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Heine-Borel Theorem Let $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}^p$ be given. Then:

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$F \subseteq \mathbb{R}^p$ is compact \iff F is closed & bounded

Proof

\Rightarrow Assume F is compact.

Let $G_n = B_n(0)$. Then $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}^p = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} G_n$.

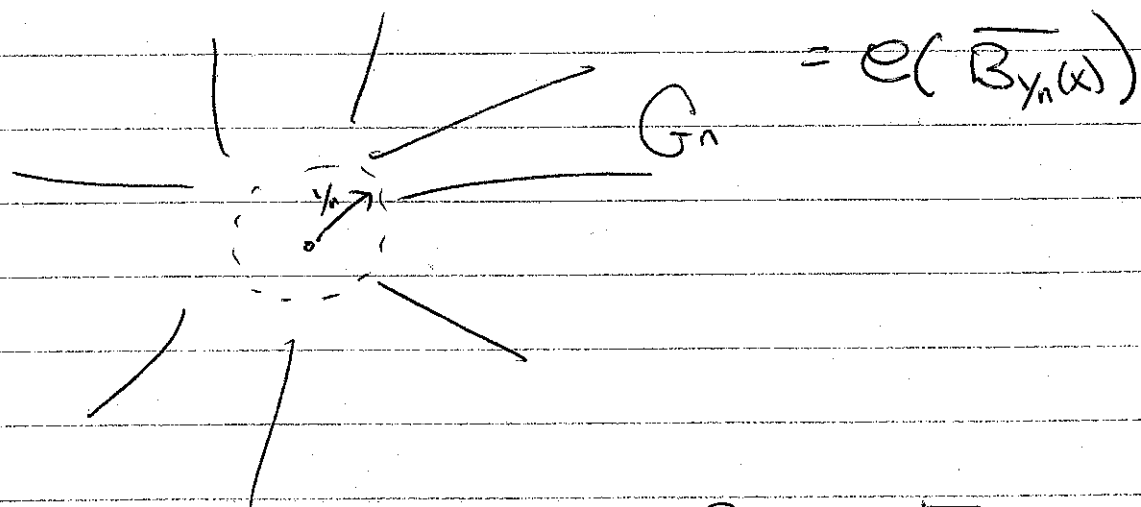
Since F is compact, it must be contained in

a finite union of G_n . But F is contained

in some ball $B_n(0)$, so is bounded.

Next, we show F is closed by showing that $c(F)$ is open.

Let $x \in c(F)$. Let $G_n = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x - y\| > \frac{1}{n}\}$.

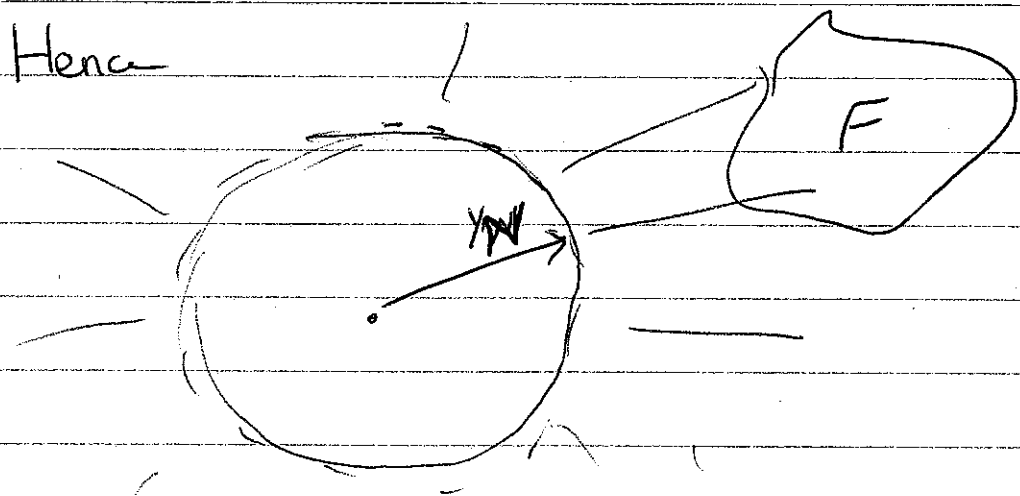


Note G_n is open, & $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} G_n = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \supseteq F$.

