

Another Asymptotic Comparison

Suppose that d, d^* are well defined metrics with which X can be equipped and furthermore that,

$$\forall x \in X, \exists n(x) : O_d(x, n) \subseteq O_{d^*}(x, n), \forall n \geq n(x), [\star]$$

i.e. the relevant open balls satisfy a set of asymptotic inclusion restrictions.

$[\star]$ implies that if A is d -bounded then it is also d^* -bounded,

and this is due to that if $\exists x \in X, \varepsilon > 0 : A \subseteq O_d(x, \varepsilon)$ then for $n(\varepsilon) :=$ the smallest natural number greater than or equal to ε and $n := \max(n(\varepsilon), n(x))$ we also have that (why?) $A \subseteq O_d(x, n) \subseteq O_{d^*}(x, n)$.

Exercise. Does $[\star]$ imply that if A is d -totally bounded then it is also d^* -totally bounded?

Notice that $[\star]$ also implies the following (in a rather trivial manner). If $x, y_n \in X$ and such that $d(x, y_n) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then

$$\frac{d^*(x, y_n)}{d(x, y_n)} \rightarrow c_x,$$

where $c_x \in [0, 1]$ and thereby $d^*(x, \cdot) = O(d(x, \cdot))$, or $c_x = 0$ and thereby $d^*(x, \cdot) = o(d(x, \cdot))$.