

Lecture One

Topology *

1 Logic and Set Theory

Definition 1. A set is a collection of definite and distinguishable objects, these objects are called elements.

Example 1. $A = \{a, e, i, o, 4\}$ is a set of 5 elements and $a \in A$.

Example 2. $B = \{x : x \text{ is an integer and } x > 0\}$ is a set which is written in builder notation. Note that $\pi \notin B$ while $6 \in B$.

1.1 Subsets

A set A is a subset of B written as $A \subseteq B$ if and only if $x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B$ and is read as A is subset of B or A is contained in B or B contains A .

1.2 Equality of Sets

Definition 2. Any two sets A and B are said to be equal if and only if $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$.

1.3 Set Operations

Let A and B be two sets. Then the following operations are defined.

- $A \cup B = \{x : x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$.
- $A \cap B = \{x : x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$.
- $A \setminus B = \{x : x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B\}$.
- $A^c = \{x : x \in U \text{ and } x \notin A\}$, where U is the universal set.

Note that

- $\phi^c = U$.
- $U^c = \phi$.

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- $A \cup A^c = U$.
- $A \cap A^c = \phi$.

1.4 Disjoint Sets

Two sets A and B are called disjoint if $A \cap B = \phi$.

1.5 Laws of the Algebra of Sets

Let A , B , and C be sets with U as the universal set. Then

- $A \cup A = A$.
- $A \cap A = A$.
- $A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$.
- $A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C$.
- $A \cup B = B \cup A$.
- $A \cap B = B \cap A$.
- $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$.
- $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$.
- $A \cup U = U$.
- $A \cap U = A$.
- $A \cap \phi = \phi$.
- $A \cup \phi = A$.
- $(A^c)^c = A$.

1.6 Product of the Sets

The product set of A and B , written as $A \times B$ consists of all the ordered pairs (a, b) where $a \in A$ and $b \in B$, i.e.,

$$A \times B = \{(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\}.$$

Example 3. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{a, b\}$. Then

$$A \times B = \{(1, a), (1, b), (2, a), (2, b), (3, a), (3, b)\}.$$

Remark 1. The concept of product of sets can be extended to any finite number of sets in a natural way. The product of the sets $A_1, \dots, A_n$ denoted by $\prod_{i=1}^n A_i$ consists of all n tuples $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$, where $a_i \in A_i$ for each i .

1.7 Indexed Sets

Let Δ be a nonempty set such that $\forall \alpha \in \Delta$, there is a particular set X_α . Then the set $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$ is called a family set and Δ is called the indexing set.

Example 4. Let $\Delta = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$, and

$$X_\alpha = \{2\alpha + 4, 18, 12 - 2\alpha\} \text{ such that } \alpha \in \Delta.$$

e.g., $X_0 = \{4, 18, 12\}$, $X_1 = \{6, 18, 10\}$, $X_2 = \{8, 18\}$, $X_3 = \{10, 18, 6\}$, $X_4 = \{12, 18, 4\}$.

Example 5. Let $\Delta = \mathbb{N}$, and

$$X_\alpha = \{\alpha, \alpha + 1, \alpha^2, \} \text{ such that } \alpha \in \Delta.$$

e.g., $X_1 = \{1, 2\}$, $X_2 = \{2, 3, 4\}, \dots$

Note that

- $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} X_\alpha = \{x : x \in X_\alpha \text{ for some } \alpha \in \Delta\}.$
- $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} X_\alpha = \{x : x \in X_\alpha \text{ for all } \alpha \in \Delta\}.$
- $(\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} X_\alpha)^c = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} X_\alpha^c.$
- $(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} X_\alpha)^c = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} X_\alpha^c.$

Example 6. In Example 4, $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} X_\alpha = \{4, 18, 12, 6, 10, 8\}$ and $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} X_\alpha = \{18\}.$

1.8 Power Set

Definition 3. Let A be nonempty set. Then $\mathcal{P}(A) = \{G : G \subseteq A\}$ is called the power set of A .

Example 7. Let $A = \{a, b, c\}$. The power set of A is

$$\mathcal{P}(A) = \{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \phi\}.$$

Remark 2. If A has n elements, then $\mathcal{P}(A)$ have 2^n elements.

Lecture Two

1.9 Functions

Definition 4. A function

$$f : A \rightarrow B,$$

is a relation such that

- Domain $(f) = A$.
- If $(x, y) \in f$ and $(x, z) \in f$, then $y = z$.

Definition 5. A function

$$f : A \rightarrow B,$$

is said to be one-one or injective if the distinct elements in A have distinct images, i.e.,

$$f(a) = f(b) \Rightarrow a = b$$

Definition 6. A function

$$f : A \rightarrow B,$$

is said to be onto or surjective if

$$\forall b \in B, \exists a \in A \text{ such that } f(a) = b.$$

Remark 3. If f is one-one and onto, then f is called bijective and f^{-1} exists.

Remark 4. • If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be any function, then $f(X) \subseteq Y$, If f is onto, then $f(X) = Y$.

- $f^{-1}(Y) = X$ is always true.

Theorem 1. Let $f : A \rightarrow B$, $g : B \rightarrow C$, be two functions. $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$ is a function and $g \circ f(a) = g(f(a))$ for every $a \in A$.

1.10 Equivalent Sets

Definition 7. A set A is said to be equivalent to a set B and we write it as $A \sim B$ (read as A is equivalent to B) if there exists a function

$$f : A \rightarrow B,$$

which is one-one and onto.

Definition 8. For each natural number k , Let $N_k = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$. A set A is finite if and only if $A = \phi$ or $A \sim N_k$.

Example 8. The set $s = \{1, \frac{1}{2}, c, 99\}$ is finite because there is a one-one and onto correspondence between s and the set $N_4 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ which is $(1, 1) (\frac{1}{2}, 2) (c, 3) (99, 4)$.

Remark 5. • Every subset of a finite set is a finite.

- Cardinal of a set s is the number of elements in the set denoted by $\bar{s}$.
- If A and B are finite disjoint sets, then $A \cup B$ is finite and $\overline{A \cup B} = \bar{A} + \bar{B}$.
- If A and B are finite set, then $A \cup B$ is finite and $\overline{A \cup B} = \bar{A} + \bar{B} - \overline{A \cap B}$.
- If $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ are finite sets, then $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$ is finite.

Definition 9. A set X is called denumerable with cardinality $\aleph_0$ if and only if it is equivalent to $\mathbb{N}$, e.g., $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Q}$, the even integers.

Example 9. The sets $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}$ and $E = \{2, 4, \dots\}$ are equivalent since the function

$$f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow E,$$

defined by $f(x) = 2x$ is one-one and onto, so the set E is denumerable.

Remark 6. • A set is countable if it is denumerable or finite.

- Every subset of a countable set is countable.
- The union of countable family of countable sets is countable.
- The union of denumerable family of countable sets is countable.
- If a set is not countable, then we say it is uncountable, e.g., $\mathbb{R}$, (a, b) .

Lecture Three

2 Topological Space

Definition 10. Let X be a nonempty set. Then $\tau \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ is called a topology on X if the following conditions hold:

1. $\phi, X \in \tau$.
2. $G, H \in \tau \Rightarrow G \cap H \in \tau$, i.e., closed under finite intersection..
3. If $\{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \delta\}$ is a family of elements of τ . Then $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} G_\alpha \in \tau$, i.e., any arbitrary union of the members of τ is an element of τ .

The pair (X, τ) is called a topological space and the elements of τ are called open sets.

Example 10. Let $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$, then

$$\mathcal{P}(X) = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, \phi\}.$$

- $\tau_1 = \{\phi, X\}$ is a topology on X since the conditions 1, 2, and 3 of Definition 10 hold.
- $\tau_2 = \mathcal{P}(X)$ is a topology on X .
- $\tau_3 = \{\phi, X, \{1\}, \{3\}, \{1, 3\}\}$ is a topology on X .
- $\tau_4 = \{\phi, X, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}, \{3\}\}$ is not a topology on X since $\{2\}, \{3\} \in \tau_4$ but $\{2, 3\} \notin \tau_4$, i.e., Condition 3 of Definition 10 doesn't hold.

Example 11. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$. Then

- $\tau_1 = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}$ is a topology on X .
- $\tau_2 = \{X, \phi, \{b\}\}$ is a topology on X .
- $\tau_1 \cup \tau_2$ is not a topology on X , since $\{a\} \cup \{b\} = \{a, b\} \notin \tau_1 \cup \tau_2$.

Remark 7. The union of topologies need not be a topology.

Example 12. Let $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}$ and we define

$$\tau = \{\{1, 2, \dots, n\} : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{\phi, \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Show that τ is a topology on $\mathbb{N}$.

To show that τ is a topology on $\mathbb{N}$, We need to verify conditions 1, 2, and 3 of Definition 10.

- Clearly $\phi, \mathbb{N} \in \tau$.

- Let $G, H \in \tau$. Then $G = \phi$ and $H = \phi$ or $G = \phi$ and $H = \mathbb{N}$ or $G = \mathbb{N}$ and $H = \mathbb{N}$ in all these cases $G \cap H \in \tau$. Now, Let

$$G = \{\{1, 2, \dots, n\} : n \in \mathbb{N}\},$$

and

$$H = \{\{1, 2, \dots, m\} : m \in \mathbb{N}\},$$

$$G \cap H = \{\{1, 2, \dots, k\} : k \in \mathbb{N}\} \in \tau \text{ where } k = \min(n, m).$$

- Let $\{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$. Then

$$G_\alpha = \{1, 2, \dots, n_\alpha\}, \alpha \in \Delta,$$

where

$$\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} G_\alpha = \{1, 2, \dots, M\},$$

and $M = \sup\{n_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$, i.e.,

$$\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} G_\alpha \in \tau.$$

Thus $(\mathbb{N}, \tau)$ is a topological space.

Definition 11. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and let $F \subseteq X$. Then F is a closed set if and only if $F^c = X \setminus F$ is open, i.e., $F^c \in \tau$.

Example 13. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$ be a topology on X . The open sets are $X, \phi, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}$, and $\{b, c, d\}$, where the closed sets are $\{b, c, d\}, \{a, b\}, \{b\}$.

Note that there are subsets of X which are both open and closed. Also, there are sets which are neither open nor closed.

Corollary 1. Let (X, τ) be a topological space, then

1. ϕ and X are closed sets.
2. The intersection of any number of closed sets is closed.

Proof. Let $\{F_i : i \in I\}$ be a family of closed sets. $(\bigcap_{i \in I} F_i)^c = \bigcup_{i \in I} F_i^c$ is open since the union of an arbitrary number of open sets is open. $\square$

3. The finite union of the closed sets is closed.

Proof. Let $F_1, \dots, F_n$ be closed sets. $(\bigcup_{i=1}^n F_i)^c = \bigcap_{i=1}^n F_i^c$ is open since the intersection of a finite number of open sets is open. $\square$

Theorem 2. If $\{\tau_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$ is a family of topologies on a set X , then

$$\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} \tau_\alpha \text{ is a topology on } X.$$

Proof. Since τ_α is a topology,

$$\phi, X \in \tau_\alpha, \forall \alpha \in \Delta,$$

$$\text{i.e., } \phi, X \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} \tau_\alpha^*.$$

Let

$$G, H \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} \tau_\alpha$$

$$G, H \in \tau_\alpha, \forall \alpha \in \Delta,$$

again since τ_α is a topology $G \cap H \in \tau_\alpha, \forall \alpha \in \Delta$ i.e., $G \cap H \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} \tau_\alpha^{**}$.

Let $\{G_i : i \in I\} \subseteq \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} \tau_\alpha$, then $G_i \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} \tau_\alpha$, i.e., $G_i \in \tau_\alpha \forall \alpha \in \Delta, \forall i \in I$, again

since τ_α is a topology we have that $\bigcup_{i \in I} G_i \in \tau_\alpha, \forall \alpha \in \Delta$, i.e., $\bigcup_{i \in I} G_i \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} \tau_\alpha^{***}$

From $*$, $**$, and $***$ we conclude that $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} \tau_\alpha$ is a topology on X which completes the proof. □

Remark 8. If X is a finite set and τ is a topology on X , then we call (X, τ) a finite topological space.

2.1 Exercises

1. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and let $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ be a topology on X . Find the open and the closed sets of (X, τ) .
2. State if the following statement is true or false "Let τ and τ' be two topologies on the same set X . Then $\tau \cup \tau'$ is a topology on X ", explain your answer.
3. Let

$$\tau = \{n, n+1, n+2, \dots\}, n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\phi, \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Prove that τ is topology on $\mathbb{N}$.

Lecture Four

3 Some Important Topological Spaces

3.1 The Indiscrete Topology

Let X be a nonempty set, then $\tau_{ind} = \{X, \phi\}$ is a topology on X called the indiscrete topology. The open and closed sets in τ_{ind} are ϕ , and X .

3.2 The Discrete Topology

Let X be a nonempty set, then $\tau_{dis} = \mathcal{P}(X)$ is a topology on X called the discrete topology. **Note that** all subsets of X are both open and closed.

Remark 9. If X is a singleton set, then $\tau_{disc} = \tau_{ind}$ and these are the only topologies on X .

