

Lesson n°205 : Complete metric spaces. Examples.

Devs :

- Théorème de Riesz-Fischer
- Théorème de Cauchy-Lipschitz

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In all this paper, (X, m) designates a metric space.

1 Definitions and first properties.

1.1 Basics.

Definition 1. A sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of $X^{\mathbb{N}}$ is called a Cauchy sequence if :

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \quad \forall m, n \geq N \quad d(x_m, x_n) \leq \varepsilon.$$

Example 2.

- A sequence which converges to an element of X it's a Cauchy sequence.
- A Cauchy sequence is always bounded.

Proposition 3. Let m and m' two equivalent metrics on E . Then $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Cauchy sequence in (X, m) if and only if it's a Cauchy sequence on (X, m') .

Definition 4. We say that the metric space X is complete for the metric m if every Cauchy sequence converges to an element of X .

Example 5.

- The metric space \mathbb{R}^n with the usual euclidian metric is complete.
- The space \mathbb{Q} is not complete, because the Heron sequence defined by $u_0 = 2$ and $u_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(u_n + \frac{1}{u_n} \right)$ converges to $\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$.

Remark 6. The notion of completeness is not a topological notion.

For example, the metrics m defined on \mathbb{R} by $\bar{m}(x, y) = |\text{Arctan}(x) - \text{Arctan}(y)|$ defines the same topology as the usual metric, but $(n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Cauchy sequence for \bar{m} (obviously not for the usual metric).

1.2 Properties

Proposition 7. Let $(X_1, m_1), \dots, (X_n, m_n)$ be metric spaces. Then the product metric space $X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$ is complete (for the product metric) if and only if (E_i, m_i) is complete for all i .

Proposition 8.

- A complete subspace from a metric space is closed.
- A closed subspace from a complete metric space is complete.
- A compact metric space is complete.

Theorem 9. (Nested intervals theorem)

Let (E, m) be a complete metric space, and $(F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ a decreasing sequence of closed unempty subsets from E , such as $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \delta(F_n) = 0$, where δ designated the diameter of the space F_n .

Then there exist $x \in E$ such as $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} F_n = \{x\}$.

1.3 Notion of completion of a metric space.

Definition 10. If (Y, m') is a metric space, one can define another metric space on the set $\mathcal{B}(X, Y)$ of bounded functions from X to Y , using the metric ρ defined by :

$$\rho(f, g) := \sup_{x \in X} \{m'(f(x)), m'(g(x))\}.$$

Theorem 11. The space $\mathcal{B}(X, Y)$ is a complete metric space.

Theorem 12. Let (E, d) be a metric space. There is an isometric imbedding of E into the complete metric space $(\mathcal{B}(E, \mathbb{R}), \rho)$.

Definition 13. Let (E, d) be a metric space. If $h: E \rightarrow F$ is an isometric imbedding of E into a complete metric space F , then the subspace $\overline{h(X)}$ of F is a complete metric space. It is called the completion of E .

Proposition 14. The completion of a metric space is uniquely determined up to an isometry.

2 Banach spaces.

In this section, $(E, \|\cdot\|)$ and $(F, \|\cdot\|)$ are normed vector spaces.

Definition 15. The normed vector space $(E, \|\cdot\|)$ is called a Banach space if it's a complete space for the metric induced by the norm $\|\cdot\|$.

Theorem 16. The space $(E, \|\cdot\|)$ is a Banach space if and only if every absolutely convergent series of elements of E is convergent.

2.1 Fonctionnal spaces.

Theorem 17. The spaces of $\mathcal{B}(E, F)$ and $C^0(E, F)$, respectively the space of bounded functions from $(E, \|\cdot\|)$ to $(F, \|\cdot\|)$ and the space of continuous functions from $(E, \|\cdot\|)$ to $(F, \|\cdot\|)$, are Banach spaces for the uniform norm.

Theorem 18. If K is a compact space, then the space $\mathcal{F}(K, E)$ of functions from K to E is a Banach space.

Theorem 19. The space $C^k([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$ with the norm $\|\cdot\|_k$ given by $\|f\|_k := \sum_{i=0}^k \|f^{(i)}\|_\infty$ is a Banach space.

2.2 Continuous linear mappings.

Definition 20. The set of continuous linear mappings from $(E, \|\cdot\|)$ to $(F, \|\cdot\|)$ is noted $\mathcal{L}(E, F)$. It's a normed vector space for the operator norm $\|\cdot\|$ defined by $\|\varphi\| := \sup_{\|x\|=1} \|\varphi(x)\|$.

