

Simultaneous Extensions of Convex Metrics

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Let M_1 be a space with a complete convex metric d_1 and let M_2 be a locally connected, locally compact, separable, metric space. In order for there to be a complete convex metric for $M_1 \cup M_2$ that extends d_1 , it is necessary and sufficient that $M_1 \cap M_2$ be a nonempty subspace of both M_1 and M_2 which is closed in M_2 and whose M_2 boundary of $M_1 \cap M_2$ be closed in M_1 .

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- We write $\text{dom } \rho = A$ if $\rho \in \mathcal{CM}(A)$.

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- For every sequence $\{\rho_i\}$ in \mathcal{CM} that converges to $\rho \in \mathcal{CM}$, the sequence of extensions, $\{u(\rho_i)\}$ converges to $u(\rho)$ in $\mathcal{CM}(X)$.

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