

Def Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space.

A sequence  $x_n \in X$  is a Cauchy sequence if for every radius  $r > 0$ , there exists a number  $N$  such that

$$d(x_n, x_m) < r \text{ for all } n, m > N.$$

Theorem If  $x_n \in X$  is convergent, then  $x_n$  is a Cauchy sequence.

Proof Suppose  $x_n \rightarrow x^*$ . Fix any radius  $r > 0$ . By the def of convergence, there exists some  $N$  s.t.

$$d(x_n, x^*) < \frac{r}{2} \text{ for all } n > N.$$

By the triangle inequality,

$$d(x_n, x_m) \leq d(x_n, x^*) + d(x^*, x_m)$$

$$< \frac{r}{2} + \frac{r}{2}$$

$$= r \text{ for all } n, m > N.$$

We conclude that  $x_n$  is a Cauchy sequence.  $\square$

What about the converse?

No:  $x_n = \frac{1}{n}$  inside  $(\mathbb{R}_{++}, d_2)$  is not convergent. "Wants" to converge to 0, but  $0 \notin \mathbb{R}_{++}$ .

Theorem If  $x_n \in X$  is a Cauchy sequence and  $y_n \rightarrow y^*$  is a convergent subsequence of  $x_n$ , then  $x_n \rightarrow y^*$ .

Proof Pick any  $r > 0$ . Since  $x_n$  is a Cauchy sequence, there is an  $N > 0$  s.t.

$$d(x_n, x_m) < \frac{r}{2} \text{ for all } n, m > N.$$

Since  $y_n$  is convergent, there exists some  $k > N$  such that

$$d(y_k, y^*) < \frac{r}{2}.$$

By the triangle inequality,

$$d(x_n, y^*) \leq d(x_n, y_k) + d(y_k, y^*)$$

$$< \frac{r}{2} + \frac{r}{2}$$

$$= r.$$

So  $x_n \rightarrow y^*$ .  $\square$

Theorem If  $x_n \in X$  is a Cauchy sequence, then  $x_n$  is bounded.

Proof Since  $x_n$  is Cauchy, there is some  $N$  s.t.  $d(x_n, x_m) < 1$  for all  $n, m > N$ .

Let  $r = \max\{d(x_0, x_1), d(x_1, x_2), \dots, d(x_0, x_{N-1}), 1 + d(x_0, x_N)\}$ .  $\square$

Then  $x_n \in B_r(x_0)$ .  $\square$

Theorem. If  $x_n$  is a Cauchy sequence and  $y_n$  is a subsequence of  $x_n$ , then  $y_n$  is a Cauchy sequence.