Proposition 21. The operator norm is sub-multiplicative : $\|\varphi \circ \psi\| \leq \|\varphi\| \cdot \|\psi\|$ for every $\varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$.

Theorem 22. If $(F, \|\cdot\|)$ is a Banach space, then so is $\mathcal{L}(E, F)$.

Proposition 23. Let $u \in \mathcal{L}(E)$ such as $\|u\| < 1$. Then $\text{Id} - u$ is inversible, and it's inverse is given by :

$$u^{-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} u^n \in \mathcal{L}(E).$$

Corollary 24. The set $\text{GL}(E)$ of continuous automorphisms of E is an open subset of $\mathcal{L}(E)$.

2.3 L^p spaces.

Let (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) be a measure space.

Definition 25. For $0 < p < \infty$ and f a complex valued measurable function defined on X , one can define :

$$\|f\|_p := \left(\int_X |f|^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

The space $\mathcal{L}^p(\mu)$ is made up with the measurable functions $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that $\|f\|_p < \infty$.

One can also define $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ by $\|f\|_\infty := \inf \{a \in \mathbb{R}_+ : \mu(\{|f| > a\}) = 0\}$, and $\mathcal{L}^\infty(\mu) = \{f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ measurable, } \|f\|_\infty < \infty\}$.

Remark 26. If μ designates the counting measure on a countable space X , we usually denote $\mathcal{L}^p(\mu)$ by ℓ^p .

Proposition 27. (Hölder inequality)

For $p \in [1, \infty]$ and $q \in [1, \infty]$ such that $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, $f \in \mathcal{L}^p(\mu)$ and $g \in \mathcal{L}^q(\mu)$, one have :

$$\|fg\|_1 \leq \|f\|_p \cdot \|g\|_q$$

Corollary 28. (Minkowski inequality)

For $f, g \in \mathcal{L}^p(\mu)$ with $p \in [1, \infty]$, one have $\|f + g\|_p \leq \|f\|_p + \|g\|_p$.

Corollary 29. (Interpolation inequality)

Let $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$.

If $f \in \mathcal{L}^p(X, \mu) \cap \mathcal{L}^q(X, \mu)$ then $f \in \mathcal{L}^r(X, \mu)$ for every $r \in [p, q]$ and :

$$\|f\|_{L^r} \leq \|f\|_p^\alpha \cdot \|f\|_q^{1-\alpha}$$

Definition 30. Let $p \in [1, \infty]$. One can define the set $\mathcal{L}^p(\mu)$ as the quotient set of $\mathcal{L}^p(\mu)$ by the equivalence relation given by $f \sim g \iff \mu(\{f \neq g\}) = 0$.

For convenience, we usually still denote f the class of f in \mathcal{L}^p / \sim .

Theorem 31. For every $p \in [1, \infty]$, the space $(\mathcal{L}^p, \|\cdot\|_p)$ is a normed vector space.

Développement 1 :

Theorem 32. (Riesz-Fischer Theorem)

For every $p \in [1, \infty]$, the space $(L^p, \|\cdot\|_p)$ is complete. Therefore, L^p is a Banach space.

Proposition 33. Let $p \in [1, \infty]$ and $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ a Cauchy sequence in $L^p(\mu)$ converging to a limit $f \in L^p(\mu)$. There exist a sub-sequence $(f_{\varphi(n)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converging to f almost everywhere.

2.4 Hilbert spaces.

Definition 34. Let H be a vector space on the field $k = \mathbb{R}$ or $k = \mathbb{C}$. The space H is called an inner product space (or a pre-Hilbert space) if it's endowed with an inner product.

If H is also a complete metric space, then H is called a Hilbert space.

Example 35. The set $\ell^2(\mathbb{N}) := \left\{ x = (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}} : \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |x_n|^2 < \infty \right\}$ and more generally, the set $L^2(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ are Hilbert spaces, with their respective inner products $\langle x, y \rangle_{\ell^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} x_i \bar{y}_i$ and $\langle x, y \rangle_{L^2} = \int_X f \bar{g} d\mu$.

Theorem 36. (Hilbert projection theorem)

Let $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be a Hilbert space, and $C \subset H$ a nonempty closed convex subspace, and $x \in H$.

Then there exists a unique vector $y \in C$ for which $\|x - z\|$ is minimized over the vector $z \in C$. The vector y is noted $p_C(x)$ and called the projection of x on C .

Furthermore, the element $p_C(x)$ is characterized by the following :

1. $p_C(x) \in C$,
2. $\forall z \in C \quad \Re(\langle x - p_C(x), z - p_C(x) \rangle) \leq 0$.

