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Chapter I

Normed vector spaces, Banach spaces and metric spaces

1 Normed vector spaces and Banach spaces

In the following let X be a linear space (vector space) over the field $\mathbb{F} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$.

Definition 1.1. A *seminorm* on X is a map $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ = [0, \infty)$ s.t.

(a) $p(\alpha x) = |\alpha|p(x) \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{F}, \forall x \in X$ (homogeneity).

(b) $p(x + y) \leq p(x) + p(y) \quad \forall x, y \in X$ (triangle inequality).

If, in addition, one has

(c) $p(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$

then p is called a **norm**. Usually one writes $p(x) = \|x\|$, $p = \|\cdot\|$. The pair $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is called a **normed (vector) space**.

Remark 1.2. • If $\|\cdot\|$ is a seminorm on X then

$$|\|x\| - \|y\|| \leq \|x - y\| \quad \forall x, y \in X \quad (\text{reverse triangle inequality}).$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\| &= \|x - y + y\| \leq \|x - y\| + \|y\| \\ \Rightarrow \|x\| - \|y\| &\leq \|x - y\| \end{aligned}$$

Now swap x & y : $\|x\| - \|y\| \leq \|y - x\| = \|(-1)(x - y)\| = \|x - y\|$.
Hence

$$|\|x\| - \|y\|| = \max(\|x\| - \|y\|, \|y\| - \|x\|) \leq \|x - y\|.$$

□

$$\bullet \quad \|\vec{0}\| = \|0\vec{0}\| = |0| \cdot \|\vec{0}\| = 0.$$

Interpret $\|x - y\|$ as distance between x and y .

Definition 1.3. Let $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} = (x_n)_n$ be a sequence in a normed vector space X $((X, \|\cdot\|))$. Then $(x_n)_n$ **converges** to a limit $x \in X$ if $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\forall n \geq N_\varepsilon$ it holds $\|x_n - x\| < \varepsilon$ (or $\|x_n - x\| \leq \varepsilon$). One writes $x_n \rightarrow x$ or $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$.

$(x_n)_n$ is a **Cauchy sequence** if $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\forall n, m \geq N_\varepsilon$ it holds $\|x_n - x_m\| < \varepsilon$ (or $\|x_n - x_m\| \leq \varepsilon$).

$(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is **complete** if every Cauchy sequence converges.

A complete normed space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is called a **Banach space**.

Remark 1.4. Let X be a normed vector space, $(x_n)_n$ a sequence in X .

(a) If $x_n \rightarrow x$ in X , then $(x_n)_n$ is a Cauchy sequence.

Proof. Given $\varepsilon > 0 \exists N_\varepsilon : \forall n \geq N_\varepsilon : \|x - x_n\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$. Hence for $n, m \geq N_\varepsilon$ we have

$$\|x_n - x_m\| = \|x_n - x + x - x_m\| \leq \|x_n - x\| + \|x - x_m\| < \varepsilon.$$

□

(b) Limits are unique!

If $x_n \rightarrow x$ in X and $x_n \rightarrow y$ in X , then $x = y$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \|x - y\| &= \|x - x_n + x_n - y\| \\ &\leq \|x_n - x\| + \|x_n - y\| \rightarrow 0 + 0 = 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

□

(c) If $(x_n)_n$ converges or is Cauchy, then it is bounded, i.e.

$$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|x_n\| < \infty.$$

Proof. Take $\varepsilon = 1$. Then there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\forall n, m \geq N : \|x_n - x_m\| < 1$. In particular, $\forall n \geq N : \|x_n - x_N\| < 1$.

$$\Rightarrow \|x_n\| = \|x_n - x_N + x_N\| \leq \|x_n - x_N\| + \|x_N\| < 1 + \|x_N\| \quad (\forall n \in \mathbb{N})$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : \|x_n\| \leq \max(\|x_1\|, \|x_2\|, \dots, \|x_N\|, 1 + \|x_N\|) < \infty.$$

□

Let X be a normed vector space, $S \neq \emptyset$ a set. For functions $f, g : S \rightarrow X$, $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}$ define

$$f + g : \begin{cases} S \rightarrow X \\ s \mapsto (f + g)(s) = f(s) + g(s) \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha f : \begin{cases} S \rightarrow X \\ s \mapsto (\alpha f)(s) = \alpha f(s) \end{cases}$$

So the set of functions from S to X is a normed space itself!