3.3 The Cofinite Topology

Let X be a non empty set, we define the cofinite topology τ_{cof} to be the collection of subsets $G \subseteq X$ whose complement is finite together with the empty set ϕ , i.e.,

$$\tau_{cof} = \{G \subseteq X : G^c = X \setminus G \text{ is finite}\} \cup \phi.$$

To show τ_{cof} is a topology on X , we need to verify the following:

- $\phi \in \tau_{cof}$ and $X^c = X \setminus X = \phi$ which is finite.
- Let $G, H \in \tau_{cof}$, i.e., $G \subseteq X : G^c = X - G$ is finite and $H \subseteq X : H^c = X - H$ is finite. Now $G \cap H \subseteq X : (G \cap H)^c = G^c \cup H^c$ which is finite since the union of two finite sets is finite. Thus $G \cap H \in \tau_{cof}$.
- Let $\{G_i : i \in I\} \subseteq \tau_{cof}$, $(\bigcup_{i \in I} G_i)^c = \bigcap_{i \in I} G_i^c$ is finite since the intersection of finite sets is finite. Thus $\bigcup_{i \in I} G_i \in \tau_{cof}$. So, (X, τ_{cof}) is a topological space.

Example 14. Let $X = \mathbb{R}$ and

$$\tau_{cof} = \{G \subseteq \mathbb{R} : G^c = X \setminus G \text{ is finite}\}.$$

Decide if the following sets are open, close, or neither.

- $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\}$ is open since its complement is finite.
- $\mathbb{R} \setminus (0, 1)$ is not open since its complement $[0, 1]$ is not finite and not closed since its complement is not open.
- $\{0, -1, 5, 15\}$ is closed set by Remark 11.

- $\mathbb{N}$ is not open since its complement is not finite and not closed since its complement is not open.
- $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{1, 2, \dots, 100\}$ is open since its complement is finite.

Remark 10. Let X be a set and τ_{cof} is a topology on X . τ_{cof} is the discrete topology if and only if X is a finite set.

For the topological space (X, τ_{cof}) and X is infinite, the open sets are ϕ , X , $X \setminus \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ and the closed sets are $X, \phi, \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$.

Remark 11. Every finite subset of X is closed in (X, τ_{cof}) where X is an infinite set. The set $F = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ is closed in τ_{cof} , since $F^c = X \setminus \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ is open since $(F^c)^c = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ is finite.

3.4 Cocountable Topology

Let X be a set, we define the cocountable topology τ_{coc} to be the collection of subsets $G \subseteq X$ whose complement is countable together with the empty set ϕ , i.e.,

$$\tau_{coc} = \{G \subseteq X : G^c = X \setminus G \text{ is countable}\} \cup \phi.$$

To show τ_{coc} is topology we need to verify the following:

- $\phi \in \tau_{coc}$ and $X^c = X \setminus X = \phi$ which is countable.
- Let $G, H \in \tau_{coc}$, i.e., $G \subseteq X : G^c = X - G$ is countable and $H \subseteq X : H^c = X - H$ is countable. Now $G \cap H \subseteq X : (G \cap H)^c = G^c \cup H^c$ which is countable since the union of two countable sets is countable. Thus $G \cap H \in \tau_{coc}$.
- Let $\{G_i : i \in I\} \subseteq \tau_{coc}$, $(\bigcup_{i \in I} G_i)^c = \bigcap_{i \in I} G_i^c$ is countable since the intersection of countable set is countable. Thus $\bigcup_{i \in I} G_i \in \tau_{coc}$. So, (X, τ_{coc}) is a topological space.

Remark 12. Every countable subset of X is closed in (X, τ_{coc}) , where X is infinite.

Example 15. Let $X = \mathbb{R}$ and

$$\tau_{coc} = \{G \subseteq \mathbb{R} : G^c = X \setminus G \text{ is countable}\}.$$

Decide if the following sets are open, closed, or neither.

- $\{1, 2, 3\}$ is closed since its complement is open.
- $\mathbb{N}$ is closed since its complement is open.
- $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, -1, 5, 15\}$ is open since its complement is countable.
- $\mathbb{Q}$ is closed since it's a countable set.
- $[0, 7]$ is neither open nor closed.

3.5 Exercises

1. Let $\mathbb{R}$ be the set of real numbers and let

$$\tau_{coc} = \{G \subseteq \mathbb{R} : G^c = \mathbb{R} \setminus G \text{ is countable}\} \cup \phi.$$

Show that τ_{coc} is a topology on $\mathbb{R}$.

2. Is there a set upon which the discrete and indiscrete topologies are equal.
3. State if the following statement is **True** or **False** and justify your answer
Let $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{cof})$ be a topological space. Any finite set is open in τ_{cof} .

Lecture Four

3.6 The Left Ray Topology

Let $X = \mathbb{R}$. We define

$$\tau_\ell = \{(-\infty, r) : r \in \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{\phi, \mathbb{R}\}.$$

Now τ_ℓ is topology on $\mathbb{R}$. To verify this we will check Conditions 1, 2, and 3 of Definition 10.

- It is clear that $\phi, \mathbb{R} \in \tau_\ell$.
- Let $G, H \in \tau_\ell$, then $G = (-\infty, r) : r \in \mathbb{R}$ and $H = (-\infty, m) : m \in \mathbb{R}$, $G \cap H = (-\infty, k)$, where $k = \min\{r, m\}$.
- Let $\{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\} \subseteq \tau_\ell$, then $G_\alpha = (-\infty, r_\alpha), \forall \alpha \in \Delta$, $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} G_\alpha = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} (-\infty, r_\alpha) = (-\infty, M) \in \tau_\ell$, where $M = \sup\{r_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$. So, τ_ℓ is a topology on $\mathbb{R}$.

Example 16. In (X, τ_ℓ) , decide if the following sets are open, closed or neither

- $(-\infty, 7)$ is an open set.
- $[7, \infty)$ is a closed set. since $[7, \infty)^c = (-\infty, 7)$ is open set.
- $(0, 5)$ neither.
- $(2, \infty)$ not closed, not open.
- $\{1, 2, 3\}$ neither open nor closed.

3.7 The Right Ray Topology

Let $X = \mathbb{R}$. We define

$$\tau_r = \{(s, \infty) : s \in \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{\phi, \mathbb{R}\}.$$

Now τ_r is topology on $\mathbb{R}$. To verify this we will check Conditions 1, 2, and 3 of Definition 10.

- It is clear that $\phi, \mathbb{R} \in \tau_r$.
- Let $G, H \in \tau_r$, then $G = (s, \infty) : s \in \mathbb{R}$ and $H = (k, \infty) : k \in \mathbb{R}$, $G \cap H = (t, \infty) \in \tau_r$, where $t = \max\{s, k\}$.
- Let $\{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\} \subseteq \tau_r$, then $G_\alpha = (r_\alpha, \infty), \forall \alpha \in \Delta$, $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} G_\alpha = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} (r_\alpha, \infty) = (M, \infty) \in \tau_r$, where $M = \inf\{r_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$. So, τ_r is topology on $\mathbb{R}$.

3.8 The Usual Topology

Open sets in $\mathbb{R}$

Definition 12. Let A be a set of real numbers. A point $x \in A$ is an interior point of A if and only if x belongs to some open interval S_x which is contained in A , i.e., $\forall x \in A; \exists S_x = (a, b) : x \in (a, b) \subseteq A$.

Definition 13. The set A is open if and only if each of its points is an interior point.

Example 17. An open interval (a, b) is an open set in $\mathbb{R}$, since $\forall x \in (a, b), \exists S_x : x \in S_x \subseteq (a, b)$.

Example 18. The closed interval $B = [a, b]$ is not open set in $\mathbb{R}$, since any open interval containing a or b must contain points outside of B . Hence the end points a and b are not interior points of B . Also, any singleton $\{x\}$ is not an open set in $\mathbb{R}$.

Theorem 3. 1. The union of any number of open sets in $\mathbb{R}$ is open.
2. The intersection of any finite number of open sets in $\mathbb{R}$ is open.

Remark 13. The finiteness condition in 2 of Theorem 3 can not be removed, if we consider $A_n = \{(-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$, i.e., $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1, 1), (-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}), \dots = \{0\}$ which is not open in $\mathbb{R}$.

The usual topology

Let $X = \mathbb{R}$ and we define

$$\tau_u = \{G \subseteq \mathbb{R} : \forall x \in G, \exists \text{ an open interval } (a, b) : x \in (a, b) \subseteq G\} \cup \phi.$$

τ_u is a topology on $\mathbb{R}$.

Open and closed sets in τ_u .

- Every open interval is an open set.
- Every closed interval is a closed set since its complement is open.
- Every singleton set is closed since its complement is a union of open sets.
- Every finite set is closed since its complement is a union of open sets.
- The interval $[a, b)$ is not open and not closed.
- The interval $[a, \infty)$ not open but closed.

4 Comparison of Topologies

Definition 14. let τ_1, τ_2 be topologies on the non empty set X . Suppose that each open set in τ_1 is open in τ_2 , that is τ_1 is a subclass of τ_2 , i.e., $\tau_1 \subseteq \tau_2$. In this case we say that τ_1 is coarser or smaller (weaker) than τ_2 or τ_2 is finer or larger than τ_1 .

Remark 14. We say that two topologies are not comparable if neither of them is coarser than the other.

Example 19. Consider τ_{dis}, τ_{ind} and any other topology τ on $\mathbb{R}$. τ_{dis} is finer than τ and τ is weaker than τ_{dis} . Also, τ_{ind} is weaker than τ and τ is finer than τ_{ind} .

Example 20. Consider the topological spaces $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$ and $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{cof})$. Compare τ_u with τ_{cof} .

Every open set in τ_{cof} has the form $\phi, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R} \setminus \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ which are elements in τ_u , i.e., τ_{cof} is weaker than τ_u . Note that $(0, 1)$ is open in τ_u but not open in τ_{cof} since its complement is not finite. So, τ_u is finer than τ_{cof} .

Example 21. Let $X = \{a, b\}$ be a 2-element set and $\tau_1 = \{\phi, X, \{a\}\}$, $\tau_2 = \{\phi, X, \{b\}\}$ are two topologies on X that are not comparable.

4.1 Exercises

1. Compare the cofinite topology with
 - cocountable topology.
 - left ray topology.
2. Give an example of a collection of open sets in the space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$ whose intersection is not open.
3. State if the following statement is **True** or **False** and justify your answer.
The interval $(-\infty, 3]$ is open in τ_u .
4. Define the following topological space and describe the closed and open sets in each space where X is a nonempty set.
 - (X, τ_{dis}) .
 - (X, τ_{ind}) .
 - $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_\ell)$.
 - $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_r)$.
 - $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{cof})$.
 - $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{coc})$.
 - $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$.

Lecture Six

5 Topology Induced by Function

Recall Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function. Let $A \subseteq X$ and $C \subseteq Y$. Then

- The image (or range) of A denoted by $f(A)$ is defined as

$$f(A) = \{f(x) : x \in A\}.$$

- The inverse image (or the preimage) of C denoted by $f^{-1}(C)$ is defined as

$$f^{-1}(C) = \{x \in X : f(x) \in C\}.$$

Remark 15.

$$f(A) \subseteq Y.$$

$$f^{-1}(C) \subseteq X.$$

$$f^{-1}(\phi) = \phi.$$

$$f^{-1}(Y) = X.$$

Theorem 4. Let I be an arbitrary set. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function. Assume $A_i \subseteq X$ and $B_i \subseteq Y$ for all $i \in I$. Then

- $f(\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i) = \bigcup_{i \in I} (f(A_i)).$
- $f(\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i) \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in I} (f(A_i)).$
- $f^{-1}(\bigcup_{i \in I} B_i) = \bigcup_{i \in I} (f^{-1}(B_i)).$
- $f^{-1}(\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i) = \bigcap_{i \in I} (f^{-1}(B_i)).$
- $f^{-1}(B^c) = [f^{-1}(B)]^c.$
- $f(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq B.$
- $A \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A)).$

Theorem 5. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function and suppose that X has a topology τ_x . Then the collection

$$\tau_y = \{V \subseteq Y : f^{-1}(V) \in \tau_x\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(Y),$$

is a topology on Y called the induced topology by the function f and the topological space (X, τ_x) .

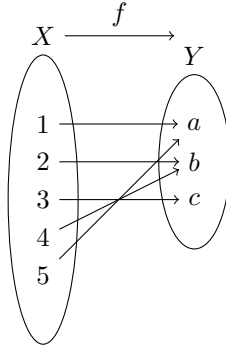
Proof. We need to verify conditions 1, 2, and 3 of Definition 10.

- $\phi \subseteq Y : f^{-1}(\phi) = \phi \in \tau_x$ so $\phi \in \tau_y$. Also, $Y \subseteq Y : f^{-1}(Y) = X \in \tau_x$. Thus condition 1 of Definition 10 holds.
- Let $U, V \in \tau_y$, i.e., $U \subseteq Y : f^{-1}(U) \in \tau_x$ and $V \subseteq Y : f^{-1}(V) \in \tau_x$. Now $U \cap V \subseteq Y : f^{-1}(U \cap V) = f^{-1}(U) \cap f^{-1}(V) \in \tau_x$. Thus, $U \cap V \in \tau_y$.
- Let $\{G_i : i \in I\} \subseteq \tau_y$, this means $G_i \subseteq Y : f^{-1}(G_i) \in \tau_x, i \in I$. Now $\bigcup_{i \in I} G_i \subseteq Y : f^{-1}(\bigcup_{i \in I} G_i) = \bigcup_{i \in I} f^{-1}(G_i) \in \tau_x$ since it is an arbitrary union of open sets in τ_x . Thus, τ_y is a topology on Y which completes the proof. $\square$

Example 22. Let $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and let

$$\tau_x = \{\phi, X, \{1\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 5\}, \{1, 2, 4\}, \{1, 3, 5\}, \{2, 3, 4, 5\}\}$$

be a topology on X . If $Y = \{a, b, c\}$ and



Find τ_y induced by f and the topological space (X, τ) .