Corollary 37. Let $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be a Hilbert space and $F \subset H$ be a closed vector subset of H . Then we deduce from Theorem 36 that :

$$H = \bar{F} \oplus (\bar{F})^\perp = \bar{F} \oplus F^\perp.$$

This formula induces a density criteria in a Hilbert space :

$$F \text{ is dense in } H \iff F^\perp = 0.$$

Theorem 38. (Riesz representation theorem)

Let $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be a Hilbert space. For every continuous linear map $\varphi \in H^*$, there exist a unique $f_\varphi \in H$ such that :

$$\forall x \in H \quad \varphi(x) = \langle f_\varphi, x \rangle = \langle x, f_\varphi \rangle.$$

Moreover, one have $\|f_\varphi\|_H = \|\varphi\|_{H^*}$.

Corollary 39. (Radon-Nykodym theorem)

Let μ and ν two σ -finite measures on (X, \mathcal{A}) such that $\mu(A) = 0 \implies \nu(A) = 0$ for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$. Then there exists a measurable function $f: (X, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow (\bar{\mathbb{R}}_+, \mathcal{B}(\bar{\mathbb{R}}_+))$ such that for every $A \in \mathcal{A}$:

$$\nu(A) = \int_X f \cdot \mathbf{1}_A d\mu.$$

3 Main applications of completeness.

3.1 Banach fixed point theorem and applications.

Definition 40. Let (X, d) be a complete metric space. Then a map $T: X \rightarrow X$ is called a contraction mapping on X if there exists $q \in [0, 1]$ such that $d(T(x), T(y)) < q \cdot d(x, y)$.

Theorem 41. (Banach fixed point theorem)

Let (X, d) be a nonempty complete metric space with a contraction mapping $T: X \rightarrow X$. Then T admits a unique fixed point $x^* \in X$. Furthermore, x^* can be found as follows : start with an arbitrary element $x_0 \in X$ and define the sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ by $x_{n+1} = T(x_n)$ for all $n \geq 0$. Then $x_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow +\infty]{} x^*$.

The Banach fixed point theorem has a crucial utility in the proof of some major theorems in calculus. We present some of them below.

Développement 2 :

Theorem 42. (Cauchy-Lipschitz theorem)

Let $U \subset \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n$ an open subset, $\varphi: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous, locally lipschitz for it's second variable. Then for all $(t_0, u_0) \in U$, there exist an interval I such that $x_0 \in I$ and a function $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ differentiable such that :

$$\begin{cases} \forall t \in I \quad f'(t) = \varphi(t, f(t)) \\ f(t_0) = u_0 \end{cases}.$$

Theorem 43. (Lagrange multipliers theorem)

Let U be an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n , $f, g_1, \dots, g_k: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be functions of class \mathcal{C}^1 , and $M := \{x \in U : g_1(x) = \dots = g_k(x) = 0\}$. Let suppose that $f|_M$ has a local extremum in an element $m \in M$ and that the differential forms $(Dg_i(m))_{0 \leq i \leq k}$ are lineary independant.

Then there exists $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \in \mathbb{R}$ such that :

$$Df(m) = \sum_{i=0}^k \lambda_i Dg_i(m).$$

The numbers $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k)$ are called the Lagrange multipliers associated to $(Dg_i(m))_{0 \leq i \leq k}$ and f .

Theorem 44. (Implicit function theorem)

Let U be an open subset of $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^p$, (a, b) an element of U , and $f: \begin{cases} U & \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p \\ (x, y) & \mapsto f(x, y) \end{cases}$ a function of class C^1 . Let's suppose that $f(a, b) = 0$ and that the jacobian matrix $D_y f(a, b)$ (made up with the partial derivatives with respect to y) is invertible, i.e $\det D_y(a, b) \neq 0$.

Then the equation $f(x, y) = 0$ can be locally resolved with respect to the variables y : there exists V (open neighborhood of a in \mathbb{R}^n) and W (open neighborhood of b in \mathbb{R}^p) with $V \times W \subset U$, and a mapping $\varphi: V \rightarrow W$ of class C^1 , such that :

$$(x \in V, y \in W \text{ and } f(x, y) = 0) \iff (x \in V \text{ and } y = \varphi(x)).$$

Furthermore, $D_y f(x, y)$ is invertible for all $(x, y) \in V \times W$.

3.2 Baire theorem and applications.

Theorem 45. Let (E, d) be a complete metric space. For a sequence $(\mathcal{O}_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of open subsets dense in E , the subset $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{O}_n$ is still dense in E .