Since F is compact, $F \subseteq G_1 \cup \dots \cup G_N$

for some N . But $G_1 \subseteq G_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq G_N$, so

$F \subseteq G_N$. Hence



Thus ~~$B_{1/N}(x) \subseteq F$~~
 $\bar{B}_{1/N}(x) \subseteq e(F)$

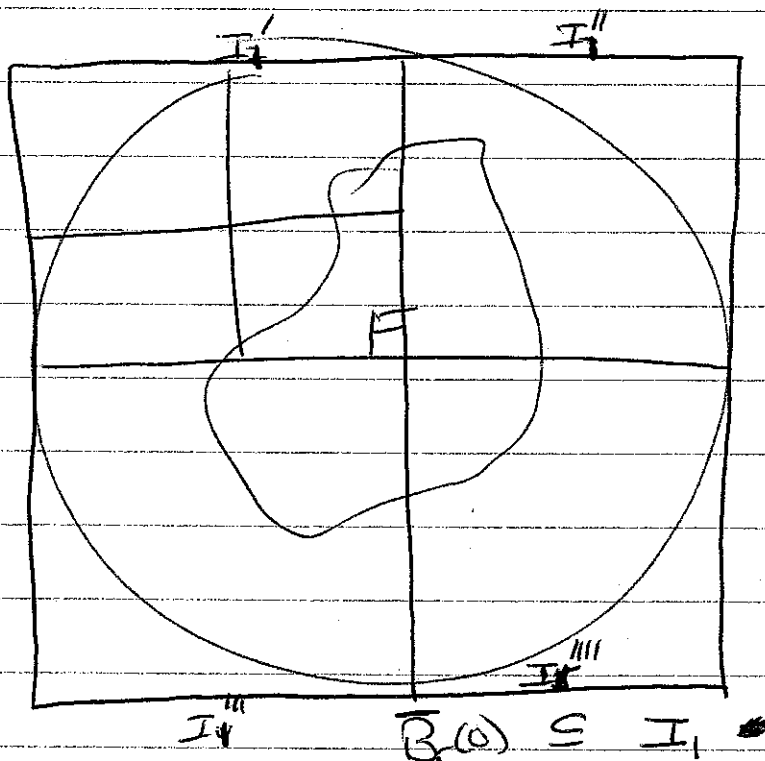
But for $x \in B_{1/N}(x) \subseteq e(F)$
open ball

so $e(F)$ is open.

← Assume ~~any~~ F is closed & bounded.

Let $\{G_\alpha\}$ be any open cover of F (countable or uncountable). Suppose there is no finite subcover of $\{G_\alpha\}$.

Since F is bounded, $F \subseteq \overset{\text{Cube } I_1}{\text{Ball } B_r}$ for some r .



One of $F \cap I_1'$, $F \cap I_1''$, $F \cap I_1'''$, $F \cap I_1''''$

cannot be covered by finitely many G_α . Call this one I_2 .

Repeat

$I_1 \supseteq I_2 \supseteq \dots$ Nested cells. $\exists y \in \bigcap I_n$

Note y is a cluster point of F . But F is closed, so $y \in F$.

