

# On the Hausdorff Distance Between Compact Subsets<sup>1</sup>

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**Summary.** In [1] the pseudo-metric  $\text{dist}_{\min}^{\max}$  on compact subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of a topological space generated from arbitrary metric space is defined. Using this notion we define the Hausdorff distance (see e.g. [5]) of  $A$  and  $B$  as a maximum of the two pseudo-distances: from  $A$  to  $B$  and from  $B$  to  $A$ . We justify its distance properties. At the end we define some special notions which enable to apply the Hausdorff distance operator “HausDist” to the subsets of the Euclidean topological space  $\mathcal{E}_T^n$ .

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The papers [16], [18], [15], [10], [17], [19], [3], [14], [6], [9], [8], [11], [2], [7], [4], [1], [13], and [12] provide the terminology and notation for this paper.

## 1. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $r$  be a real number. Then  $\{r\}$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space. One can verify that  $M_{\text{top}}$  is  $T_2$ .

Next we state a number of propositions:

- (1) For all real numbers  $x, y$  such that  $x \geq 0$  and  $y \geq 0$  and  $\max(x, y) = 0$  holds  $x = 0$ .
- (2) For every non empty metric space  $M$  and for every point  $x$  of  $M$  holds  $(\text{dist}(x))(x) = 0$ .
- (3) For every non empty metric space  $M$  and for every subset  $P$  of  $M_{\text{top}}$  and for every point  $x$  of  $M$  such that  $x \in P$  holds  $0 \in (\text{dist}(x))^\circ P$ .

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- (4) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space,  $P$  be a subset of  $M_{\text{top}}$ ,  $x$  be a point of  $M$ , and  $y$  be a real number. If  $y \in (\text{dist}(x))^{\circ}P$ , then  $y \geq 0$ .
- (5) For every non empty metric space  $M$  and for every subset  $P$  of  $M_{\text{top}}$  and for every set  $x$  such that  $x \in P$  holds  $(\text{dist}_{\min}(P))(x) = 0$ .
- (6) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space,  $p$  be a point of  $M$ ,  $q$  be a point of  $M_{\text{top}}$ , and  $r$  be a real number. If  $p = q$  and  $r > 0$ , then  $\text{Ball}(p, r)$  is a neighbourhood of  $q$ .
- (7) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space,  $A$  be a subset of  $M_{\text{top}}$ , and  $p$  be a point of  $M$ . Then  $p \in \overline{A}$  if and only if for every real number  $r$  such that  $r > 0$  holds  $\text{Ball}(p, r)$  meets  $A$ .
- (8) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space,  $p$  be a point of  $M$ , and  $A$  be a subset of  $M_{\text{top}}$ . Then  $p \in \overline{A}$  if and only if for every real number  $r$  such that  $r > 0$  there exists a point  $q$  of  $M$  such that  $q \in A$  and  $\rho(p, q) < r$ .
- (9) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space,  $P$  be a non empty subset of  $M_{\text{top}}$ , and  $x$  be a point of  $M$ . Then  $(\text{dist}_{\min}(P))(x) = 0$  if and only if for every real number  $r$  such that  $r > 0$  there exists a point  $p$  of  $M$  such that  $p \in P$  and  $\rho(x, p) < r$ .
- (10) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space,  $P$  be a non empty subset of  $M_{\text{top}}$ , and  $x$  be a point of  $M$ . Then  $x \in \overline{P}$  if and only if  $(\text{dist}_{\min}(P))(x) = 0$ .
- (11) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space,  $P$  be a non empty closed subset of  $M_{\text{top}}$ , and  $x$  be a point of  $M$ . Then  $x \in P$  if and only if  $(\text{dist}_{\min}(P))(x) = 0$ .
- (12) For every non empty subset  $A$  of the carrier of  $\mathbb{R}^1$  there exists a non empty subset  $X$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $A = X$  and  $\inf A = \inf X$ .
- (13) For every non empty subset  $A$  of the carrier of  $\mathbb{R}^1$  there exists a non empty subset  $X$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $A = X$  and  $\sup A = \sup X$ .
- (14) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space,  $P$  be a non empty subset of  $M_{\text{top}}$ ,  $x$  be a point of  $M$ , and  $X$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . If  $X = (\text{dist}(x))^{\circ}P$ , then  $X$  is lower bounded.
- (15) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space,  $P$  be a non empty subset of  $M_{\text{top}}$ , and  $x, y$  be points of  $M$ . If  $y \in P$ , then  $(\text{dist}_{\min}(P))(x) \leq \rho(x, y)$ .
- (16) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space,  $P$  be a non empty subset of  $M_{\text{top}}$ ,  $r$  be a real number, and  $x$  be a point of  $M$ . If for every point  $y$  of  $M$  such that  $y \in P$  holds  $\rho(x, y) \geq r$ , then  $(\text{dist}_{\min}(P))(x) \geq r$ .
- (17) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space,  $P$  be a non empty subset of  $M_{\text{top}}$ , and  $x, y$  be points of  $M$ . Then  $(\text{dist}_{\min}(P))(x) \leq \rho(x, y) + (\text{dist}_{\min}(P))(y)$ .
- (18) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space,  $P$  be a subset of the carrier of  $M_{\text{top}}$ , and  $Q$  be a non empty subset of the carrier of  $M$ . If  $P = Q$ , then  $M_{\text{top}} \upharpoonright P = (M \upharpoonright Q)_{\text{top}}$ .
- (19) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space,  $A$  be a subset of  $M$ ,  $B$  be a non empty subset of the carrier of  $M$ , and  $C$  be a subset of  $M \upharpoonright B$ . If  $A \subseteq B$

