

Assignment 9 - Metric Spaces, completions

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Let (X, d) denote a metric space. A sequence x_1, x_2, \dots in X will be denoted by the notation (x_n) . Let $\mathcal{C}[X]$ denote the set of all Cauchy sequences in X and \tilde{X} denote the equivalence classes $\mathcal{C}[X]/\sim$ where $(x_n) \sim (y_n)$ if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, y_n) = 0$. For a Cauchy sequence (x_n) , let $[(x_n)] \in \tilde{X}$ denote its equivalence class. Let \tilde{d} denote the metric on \tilde{X} where

$$\tilde{d}([(x_n)], [(y_n)]) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, y_n).$$

Let $i : X \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ be the map which sends a point x to the class defined by the constant sequence x, x, x, \dots .

1. Show that if (x_n) is a Cauchy sequence in X , then $i(x_1), i(x_2), \dots$ is a sequence in \tilde{X} which converges to $[(x_n)]$.