From the definition of $\tau_y = \{V \subseteq Y : f^{-1}(V) \in \tau_x\}$, we should find the power set of Y and test if the inverse image of each element in $\mathcal{P}(Y)$ is open in τ_x .

$\mathcal{P}(Y)$	$f^{-1}(U) : U \in \mathcal{P}(Y)$	Elements of τ_y
Y	$f^{-1}(Y) = X \in \tau_x$	$Y \in \tau_y$
ϕ	$f^{-1}(\phi) = \phi \in \tau_x$	$\phi \in \tau_y$
$\{a\}$	$f^{-1}\{a\} = \{1, 5\} \notin \tau_x$	$\{a\} \notin \tau_y$
$\{b\}$	$f^{-1}\{b\} = \{2, 4\} \in \tau_x$	$\{b\} \in \tau_y$
$\{c\}$	$f^{-1}\{c\} = \{3\} \notin \tau_x$	$\{c\} \notin \tau_y$
$\{a, b\}$	$f^{-1}\{a, b\} = \{4, 2, 1, 5\} \notin \tau_x$	$\{a, b\} \notin \tau_y$
$\{a, c\}$	$f^{-1}\{a, c\} = \{1, 5, 3\} \in \tau_x$	$\{a, c\} \in \tau_y$
$\{b, c\}$	$f^{-1}\{b, c\} = \{2, 3, 4\} \notin \tau_x$	$\{b, c\} \notin \tau_y$

Now, $\tau_y = \{Y, \phi, \{b\}, \{a, c\}\}$.

Theorem 6. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and let Y have a topology τ_y . Then the collection

$$\tau_x = \{f^{-1}(U) : U \in \tau_y\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$$

is a topology on X called the induced topology by the function f and the topological space (Y, τ_y) .

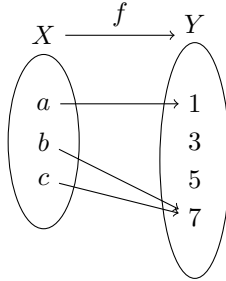
Proof. We need to verify conditions 1, 2, and 3 of Definition 10.

- $f^{-1}(\phi) = \phi$, $\phi \in \tau_y$ so, $\phi \in \tau_x$. Also, $f^{-1}(Y) = X$, $Y \in \tau_y$ so, $X \in \tau_x$.
- Let $A_1, A_2 \in \tau_x$, i.e., $\exists U_1 \in \tau_y : A_1 = f^{-1}(U_1)$ and $\exists U_2 \in \tau_y : A_2 = f^{-1}(U_2)$. Now, $A_1 \cap A_2 = f^{-1}(U_1) \cap f^{-1}(U_2) = f^{-1}(U_1 \cap U_2)$ but $U_1 \cap U_2 \in \tau_y$. Thus $A_1 \cap A_2 \in \tau_x$.
- Let $\{G_i : i \in I\} \subseteq \tau_x$, i.e., $\exists U_i \in \tau_y : f^{-1}(U_i) = G_i, \forall i \in I$. Now, $\bigcup_{i \in I} G_i = \bigcup_{i \in I} f^{-1}(U_i) = f^{-1}(\bigcup_{i \in I} U_i)$ but $\bigcup_{i \in I} U_i \in \tau_y$. Thus $\bigcup_{i \in I} G_i \in \tau_x$. Since conditions 1, 2, and 3 of Definition 10 hold, τ_x is a topology on X and this completes the proof. □

Example 23. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $Y = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$. We define the topology τ_y on Y as

$$\tau_y = \{\phi, Y, \{1, 5\}, \{5, 7\}, \{5\}, \{1, 5, 7\}\}$$

Find τ_x which induced by the topological space (X, τ) and the function $f : X \rightarrow Y$



As we know $\tau_x = \{f^{-1}(U) : U \in \tau_y\}$, so we need to find the inverse image of open sets in τ_y .

$U \in \tau_y$	$f^{-1}(U) \in \tau_x$
$\phi \in \tau_y$	$f^{-1}(\phi) = \phi \in \tau_x$
$Y \in \tau_y$	$f^{-1}(Y) = X \in \tau_x$
$\{5, 7\} \in \tau_y$	$f^{-1}(\{5, 7\}) = \{b, c\} \in \tau_x$
$\{5\} \in \tau_y$	$f^{-1}(\{5\}) = \phi \in \tau_x$
$\{1, 5, 7\} \in \tau_y$	$f^{-1}(\{1, 5, 7\}) = \{a, b, c\} = X \in \tau_x$
$\{1, 5\} \in \tau_y$	$f^{-1}(\{1, 5\}) = \{a\} \in \tau_x$

Thus $\tau_x = \{\phi, X, \{b, c\}, \{a\}\}$.

6 Subspace

Remark 16. Let $(A_i)_{i \in I}$ be a family of subsets of X , where I is an arbitrary set. Let $B \subseteq X$. Then

- $B \cap (\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i) = \bigcup_{i \in I} (B \cap A_i)$.
- $B \cup (\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i) = \bigcap_{i \in I} (B \cup A_i)$.

Definition 15. Let (X, τ) be a topological space $A \subseteq X$. Then

$$\tau_\alpha = \{G \cap A : G \in \tau\}$$

is called the relative (induced) topology on A and (A, τ_α) is called the subspace of (X, τ) .

Theorem 7. τ_α is a topology on A .

Proof. • $\phi \in \tau_\alpha$ since $\phi \cap A = \phi : \phi \in \tau$. Also, $A \in \tau_\alpha$ since $X \cap A = A : X \in \tau$, note that $A \subseteq X$, so $A \cap X = A$.

- Let $H_1, H_2 \in \tau_\alpha$, i.e., $\exists G_1 \in \tau : G_1 \cap A = H_1, \exists G_2 \in \tau : G_2 \cap A = H_2$. Now $H_1 \cap H_2 = G_1 \cap A \cap G_2 \cap A = (G_1 \cap G_2) \cap A$ and $(G_1 \cap G_2) \in \tau$ as τ is a topology which is closed under finite intersection. Thus $H_1 \cap H_2 \in \tau_\alpha$.
- Let $\{H_i : i \in I\} \subseteq \tau_\alpha$, i.e., $\exists G_i \in \tau : G_i \cap A = H_i, \forall i \in I$. Now, $\bigcup_{i \in I} H_i = \bigcup_{i \in I} (G_i \cap A) = A \cap (\bigcup_{i \in I} G_i)$ but $\bigcup_{i \in I} G_i \in \tau$ as τ is a topology which is closed under arbitrary union, so $\bigcup_{i \in I} H_i \in \tau_\alpha$. Thus τ_α is a topology on A and this completes the proof. □

6.1 Exercises

1. Let $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$. We define

$$\tau_x = \{X, \phi, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\},$$

to be a topology on X . Find the topology on Y induced by the topological space (X, τ_x) and the following function

$$f = \{(1, a), (2, a), (3, d), (4, b)\}$$

2. Let $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$. We define

$$\tau_y = \{Y, \phi, \{c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{c, d\}\},$$

to be a topology on Y . Find the topology on X induced by the topological space (Y, τ_y) and the following function

$$f = \{(1, a), (2, c), (3, c), (4, d)\}$$

3. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$. We define

$$\tau = \{X, \phi, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d, e\}\},$$

to be a topology on X . Let $A = \{a, d, e\}$ be a subset of X . Find the relative (induced) topology on A .

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Example 24. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$. We define

$$\tau = \{X, \phi, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d, e\}\},$$

to be a topology on X . Let $A = \{a, d, e\}$ be a subset of X . Find the relative (induced) topology on A .

$G \in \tau$	$G \cap A$
$\phi \in \tau$	$\phi \cap A = \phi$
$X \in \tau$	$X \cap A = A$
$\{c, d\} \in \tau$	$\{c, d\} \cap A = \{d\}$
$\{a, c, d\} \in \tau$	$\{a, c, d\} \cap A = \{a, d\}$
$\{b, c, d, e\} \in \tau$	$\{b, c, d, e\} \cap A = \{d, e\}$

$$\tau_\alpha = \{A, \phi, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{d, e\}\}.$$

Example 25. Consider the topological space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$ and the set $A = [-1, 1]$. State which of the following is open in $\tau_\alpha = \{G \cap A : G \in \tau\}$.

- $(\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ is open in τ_α since $\exists (\frac{1}{2}, 1) \in \tau : (\frac{1}{2}, 1) \cap [-1, 1] = (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$.
- $(\frac{1}{2}, 1]$ is open in τ_α since $\exists (\frac{1}{2}, 2) \in \tau : (\frac{1}{2}, 2) \cap [-1, 1] = (\frac{1}{2}, 1]$.
- $[\frac{1}{2}, 1]$ is not open in τ_α since there is no $U \in \tau : U \cap [-1, 1] = [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$ as the point $\frac{1}{2}$ must be an interior point of U so, $\forall \epsilon > 0$ $U = (\frac{1}{2} - \epsilon, 1)$ and it is not possible that $U \cap [-1, 1] = [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$.

Example 26. Consider the topological space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_\ell) = \{(-\infty, a) : a \in \mathbb{R}\}$ and the set $A = [0, 1]$. Describe $\tau_\alpha = \{G \cap A : G \in \tau\}$.

- $a < 0$, then $A \cap (-\infty, a) = \phi$.
- $0 < a < 1$, then $A \cap (-\infty, a) = [0, a)$.
- $a > 1$, then $A \cap (-\infty, a) = A$.

Thus $\tau_\alpha = \{\phi, A, [0, a)\}$ where $0 < a < 1$.

Theorem 8. Let A be an open subset of the space (X, τ) . Then $\tau_\alpha \subseteq \tau$, i.e., every open set in τ_α is open in τ .

Proof. Let $H \in \tau_\alpha$ and $A \in \tau$, $\exists G \in \tau : A \cap G = H$ but $A \in \tau$ so, $A \cap G \in \tau$, i.e., $H \in \tau$. □

7 Closure of the Set

Definition 16. Let (A, X) be a topological space and $A \subseteq X$. Then the closure of A is the intersection of closed sets in X which contain A and is denoted by $\overline{A}$, i.e.,

$$\overline{A} = \bigcap \{F : F \text{ is closed and } A \subseteq F\}.$$

Example 27. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$, we define $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d, e\}\}$ to be topology on X . It is easy to see that the closed sets are $\{X, \phi, \{b, c, d, e\}, \{a, b, e\}, \{b, e\}, \{a\}\}$. We can find

- $\overline{\{b\}} = \bigcap \{F : F \text{ is closed and } \{b\} \subseteq F\} = X \cap \{b, c, d, e\} \cap \{b, e\} = \{b, e\}.$
- $\overline{\{a, c\}} = X.$
- $\overline{\{b, d\}} = \{b, c, d, e\}.$

Remark 17. 1. $\overline{A}$ is closed since it is an arbitrary intersection of closed sets.

2. $A \subseteq \overline{A}.$

3. If $A \subseteq F$, F is closed, then $\overline{A} \subseteq F.$

4. $\overline{A}$ is the smallest closed set containing $A.$

5. A is closed iff $\overline{A} = A.$

6. $\overline{\overline{A}} = \overline{A}.$ Since $\overline{A}$ is closed by 1 and by 5 we have $\overline{\overline{A}} = \overline{A}.$

7. If $A \subseteq B$, then $\overline{A} \subseteq \overline{B}.$

Proof. By 2, we have $A \subseteq B \subseteq \overline{B}$, but $\overline{B}$ is closed by 4. Now use 3, we get $\overline{A} \subseteq \overline{B}.$ $\square$

8. $\overline{\phi} = \phi, \overline{X} = X.$ Since ϕ and X are closed sets, by 5 we get these results.

9. $\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$

Proof. We have, $A \subseteq A \cup B$ and by 7 $\overline{A} \subseteq \overline{A \cup B}^*$. The same holds for B , i.e., $B \subseteq A \cup B$ and by 7 $\overline{B} \subseteq \overline{A \cup B}^*$. From $*$ we have $\overline{A \cup B} \subseteq \overline{A \cup B}^{**}$. By 2, $A \subseteq \overline{A}$ and $B \subseteq \overline{B}$, $A \cup B \subseteq \overline{A \cup B}$. By 7, $\overline{A \cup B} \subseteq \overline{\overline{A \cup B}}$ but $\overline{A \cup B}$ is a closed set since it is a union of two closed sets and by 5, $\overline{\overline{A \cup B}} = \overline{A \cup B}$. Thus $\overline{A \cup B} \subseteq \overline{A \cup B}^{**}$. From $**$ we have $\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$ which completes the proof. $\square$

7.1 Exercises

1. Consider the topological space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$ and the set $A = [3, 8] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Decide if $[3, 5)$ is an open set in the relative topology on A .
2. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ be a topology on X . Find
 - $\overline{\{b\}}$.
 - $\overline{\{c\}}$.
 - $\overline{\{a\}}$.
 - $\overline{\{a, b\}}$.

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Example 28. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ be a topology on X . Find

- $\overline{\{b\}} = \{b, c\}$.
- $\overline{\{c\}} = \{b, c\}$.
- $\overline{\{a\}} = \{a\}$
- $\overline{\{a, b\}} = X$

Remark 18. A subset of a topological space X is said to be dense in X iff $\overline{A} = X$. In Example 28. the subset $\{a, b\}$ is dense in X .

Example 29. In the topological space (X, τ_{ind}) describe the closure of any set $A \subseteq X$.

$$\overline{A} = \begin{cases} A & \text{if } A = \phi \\ X & \text{if } A \neq \phi \end{cases}$$

Example 30. In the topological space (X, τ_{dis}) describe the closure of any set $A \subseteq X$.

$$\overline{A} = A,$$

since any set $A \subseteq X$ is closed.