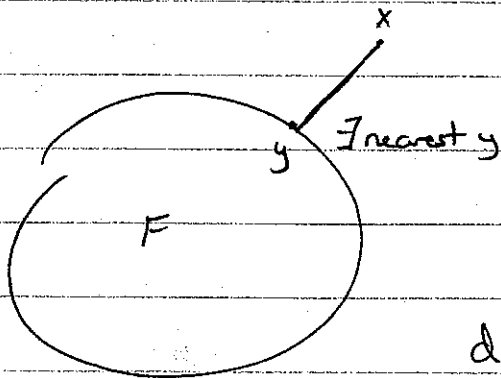
Hence $y \in G_\alpha$ for some α . But then

$B_\epsilon(y) \subseteq G_\alpha$ for some ϵ .

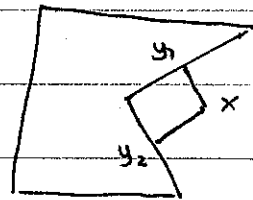
But $I_k \not\subseteq B_\epsilon(y)$ for all $k \geq$ some k_0 .

Hence $F \cap I_k$ is covered by the single set G_α -

contradiction. \square



need not be unique



$$\text{dist}(x, F) = \|x - y\| > 0$$

$$\text{dist}(x, u) = 0$$

Cantor Intersection Theorem

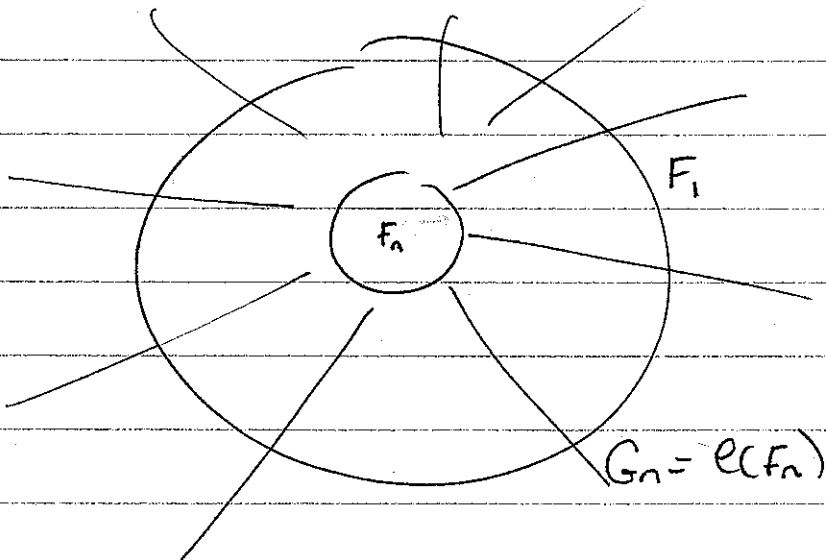
If $F_1 \supseteq F_2 \supseteq F_3 \supseteq \dots$ are ^{compact} (closed & bounded) & nonempty, then $\bigcap F_n \neq \emptyset$.

Proof.

Let $G_n = \mathbb{C}(F_n)$. Suppose $\bigcap F_n = \emptyset$. Then $\bigcup G_n = \mathbb{R}^p$.

Hence $F_1 \subseteq \bigcup G_n$. But F_1 is closed & bounded, hence compact.

So $F_1 \subseteq G_1 \cup \dots \cup G_n$ ~~$\cup \dots \cup G_n$~~ $= G_n = \mathbb{C}(F_n)$.



$$F_1 \cap F_n = \emptyset$$

because

$$F_1 \cap F_n \subset \mathbb{C}(F_n) \cap F_n = \emptyset$$

Contradiction: $F_n \subseteq F_1!$ □

Example: If F_n aren't bounded, could have $\bigcap F_n = \emptyset$.

Let

$$F_n = \mathbb{C}(B_n(0)) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^p : \|y\| \geq n\}$$

Nested: ~~$F_1 \supseteq F_2 \supseteq \dots$~~ but $\bigcap F_n = \emptyset$

Corollary

Let $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}^p$ be closed, $F \neq \emptyset$. Let $x \notin F$.

