

4.6.5.a Prove that $E \subset \mathbf{R}^2$ closed and bounded $\Rightarrow E$ compact.

Proof of exercise 4.6.5.a:

Let $E \subset \mathbf{R}^2$ be closed and bounded.

Since E is bounded, by exercise 2.6.10, every sequence $\{p_n\} \subset E$ has a subsequence $\{p_{n_k}\}$ which converges. That is, $\exists p \exists \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists K_1(\varepsilon) > 0$

$$\exists \forall k \geq K_1, \|p_{n_k} - p\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \text{ and } \exists K_2(\varepsilon) > 0 \exists \forall l \geq K_2, \|p - p_{n_l}\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Then, $\forall k, l \geq \max\{K_1, K_2\}$, we have:

$$\|p_{n_k} - p_{n_l}\| = \|p_{n_k} - p + p - p_{n_l}\| \leq \|p_{n_k} - p\| + \|p - p_{n_l}\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$$

That is, $\{p_{n_k}\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Since E is closed, $p \in E$.

Therefore, every sequence in E contains a subsequence which converges to a point in E . (i.e. E is compact). Q.E.D.

4.6.5.b Show that if E is not closed and bounded, then E is not compact.

Answer to exercise 4.6.5.b:

Suppose E is not closed. $\exists \{p_n\} \subset E$ Cauchy $\exists p_n \rightarrow p \notin E$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Since $p_n \rightarrow p$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, every subsequence $\{p_{n_k}\}$ of $\{p_n\}$ also converges to $p \notin E$. Thus, \exists a sequence in E which has no subsequences converging to any point in E . (i.e. E is not compact)

Suppose E is not bounded. $\forall n \in \mathbf{N} \exists p_n \in E \exists \|p_n\| > n$

Consider the sequence $\{p_n\}$. Any subsequence $\{p_{n_j}\}$ of $\{p_n\}$ satisfies

$$\|p_{n_j}\| > n_j \quad \forall j.$$

Suppose $p_{n_j} \rightarrow p \in \mathbf{R}^2$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$ with $\|p\| \leq N_0 < \infty$ (i.e. assume p_{n_j} has a finite limit)

Take $\varepsilon = 1$. Then $\exists J \in \mathbf{N} \exists \forall j \geq J, \|p_{n_j} - p\| < 1$. However, we can take

$j \exists n_j > N_0 + 10$. Then $\|p_{n_j} - p\| > 10$ which is not < 1 . Thus, $\{p_{n_j}\}$ diverges to $+\infty$.

$\{p_{n_j}\}$ does not converge, but since $\{p_{n_j}\}$ was an arbitrary subsequence of $\{p_n\}$, it follows that $\{p_n\}$ has no convergent subsequences. Thus, $\exists \{p_n\} \subset E$ with no convergent subsequences $\Rightarrow E$ is not compact.

4.6.5.c Is $\{(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$ compact?

Answer to exercise 4.6.5.c:

$C = \{(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$ is bounded since $\forall (x, y) \in C, \|x - y\| \leq 2$

C is also closed. Take a sequence $\{(x_n, y_n)\} \subset C \exists (x_n, y_n) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)$

Since $(x_n, y_n) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)$, $x_n \rightarrow x_0$ and $y_n \rightarrow y_0$. Since $(x_n, y_n) \in C \forall n$,
 $x_n^2 + y_n^2 \leq 1 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n^2 + y_n^2) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n^2 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n^2 = x_0^2 + y_0^2 \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 = 1$

Thus, $(x_0, y_0) \in C$ and C is closed.

$\Rightarrow C$ is compact by exercise 4.6.5.a.

4.6.5.d Is $\{(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 < 1\}$ compact?

Answer to exercise 4.6.5.d:

No. It is not closed. Take $\{(x_n, y_n)\} = \left\{ \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}, 0 \right) \right\}$. Then, $\forall n, (x_n, y_n) \in C$, but

the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}, 0 \right) = (1, 0)$ is not in C since $1^2 + 0 = 1 \geq 1$.

$\Rightarrow C$ is not compact by exercise 4.6.5.b since it is not closed.

4.6.5.e Is $E = \{(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 \geq 1\}$ compact?

No. E is not bounded since $\forall M > 0 \exists (x, y) \in E \ni \|x - y\| \geq M$. Pick $M_n = n$ and

$\{(x_n, y_n)\} = \{(n, 0)\}$. $\forall n, \|n\| \geq n$.

$\Rightarrow C$ is not compact by exercise 4.6.5.b since it is not bounded.