

Sheet of exercises N°1

Exercise 1 Let $\|\cdot\|$ be a norm on a vector space E . Show that for all $x, y \in E$, we have the inequality

$$|\|x\| - \|y\|| \leq \|x - y\|.$$

Exercise 2 Let us recall the usual norms $\|\cdot\|_1$, $\|\cdot\|_2$ and $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ on \mathbb{R}^n :

$$\|x\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|, \quad \|x\|_2 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right)^{1/2}, \quad \|x\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i|, \quad \text{for } x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

and use the notations B_1 , B_2 and B_∞ to denote the balls in \mathbb{R}^n corresponding to each of these norms.

1. Show that for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have the inequalities

$$\|x\|_\infty \leq \|x\|_2 \leq \|x\|_1 \leq n \|x\|_\infty.$$

What can we conclude from this?

2. Show that for all $r > 0$ and all $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have the following inclusions:

$$B_\infty(a, r/n) \subset B_1(a, r) \subset B_2(a, r) \subset B_\infty(a, r).$$

Exercise 3 Show that the set \mathbb{Q} of rational numbers is a subset of \mathbb{R} that is neither open nor closed.

Exercise 4 Graph the following parts of \mathbb{R}^2 and for each of them, say whether it is open, closed, or neither open nor closed.

$$A_1 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 ; |x| = 1 \text{ and } |y| \neq 1\} \quad A_2 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 ; x + y \geq 0 \text{ and } x > 0\}$$

$$A_3 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 ; x \geq 0 \text{ and } y = 0\} \quad A_4 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 ; 1 - xy > 0\}$$

$$A_5 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 ; |x| \neq 1 \text{ and } |y| \neq 1\}$$

Exercise 5 Determine whether each of the following parts of \mathbb{R}^2 is bounded or not, compact or not:

$$A_1 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 ; x^2 + y^4 = 1\}, \quad A_2 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 ; x^2 + y^3 = 1\}.$$