Exercise Sheet 1

1. For $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, write $x = (x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ with $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$ for $i = 1, \ldots, n$. Define

$$d_1(x,y) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i| d_{\infty}(x,y) = \max\{|x_i - y_i| : i = 1, \dots, n\}$$

(a) Show that d_1 and d_{∞} define metrics on \mathbb{R}^n .

(b) Draw

$$D_1(0;1) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 | d_1(x,0) \le 1\}$$

$$D_{\infty}(0;1) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 | d_{\infty}(x,0) \le 1\}$$

2. Recall that for $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ we have $d_2(x, y) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|^2}$

- (a) Show that $d_{\infty}(x,y) \leq d_2(x,y) \leq d_1(x,y)$.
- (b) Show that $d_1(x, y) \leq n \cdot d_{\infty}(x, y)$.
- (c) Show that $d_2(x, y) \leq \sqrt{n} \cdot d_{\infty}(x, y)$.
- 3. Let $V = C[0,2] = \{f : [0,2] \to \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ continuous}\}$ and we have an inner product on V given by

$$\langle f,g \rangle = \int_0^2 f(x)g(x) \, dx$$

for $f, g \in V$.

Define a sequence $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ by

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x \in [0, 1 - 1/n] \\ \frac{n}{2}x - \frac{n-1}{2} & \text{for } x \in (1 - 1/n, 1 + 1/n) \\ 1 & \text{for } x \in [1 + 1/n, 2] \end{cases}$$

- (a) Show that $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a sequence in V, i.e., show that each f_n is continuous.
- (b) Show that $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Cauchy sequence, where V has the metric induced from the inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$.

Remark. The Cauchy sequence in Question 3(b) does not converge, so V is not complete. You should try to convince yourself that this is the case, but this is not part of the question.