In case $X = \mathbb{R}$, we write $f \geq \alpha$ (or $f > \alpha$) if $f(s) \geq \alpha$ for all $s \in S$ ($f(s) > \alpha$ for all $s \in S$). Similarly one defines $\alpha \leq f \leq \beta$, $f \leq g$, etc.

Example 1.5. (a) $X = \mathbb{F}^d$, $d \in \mathbb{N}$ is a Banach space (or short B-space) with respect to (w.r.t) the norms

$$|x|_p := \left(\sum_{j=1}^n |x_j|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad 1 \leq p < \infty,$$

$$|x|_\infty := \max_{j=1, \dots, d} |x_j|.$$

Here $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{F}^d$.

(b) Let $\Omega \neq \emptyset$, $L^\infty(\Omega) = L^\infty(\Omega, \mathbb{R}) =$ the set of all real-valued functions on Ω which are bounded, i.e.

$$f \in L^\infty(\Omega) \text{ then } \exists M_f < \infty : |f(\omega)| \leq M_f \text{ for all } \omega \in \Omega.$$

Norm on $L^\infty(\Omega)$: for $f \in L^\infty(\Omega) : \|f\|_\infty = \sup_{\omega \in \Omega} |f(\omega)|$ (check that this is a norm!).

Claim: $(L^\infty(\Omega), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ is a Banach space.

Proof. Normed vector space is clear.

Take (f_n) a Cauchy sequence in $L^\infty(\Omega)$ w.r.t. $\|\cdot\|_\infty$. We have: $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N : \forall n, m \geq N : \|f_n - f_m\|_\infty < \varepsilon$.

Fix $\omega \in \Omega$, then $(f_n(\omega))$ is a Cauchy sequence in \mathbb{R} since

$$|f_n(\omega) - f_m(\omega)| \leq \sup_{\omega \in \Omega} |f_n(\omega) - f_m(\omega)| = \|f_n - f_m\|_\infty < \varepsilon \quad \forall n, m \geq N.$$

Since \mathbb{R} is complete, $f(\omega) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(\omega)$ exists (this f is the candidate for the limit). We have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(\omega)| &\leq |f(\omega) - f_n(\omega)| + |f_n(\omega)| \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} |f_m(\omega) - f_n(\omega)| + |f_n(\omega)| \leq \varepsilon + \underbrace{|f_n(\omega)|}_{< \infty} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sup_{\omega \in \Omega} |f(\omega)| \leq \infty,$$

i.e., $f \in L^\infty(\Omega)$.

Take $\varepsilon > 0$. Then

$$|f_n(\omega) - f(\omega)| = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{|f_n(\omega) - f_m(\omega)|}_{\leq \varepsilon \text{ if } n, m \geq N} \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{if } n \geq N$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall n \geq N : \|f_n - f\|_\infty \leq \varepsilon, \text{ i.e., } f_n \rightarrow f \text{ w.r.t. } \|\cdot\|_\infty.$$

□

(c) $X = C([0, 1])$, $\|f\|_1 := \int_0^1 |f(t)| dt$ is a norm, $(C([0, 1]), \|\cdot\|_1)$ is not complete.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_1 &\geq 0 \quad \forall f \in C([0, 1]). \\ \|f + g\|_1 &= \int_0^1 \underbrace{|f(t) + g(t)|}_{\leq |f(t)| + |g(t)|} dt \leq \|f\|_1 + \|g\|_1 \\ \|\alpha f\|_1 &= \int_0^1 |\alpha f(t)| dt = |\alpha| \|f\|_1 \end{aligned}$$

So $\|\cdot\|$ is a seminorm.

If $f \not\equiv 0$ and f is continuous, we see that there exist an interval $I \subset [0, 1]$, $\delta > 0$ such that $|f(t)| \geq \delta \quad \forall t \in I$.

$$\Rightarrow \|f\|_1 = \int_0^1 |f(t)| dt \geq \int_I \underbrace{|f(t)|}_{\geq \delta} dt \geq \delta \cdot \text{length of } I > 0.$$

So $\|\cdot\|_1$ is a seminorm. Now take a special sequence

$$f_n(t) := \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n} \\ nt - \frac{n}{2} + 1, & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n} < t < \frac{1}{2} \\ 1, & \text{if } t \geq \frac{1}{2} \end{cases} \quad (n \geq 3)$$

For $m \geq n \geq 3$:

$$\|f_n - f_m\|_1 = \int_{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n}}^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{m}} |f_n(t) - f_m(t)| dt \leq \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

so (f_n) is a Cauchy sequence.

