

Boundness Can Be "Asymptotically Lost"

Suppose that $X = \mathbb{R}$ and for any $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ consider

$$d_n(x, y) = \begin{cases} |x-y|, & \text{if } |x-y| < n \\ n, & \text{if } |x-y| \geq n \end{cases}, \text{ for any } x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Show that d_n is a well-defined metric (you essentially have to show that the triangle inequality holds). Notice that as $n \rightarrow +\infty$, for any $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, $|x-y| < n$ eventually, hence pointwise (i.e. $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$)
 $d_n \rightarrow d_u$.

Notice however that despite this convergence, d_n -boundness may be asymptotically lost in the following sense:

$$\text{First it is easy to see that } O_{d_n}(x, \varepsilon) = \begin{cases} O_{d_u}(x, \varepsilon), & \varepsilon \leq n \\ \mathbb{R}, & \varepsilon > n \end{cases}.$$

Then, eg. for $A = \mathbb{R}$ we have that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, \mathbb{R} is d_n -bounded yet \mathbb{R} is not d_u -bounded and thereby this property is not retained in the limit, hence it is not in some sense a "continuous" property.