Example 31. In the topological space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{cof})$, the open sets are $\mathbb{R}, \phi, \mathbb{R} \setminus \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ and the closed sets are $\mathbb{R}, \phi, \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$. Find

- $\overline{(0, 5)} = \mathbb{R}$.
- $\overline{\{3\}} = \{3\}$.
- $\overline{(-\infty, 0)} = \mathbb{R}$.
- $\overline{\{1, 2, 4\}} = \{1, 2, 4\}$.
- $\overline{\mathbb{N}} = \mathbb{R}$.

Example 32. In the topological space (X, τ_u) , the open sets are $\mathbb{R}, \phi, (a, b)$ and the closed sets are $\mathbb{R}, \phi, [a, b], (-\infty, 0], \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$. Find

- $\overline{[1, 3)} = [1, 3]$.
- $\overline{(-\infty, 0)} = (-\infty, 0]$.
- $\overline{\{1, 2, 4\}} = \{1, 2, 4\}$.
- $\overline{(1, 2) \cup \{3\}} = [1, 2] \cup \{3\}$.
- $\overline{\mathbb{Q}} = \mathbb{R}$.

Example 33. In the topological space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_\ell)$, the open sets are $\mathbb{R}, \phi, (-\infty, a)$ and the closed sets are $\mathbb{R}, \phi, [a, \infty)$. Find

- $\overline{(1, 2)} = [1, \infty)$.
- $\overline{(-\infty, 3)} = \mathbb{R}$.
- $\overline{\mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\}} = \overline{(-\infty, 1) \cup (1, \infty)} = \mathbb{R} \cup [1, \infty) = \mathbb{R}$.
- $\overline{(0, \infty)} = [0, \infty)$.
- $\overline{[1, \infty)} = [1, \infty)$.
- $\overline{(0, 2) \cup \{3\}} = [0, \infty) \cup [3, \infty) = [0, \infty)$.

Example 34. In the topological space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{coc})$ the open sets are $\mathbb{R}, \phi, \mathbb{R} \setminus \{\text{countable set}\}$ and the closed sets are $\mathbb{R}, \phi, \{\text{countable set}\}$. Find

- $\overline{\{1, 2, 3\}} = \{1, 2, 3\}$.
- $\overline{\mathbb{N}} = \mathbb{N}$.
- $\overline{\mathbb{Q}} = \mathbb{Q}$.
- $\overline{(0, 1)} = \mathbb{R}$.
- $\overline{[1, \infty)} = \mathbb{R}$.

Example 35. • $\overline{A \cap B} \subseteq \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$

Proof. We have $A \cap B \subseteq A$ by 7 in Remark 17, $\overline{A \cap B} \subseteq \overline{A}^*$. The same is true for B , i.e., $A \cap B \subseteq B$ by 7 in Remark 17, $\overline{A \cap B} \subseteq \overline{B}^*$. From *, $\overline{A \cap B} \subseteq \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$ which completes the proof. $\square$

- Give an example to show that $\overline{A \cap B} \neq \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$.
Consider the topological space (X, τ_u) and the two sets $A = [0, 1), B = (1, 2], \overline{A} = [0, 1]$ and $\overline{B} = [1, 2]$. $\overline{A \cap B} = \{1\}$ and $A \cap B = \phi$ where, $\overline{\phi} = \phi$. Thus $\overline{A \cap B} \neq \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$.

Lecture Nine

8 Interior of a set

Definition 17. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $A \subseteq X$. Then

- A point $x \in A$ is an interior point of A if and only if $\exists$ an open set $G : x \in G \subseteq A$. The set of all interior points of A is denoted by $\text{int}(A) = A^0$.

Example 36. Consider the topology

$$\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d, e\}\}$$

on $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ and the subset $A = \{b, c, d\}$ of X . To find A^0 we will test if for every point in A there exists $G \in \tau : x \in G \subseteq A$. The point b is not an interior point of A . The points $c, d \in A^0$ so, $A^0 = \{c, d\}$.

Remark 19. • The set A^0 is the largest open set contained in A , i.e., $A^0 \subseteq A$.

- $A^0 = \bigcup \{U \in \tau : U \subseteq A\}$.
- Let (X, τ) be a topological space. $A \subseteq X$ is open $\iff \forall x \in A, \exists G \in \tau : x \in G \subseteq A$.
- Let (X, τ) be a topological space. $A \subseteq X$ is open $\iff A^0 = A$.

Proof. We start to prove the direction $\Rightarrow$. Suppose that $A \subseteq X$ is open, we need to show $A^0 = A$. We know that $A^0 \subseteq A$ so, we will prove $A \subseteq A^0$. Let $x \in A$. Since A is open, $\exists G \in \tau : x \in G \subseteq A$, i.e., $x \in A^0$. Thus $A = A^0$. Now, We prove the direction $\Leftarrow$. Suppose that $A^0 = A$ and $x \in A = A^0$, this means $\exists G \in \tau : x \in G \subseteq A$, i.e., A is open which completes the proof. $\square$

Example 37. Consider the set $A = (0, 3] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Complete the following table

$A = (0, 3]$		
Topological space	A^0	$\overline{A}$
$(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{ind})$	ϕ	$\mathbb{R}$
$(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{dis})$	$(0, 3]$	$(0, 3]$
$(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{cof})$	ϕ	$\mathbb{R}$
$(\mathbb{R}, \tau_\ell)$	ϕ	$[0, \infty)$
$(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$	$(0, 3)$	$A = [0, 3]$
$(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{coc})$	ϕ	$\mathbb{R}$

Lecture Ten

9 Interior, Boundary and Exterior of a set

Theorem 9. Let (x, τ) be a topological space, $A, B \subseteq X$. Then

- $\phi^0 = \phi$, $X^0 = X$ because ϕ, X are open sets.
- $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow A^0 \subseteq B^0$.

Proof. Suppose that $A \subseteq B$, we have $A^0 \subseteq A \subseteq B$. Let $x \in A^0$, then $\exists G \in \tau : x \in G \subseteq A \subseteq B$ this means $x \in B^0$ which completes the proof. Another proof: we have $A^0 \subseteq A \subseteq B$ and B^0 is the largest open set contained in B and A^0 is an open set contained in B . Thus A^0 must be $\subseteq B^0$. $\square$

- $(A \cap B)^0 = A^0 \cap B^0$.

Proof. We need to show $(A \cap B)^0 \subseteq A^0 \cap B^0$ and $A^0 \cap B^0 \subseteq (A \cap B)^0$. We know $A^0 \subseteq A$ and $B^0 \subseteq B$, thus $A^0 \cap B^0 \subseteq A \cap B$ but A^0, B^0 are open and so their intersection, this means $(A^0 \cap B^0)^0 = A^0 \cap B^0$. Thus $A^0 \cap B^0 \subseteq (A \cap B)^0$.

Also, $A \cap B \subseteq A$ implies $(A \cap B)^0 \subseteq A^0$. Similarly, $A \cap B \subseteq B$ implies $(A \cap B)^0 \subseteq B^0$. Thus $(A \cap B)^0 \subseteq A^0 \cap B^0$. From *, we have $(A \cap B)^0 = A^0 \cap B^0$ which completes the proof. $\square$

- $A^0 \cup B^0 \subseteq (A \cup B)^0$.

Proof. We know $A^0 \subseteq A$ and $B^0 \subseteq B$, $A^0 \cup B^0 \subseteq A \cup B$, $(A^0 \cup B^0)^0 \subseteq (A \cup B)^0$ but $(A^0 \cup B^0)$ is open. Thus $A^0 \cup B^0 \subseteq (A \cup B)^0$ which completes the proof. $\square$

Example 38. Give an example to show that $A^0 \cup B^0 \neq (A \cup B)^0$.

Consider the topological space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$ and $A = [0, 3]$, $B = [3, 5)$, $A^0 = (0, 3)$, $B^0 = (3, 5)$. Now, $A \cup B = [0, 5)$, $(A \cup B)^0 = (0, 5)$, $A^0 \cup B^0 = (0, 5) \setminus \{3\}$. Thus $A^0 \cup B^0 \neq (A \cup B)^0$.

Definition 18. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $A \subseteq X$. Then

- A point $x \in X$ is an exterior point of A if and only if $\exists$ an open set $G : x \in G \subseteq A^c$. The set of all exterior points of A is denoted by $\text{Ext}(A)$.
- A point $x \in X$ is a boundary point of A if and only if $\forall$ open set $G : x \in G \Rightarrow G \cap A \neq \phi$, and $G \cap A^c \neq \phi$. The set of all boundary points of A is denoted by $\text{Bd}(A)$.

Example 39. Consider the topology

$$\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d, e\}\}$$

on $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ and the subset $A = \{b, c, d\}$ of X . To find $\text{Ext}(A)$ we will test if for every point in X there exists $G \in \tau$: $x \in G \subseteq A^c$. Only the point $a \in \text{Ext}(A)$ so, $\text{Ext}(A) = \{a\}$. Now to find $\text{Bd}(A)$ we will test if for every point in X and for every open set G : $x \in G$, $G \cap A \neq \phi$ and $G \cap A^c \neq \phi$. The points $b, e \in \text{Bd}(A)$ so, $\text{Bd}(A) = \{b, e\}$.

Remark 20. • For any subset $A \subseteq X$, the sets $\text{int}(A)$, $\text{Ext}(A)$, and $\text{Bd}(A)$ are disjoint.

- From Definitions 17, 18 it is clear that $A^0 \subseteq A$, $\text{Ext}(A) \subseteq A^c$.
- From Definition 17, we get that $x \in \text{Ext}(A)$ if and only if $\exists G \in \tau$: $x \in G \subseteq A^c$ if and only if $x \in \text{int}(A^c)$. That is $\text{Ext}(A) = \text{int}(A^c)$.
- If $A \subseteq X$, $x \in X$, then x belongs to one and only one of the sets A^0 , $\text{Ext}(A)$, $\text{Bd}(A)$.
- $A^0 \cup \text{Ext}(A) \cup \text{Bd}(A) = X$.

Example 40. Consider the set $A = (0, 3] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Complete the following table

$A = (0, 3]$				
Topological space	A^0	$\text{Ext}(A)$	$\text{bd}(A)$	$\overline{A}$
$(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{\text{ind}})$	ϕ	ϕ	$\mathbb{R}$	$\mathbb{R}$
$(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{\text{dis}})$	$(0, 3]$	$\mathbb{R} \setminus (0, 3]$	ϕ	$(0, 3]$
$(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{\text{cof}})$	ϕ	ϕ	$\mathbb{R}$	$\mathbb{R}$
$(\mathbb{R}, \tau_\ell)$	ϕ	$(-\infty, 0)$	$[0, \infty)$	$[0, \infty)$
$(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$	$(0, 3)$	$(-\infty, 0) \cup (3, \infty)$	$\{0, 3\}$	$[0, 3]$
$(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{\text{coc}})$	ϕ	ϕ	$\mathbb{R}$	$\mathbb{R}$

HW try to complete the table with $A = [0, 1]$.

9.1 Exercises

- Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and let $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ be a topology on X . Find (**Show the details of your work**)
 - The closed subsets of (X, τ)
 - $\overline{\{a\}}$
 - $\{b, c\}^0$
 - $\text{Bd}(\{b, c\})$

- $Ext(\{b, c\})$

2. Let

$$\tau = \{\{n, n+1, n+2, \dots\} : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \phi.$$

be a topology on $\mathbb{N}$.

- Find the interior points of the set $A = \{4, 13, 28, 37\}$.
- Find the closure of the set $A = \{7, 24, 47, 85\}$.

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Remark 21. Let (X, τ) be a topological space, $A, B \subseteq X$. Then

- $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow \text{Ext}(B) \subseteq \text{Ext}(A)$.

Proof. Suppose that $A \subseteq B$, we have $B^c \subseteq A^c$, $(B^c)^0 \subseteq (A^c)^0$ which equivalent to $\text{Ext}(B) \subseteq \text{Ext}(A)$. □

- $\text{Ext}(A \cup B) = \text{Ext}(A) \cap \text{Ext}(B)$.

Proof. $\text{Ext}(A \cup B) = ((A \cup B)^c)^0 = (A^c \cap B^c)^0 = (A^c)^0 \cap (B^c)^0 = \text{Ext}(A) \cap \text{Ext}(B)$. □

- $\text{EXT}(X) = (X^c)^0 = (\phi)^0 = \phi$.
- $\text{EXT}(\phi) = (\phi^c)^0 = (X)^0 = X$.
- $\text{Bd}(A) = \text{Bd}(X \setminus A)$

Proof. From definition a point $x \in X$ is a boundary point of A if and only if $\forall$ open set $G : x \in G \Rightarrow G \cap A \neq \phi$, and $G \cap A^c \neq \phi$ and a point $x \in X$ is a boundary point of $X \setminus A$ if and only if $\forall$ open set $G : x \in G \Rightarrow (G \cap X \setminus A) \neq \phi \Rightarrow G \cap A^c \neq \phi$, and $G \cap (X \setminus A)^c \neq \phi \Rightarrow G \cap A \neq \phi$. So, it is clear that they are the same. □

Theorem 10. Let (x, τ) be a topological space, $A \subseteq X$ is open if and only if A contains none of its boundary points.

Proof. We start to prove the direction $\Rightarrow$. Suppose that A is open, we need to show $A \cap \text{Bd}(A) = \phi$. Since A is open, $A = A^0$ and $A^0 \cap \text{Bd}(A) = \phi$, i.e., $A \cap \text{Bd}(A) = \phi$.