Assume that $f_n \rightarrow f \in C([0, 1])$. Fix $\alpha \in [0, \frac{1}{2})$, $n : \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n} \geq \alpha$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \int_0^\alpha |f(t)| dt = \int_0^\alpha |f_n(t) - f(t)| dt \\ &\leq \int_0^1 |f_n(t) - f(t)| dt = \|f_n - f\|_1 \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $f(t) = 0$ for all $0 \leq t \leq \alpha$, all $0 \leq \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$

$$f(t) = 0 \quad \text{for all } 0 \leq t < \frac{1}{2}.$$

On the other hand

$$0 \leq \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 |f(t) - 1| dt = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 |f(t) - f_n(t)| dt \leq \|f - f_n\|_1 \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Since f is continuous on $[0, 1]$, it follows that $f(t) = 1$ for $\frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1$.
So f cannot be continuous at $t = \frac{1}{2}$. A contradiction. \square

2 Basics of metric spaces

Definition 2.1. Given a set $M \neq \emptyset$, a metric (or distance) d on M is a function $d : M \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

- (a) $d(x, y) \geq 0 \quad \forall x, y \in M$ and $d(x, y) = 0 \iff x = y$.
- (b) $d(x, y) = d(y, x) \quad \forall x, y \in M$ (symmetry).
- (c) $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y) \quad \forall x, y, z \in M$ (triangle inequality).

The pair (M, d) is called a **metric space**. We often simply write M if it is clear what d is.

A sequence $(x_n)_n$ in a metric space (M, d) **converges** to $x \in M$ if $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{N} \forall n \geq N_\varepsilon : d(x, x_n) < \varepsilon$ (or $\leq \varepsilon$). One writes $\lim x_n = x$ or $x_n \rightarrow x$.

One always has

$$|d(x, z) - d(z, y)| \leq d(x, y)$$

Hint for the proof:

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

and think and use symmetry.

Example 2.2. • \mathbb{R} with $d(x, y) = |x - y|$;

- Any normed vector space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ with $d(x, y) = \|x - y\|$;
- Euclidian space \mathbb{R}^d (or \mathbb{C}^d) with $d_2(x, y) = \left(\sum_{j=1}^d |x_j - y_j|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ or $d_p(x, y) = \left(\sum_{j=1}^d |x_j - y_j|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$, or $d_\infty(x, y) = \max_{j=1, \dots, d} |x_j - y_j|$.
- $M \neq \emptyset$, define $d : M \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$d(x, y) := \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x = y \\ 1, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

is discrete metric. (M, d) is called discrete metric space.

- $M = (0, \infty)$, $d(x, y) = \left| \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y} \right|$ is a metric.

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$$d(x, y) := \begin{cases} |x - y|, & \text{if } x = \lambda y \text{ for some } \lambda > 0, \\ |x| + |y|, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

- If (M, d) is a metric space, $N \subset M$, then (N, d) is a metric space. Example: $M = \mathbb{R}^2$, $N = \{x : |x| = 1\}$.
- $M = \mathbb{F}^{\mathbb{N}} =$ set of all sequences $(a_n)_n$, $a_n \in \mathbb{F} =$ set of all functions $a : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ is a metric space with metric

$$d(a, b) := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^{-j} \frac{|a(j) - b(j)|}{1 + |a(j) - b(j)|}.$$

Proof. $d(a, b) \geq 0$, $d(a, b) = 0 \Rightarrow a = b$, $d(a, b) = d(b, a)$ are clear.

Need $d(a, b) \leq d(a, c) + d(c, b)$ for all sequences a, b, c .

Note: $0 \leq t \mapsto \frac{t}{1+t}$ is increasing!

$$\begin{aligned} d(a, b) &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^{-j} \frac{|a(j) - b(j)|}{1 + |a(j) - b(j)|} \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^{-j} \frac{|a(j) - c(j)| + |c(j) - b(j)|}{1 + |a(j) - c(j)| + |c(j) - b(j)|} \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^{-j} \left(\frac{|a(j) - c(j)|}{1 + |a(j) - c(j)|} + \frac{|c(j) - b(j)|}{1 + |c(j) - b(j)|} \right), \end{aligned}$$

since, by the triangle inequality, $|a(j) - b(j)| \leq |a(j) - c(j)| + |c(j) - b(j)|$.

Note: $(a_n)_n \subset \mathbb{F}^{\mathbb{N}}$, $a_n \rightarrow a$ in $\mathbb{F}^{\mathbb{N}} \iff \forall j \in \mathbb{N} : a_n(j) \rightarrow a(j)$ and this space is complete!

