

In class I claimed that a norm on a vector space V induces a metric on the set V by $d(\vec{v}, \vec{w}) = \|\vec{v} - \vec{w}\|$.

A. Prove this claim.

Near the start of Section 21, Munkres claims: If (X, d) is a metric space and $Y \subseteq X$, then the restriction of d to $Y \times Y$ is a metric on Y , and the topology that it induces on Y matches the subspace topology on Y .

B. Prove the second part of this claim, that the topologies match. (You may assume the first part of the claim, that the metric restricts to a metric, which is easier to prove.)

For all positive-definite, symmetric $n \times n$ matrices G , we know that $\langle \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle_G = \vec{v}^\top G \vec{w}$ is an inner product on \mathbb{R}^n and $\|\vec{v}\|_G = \sqrt{\langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle_G}$ is the norm induced by that inner product. We also know, from previous homework, that

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \quad \exists \delta > 0 \quad \forall \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \|\vec{v}\|_I < \delta \Rightarrow \|\vec{v}\|_G < \epsilon$$

and

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \quad \exists \delta > 0 \quad \forall \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \|\vec{v}\|_G < \delta \Rightarrow \|\vec{v}\|_I < \epsilon.$$

That previous homework foreshadowed the following result, which we are now ready to prove.

C. All values of G induce the same topology on \mathbb{R}^n . Prove so. (Hint: Lemma 13.3.)

D. Let X_T be a metrizable space with only finitely many points. Prove that T is the discrete topology on X . (Hint: If it helps, start with $|X| = 2$?)