Now, We prove the direction $\Leftarrow$. Suppose that $A \cap \text{Bd}(A) = \phi$, we need to show A is open, i.e., $A = A^0$. It is enough to show $A \subseteq A^0$. Let $x \in A$, then $x \notin \text{Bd}(A)$ as $A \cap \text{Bd}(A) = \phi$. Also, $A \cap \text{Ext}(A) = \phi$ because $x \in A$. But the sets $A^0, \text{Bd}(A), \text{Ext}(A)$ are disjoint. Thus $x \in A^0$ which completes the proof. □

Corollary 2. Let (x, τ) be a topological space, $A \subseteq X$ is closed if and only if A contains all of its boundary points.

10 Cluster points, Accumulation points, limit points

Definition 19. Let (X, τ) be a topological space, $A \subseteq X$, a point $x \in X$ is called a cluster point of A (limit point, accumulation point) if and only if every open set containing x contains points of A other than x , i.e.,

$$\forall G \in \tau : x \in G, G \cap A \setminus \{x\} \neq \emptyset.$$

The set of all cluster points of A is called the derived set of A and is denoted by A' .

Remark 22. Let (X, τ) be a topological space, $A \subseteq X$, a point $x \in X$ is not a limit point of A iff $\exists G \in \tau : x \in G, G \cap A \setminus \{x\} = \emptyset$.

Example 41. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{b, c, d, e\}\}$ be a topology on X . Consider $A = \{a, b, d\}$. Find A' .

- Is $a \in A'$? to answer this question we have to test if all the open sets that contain (a) contain other points of A other than (a) . If we consider the open set $\{a\}$, we have $a \in \{a\}$ but $A \cap \{a\} \setminus \{a\} = \{a, b, d\} \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$. Thus $a \notin A'$.
- Is $b \in A'$? to answer this question we have to test if all the open sets that contain (b) contain other points of A other than (b) . If we consider the open set $\{b, c\}$, we have $A \cap \{b, c\} \setminus \{b\} = \{a, b, d\} \cap \{c\} = \emptyset$. Thus $b \notin A'$.
- Is $c \in A'$? If we consider the open set X , It's clear that $A \cap X \setminus \{c\} \neq \emptyset$. Now, $c \in \{b, c\}$ and $A \cap \{b, c\} \setminus \{c\} = \{a, b, d\} \cap \{b\} = \{b\} \neq \emptyset$, $c \in \{a, b, c\}$ and $A \cap \{a, b, c\} \setminus \{c\} = \{a, b, d\} \cap \{a, b\} = \{a, b\} \neq \emptyset$, $c \in \{b, c, d, e\}$ and $A \cap \{b, c, d, e\} \setminus \{c\} = \{a, b, d\} \cap \{b, d, e\} = \{b, d\} \neq \emptyset$. So, $\forall G \in \tau : c \in G, G \cap A \setminus \{c\} \neq \emptyset$. Thus $c \in A'$.
Similarly, we can conclude that $d, e \in A'$. Thus, $A' = \{c, d, e\}$.

Example 42. Consider the topological space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{dis})$ and a subset $A \subseteq X$. Describe A' .

Let $x \in X$, we can find an open set $G = \{x\} : \{x\} \cap A \setminus \{x\} = \emptyset$. Thus $x \notin A'$ and $A' = \emptyset$.

Example 43. Consider the topological space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$ and the set $A = (0, 1]$, then $A' = [0, 1]$. The solution (in details) is discussed during the lecture.

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Example 44. Consider the topological space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$ and the set $A = \{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots\}$, then $A' = \{0\}$. The solution (in details) is discussed during the lecture.

Example 45. Consider the topological space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$ and the set $A = \mathbb{Q}$, then $A' = \mathbb{R}$. The solution (in details) is discussed during the lecture.

Example 46. Consider the topological space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$ and the set $A = \mathbb{Z}$, then $A' = \phi$. The solution (in details) is discussed during the lecture.

Example 47. Consider the topological space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_\ell)$ and the set $A = (0, 1] \cup \{2\}$, then $A' = [0, \infty)$. The solution (in details) is discussed during the lecture.

Theorem 11. Let (x, τ) be a topological space, $A \subseteq X$, $B \subseteq X$. Then

- $\phi' = \phi$.
- If $A \subset B$, then $A' \subset B'$.

Proof. Suppose that $A \subseteq B$, we need to show $A' \subset B'$. Let $x \in A'$, then $\forall G \in \tau : x \in G, G \cap A \setminus \{x\} \neq \phi$ but from assumption $A \subset B$, so $G \cap B \setminus \{x\} \neq \phi$. Thus $x \in B'$. $\square$

- $(A \cup B)' = A' \cup B'$.

Proof. We have $A \subseteq A \cup B$ and $B \subseteq A \cup B, A' \subseteq (A \cup B)'$ and $B' \subseteq (A \cup B)'$. Thus $A' \cup B' \subseteq (A \cup B)'^*$

Now, we need to show $(A \cup B)' \subseteq A' \cup B'$. Let $x \in (A \cup B)'$ and $x \notin A' \cup B'$, i.e., $x \notin A'$ and $x \notin B'$, $\exists G \in \tau : x \in G, G \cap A \setminus \{x\} = \phi$, $\exists H \in \tau : x \in H, H \cap B \setminus \{x\} = \phi$, $\exists G \cap H \in \tau : x \in (G \cap H)$ and $(G \cap H) \cap (A \cup B) \setminus \{x\} = \phi$. This means that $x \notin (A \cup B)'$ which is a contradiction which completes the proof $\square$

- $A' \cap B' \subseteq (A \cap B)'$.

Theorem 12. Let (x, τ) be a topological space, $A \subseteq X$. Then A is closed if and only if A contains all of its cluster points.

Proof. We start to prove the direction $\Rightarrow$. Suppose that A is closed, we need to show $A' \subseteq A$, i.e., if $x \in A'$, then $x \in A$. Assume $x \in A'$ and $x \notin A$, we will seek for a contradiction. Since $x \notin A$, then $x \in A^c$ and A^c is open because A is closed, this means $\exists G \in \tau : x \in G \subseteq A^c$ this implies to $G \cap A = \phi$. Thus $G \cap A \setminus \{x\} = \phi$, i.e., $x \notin A'$ which contradicts our assumption.

Now, we prove the direction $\Leftarrow$. Suppose that $A' \subseteq A$, we need to show A is closed, i.e., A^c is open. Let $x \in A^c$, then $x \notin A$. From assumption we have $A' \subseteq A$, so $x \notin A'$, i.e., $\exists G \in \tau : x \in G, G \cap A \setminus \{x\} = \phi$. As $x \in A^c$ we have $G \cap A = \phi$, i.e., $G \subseteq A^c$. Thus A^c is open and A is closed which completes the proof. $\square$

Corollary 3. *If F is a closed subset of any set A , then $F' \subset A$.*

Proof. Suppose that $F \subset A$ and F is closed. Then $F' \subset F \subset A$. □

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Theorem 13. Let (x, τ) be a topological space, $A \subseteq X$, $\overline{A} = A^0 \cup Bd(A)$.

Theorem 14. Let (x, τ) be a topological space, $A \subseteq X$, $\overline{A} = A \cup A'$.

Theorem 15. Let (X, τ) be a topological space. $A \subset X$. Then $x \in A$ is an isolated point of A if and only if there exists an open G containing x such that $G \cap A = \{x\}$.

Example 48. Consider the topological space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$ and $A = (0, 1] \cap \{2\}$. Find the isolated points of A ?
The only isolated point of A is $\{2\}$.

Example 49. Consider the topological space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$ and $A = \mathbb{N}$. Find the isolated points of A ?
The isolated points of A is $\mathbb{N}$.

Remark 23. • A given point $x \in X$ belongs to one and only one of the following sets $Ext(A)$, A' , and the set of the isolated points of A .

- If τ is smaller, then the point $x \in X$ has a better chance to be a cluster point of A .
- If τ is larger, then the point $x \in A$ has a better chance to be an isolated point of A .

Theorem 16. Let A be a subset of topological space (X, τ) . Then the following statements are equivalent

1. The set A is dense in X .
2. If B is any closed subset of X , and $A \subseteq B$, then $B = X$.
3. For each $x \in X$, every open set in X containing x has nonempty intersection with A .
4. $(A^C)^0 = \phi$.

Proof. $1 \Rightarrow 2$, suppose that the set A is dense in X and B is any closed subset of X and $A \subseteq B$, we need to show that $B = X$, It is enough to show $X \subseteq B$. Now, from our assumption $A \subseteq B$, and as we know $\overline{A} \subseteq \overline{B}$. Because A is dense in X , we have $X \subseteq \overline{A}$ but B is closed, i.e., $\overline{B} = B$. Thus $X \subseteq B$.

$2 \Rightarrow 3$, suppose that B is any closed subset of X , and $A \subseteq B$, then $B = X$. Let $x \in X$ and let $U \in \tau$ s.t $x \in U$. We need to show $U \cap A \neq \phi$. Assume the contrary $U \cap A = \phi$, then $A \subseteq U^c$ and U^c is closed, from our assumption we conclude that $U^c = X$, i.e., $U = \phi$ but $x \in U = \phi$ which is a contradiction. Thus $U \cap A \neq \phi$.

$3 \Rightarrow 4$, suppose that $x \in X$, and $\forall U \in \tau, x \in U$, we have $U \cap A \neq \phi$. We need to show $(A^C)^0 = \phi$. Assume the contrary $(A^C)^0 \neq \phi$, then $\exists x \in (A^C)^0$,

i.e., $\exists G \subseteq \tau : x \in G \in A^c$, this implies to $G \cap A = \phi$ which contradicts our assumption. Thus $(A^c)^0 = \phi$.

$4 \Rightarrow 1$, suppose that $(A^c)^0 = \phi$, we need to show $\overline{A} = X$, i.e., $\overline{A} \subseteq X$ and $X \subseteq \overline{A}$. Assume $X \not\subseteq \overline{A}$, i.e., $\exists x \in X$ and $x \notin \overline{A}$, then $x \in (\overline{A})^c$ and $(\overline{A})^c$ is an open set. We know $A \subseteq \overline{A}$, from set theory we have $(\overline{A})^c \subseteq A^c$. The set $(\overline{A})^c$ is an open set contained in A^c and since $(A^c)^0$ is the largest open set contained in (A^c) , we conclude that $(\overline{A})^c \subseteq (A^c)^0$ but we have $x \in (\overline{A})^c \subseteq (A^c)^0$, i.e., $(A^c)^0 \neq \phi$ which is a contradiction, thus $X \subseteq \overline{A}$ and this completes the proof. $\square$

Lecture 14

11 Bases and Subbases

Definition 20. Let (X, τ) be a topological space. A base or basis for τ is a collection β of subsets of X such that:

1. Each member of β is also a member of τ .
2. If $U \in \tau$ and $U \neq \emptyset$, then U is the union of sets belonging to β .

Remark 24. The elements of β are called basic open sets in X .

Example 50. Let $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and let $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3, 4\}, \{1, 3, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}, \{1, 2\}\}$ be a topology on X . The set $\beta = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3, 4\}\}$ is a base for τ because all the elements of β are in τ and each element in τ can be written as union of sets belonging to β .

Example 51. Consider the topological space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{dis})$, the set $\beta = \{\{x\} : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is a base for τ_{dis} .

Example 52. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and let $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ be a topology on X . Then the only bases for τ are

- $\beta_1 = \tau$.
- $\beta_2 = \{X, \{a\}, \{b\}\}$.
- $\beta_3 = \{X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$.

Definition 21. Two collections β_1 and β_2 of subsets of X are equivalent bases if there exists a topology τ on X such that β_1 and β_2 are both bases for τ .

Remark 25. $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$ in Example 52 are equivalent bases for τ .

Remark 26. • Every topology is a base for itself.

- $\emptyset = \bigcup_{i \in \emptyset} B_i \in \beta$.
- There are more than one base for a topology.
- A base for a topology need not to be a topology on X .

Theorem 17. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and β is a base for τ . Then $U \subseteq X$ is open if and only if $\forall x \in U, \exists B \in \beta$ s.t $x \in B \subseteq U$.

Proof. We start to prove the direction $\Rightarrow$. Suppose that $U \subseteq X$ is open and let $x \in U$. Because β is a base for τ , we can write U as union of elements of β , i.e., $U = \bigcup_{\substack{\alpha \in \Delta \\ B_\alpha \in \beta}} B_\alpha$. This means there exists $\alpha_0 \in \Delta$ s.t $x \in B_{\alpha_0} \in \beta$ and

$$B_{\alpha_0} \subseteq \bigcup_{\substack{\alpha \in \Delta \\ B_\alpha \in \beta}} B_\alpha = U.$$

Now, we prove the direction $\Leftarrow$. Suppose that $U \subseteq X$ and $\forall x \in U, \exists B \in \beta$ s.t. $x \in B \subseteq U$, we need to show U is open. We know that $\beta \subseteq \tau$, i.e., $B \in \tau$. Thus U is open which completes the proof. $\square$

Theorem 18. For a space (X, τ) , a collection $\beta \subseteq \tau$ is a base for τ if and only if $\forall U \in \tau$ and $\forall x \in U \exists B \in \beta : x \in B \subseteq U$.

Example 53. Consider the topological space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$ and Let $\beta = \{(a, b) : a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a < b\}$. Then by Theorem 18 β is a base for the usual topology because $\forall U \in \tau, \forall x \in U, \exists (a, b) \in \beta : x \in (a, b) \subseteq U$.

11.1 Base of Subspace

Theorem 19. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and β is a base for τ . If $A \subseteq X$, then $\beta_\alpha = \{B \cap A : B \in \beta\}$ is a base for the subspace topology τ_α on A .