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{-j} \frac{|a_n(j) - a(j)|}{1 + |a_n(j) - a(j)|} &\leq d(a_n, a) \quad \text{for fixed } j \\ \Rightarrow |a_n(j) - a(j)| &\leq \underbrace{2^j d(a_n, a)}_{\leq \frac{1}{2} \text{ for } n \text{ large enough}} (1 + |a_n(j) - a(j)|) \\ &\leq 2^j d(a_n, a) + \frac{1}{2} |a_n(j) - a(j)| \text{ for } n \text{ large enough} \\ \Rightarrow \text{for } n \text{ large enough: } |a_n(j) - a(j)| &\leq 2^{j+1} d(a_n, a) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \end{aligned}$$

so $a_n \rightarrow a$ in $\mathbb{F}^{\mathbb{N}} \Rightarrow \forall j \in \mathbb{N} : a_n(j) \rightarrow a(j)$.

Need \Leftarrow :

$$\begin{aligned} d(a_n, a) &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^{-j} \frac{|a_n(j) - a(j)|}{1 + |a_n(j) - a(j)|} \\ &\leq \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^L 2^{-j} |a_n(j) - a(j)|}_{\leq L \max_{j=1, \dots, L} |a_n(j) - a(j)|} + \underbrace{\sum_{j=L+1}^{\infty} 2^{-j}}_{< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \text{ by choosing } L \text{ large enough}} \end{aligned}$$

□

Definition 2.3. Let (M, d) be a metric space.

- The **open ball** at x with radius $r > 0$: $B_r(x) := \{y \in M : d(x, y) < r\}$.
- $A \subset M$ is **open** if $\forall x \in A \exists r > 0$ with $B_r(x) \subset A$.

Note: Every open ball is itself an open set! Indeed, $y \in B_r(x), r_1 := r - d(x, y) \Rightarrow B_{r_1}(y) \subset B_r(x)$ since, if $z \in B_{r_1}(y)$ then

$$d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z) < d(x, y) + r_1 = r$$

so $z \in B_r(x)$.

Theorem 2.4. (a) M and \emptyset are open.

(b) An arbitrary union of open sets is open.

(c) Finite intersections of open sets are open.

Proof. (a) Clear.

(b) Take $(A_j)_{j \in J}, A_j \subset M$ open.

$$x \in \bigcup_{j \in J} A_j = \{y \in M : \exists j \in J \text{ with } y \in A_j\} \Rightarrow \exists j \in J : x \in A_j.$$

Since A_j is open, there exists $r > 0$ with $B_r(x) \subset A_j \subset \bigcup_{j \in J} A_j$. Hence $\bigcup_{j \in J} A_j$ is open.

(c) Take $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ open sets in M

$$x \in A := \bigcap_{j=1}^n A_j = \{y \in M : y \in A_j \text{ for all } j = 1, \dots, n\}$$

A_j open $\Rightarrow \exists r_j > 0 : B_{r_j}(x) \subset A_j, j = 1, \dots, n$. Let $r := \min(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n) > 0$. Then

$$B_r(x) \subset B_{r_j}(x) \subset A_j \text{ for all } j = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\Rightarrow B_r(x) \subset \bigcap_{j=1}^n A_j$$

□

Definition 2.5. (a) $x \in A$ is called an **interior point** of A if $\exists r > 0 : B_r(x) \subset A$. The set of all interior points is denoted by A° .

Note:

- A° is the largest open subset of M contained in A .
- A is open $\iff A = A^\circ$.

(b) $A \subset M$ is **closed** if its complement $A^c := M \setminus A = \{x \in M : x \notin A\}$ is open;

Theorem 2.6. (a) M and \emptyset are closed.

(b) Arbitrary intersections of closed sets are closed.

(c) Finite unions of closed sets are closed.

Proof. (a) $M^c = \emptyset$, $\emptyset^c = M$ are open.

(b) $(A_j)_{j \in J}$ family of closed sets. By Theorem 2.4 and de Morgan's law

$$\left(\bigcap_{j \in J} A_j \right)^c = \bigcup_{j \in J} A_j^c \text{ is open,}$$

so $\bigcap_{j \in J} A_j$ is closed;

(c) Combine $\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^n A_j \right)^c = \bigcap_{j=1}^n A_j^c$ with (c) of Theorem 2.4. □

Definition 2.7. A point $x \in M$ is called **closure point** of $A \subset M$ if $\forall r > 0 : B_r(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset$. The set of all closure points of A is denoted by \overline{A} and it is called the **closure** of A .
Clearly $A \subset \overline{A}$.

