

C.2

$$(i) d'(x, y) = 0 \iff x = y$$

a compact proof

Proof: $d'(x, y) = 0$

$$\iff \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)} = 0$$

$$\iff d(x, y) = 0 \times (1 + d(x, y))$$

$$\iff d(x, y) = 0$$

$$\iff x = y,$$

since (X, d) is a metric space. \square

C2 If $d'(x,y)=0$, then $d(x,y)=0$. Since (X,d) is a metric space, $x=y$

If $x=y$, then $d(x,y)=0$ since (X,d) is a metric space. If $d(x,y)=0$, then $d'(x,y)=0$

"If $d'(x,y)=0$ then $x=y$. missing?"

It has been shown that $d'(x,y)=0$ iff $x=y$. The first property is satisfied.

$$d'(x,y) = \frac{d(x,y)}{1+d(x,y)} = \frac{d(y,x)}{1+d(y,x)} \text{ (since } (X,d) \text{ is a metric space)}$$
$$= d'(y,x)$$

Hence the second property is satisfied.

Let $b = \frac{d(x,y)}{1+d(x,y)}$ denote the distance between two points $x,y \in X$ and $c = \frac{d(x,z)}{1+d(x,z)}$ denote the distance between two points $x,z \in X$

$$d'(x,y) + d'(x,z) = \frac{d(x,y)}{1+d(x,y)} + \frac{d(x,z)}{1+d(x,z)} \geq \frac{d(x,y) + d(x,z)}{1+d(x,y) + d(x,z)} \text{ (from hint)}$$
$$\geq \frac{d(x,z)}{1+d(x,z)} \text{ (property of metric space)}$$
$$= d'(x,z)$$

big jump!

Hence the third property is satisfied.

Since (X,d') satisfies the three property of metric space, (X,d') is a metric space by definition \square

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If $x=y$, then $d(x,y)=0$ (since (X,d) is a metric space)

$d(x,x)=0$ for all $x \in X$

Since $\min\{1,0\}=0$, $d'(x,y)=d(x,y)=0$

If $d(x,y)=0$, then $d(x,y)=d'(x,y)$, then $x=y$. (since (X,d) is a metric space)

$$\forall d'(x,y) = \min\{1, d(x,y)\} = \min\{1, 0\} = 0$$

If $d(x,y) \leq 1$,

$$d'(x,y) = d(x,y) = d(y,x) = d'(y,x) \text{ (since } (X,d) \text{ is a metric space)}$$

If $d(x,y) > 1$, then $d(y,x) > 1$

$$\Rightarrow d'(x,y) = 1 \text{ and } d'(y,x) = 1$$

Hence $d'(x,y) = d'(y,x)$ for all $x,y \in X$



$$d'(x,y) + d'(x,z) = \min\{1, d(x,y)\} + \min\{1, d(x,z)\}$$

$$d'(y,z) = \min\{1, d(y,z)\}$$

$$\text{If } d'(x,y) + d'(x,z) = d(x,y) + d(x,z),$$

$$\text{then } d'(x,y) + d'(x,z) \geq d(y,z) \geq d'(y,z)$$

Four cases?

$\leftarrow d'$ "inherits" the triangle inequality

$$\text{If } d'(x,y) + d'(x,z) = 2, \text{ then } d'(y,z) = \begin{cases} d(y,z) & \text{if } d(y,z) \leq 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } d(y,z) > 1 \end{cases}$$

which in both case $d'(y,z) \leq 1 \leq 2$

$$\text{If } d'(x,y) + d'(x,z) = 1 + d(x,y) \geq \min\{1, d(y,z)\} = d'(y,z) \text{ (since } d(x,y) \geq 0)$$

The same applies when $d'(x,z) = d(x,z)$ and $d'(x,y) = 1$. Hence (X, d') satisfies the third property.

Since (X, d') satisfies all three properties, (X, d') is a metric space by definition.

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(iii) $d'(x, z) \leq d'(x, y) + d'(y, z)$ for all $x, y, z \in X$.

claim: $\min\{1, a\} + \min\{1, b\} \geq \min\{1, a+b\}$,
for all $a, b \geq 0$.

Proof:

$a, b \leq 1:$	LHS = RHS = $a+b$.	
$a, b > 1:$	LHS = $a+b$ 2,	RHS = 1.
$a > 1, b \leq 1:$	LHS = $1+b$,	RHS = 1.
$a \leq 1, b > 1:$	LHS = $a+1$,	RHS = 1. \square

← redundant but helpful

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & d'(x, z) \\ &= \min\{1, d(x, z)\} \\ &\leq \min\{1, d(x, y) + d(y, z)\} \quad (\text{since } (X, d) \text{ is a metric space}) \\ &\leq \min\{1, d(x, y)\} + \min\{1, d(y, z)\} \\ &\quad (\text{by the claim}) \\ &= d'(x, y) + d'(y, z). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

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Appendix C: C.1 Metric Spaces

Question C.2.

Suppose that (X, d) is a metric space. Let $d'(x, y) = d(x, y)/(1 + d(x, y))$.

Prove that (X, d') is also a metric space.