Proof. The elements of β_α has the form $B \cap A$ and $B \in \beta \subseteq \tau$. Thus $\beta_\alpha \subseteq \tau_\alpha$. Now, Let $U \in \tau_\alpha$ and $x \in U$, $U = G \cap A$ for some $G \in \tau$ and $x \in G \cap A$, i.e., $x \in G$ and $x \in A$, but β is basis for τ so by Theorem 18 $\exists B_0 \in \beta : x \in B_0 \subseteq G$ and $x \in A$, $x \in B_0 \cap A \subseteq G \cap A$. Hence $B_0 \cap A \in \beta_\alpha$, by Theorem 18 we conclude that β_α is a basis for τ_α . $\square$

Example 54. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ be a set and $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ be a topology on X . The sub-collection $\beta = \{X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ form a base for τ . Now, If $A = \{b, c, d\}$ find

- $\tau_\alpha = \{\phi, A, \{b, c\}\}$.
- $\beta_\alpha = \{A, \{b, c\}, \phi\}$.

Question How we can know if a collection of subsets form a base for some topology? to answer this question, consider the following example

Example 55. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ be a set and $\beta = \{\{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}\}$ is a collection of subsets of X . Can β be a base for some topology. Note that X can not expressed as union of elements of β . Also, as the elements of β are open in τ , then their intersection must be in τ , i.e., $\{b\} \in \tau$ but it can not expressed as a union of elements in β .

Theorem 20. Let β be a collection of subsets of nonempty set X . Then β is a base for some topology on X if and only if the following two conditions hold

1. $\forall x \in X, \exists B \in \beta$ s.th $x \in B$.
2. If $B_1, B_2 \in \beta$ and if $x \in B_1 \cap B_2$, then $\exists B_3 \in \beta$ s.th $x \in B_3 \subseteq B_1 \cap B_2$.

Example 56. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\beta = \{\{a, b\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$. Does β a base for a topology on X ? It is clear that condition 2 of Theorem 19 doesn't hold since $\{a, b\} \cap \{b, c, d\} = \{b\}$ and there is no $B_3 \in \beta : \{b\} \in B_3 \subseteq B_1 \cap B_2$. So, β is not a base for a topology on X .

11.2 Exercises

1. State if the following statements are True or False, justify your answer
 - Every topology is a base for itself
 - Let $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$, the set $\beta = \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}$ is a base for some topology on X .

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Example 57. Let $x = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\beta = \{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}\}$.

- Show that β is a base for some topology on X . We need to verify conditions (1) (2) of Theorem 19 (do it as an exercise).
- Find $\tau(\beta) = \{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \phi, X\}$.

Theorem 21. Let (X, τ_1) , (X, τ_2) be topological spaces with bases β_1 , β_2 respectively. Then

$$\tau_1 \subseteq \tau_2 \Leftrightarrow \forall B_1 \in \beta_1, x \in B_1, \exists B_2 \in \beta_2 : x \in B_2 \subseteq B_1$$

Proof. $\Rightarrow$ Suppose that $\tau_1 \subseteq \tau_2$, let $B_1 \in \beta_1, x \in B_1, B_1 \in \tau_1$, since $\tau_1 \subseteq \tau_2$ $B_1 \in \tau_2$, by Theorem 18 we have $\forall x \in B_1 : x \in B_1, \exists B_2 \in \beta_2 : x \in B_2 \subseteq B_1$. Conversely, $\Leftarrow$ suppose that $\forall B_1 \in \beta_1, x \in B_1, \exists B_2 \in \beta_2 : x \in B_2 \subseteq B_1$, let $U \in \tau_1$, then $\exists B_1 \in \beta_1 : x \in B_1 \subseteq U$, from assumption $\exists B_2 \in \beta_2 : x \in B_2 \subseteq B_1 \subseteq U$. Thus U is open in τ_2 which completes the proof. $\square$

12 Finite product of Topological Space

Recall that

- If $X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n$ are sets, then the Cartesian product is the set of all n -tuples of $X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) : x_i \in X_i\}$.
- If $A \subset C, B \subset D$, then $A \times B \subseteq C \times D$.
- $X \times \phi = \phi \times X = \phi$.
- $A \times B = \phi$ if and only if $A = \phi$ or $B = \phi$.
- $X \times (Y \cap Z) = (X \times Y) \cap (X \times Z)$.
- $X \times (Y \cup Z) = (X \times Y) \cup (X \times Z)$.
- $(X \times Y) \cap (Z \cap W) = (X \cap Z) \times (Y \cap W)$.
- $(X \times Y) \cup (Z \cap W) \subseteq (X \cup Z) \times (Y \cup W)$.

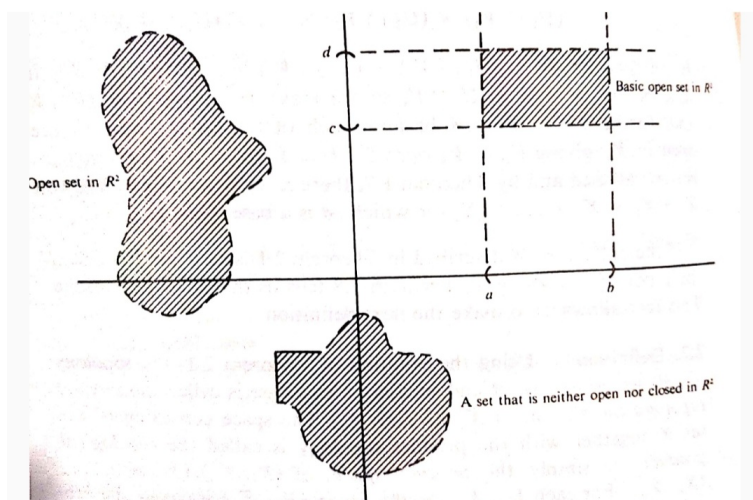
Now, if τ_i is a topology on X_i for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, we will topologize the product set $X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n$.

Theorem 22. Let (x_i, τ_i) , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ be a finite collection of topological spaces and let $X = X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n$ be the set of Cartesian product. If β is the collection of all sets of X of the form $U_1 \times U_2 \times \dots \times U_n$ where $U_i \in \tau_i$, then β is a base for a topology on X .

Definition 22. The topology $\tau(\beta)$ generated by β and having β as a base is called the product topology on $X = X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n$. The space consisting of the set X together with the product topology is called the topological product.

Remark 27. • If (X, τ_p) is a product space of spaces (X_k, τ_k) , $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then $u \in \tau_p$ if and only if $\forall x \in u, \exists B \in \beta : x \in B \subseteq u$.

- In the plane $\mathbb{R}^2$, an open rectangle is a set of the form $(a, b) \times (c, d)$. Since (a, b) and (c, d) are open in $\mathbb{R}$, the open rectangles belong to the base β of $\mathbb{R}^2$.
- In the plane $\mathbb{R}^2$, the open sets are not necessary only open rectangles as shown in the figure below.



Lecture 16

13 Continuous Function

Definition 23. Let f be a function from $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. The function f is continuous at $x = a \in \mathbb{R}$ if for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a real number $\delta > 0$ s.t

$$|x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(a)| < \epsilon,$$

this is equivalent to

$$x \in (-\delta + a, \delta + a) \Rightarrow f(x) \in (f(a) - \epsilon, f(a) + \epsilon),$$

$$f(-\delta + a, \delta + a) \subseteq (f(a) - \epsilon, f(a) + \epsilon)$$

Definition 24. Let (X, τ_x) and (Y, τ_y) be topological spaces and the function $f : X \rightarrow Y$. The function f is continuous at the point $x_0 \in X$ if and only if for any open set V containing $f(x_0)$, there exists an open set $U \subset X$ containing x_0 such that $f(U) \subseteq V$, i.e.,

$$\forall V \in \tau_y : f(x_0) \in V, \exists U \in \tau_x \text{ s.t } f(U) \subseteq V, U \subseteq f^{-1}(V).$$

Remark 28. • The Definition 24 agree with epsilon-delta definition.

- The smaller topology on Y and the larger topology on X , the better chance for the function f to be continuous.
- A given function may be continuous for certain topologies on X and Y but not continuous if different topologies are defined on these sets.

Example 58. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function given by $f(x) = x$, $X, Y = \mathbb{R}$ with usual topology. Show that f is continuous at each $x_0 \in X$.
Let $x_0 \in X$ and $V \in \tau_y : f(x_0) \in V$, $f(x_0) = x_0 \in V$, choose $U = V$ and $f(U) = U \subseteq V$. Thus f is continuous at each $x_0 \in X$.

Example 59. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function given by $f(x) = x$, $X, Y = \mathbb{R}$ with cofinite and usual topology respectively. Show that f is discontinuous at $x_0 = 1$.
We have $f(1) = 1$, there exists $V = (0, 2) \in \tau_y : f(1) = 1 \in V$. Any U open in τ_x and $1 \in U$ has the form $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{\text{finite set}\}$ and $f(U) = U$. Finally $f(U) \not\subseteq V$. Thus f is discontinuous at $x = 1$.

Discontinuity Criterion One The function $f : (X, \tau_x) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_y)$ is discontinuous at $x = x_0$ if and only if $\exists V \in \tau_y : f(x_0) \in V$ and $\forall U \in \tau_x, x_0 \in U, f(U) \not\subseteq V$.

Example 60. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function given by $f(x) = x$, $X, Y = \mathbb{R}$ with usual and discrete topology respectively. Show that f is discontinuous at any $x_0 \in X$.

We have $f(x_0) = x_0$, there exists $V = \{x_0\} \in \tau_{dis} : f(x_0) = x_0 \in V$. Any U open in τ_x and $x_0 \in U$ has the form $(x_0 - \epsilon, x_0 + \epsilon)$ and $f(U) = U$. Finally $f(U) = (x_0 - \epsilon, x_0 + \epsilon) \not\subseteq V = \{x_0\}$. Thus f is discontinuous at $x = x_0$.

Example 61. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function given by $f(x) = x$, $X, Y = \mathbb{R}$ with discrete and usual topology respectively. Show that f is continuous at any $x_0 \in X$.

Let $x_0 \in X$ and $V \in \tau_y : f(x_0) \in V$, $f(x_0) = x_0 \in V$, choose $U = \{x_0\} \in \tau_x$ and $x_0 \in U$ and $f(U) = U = \{x_0\} \subseteq V$. Thus f is continuous at each $x_0 \in X$.

Theorem 23. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function from one topological space to another. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

1. The function f is continuous.
2. For each open set $V \subseteq Y$, $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in X .
3. For each closed set $M \subseteq Y$, $f^{-1}(M)$ is closed in X .

Proof. First, we will prove the direction $1 \Rightarrow 2$. Suppose that the function f is continuous, and let $V \subseteq Y$ be an open set. We need to show $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in τ_x , i.e., $\forall x \in f^{-1}(V), \exists H \in \tau_x : x \in H \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$. Let $x \in f^{-1}(V)$, this means $f(x) \in V$. Because f is continuous there exists $U \in \tau_x$ such that $x \in U$ and $f(U) \subseteq V$, $U \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$. Thus $f^{-1}(V)$ is an open set.

Now, we will prove the direction $2 \Rightarrow 1$. Suppose that for each open set $V \subseteq Y$, $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in X . We need to show f is continuous. Let V be any open set in Y such that $f(x) \in V$, from assumption $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in X and $x \in f^{-1}(V)$. Choose $U = f^{-1}(V)$, then $x \in U = f^{-1}(V)$ and $f(U) = f(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq V$. Thus f is continuous. $\square$

Example 62. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and we define $\tau_x = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ to be a topology on X . Let $Y = \{x, y, z\}$ and we define $\tau_y = \{\phi, Y, \{y\}, \{z\}\{y, z\}\}$ to be a topology on Y . Prove or disprove if the function $f = \{(a, x), (b, z), (c, z)\}$ is continuous.

We want to show if the pre image of any open set in Y is open in X .

$f^{-1}(\phi) = \phi$ which is open in X .

$f^{-1}(Y) = X$ which is open in X .

$f^{-1}(\{y\}) = \phi$ which is open in X .

$f^{-1}(\{z\}) = \{b, c\}$ which is open in X .

$f^{-1}(\{y, z\}) = \{b, c\}$ which is open in X .

Thus f is continuous.

Example 63. Let $f : (X, \tau_{dis}) \rightarrow (Y, \tau)$ be a function where τ is any topology on Y . Prove that f is continuous.

Let V be any open set in τ , $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq X$, $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(x)$, $f^{-1}(V) \in \tau_{dis}$. Thus f is continuous.

Example 64. Let $f : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_2)$ be a function where $f(x) = a$ for all $x \in X$. Prove that f is continuous.

Let V be any open set in τ , then

$$f^{-1}(V) = \begin{cases} X & \text{if } a \in V \\ \phi & \text{if } a \notin V \end{cases}.$$

In both cases $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in τ_1 .

Discontinuity Criterion Two The function $f : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_2)$ is discontinuous if and only if there is some open set V open in τ_2 s.t. $f^{-1}(V)$ is not open in X .

Example 65. Let $f : (\mathbb{R}, \tau_u) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$
 $f(x) = x^2$.

1. Find the inverse image of the following set

- $[0, \infty) = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$
- $(0, \infty) = \mathbb{R}$
- $(-3, \infty) = \mathbb{R}$
- $(4, \infty) = (-\infty, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$
- $[0, 4) = (-2, 2)$

2. Show that f is continuous on $\mathbb{R}$.

Let $V = (a, b)$ be any open interval in $Y = \mathbb{R}$ containing $f(x)$, then

$$f^{-1}(V) = \begin{cases} \phi & \text{if } a < 0, b < 0 \\ (-\sqrt{b}, \sqrt{b}) & \text{if } a < 0, b > 0 \\ (-\sqrt{b}, -\sqrt{a}) \cup (\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b}) & \text{if } a > 0, b > 0 \end{cases}$$

In all cases $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in τ_u . Thus f is continuous on $\mathbb{R}$,

Example 66. Let $f : (X, \tau_u) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_u)$ be a function where $X = [0, 7], Y = \mathbb{R}$, and

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 15 & \text{if } 4 < x \leq 7 \end{cases}$$

Show that f is not continuous at $x = 4$.