Theorem 2.8. Let (M, d) be a metric space, $A \subset M$. Then \overline{A} is the smallest closed set that contains A .

Remark 2.9. Let $\mathcal{F}_A := \{B \subset M : B \text{ is closed and } A \subset B\}$. Then the smallest closed subset of M that contains A is, of course, given by $\bigcap_{B \in \mathcal{F}_A} B$. (think about this!)

Proof of Theorem 2.8. Let $A \subset M$.

Step 1: \overline{A} is closed. Indeed, if $x \in (\overline{A})^c$, then $\exists r > 0$ with $B_r(x) \cap A = \emptyset$. We want to show that $B_r(x) \subset (\overline{A})^c$, because then $(\overline{A})^c$ is open, hence \overline{A} is closed. Let $y \in B_r(x)$. Since $B_r(x)$ is open, there exists $\delta > 0$ with $B_\delta(y) \subset B_r(x)$

$$\Rightarrow B_\delta(y) \cap A \subset B_r(x) \cap A = \emptyset$$

$\Rightarrow y \notin \overline{A}$ and since $y \in B_r(x)$ was arbitrary, this shows

$$B_r(x) \cap \overline{A} = \emptyset$$

so $B_r(x) \subset (\overline{A})^c$, hence $(\overline{A})^c$ is open.

Step 2: Let $B \subset M$ be closed with $A \subset B$. We show $\overline{A} \subset B$. Indeed, take $x \in B^c$. Since B^c is open, there exists $r > 0$ with $B_r(x) \subset B^c$, i.e., $B_r(x) \cap B = \emptyset$. In particular, $B_r(x) \cap A \subset B_r(x) \cap B = \emptyset$. So no point in B^c is a closure point of $A \Rightarrow \overline{A} \subset (B^c)^c = B$. □

Corollary 2.10. $A \subset M$ is closed $\Rightarrow A = \overline{A}$.

Proof. Have a close look at Theorem 2.8. □

Remark 2.11. • For $a \in M$ and $r > 0$ call

$$B_{\overline{r}}(a) := \{x \in M : d(x, a) \leq r\}$$

the closed ball at a with radius r . This is always a closed set. Indeed, assume $x \notin B_{\overline{r}}(a)$, i.e., $d(x, a) > r$ and set $r_1 := d(x, a) - r > 0$. If $y \in B_{r_1}(x)$, then

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

$$\Leftrightarrow d(a, y) \geq d(a, x) - d(y, x) > d(a, x) - r_1 = r,$$

i.e., $y \notin B_{\overline{r}}(a)$, hence $B_{r_1}(x) \subset (B_{\overline{r}}(a))^c$ so $(B_{\overline{r}}(a))^c$ is open $\Leftrightarrow B_{\overline{r}}(a)$ is closed.

- One always has $\overline{B_r(a)} \subset B_{\overline{r}}(a)$. In a discrete metric space the above inclusion can be strict! But, e.g., in \mathbb{R}^d with the distance $d_p, 1 \leq p \leq \infty$, one always has $\overline{B_r(a)} = B_{\overline{r}}(a)$. (think about this!)

Lemma 2.12. If (M, d) is a metric space, then $A^o = (\overline{A^c})^c$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} x \in A^o &\Leftrightarrow \exists r > 0 : B_r(x) \subset A \\ &\Leftrightarrow B_r(x) \cap A^c = \emptyset \\ &\Leftrightarrow x \notin \overline{A^c} \\ &\Leftrightarrow x \in (\overline{A^c})^c. \end{aligned}$$

□

Definition 2.13. Let (M, d) be a metric space, $A \subset M$. A point $x \in M$ is an **accumulation point** of A if

$$\forall r > 0 \quad B_r(x) \cap (A \setminus \{x\}) \neq \emptyset,$$

i.e., every open ball around x contains an element of A different from x .

Note:

- It can be that $x \notin A$!
- Every accumulation point is a closure point of A .
- If one denotes the set of all accumulation points of A by A' , then one has $\overline{A} = A \cup A'$ (why?).

Theorem 2.14. Let $A \subset M$, (M, d) a metric space. Then $x \in M$ belongs to \overline{A} if and only if (iff) there is a sequence $(x_n)_n \subset A$ with $\lim x_n = x$. Moreover, if x is an accumulation point of A , then there exists a sequence $(x_n)_n \subset A$ with $x \neq x_n \neq x_m, n \neq m$, i.e., all terms are distinct.