Hint: If $b, c \geq 0$ then $b/(1 + b) + c/(1 + c) \geq b/(1 + b + c) + c/(1 + b + c) = (b + c)/(1 + b + c) = 1 - 1/(1 + b + c)$.

Suppose (X, d) is a metric space.

$$\text{Let } d'(x, y) = \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)} \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$$

To prove that (X, d') is also a metric space, $d'(x, y)$

must satisfy: (i) $d'(x, y) = 0 \iff x = y$,

(ii) $d'(x, y) = d'(y, x)$ for all $x, y \in X$,

(iii) $d'(x, z) \leq d'(x, y) + d'(y, z)$

Since (X, d) is a metric space, $d(x, y) = 0 \iff x = y$.

When $x = y$,
 $\implies d'(x, x) = \frac{0}{1+0} = 0$.

long-winded, but very careful!

when $x \neq y$, $d(x, y) \neq 0$,

$$\implies d'(x, y) = \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)} \neq 0$$

$\therefore d'(x, y)$ satisfies ~~the first property~~ (i), where $d'(x, y) = 0 \iff x = y$. ✓

Since (X, d) is a metric space, $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ for all $x, y \in X$,

$$\begin{aligned} d'(x, y) &= \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)} \\ &= \frac{d(y, x)}{1 + d(y, x)} \\ &= d'(y, x) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore d'(x, y) = d'(y, x)$ for all $x, y \in X$ ((ii) is satisfied). ✓

Using the hint, if $b, c \geq 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{b}{1+b} + \frac{c}{1+c} &\geq \frac{b}{1+b+c} + \frac{c}{1+b+c} \\ &= \frac{b+c}{1+b+c} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{1+b+c}.\end{aligned}$$

Let $b = d(x, y)$ and $c = d(y, z)$,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d(x, y)}{1+d(x, y)} + \frac{d(y, z)}{1+d(y, z)} &\geq 1 - \frac{1}{1+d(x, y)+d(y, z)} \\ d'(x, y) + d'(y, z) &\geq 1 - \frac{1}{1+d(x, y)+d(y, z)} \quad \text{since}\end{aligned}$$

Since (X, d) is a metric space,

$$d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{1+d(x, y)+d(y, z)} \leq \frac{1}{1+d(x, z)}$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{1+d(x, y)+d(y, z)} \geq 1 - \frac{1}{1+d(x, z)}$$

$$\therefore d'(x, y) + d'(y, z) \geq 1 - \frac{1}{1+d(x, y)+d(y, z)} \geq 1 - \frac{1}{1+d(x, z)}$$

$$\Rightarrow d'(x, y) + d'(y, z) \geq 1 - \frac{1}{1+d(x, z)}$$
$$d'(x, y) + d'(y, z) \geq \frac{1+d(x, z) - 1}{1+d(x, z)}$$

$$d'(x, y) + d'(y, z) \geq \frac{d(x, z)}{1+d(x, z)}$$

$$d'(x, y) + d'(y, z) \geq d'(x, z)$$

$$d'(x, z) \leq d'(x, y) + d'(y, z) \quad \text{[(iii) is satisfied]}$$

\therefore Since all three conditions of $d'(x, y)$ are satisfied,

(X, d') is also a metric space. \square

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Question C.3.

Suppose that (X, d) is a metric space. Let $d'(x, y) = \min\{1, d(x, y)\}$.
Prove that (X, d') is also a metric space.

Suppose (X, d) is a metric space,

$$\text{Let } d'(x, y) = \min\{1, d(x, y)\}$$

To prove that (X, d') is also a metric space, $d'(x, y)$ must satisfy:

- (i) $d'(x, y) = 0 \iff x = y$,
- (ii) $d'(x, y) = d'(y, x)$ for all $x, y \in X$,
- (iii) $d'(x, z) \leq d'(x, y) + d'(y, z)$

is this (i)?

not relevant?

~~$d'(x, y)$~~
 ~~$d(x, y)$~~
 when $0 \leq d(x, y) < 1$,
 $d'(x, y) = d(x, y)$

~~when $d(x, y) \geq 1$,
 $d'(x, y) = 1$~~

\therefore When $0 \leq d(x, y) < 1$, $d'(x, y)$ satisfies all three conditions and (X, d') is a metric space.

big picture: 3 properties need to hold for all $x, y \in X$.

when $d(x, y) \geq 1$, $d'(x, y) = 1$.

Since the first condition has already been proved above, the second and third condition shall be proved below,

Since $d(x, y)$ satisfies the conditions (X, d) is a metric space,

$$\implies d(x, y) = d(y, x),$$

$$\therefore \text{when } d(y, x) \geq 1, d'(y, x) = 1 = d'(x, y)$$

\therefore The second condition is met.

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For the following ³ cases,

1. $d(x,y) \geq 1, 0 \leq d(y,z) < 1, 0 \leq d(x,z) < 1$

2. $0 \leq d(x,y) < 1, d(y,z) \geq 1, 0 \leq d(x,z) < 1$

3. $d(x,y) \geq 1, d(y,z) \geq 1, d(x,z) \geq 1$

$d'(x,z) < d'(x,y) + d'(y,z)$, which satisfies (iii).