Let $V = (11, 13)$ be an open set in Y such that $f(4) = 12 \in V$, for any U open set in X containing 4, then U contains points $x > 4$ and $f(U) = 15$, $f(U) \not\subseteq (11, 13)$.

Example 67. Let $f : (\mathbb{R}, \tau_u) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \tau_\ell)$ be a function where $f(x) = |x|$, show that f is continuous.

Let V be any open set in $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_\ell)$, then V has the one of the following forms $\phi, \mathbb{R}, (-\infty, r)$. Now $f^{-1}(\phi) = \phi, f^{-1}(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}, f^{-1}(-\infty, r) = (-r, r)$. In all cases $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in τ_u .

Example 68. Let $f : (\mathbb{R}, \tau_u) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \tau_r)$ be a function where $f(x) = |x|$, show that f is continuous.

HW.

13.1 Composition of Continuous function

Theorem 24. *If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ are both continuous functions, then the composition $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$ is continuous.*

Proof. Let V be an open set in Z , $g^{-1}(V)$ is open set in Y since g is continuous, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is open set in X since f is continuous. Thus $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is an open set in X , i.e., $g \circ f$ is continuous. $\square$

13.2 Exercises

1. State two conditions on a collection of subsets of a nonempty set X to be a base for some topology on X .
2. Define the product topology on the topological spaces $(X_1, \tau_1), (X_2, \tau_2), \dots, (X_n, \tau_n)$.
3. Let $f : (X, \tau_x) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_y)$ be a function. Give three equivalent conditions such that the function f to be continuous.
4. Let $f : (X, \tau_x) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_y)$ be a function. Give two equivalent conditions such that the function f to be discontinuous.

14 Open Functions and Homomorphism

14.1 Open and Closed Functions

Definition 25. *Let (X, τ_x) and (Y, τ_y) be a topological spaces and let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be function. Then*

- *f is open function if and only for any open set in X , $f(G)$ is open in Y .*
- *f is closed function if and only for any closed set in X , $f(G)$ is closed in Y .*

Remark 29. *The function f may be continuous and not open, or continuous and open but not closed, or continuous, open and closed.*

Example 69. *Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau_x = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ be a topology defined on X . $X = \{x, y, z\}$ and $\tau_y = \{\phi, Y, \{y\}\}$ be a topology defined on Y . Define the function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ as follows: $f(a) = x, f(b) = y, f(c) = y$.*

- *Show that f is continuous.*
 $f^{-1}(\phi) = \phi, f^{-1}(Y) = X, f^{-1}(\{y\}) = \{b, c\}$ so, the inverse of any open set in Y is open in X .
- *Show that f is not open.*
 $f(\{a\}) = \{x\}$ so, there exists an open set in X such that its image is not open in Y .

- Show that f is not closed.
 $f(\{a\}) = \{x\}$ so, there exists a closed set in X such that its image is not closed in Y .

Example 70. Let $f : (\mathbb{R}, \tau_u) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \tau_{dis})$ be a function such that $f(x) = 5$. We can show that f is open, closed and continuous function (verify as HW).

Theorem 25. Let $f : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_2)$ be a function. Then

$$f \text{ is open} \Leftrightarrow f(A^0) \subseteq (f(A))^0, \forall A \subseteq X$$

Proof. $\Rightarrow$ Suppose that f is open and let $A \subseteq X$, $A^0 \subseteq A$, but A^0 is an open set and f is open, so $f(A^0)$ is open in Y and $f(A^0) \subseteq f(A)$, $(f(A^0))^0 \subseteq (f(A))^0$ since $(f(A^0))^0 = f(A^0)$, this equivalent to $(f(A^0))^0 \subseteq (f(A))^0$.
Conversely $\Leftarrow$ Suppose that $(f(A^0))^0 \subseteq (f(A))^0$, we want to show f is open. Let G be any open in X , then $G = G^0$. $f(G) = f(G^0) \subseteq (f(G))^0 \subseteq f(G)$, $f(G) = (f(G))^0$, i.e., $f(G)$ is open in Y and thus f is an open function which completes the proof. $\square$

14.2 Exercises

- Give an example for a function f which is continuous, closed but not open.
- Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$, $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ be two functions. Prove that if f and g are open, then $g \circ f$ is open.

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14.3 Homeomorphism

Definition 26. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a bijection function from the space X to the space Y . If f is open and continuous, then f is called a homeomorphism. If f is a homeomorphism from X to Y , then the space X and Y are said to be homeomorphic denoted by $X \cong Y$.

Example 71. Let $f : (\mathbb{R}, \tau_u) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \tau_{dis})$ be a function such that $f(x) = 5$. Then f is not homeomorphism, since it is not onto.

Theorem 26. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be bijective. Then the following are equivalent:

1. f is homeomorphism.
2. f and $f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$ are both continuous.
3. f is continuous and closed.

Proof. $1 \Rightarrow 2$, suppose that $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a bijective and homeomorphism. It cleae that f is continuous, we need to show that it is open. Let V be an open set in X , then $(f^{-1})^{-1}(V) = f(V)$ which is open in Y because f is an open function.

$2 \Rightarrow 3$, suppose that f and $f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$ are both continuous, we need to show f is closed. Let U be a closed set in X , $(f^{-1})^{-1}(U) = f(U)$ is closed in Y which completes the proof. $2 \Rightarrow 3$.

do it as exercise. □

Definition 27. A property of a space X is called a topological property if and only if every space Y homemorphic to X also has the same property.

15 Separation Axioms

Definition 28. Let (X, τ) be a topological space.

1. A space X is a T_0 space if and only if for any $x \neq y$ in X , there exists an open set G such that $x \in G$ and $y \notin G$ or there exists open set H such that $y \in H$ or $x \notin H$.
2. A space X is a T_1 space if and only if for any $x \neq y$ in X , there exists an open set G such that $x \in G$ and $y \notin G$ and there exists open set H such that $y \in H$ or $x \notin H$.
3. A space X is a T_2 space if and only if for any $x \neq y$ in X , there exist two disjoint open sets G, H such that $x \in G$ and $y \in H$.

Remark 30. • If X is a T_2 space, then sometimes X is called Hausdorff Space.

- The implication $T_2 \Rightarrow T_1 \Rightarrow T_0$ is true, the converse is not true as we will see in the following examples.

Example 72. Let $X = \{a, b\}$ and $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}\}$ be a topology on X .

- Show that X is T_0 space.
We have $a \neq b$, we need to show there exists an open set G such that $a \in G$ and $b \notin G$. Choose $G = \{a\}$.
- Show that X is not T_1 space.
The only open set that contains b is X and it contains a , so X is not T_1 space.

Example 73. Consider the topological space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_\ell)$.

- Show that $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_\ell)$ is a T_0 space.
Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x \neq y$ we need to show there exists an open set G such that $x \in G$ and $y \notin G$. Suppose $x < y$, let $r = \frac{y-x}{2}$. Choose $G = (-\infty, x+r)$, then $x \in G$ and $y \notin G$. Thus $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_\ell)$ is a T_0 space.
- Show that X is not T_1 space.
Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x \neq y$. Let G be an open set that contains y , then $G = (-\infty, k)$ $k > y$ or $G = \mathbb{R}$. In both cases $x \in G$, so $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_\ell)$ is not T_1 space.

Remark 31. Example 73 shows that the implication $T_0 \Rightarrow T_1$ is not true.

Example 74. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}\}$ be a topology on X . Show that X is not T_0 space.

We have $b \neq c$, the only open set that contains b is X and it contains c . Also, the only open set that contains c is X and it contains b . Thus X is not T_0 space.

Example 75. Consider the topological space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{cof})$.

- Show that $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{cof})$ is a T_1 space.
Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x \neq y$ we need to show there exists an open set G such that $x \in G$ and $y \notin G$ and an open set H such that $y \in H$ and $x \notin H$, let $G = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{y\}$ and $H = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{x\}$. It is clear that $x \in G$ and $y \notin G$, $y \in H$ and $x \notin H$. Thus $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{cof})$ is a T_1 space.
- Show that $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{cof})$ is not a T_2 space.
For any open sets G such that $x \in G$ and $y \notin G$ and H such that $y \in H$ and $x \notin H$, $G \cap H \neq \phi$. Thus $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{cof})$ is not a T_2 space.

Example 76. Show that $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$ is a T_2 space.

Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x \neq y$, let $r = \frac{y-x}{2}$, consider the open sets $G = (x-r, x+r)$, $H = (y-r, y+r)$, it is clear that $G \cap H = \phi$ and $x \in G$ and $y \notin G$, $y \in H$ and $x \notin H$. Thus $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$ is a T_2 space.

15.1 Some Properties of T_1 Space

Theorem 27. *X is T_1 space if and only if every singleton set is closed in X .*

Proof. Suppose that X is T_1 space, we want to prove that for any $x \in X$, $\{x\}$ is closed. To prove $\{x\}$ is closed, we need to show $X \setminus \{x\}$ is open, i.e., $\forall y \in X \setminus \{x\}, \exists G \in \tau : y \in G \subseteq X \setminus \{x\}$. Let $y \in X \setminus \{x\}$, then $x \neq y$. Since X is T_1 space, there exists two open sets G, H s.t $x \in G$ and $y \notin G$, $y \in H$ and $x \notin H$ and $G \subseteq X \setminus \{x\}$. Thus, the set $X \setminus \{x\}$ is open in X , i.e., $\{x\}$ is closed in X .

Conversely, Suppose that $\{x\}$ is closed in X , we want to show X is T_1 space. Let $x, y \in X$ and $x \neq y$, then $\{x\}, \{y\}$ are closed in X . Let $G = X \setminus \{x\}$, $H = X \setminus \{y\}$ are open in X and $y \in G$ and $x \notin G$, $x \in H$ and $y \notin H$. Thus X is T_1 space which completes the proof. $\square$

Corollary 4. *Let X be a T_1 space then every finite set is closed in X .*

Proof. Let $A = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ be a finite set, now by Theorem 27 we conclude that $A = \{x_1\} \cup \{x_2\} \cup \dots \cup \{x_n\}$ is closed since it is a finite union of closed sets. $\square$

Theorem 28. *The topological space (X, τ) is a T_1 space if and only if τ contains the cofinite topology on X , i.e., $\tau_{cof} \subseteq \tau$.*

Proof. Suppose that (X, τ) is a T_1 , Let $G \in \tau_{cof}$, $G = X \setminus \{\text{finite set}\}$, $G^c = \{\text{finite set}\}$, since (X, τ) is a T_1 and by Theorem 27 we conclude G^c is closed set (X, τ) , i.e., G is open in (X, τ) , $G \in \tau$.

Conversely, suppose that $\tau_{cof} \subseteq \tau$, let $x, y \in X$ and $x \neq y$, let $G = X \setminus \{x\}$, $H = X \setminus \{y\}$ are open in $\tau_{cof} \subseteq \tau$, it is clear that $y \in G$ and $x \notin G$, $x \in H$ and $y \notin H$. Thus (X, τ) is a T_1 space. $\square$

Theorem 29. *Every subspace of T_1 space is T_1 space.*

Proof. Suppose that (X, τ) is a T_1 space. For any $A \subseteq X$, define τ_α on A to be $\tau_\alpha = \{A \cap G : G \in \tau\}$, we need to show (A, τ_α) is T_1 space. let $x, y \in A$ and $x \neq y$, then $x, y \in X$ and X is T_1 space, then $\exists G, H \in \tau : x \in G$ and $y \notin G$ and $x \notin H, y \in H, x \in G \cap A, y \notin G \cap A$ and $x \notin H \cap A, y \in H \cap A$. Since $G \cap A \in \tau_\alpha$, we conclude that every subspace of T_1 space is T_1 space which completes the proof. $\square$

Remark 32. • Every subspace of T_0 space is T_0 space.

• Every subspace of T_2 space is T_2 space.(try to prove)

15.2 Topological Property

Definition 29. A property of a space is called a topological property if and only if every space Y homeomorphic to X has the same property.

Example 77. Show that T_0 -property is a topological property.

Proof. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a homeomorphism and suppose that X is a T_0 -space. We need to show Y is T_0 space. Let $y_1, y_2 \in Y, y_1 \neq y_2$, since f is one to one and onto $\exists x_1, x_2 \in X : x_1 \neq x_2$ and $f(x_1) = y_1, f(x_2) = y_2$. Because X is T_0 space, $\exists$ open set $G : x_1 \in G$ and $x_2 \notin G$ or $\exists$ open set $H : x_1 \notin H$ and $x_2 \in H$. $f(G), f(H)$ are open in Y because f is an open function and $f(x_1) \in f(G), f(x_2) \notin f(G)$ or $f(x_1) \notin f(H), f(x_2) \in f(H)$ i.e., $y_1 \in f(G), y_2 \notin f(G)$ or $y_1 \notin f(H), y_2 \in f(H)$. This means that there an open set in Y containing y_1 but not y_2 and another open set in Y containing y_2 but not y_1 . Thus Y is T_0 space. $\square$

Remark 33. In the same way as example 77, we can show that T_1, T_2 are topological properties.

Example 78. Let (X, τ) be a Hausdorff space. If τ_1 is a topology for X such that $\tau \subseteq \tau_1$, then prove that (X, τ_1) is also Hausdorff.