Then \exists a ~~unique~~ point $y \in F$ that is nearest to x , i.e.

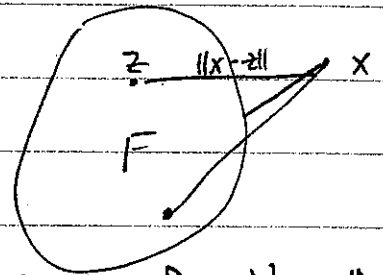
$$z \in F \Rightarrow \|z-x\| \geq \|z-y\|$$

Proof

Let

$$d = \inf \{ \|z-x\| : z \in F \}$$

$= \text{dist}(x, F)$



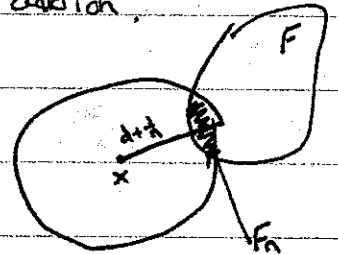
We claim that $d > 0$. Suppose $d = 0$. Then by def. of inf, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$\exists z_n \in F$ s.t. $0 < \|z_n - x\| < \frac{1}{n}$. Hence x is a cluster point of F .

\uparrow
because $x \notin F$

But F is closed, so this implies $x \in F$, a contradiction.

$$\text{Let } F_n = \overline{B_{d+\frac{1}{n}}(x)} \cap F \quad F_1 \supseteq F_2 \supseteq \dots$$

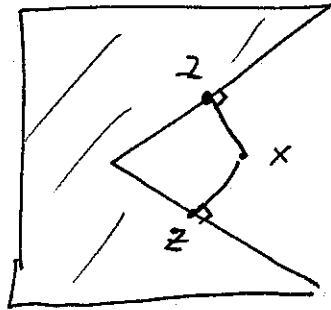


By Cantor Intersection, $\exists y \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n$. $\|y-x\| \leq d + \frac{1}{n} \forall n$
Note $y \in F$. So $\|y-x\| \leq d$.

But $d = \inf \{ \|x-z\| : z \in F \}$ so $\|y-x\| \leq \|x-z\| \forall z \in F$ □

Note: There can be more than one closest point

Example:

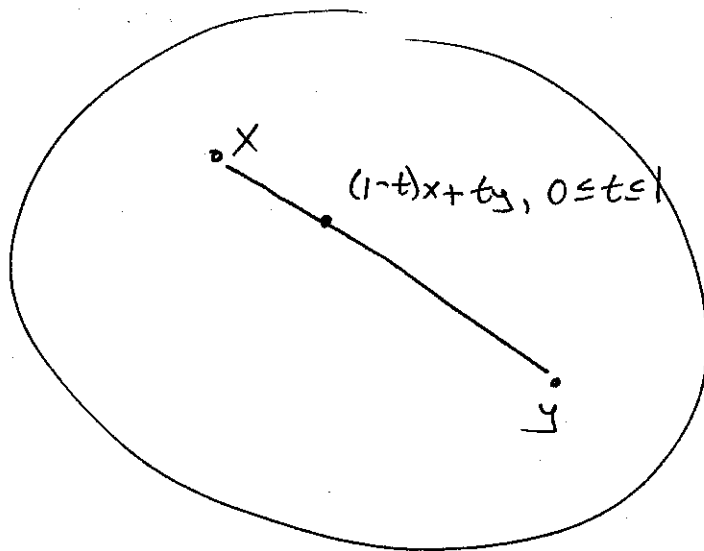


K is compact, but there are two points closest to x . Problem: K is not convex.

Exercise: K closed & convex \Rightarrow unique closest point.

Hint: If there were two, the ~~midpoint~~ midpoint would be even closer.

Convex:



K convex if:

$x, y \in K$ ~~implies~~ $\Rightarrow (1-t)x + ty \in K$
for $0 \leq t \leq 1$.