and  $A = C$  and  $C$  is bounded, then  $A$  is bounded.

- (20) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space,  $B$  be a subset of  $M$ , and  $A$  be a subset of  $M_{\text{top}}$ . If  $A = B$  and  $A$  is compact, then  $B$  is bounded.
- (21) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space,  $P$  be a non empty subset of  $M_{\text{top}}$ , and  $z$  be a point of  $M$ . Then there exists a point  $w$  of  $M$  such that  $w \in P$  and  $(\text{dist}_{\min}(P))(z) \leq \rho(w, z)$ .

Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space and let  $x$  be a point of  $M$ . Note that  $\text{dist}(x)$  is continuous.

Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space and let  $X$  be a compact non empty subset of  $M_{\text{top}}$ . One can check that  $\text{dist}_{\max}(X)$  is continuous and  $\text{dist}_{\min}(X)$  is continuous.

One can prove the following propositions:

- (22) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space,  $P$  be a non empty subset of  $M_{\text{top}}$ , and  $x, y$  be points of  $M$ . If  $y \in P$  and  $P$  is compact, then  $(\text{dist}_{\max}(P))(x) \geq \rho(x, y)$ .
- (23) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space,  $P$  be a non empty subset of  $M_{\text{top}}$ , and  $z$  be a point of  $M$ . If  $P$  is compact, then there exists a point  $w$  of  $M$  such that  $w \in P$  and  $(\text{dist}_{\max}(P))(z) \geq \rho(w, z)$ .
- (24) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space,  $P, Q$  be non empty subsets of  $M_{\text{top}}$ , and  $z$  be a point of  $M$ . If  $P$  is compact and  $Q$  is compact and  $z \in Q$ , then  $(\text{dist}_{\min}(P))(z) \leq \text{dist}_{\max}^{\max}(P, Q)$ .
- (25) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space,  $P, Q$  be non empty subsets of  $M_{\text{top}}$ , and  $z$  be a point of  $M$ . If  $P$  is compact and  $Q$  is compact and  $z \in Q$ , then  $(\text{dist}_{\max}(P))(z) \leq \text{dist}_{\max}^{\max}(P, Q)$ .
- (26) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space,  $P, Q$  be non empty subsets of  $M_{\text{top}}$ , and  $X$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . If  $X = (\text{dist}_{\max}(P))^{\circ}Q$  and  $P$  is compact and  $Q$  is compact, then  $X$  is upper bounded.
- (27) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space,  $P, Q$  be non empty subsets of  $M_{\text{top}}$ , and  $X$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . If  $X = (\text{dist}_{\min}(P))^{\circ}Q$  and  $P$  is compact and  $Q$  is compact, then  $X$  is upper bounded.
- (28) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space,  $P$  be a non empty subset of  $M_{\text{top}}$ , and  $z$  be a point of  $M$ . If  $P$  is compact, then  $(\text{dist}_{\min}(P))(z) \leq (\text{dist}_{\max}(P))(z)$ .
- (29) For every non empty metric space  $M$  and for every non empty subset  $P$  of  $M_{\text{top}}$  holds  $(\text{dist}_{\min}(P))^{\circ}P = \{0\}$ .
- (30) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space and  $P, Q$  be non empty subsets of  $M_{\text{top}}$ . If  $P$  is compact and  $Q$  is compact, then  $\text{dist}_{\min}^{\max}(P, Q) \geq 0$ .
- (31) For every non empty metric space  $M$  and for every non empty subset  $P$  of  $M_{\text{top}}$  holds  $\text{dist}_{\min}^{\max}(P, P) = 0$ .

- (32) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space and  $P, Q$  be non empty subsets of  $M_{\text{top}}$ . If  $P$  is compact and  $Q$  is compact, then  $\text{dist}_{\text{min}}^{\text{max}}(P, Q) \geq 0$ .
- (33) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space,  $Q, R$  be non empty subsets of  $M_{\text{top}}$ , and  $y$  be a point of  $M$ . If  $Q$  is compact and  $R$  is compact and  $y \in Q$ , then  $(\text{dist}_{\text{min}}(R))(y) \leq \text{dist}_{\text{min}}^{\text{max}}(R, Q)$ .