Remark 46. An equivalent statement is the following : for a sequence $(\mathcal{F}_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of closed subset of E with empty interior, the subset $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{F}_n$ still has empty interior.

Corollary 47.

A vector space with a countable basis is not a complete metric space.

Corollary 48. Let $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ an holomorphic mapping such that :

$$\forall z \in \mathbb{C}, \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, f^{(n)}(z) = 0,$$

then f is a polynomial function.

The Baire theorem also has many applications in fonctionnal analysis, such as the following theorems for Banach spaces.

Theorem 49. (Open mapping theorem)

Let E, F be two Banach spaces and $T: E \rightarrow F$ be a continuous linear surjective mapping. There exists $M \in (0, \infty)$ such that $T(B_E(0, 1)) \supset B_F(0, M^{-1})$, i.e :

$$\forall y \in F \exists x \in E \text{ with } y = T(x) \text{ and } \|x\| \leq M \cdot \|y\|.$$

Theorem 50. (Banach-Steinhaus theorem or uniform boundedness principle)

Let E, F be two vector spaces on a field K , with E being a complete metric space. Let $(T_i)_{i \in I}$ be continuous linear mapping of $\mathcal{L}(E, F)$. Let's suppose that $\forall x \in E \sup_{i \in I} \|T_i(x)\| < \infty$.

Then $\sup_{i \in I} \|T_i\| < \infty$.

Corollary 51. The set of continuous 2π -periodic functions whose Fourier series in zero is dense is $\mathcal{C}_{2\pi}^0$.

3.3 Continuous extension theorems.

Theorem 52.

Let A be a dense subset of a metric space (X, d) and a uniformly continuous mapping from A to a metric space (Y, d') . Then :

1. There exists a unique continuous extension of f to X .
2. This extension is uniformly continuous.

Corollary 53.

Let F be a vector space, and G be a dense subset of F . Then every continuous linear mapping $f: G \rightarrow E$ has a unique continuous linear extension $\tilde{f}: E \rightarrow E$.

Example 54. (Construction of Riemann integral)

Let $a \leq b$ be reals numbers. We denote $\mathcal{E}(a, b)$ the set of simple functions on $[a, b]$. We define the Riemann integral of $f \in \mathcal{E}(a, b)$ by :

$$\mathcal{I}_{[a, b]}(f) := \int_a^b f(x) dx := \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (x_{k+1} - x_k) c_k.$$

Where $\sigma = (x_i)_{0 \leq i \leq n}$ is a partition of the interval $[a, b]$ adapted to f and c_i is the value of f on the interval (x_i, x_{i+1}) . Then the mapping $f \mapsto \mathcal{I}_{[a, b]}(f)$ is uniformly continuous from $\mathcal{E}(a, b)$ to \mathbb{R} , and $\mathcal{E}(a, b)$ is dense in $\mathcal{C}^0([a, b])$. This allow us to extend the Riemann integral to continuous functions on $[a, b]$.

Example 55. (Construction of conditionnal expectation)

Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ a probability space, $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ a sub- σ -algebra of \mathcal{F} and $X \in L^1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ an integrable random variable. We call conditionnal expectation of X given \mathcal{G} every random variable $Y \in L^1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ such that :

1. Y is \mathcal{G} -measurable,
2. $\forall A \in \mathcal{G} \quad \mathbb{E}[Y \cdot \mathbf{1}_A] = \mathbb{E}[X \cdot \mathbf{1}_A]$.

Then, the conditionnal expectation of $X \in L^1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ given \mathcal{G} exists, and is unique. It's denoted $\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}]$.

One method to prove this theorem is by using the good properties of Hilbert space $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$, and then extend the conditionnal expectation to $L^1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ by continuity, using Corollary 53.

Example 56. (*Extension of Fourier transform to $L^2(\mathbb{R})$*)

Let $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ be the Schwartz space, made up with function whose derivatives are rapidly decreasing.

We define the Fourier transform of $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ by $\mathcal{F}(f)(\xi) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) e^{-2i\pi x\xi} dx$. Thus holds the Plancherel theorem :

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{F}(f)(\xi) \overline{\mathcal{F}(g)(\xi)} d\xi = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx \text{ and } \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\mathcal{F}(f)(\xi)|^2 d\xi = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x)|^2 dx.$$

One can prove that $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ is dense in $L^2(\mathbb{R})$: therefore, with the continuous extension theorem and the Plancherel theorem, one can define a continuous extension of Fourier transform \mathcal{F} on $L^2(\mathbb{R})$.