For the following 2 cases,

(a) $d(x,y) \geq 1, 0 \leq d(y,z) < 1, d(x,z) \geq 1$

(b) $0 \leq d(x,y) < 1, d(y,z) \geq 1, d(x,z) \geq 1$

$d'(x,z) \leq d'(x,y) + d'(y,z)$, which satisfies (iii).

For the case where $0 \leq d(x,y) < 1, 0 \leq d(y,z) < 1, d(x,z) \geq 1$,

Subject to : $d(x,y) + d(y,z) \geq d(x,z)$,

$d'(x,y) + d'(y,z) \geq d(x,z) \geq 1$

$\Rightarrow d'(x,y) + d'(y,z) \geq 1$

$\Rightarrow d'(x,y) + d'(y,z) \geq d'(x,z)$ [since $d'(x,z) = 1$ when $d(x,z) \geq 1$]

\therefore (iii) is met for this case.

(X, d') is also a metric space. □

(Since (i), (ii) and (iii) are met for the distance function).

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C2) Suppose that (X, d) is a metric space. Let $d'(x, y) = \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)}$

Prove that (X, d') is also a metric space.

Hint: If $b, c \geq 0$ then $\frac{b}{1+b} + \frac{c}{1+c} \geq \frac{b}{1+b+c} + \frac{c}{1+b+c} = \frac{b+c}{1+b+c} = 1 - \frac{1}{1+b+c}$

By definition, (X, d') is a metric space if X is a non-empty set and the distance metric d' satisfies 3 assumptions:

(i) $d'(x, y) = 0 \iff x = y$. Since (X, d) is a metric space, we know that:

$d(x, y) = 0 \iff x = y$
 $\implies d'(x, y) = \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)} = \frac{0}{1 + 0} = 0 \iff x = y$ *a bit confusing*

so $d'(x, y)$ satisfies this assumption.

(ii) $d'(x, y) = d'(y, x)$ for all $x, y \in X$. Since we know $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ for all $x, y \in X$

$\implies \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)} = \frac{d(y, x)}{1 + d(y, x)}$ for all $x, y \in X$

$\iff d'(x, y) = d'(y, x)$ for all $x, y \in X$

and thus d' satisfies this assumption. ✓

"triangle inequality"

(iii) $d'(x, z) \leq d'(x, y) + d'(y, z)$ for all $x, y, z \in X$. We know that $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$

$\implies \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)} + \frac{d(y, z)}{1 + d(y, z)} \geq \frac{d(x, y) + d(y, z)}{1 + d(x, y) + d(y, z)}$ *swap!*

$\iff d'(x, y) + d'(y, z) \geq \frac{d(x, y) + d(y, z)}{1 + d(x, y) + d(y, z)} \geq \frac{d(x, z)}{1 + d(x, z)}$

(since $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$ and $\frac{n}{1+n} \geq \frac{n-m}{1+n-m}$) *X*

$\iff d'(x, y) + d'(y, z) \geq d'(x, z)$

thus this assumption is satisfied.

\therefore all 3 assumptions are satisfied, therefore (X, d') is a metric space.

(3) Suppose (X, d) is a metric space. Let $d'(x, y) = \min\{1, d(x, y)\}$.
 Prove (X, d') is also a metric space.

The distance metric d' must satisfy 3 assumptions:

(i) $d'(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$.

$d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$ (since (X, d) is a metric space.)

$\Rightarrow d'(x, y) = \min\{1, 0\} = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$

so d' satisfies assumption 1.

(ii) $d'(x, y) = d'(y, x)$ for all $x, y \in X$.

$d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ (since (X, d) is a metric space)

$\Rightarrow d'(x, y) = \min\{1, d(x, y)\} = \min\{1, d(y, x)\} = d'(y, x)$

so d' satisfies assumption 2.

(iii) $d'(x, y) + d'(y, z) \geq d'(x, z)$.

$d(x, y) + d(y, z) \geq d(x, z)$ (since (X, d) is a metric space)

$\Rightarrow d'(x, y) + d'(y, z) = \min\{1, d(x, y)\} + \min\{1, d(y, z)\}$

$= d(x, y) + d(y, z) \geq d(x, z) \geq \min\{1, d(x, z)\} = d'(x, z)$

case 1: when $d(x, y), d(y, z) \leq 1$. (hard to read)

$= 1 + d(y, z) \geq 1 \geq \min\{1, d(x, z)\} = d'(x, z)$

when $d(x, y) \geq 1, d(y, z) \leq 1,$

$= d(x, y) + 1 \geq 1 \geq \min\{1, d(x, z)\} = d'(x, z)$

when $d(x, y) \leq 1, d(y, z) \geq 1,$

$= 1 + 1 \geq 1 \geq \min\{1, d(x, z)\} = d'(x, z)$

when $d(x, y), d(y, z) \geq 1.$

therefore,

$d'(x, y) + d'(y, z) \geq d'(x, z)$

and this assumption is satisfied.

thorough but long-winded.

\therefore All 3 assumptions are satisfied, therefore (X, d') is a metric space.