## 2. THE HAUSDORFF DISTANCE

Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space and let  $P, Q$  be subsets of  $M_{\text{top}}$ . The functor  $\text{HausDist}(P, Q)$  yields a real number and is defined by:

(Def. 1)  $\text{HausDist}(P, Q) = \max(\text{dist}_{\text{min}}^{\text{max}}(P, Q), \text{dist}_{\text{min}}^{\text{max}}(Q, P))$ .

Let us notice that the functor  $\text{HausDist}(P, Q)$  is commutative.

The following propositions are true:

- (34) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space,  $Q, R$  be non empty subsets of  $M_{\text{top}}$ , and  $y$  be a point of  $M$ . If  $Q$  is compact and  $R$  is compact and  $y \in Q$ , then  $(\text{dist}_{\text{min}}(R))(y) \leq \text{HausDist}(Q, R)$ .
- (35) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space and  $P, Q, R$  be non empty subsets of  $M_{\text{top}}$ . If  $P$  is compact and  $Q$  is compact and  $R$  is compact, then  $\text{dist}_{\text{min}}^{\text{max}}(P, R) \leq \text{HausDist}(P, Q) + \text{HausDist}(Q, R)$ .
- (36) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space and  $P, Q, R$  be non empty subsets of  $M_{\text{top}}$ . If  $P$  is compact and  $Q$  is compact and  $R$  is compact, then  $\text{dist}_{\text{min}}^{\text{max}}(R, P) \leq \text{HausDist}(P, Q) + \text{HausDist}(Q, R)$ .
- (37) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space and  $P, Q$  be non empty subsets of  $M_{\text{top}}$ . If  $P$  is compact and  $Q$  is compact, then  $\text{HausDist}(P, Q) \geq 0$ .
- (38) For every non empty metric space  $M$  and for every non empty subset  $P$  of  $M_{\text{top}}$  holds  $\text{HausDist}(P, P) = 0$ .
- (39) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space and  $P, Q$  be non empty subsets of  $M_{\text{top}}$ . If  $P$  is compact and  $Q$  is compact and  $\text{HausDist}(P, Q) = 0$ , then  $P = Q$ .
- (40) Let  $M$  be a non empty metric space and  $P, Q, R$  be non empty subsets of  $M_{\text{top}}$ . If  $P$  is compact and  $Q$  is compact and  $R$  is compact, then  $\text{HausDist}(P, R) \leq \text{HausDist}(P, Q) + \text{HausDist}(Q, R)$ .

Let  $n$  be a natural number and let  $P, Q$  be subsets of the carrier of  $\mathcal{E}_{\text{T}}^n$ . The functor  $\text{dist}_{\text{min}}^{\text{max}}(P, Q)$  yields a real number and is defined by:

(Def. 2) There exist subsets  $P', Q'$  of  $(\mathcal{E}^n)_{\text{top}}$  such that  $P = P'$  and  $Q = Q'$  and  $\text{dist}_{\text{min}}^{\text{max}}(P, Q) = \text{dist}_{\text{min}}^{\text{max}}(P', Q')$ .

Let  $n$  be a natural number and let  $P, Q$  be subsets of the carrier of  $\mathcal{E}_{\text{T}}^n$ . The functor  $\text{HausDist}(P, Q)$  yields a real number and is defined by:

(Def. 3) There exist subsets  $P', Q'$  of  $(\mathcal{E}^n)_{\text{top}}$  such that  $P = P'$  and  $Q = Q'$  and  $\text{HausDist}(P, Q) = \text{HausDist}(P', Q')$ .

Let us note that the functor  $\text{HausDist}(P, Q)$  is commutative.

In the sequel  $n$  denotes a natural number.

Next we state four propositions:

- (41) For all non empty subsets  $P, Q$  of  $\mathcal{E}_T^n$  such that  $P$  is compact and  $Q$  is compact holds  $\text{HausDist}(P, Q) \geq 0$ .
- (42) For every non empty subset  $P$  of  $\mathcal{E}_T^n$  holds  $\text{HausDist}(P, P) = 0$ .
- (43) For all non empty subsets  $P, Q$  of  $\mathcal{E}_T^n$  such that  $P$  is compact and  $Q$  is compact and  $\text{HausDist}(P, Q) = 0$  holds  $P = Q$ .
- (44) For all non empty subsets  $P, Q, R$  of  $\mathcal{E}_T^n$  such that  $P$  is compact and  $Q$  is compact and  $R$  is compact holds  $\text{HausDist}(P, R) \leq \text{HausDist}(P, Q) + \text{HausDist}(Q, R)$ .

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