

## 1. Compact sets

DEFINITION 1.1. A collection  $(V_i)$  of open sets is called an open cover for a set  $K$  if for every  $x \in K$  there exists  $i \in I$  such that

$$x \in V_i .$$

Let  $(V_i)$  be an open cover of a set. A collection  $(B_j)_{j \in J}$  is called a subcover, if for every  $x \in K$  there exists  $i \in J$  and  $i \in I$  such that

$$x \in B_j \subset V_i .$$

REMARK 1.2. In metric space every open cover has a subcover with balls (centered at elements in  $K$ ).

DEFINITION 1.3. A subset  $K$  of a metric space is compact if every open cover has a finite subcover.

THEOREM 1.4.  $[0, 1]$  is compact.

THEOREM 1.5. Let  $K$  be a compact subset of a metric space and  $u : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , then there exists a  $k_{max} \in K$  such that

$$u(k_{max}) = \sup\{u(k) : k \in K\} .$$

DEFINITION 1.6. A subset  $K \subset X$  is called totally bounded if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in X$  such that

$$K \subset B(x_1, \varepsilon) \cup \dots \cup B(x_m, \varepsilon) .$$

LEMMA 1.7. A compact set is totally bounded.

LEMMA 1.8. (Grid method) If  $K$  is totally bounded and  $(x_n) \subset K$  is a sequence, then there exists a Cauchy subsequence  $(x_{n_k})$ .

LEMMA 1.9. A compact set is complete.

LEMMA 1.10. If  $X$  has a countable dense subset and  $K \subset X$ , then every open cover of  $K$  has a countable subcover.

THEOREM 1.11. Let  $(X, d)$  be metric space (with a dense countable set  $D$ ) and  $K \subset X$ . TFAE

- (1)  $K$  is compact.
- (2)  $K$  is complete and totally bounded.
- (3) Every sequence has a convergent subsequence.