  $\text{diam} A = \infty$ .

Lemma 1.1 Consider a chain  $K_1 \supseteq K_2 \supseteq K_3 \supseteq K_4 \supseteq \dots$  of non-empty closed sets in a complete metric space  $X$  with  $\text{diam} K_n \rightarrow 0$ . Then  $\bigcap_n K_n \neq \emptyset$ .

Lemma 1.2 Every closed subspace of a complete metric space is complete. Proof: Exercise.

In a metric space  $(X, d)$ , if  $\delta < \varepsilon$  then  $B_\delta(a) \subseteq \overline{B_\delta(a)} \subseteq B_\varepsilon(a)$ .

Let  $X$  be a top. space. A subset  $A \subseteq X$  is of first category if it's a countable union of nowhere dense sets i.e.  $A = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots$ ,  $A_n$  nowhere dense. Eg.  $\mathbb{Q}$  is of first category. However  $\mathbb{R}$  is not of first category. This follows from

Baire Category Theorem If  $X$  is a complete metric space then  $X$  is of second category i.e. not of first category.

Corollary (A.K.A Baire Category Theorem Part II) Let  $X$  be a complete metric space and suppose  $D_1, D_2, D_3, \dots \subseteq X$  are dense open sets. Then  $D_1 \cap D_2 \cap D_3 \cap \dots \neq \emptyset$ .

Ex. Let  $l_1, l_2, l_3, \dots$  be lines in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Then  $\bigcup l_n \neq \mathbb{R}^3$ .

Proof Take  $D_n = \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus l_n$ . (dense open set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ).  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a complete metric space.

Ex. Color the points of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  using a countable set of colors. Then at least one of the color sets is somewhere dense.

Application There exist functions  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which are continuous but nowhere differentiable.

Proof uses Baire Category Theory.

$V = C([0,1]) = \{ \overset{\text{Continuous}}{\text{functions}} [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \}$ . This vector space is a metric space using  $\|f\| = \sup \{ |f(x)| : x \in [0,1] \} < \infty$  for all  $f \in V$ .

$$d(f,g) = \|f-g\|.$$

Define subsets  $A_{m,n} \subset V$  where  $m,n$  are pos. integers by

$$A_{m,n} = \left\{ f \in V : \left| \frac{f(y) - f(x)}{y-x} \right| < m \text{ whenever } 0 < |x-y| < \frac{1}{n} \right\}.$$

closed, nowhere dense. (see Lemma 4.1)

Also if  $f \in V$  is differentiable then  $f \in A_{m,n}$  for some  $m,n \geq 1$ .