Proof. Let (X, τ) be a Hausdorff space and $\tau \subseteq \tau_1$. Let $x, y \in X$ and $x \neq y$. Since X is T_2 -space $\exists G \in \tau : x \in G$ and $y \notin G$ and $\exists H \in \tau : x \notin H$ and $y \in H$ and $G \cap H = \phi$. Since $\tau \subseteq \tau_1$, we have $G, H \in \tau_1$, i.e., (X, τ_1) is a Hausdorff space. $\square$

15.3 Normal and Regular Spaces

Definition 30. The space X is called a regular space if and only if for each closed subset $F \subseteq X$ and for each $x \notin F$, there exists two disjoint open sets U and V such that $x \in U$ and $F \subset V$. A regular T_1 -space is called a T_3 -space.

Definition 31. The space X is called a normal space if and only if for each pair of disjoint closed subsets F_1 and F_2 of X , there exists two disjoint open sets U and V such that $F_1 \subseteq U$ and $F_2 \subseteq V$. A normal T_1 -space is called a T_4 -space.

Example 79. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ with the topology $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$.

- Show X is normal.
The closed sets are $\{\phi, X, \{b, c\}, \{c\}\}$. Since there is no disjoint closed sets, X is normal.
- Show X is not T_2 .
Take $b \neq c$, the only set contains c is X and intersects with any open set contains b .

- Show that X is not regular.
Consider the closed set $\{b, c\}$ and $a \notin \{b, c\}$, the only closed set contains a is X and it intersects with the set $\{b, c\}$.

Theorem 30. Every T_3 space is T_2 -space.

Proof. Let $x, y \in X$, $x \neq y$. since X is T_1 -space, the set $\{y\}$ is closed in X . Clearly $x \notin \{y\}$, because X is regular space there exists disjoint open sets U and $V : x \in U, \{y\} \subseteq V, x \in U, y \in V$. Thus X is T_2 -space. $\square$

Theorem 31. Every T_4 space is T_3 -space.

Proof. Let $x \in X$, F is closed set, $x \notin F$. since X is T_1 -space, the set $\{x\}$ is closed in X . Clearly the sets $F, \{x\}$ are disjoint closed set. Because X is normal space there exists disjoint open sets U and $V : \{x\} \subseteq U, F \subseteq V, x \in U, F \subseteq V$. Thus X is a regular T_1 -space, i.e., X is T_3 -space. $\square$

Remark 34. The implication $T_4 \Rightarrow T_3 \Rightarrow T_2 \Rightarrow T_1 \Rightarrow T_0$ is true.

15.4 First Axiom of Countability

Definition 32. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $x \in X$. A family β_x of open sets which contains x is called a local base at x if $\forall u \in \tau : x \in U, \exists V \in \beta_x : x \in V \subseteq U$.

Example 80. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $x \in X$. The collection $\beta_x = \{V \in \tau : x \in V\}$ is a local base at x . (try to verify)

Example 81. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$, and let $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ be a topology on X . Then

- $\beta_a = \{X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ is a local base at a . (Verify).
- $\beta'_a = \{\{a\}\}$ is a local base at a .
- $\beta_b = \{X, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ is a local base at b .
- $\beta'_b = \{\{a, b\}\}$ is a local base at b .
- Try to find two local bases for c, d .

Definition 33. First Axiom of countability A space X is called first countable if $\forall x \in X$, there exists a countable local base at x .

Example 82. The following are examples of first countable space.

- Any finite topological space.
- Any finite topology on any set.
- Any discrete space, consider the set $\beta_x = \{\{x\}\}$ is a countable local base. (verify).

- The space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$. To verify this space is a first countable space consider the set $\beta_x = \{(x-r, x+r) : r \in \mathbb{Q}^+\}$ is a countable local base. Clearly the elements of β_x are open sets and the cardinality of β_x is the same as the cardinality of $\mathbb{Q}^+$. Now let $U \in \tau$ and $x \in U$ from the definition of open sets in τ_u , there exists $(a, b) : x \in (a, b) \subseteq U$. Let $\epsilon = \min\{|x-a|, |x-b|\}$. There exists $r \in \mathbb{Q}^+$ such that $0 < r < \epsilon$ and $x \in (x-r, x+r) \subseteq (a, b)$. Thus the set $\beta_x = \{(x-r, x+r) : r \in \mathbb{Q}^+\}$ is a countable local base, i.e., the space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$ is first countable space.

Theorem 32. Let X be a first countable space and let $x \in X$. Then there exists a countable local base $\{U_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ at x such that

1. $U_{n+1} \subseteq U_n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.
2. If X is also a T_1 -space, then $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} U_n = \{x\}$.

Proof. Suppose that X is a first countable space. For all $x \in X$, X has a countable local base $\beta_x = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, \dots\}$, i.e., $\forall G \in \tau : x \in G, \exists v \in \beta_x : x \in v \subseteq G$. Now, Let $U_1 = v_1, U_2 = v_1 \cap v_2, U_3 = v_1 \cap v_2 \cap v_3, \dots$, we will show that the set $\{U_1, U_2, \dots\}$ is countable local base and $U_{n+1} \subseteq U_n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

- $x \in v_i \Rightarrow x \in U_i$.
- $U_i, i \in \mathbb{N}$ is an open set since its intersection of open sets. Note that $U_1 \subseteq v_1, U_2 \subseteq v_2, \dots$
- Let $x \in X$, since β_x is a local base, we have $\forall H \in \tau, \exists v_i \in \beta_x : x \in v_i \subseteq H$. So, $x \in U_i \subseteq v_i \subseteq H$.

Thus, the set $\{U_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is local base and a countable set. Also, $U_2 \subseteq U_1, U_3 \subseteq U_2, \dots$ which completes the proof of 1.

Now to prove 2, Suppose that X is a T_1 space.

Claim $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} U_n = \{x\}$.

We proved in 1 that the collection $\{U_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is a local base, i.e., $\forall x \in X, x \in U_i, \forall i \in \mathbb{N}$ so, $x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} U_i, \{x\} \subseteq \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} U_i$, we need to show $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} U_i \subseteq \{x\}$ by contrapositive. Let $y \notin \{x\}, y \neq x$. Since X is T_1 space, $\exists G, H \in \tau$ s.th $x \in G$ and $y \notin G, x \notin H, y \in H$. Because the set $\{U_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is a countable local base we have for some $m \in \mathbb{N} \exists U_m \in \{U_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ s.th $x \in U_m \subseteq G$ because $y \notin G$, this imply to $y \notin U_m$ for some $m \in \mathbb{N}, y \notin \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} U_i$. This proves that

$\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} U_i \subseteq \{x\}$ which completes the proof.

□

15.5 Second Axiom of Countability

Definition 34. A space (X, τ) is called second countable (or satisfies the second axiom of countability) if and only if there is a countable base for τ .

Example 83. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ be a topology on X . Then $\beta_a = \{\{a\}\}$ is a local base but not a base.

Theorem 33. Every second countable space is a first countable space.

Example 84. 1. Any finite topological space is second countable.

2. Any finite topology on any set is second countable.

3. Any discrete space is second countable if and only if X is countable.

4. The space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$ is second countable. To verify this consider $\beta = \{(r, s) : r, s \in \mathbb{Q}, \}$, $|\beta| = |\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}|$ so, it is countable and contains open sets. Let $u \in \tau, x \in u$, then $\exists (a, b) : x \in (a, b) \subseteq u$. We know that between any two real numbers, there exists a rational number, thus $\exists (r, s) : r, s \in \mathbb{Q}, x \in (r, s) \subseteq (a, b) \subseteq u$. Hence β is a countable base.

Remark 35. Every second countable space is a first countable space but the converse is not true, consider $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{dis})$ is a first countable but not a second countable space.

Theorem 34. Any subspace of second countable space is second countable.

Theorem 35. The property of being second countable is a topological property.

Definition 35. A space X is called separable if and only if there exists a countable subset of X which is dense in X .

Example 85. The space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$ is a separable space, the countable dense subset is $\mathbb{Q}$.

Theorem 36. Every second countable space is separable.

Proof. Let X be a second countable space, then there exists a countable base $\beta = \{B_1, B_2, \dots\}$, pick $x_i \in B_i, i \in \mathbb{N}$

claim the set $D = \{x_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is a countable dense set. It is clear that $|D| \leq |\beta|$. To show D is dense, it is enough to show that $\forall u \in \tau : x \in u, u \cap A \neq \phi$, see Theorem (15-3). Let u be an open set s.th $x \in u, \exists B_m \in \beta : x_m \in B_m \subseteq u, m \in \mathbb{N}, x_m \in D, u \cap D \neq \phi$. Thus D is a countable dense set which completes the proof. $\square$

16 compact Space

Definition 36. Consider the topological space (X, τ) . The set $G = \{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\} \subseteq \tau$ is an open cover of X if $X = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} G_\alpha$.

Example 86. Consider the space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$. The following are open covers of $\mathbb{R}$

- $G = \{(-n, n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ since $\mathbb{R} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (-n, n)$.

- $H = \{(-\infty, n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ since $\mathbb{R} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (-\infty, n)$.
- $K = \{(n, n+2) : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ since $\mathbb{R} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (n, n+2)$.

Definition 37. Let $A \subseteq X$. The set $H = \{H_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\} \subseteq \tau$ is an open cover of A if $A \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in \beta} H_\alpha$.

Definition 38. A space (X, τ) is called a compact space if and only if every open cover of X has a finite subcover.

Remark 36. • $A \subseteq X$ is compact on X if and only if every open cover of A has a finite subcover.

- The space (X, τ) is not compact if and only if there exists open cover of X has no finite subcover.

Example 87. Show that $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$ is not compact.

Let $G = \{(-n, n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$, then G is an open cover of $\mathbb{R}$. Suppose that G has a finite subcover say $(-n_1, n_1), (-n_2, n_2), \dots, (-n_k, n_k)$, then $\mathbb{R} = (-n_1, n_1) \cup (-n_2, n_2) \cup \dots \cup (-n_k, n_k) = (-n_r, n_r)$ where $n_r = \max\{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k\}$ which is impossible. Thus G has no finite subcover and $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$ is not compact.

Example 88. Show that $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{cof})$ is compact, where X be an infinite set.

Let $G = \{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\} \subseteq \tau_{cof}$, be any open cover of X . Choose $\alpha_0 \in \Delta$, $G_{\alpha_0} = X \setminus \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$, choose $\alpha_i \in \Delta : x_i \in G_{\alpha_i}, i = 1, \dots, n$. Now $X = G_{\alpha_0} \cup G_{\alpha_1} \cup G_{\alpha_2} \dots G_{\alpha_n}$. So, every open cover of X has a finite subcover.

Example 89. Let (X, τ) be a topological space, prove that any finite subset of X is compact.

Proof. Let $A \subset X$, and A is a finite set. Let $G = \{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\} \subseteq \tau$ be any open cover of $A = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$, i.e., $A \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} G_\alpha$. Choose $\alpha_i \in \Delta : x_i \in G_{\alpha_i}, i =$

$1, \dots, n$, $A \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n G_{\alpha_i}$, G has a finite subcover and hence A is compact. $\square$

Example 90. Show that $A = (0, 1)$ is not compact in $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_u)$.

Let $G = \{(\frac{1}{n+1}, 1) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be an open cover of A . Suppose that G has a finite subcover say $(\frac{1}{n_1+1}, 1), (\frac{1}{n_2+1}, 1), \dots, (\frac{1}{n_k+1}, 1)$, then $A \subseteq (\frac{1}{n_1+1}, 1) \cup (\frac{1}{n_2+1}, 1) \cup \dots \cup (\frac{1}{n_k+1}, 1) = (\frac{1}{n_0+1}, 1)$ where $n_0 = \max\{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k\}$ which is impossible, thus G has no finite subcover and hence $(0, 1)$ is not compact.

Example 91. 1. Show that $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_\ell)$ is not compact.

Let $G = \{(-\infty, n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$, then G is an open cover of $\mathbb{R}$. Suppose that G has a finite subcover say $(-\infty, n_1), (-\infty, n_2), \dots, (-\infty, n_k)$, then $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, n_1) \cup (-\infty, n_2) \cup \dots \cup (-\infty, n_k) = (-\infty, n_r)$ where $n_r = \max\{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k\}$ which is impossible. Thus G has no finite subcover and $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_\ell)$ is not compact.

2. The subspace $A = \{x : x < 0\}$ is not compact.
 Let $G = \{(-\infty, \frac{-1}{n}) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be an open cover of A . Suppose that G has a finite subcover say $(-\infty, \frac{-1}{n_1}), (-\infty, \frac{-1}{n_2}), \dots, (-\infty, \frac{-1}{n_k})$, then $A \subseteq (-\infty, \frac{-1}{n_1}) \cup (-\infty, \frac{-1}{n_2}) \cup \dots \cup (-\infty, \frac{-1}{n_k}) = (-\infty, \frac{-1}{n_0})$ where $n_0 = \max\{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k\}$ which is impossible, thus G has no finite subcover and hence $(0, 1)$ is not compact.
3. The subspace $A = \{x : x \leq 0\}$ is compact.
 Let $G = \{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\} \subseteq \tau$ be any open cover of A since $0 \in (-\infty, 0], \exists \alpha \in \Delta : 0 \in G_\alpha = (-\infty, r)$, where $r > 0$ it is clear that $A \subseteq (-\infty, r)$, G has a finite subcover and hence A is compact.

Remark 37. Suppose that A and B are compact subspace of a space X , then $A \cap B$ is not compact. Consider the space $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_\ell)$ and $A = (-\infty, 0) \cup \{2\}$, $B = (-\infty, 0) \cap \{3\}$ in the same way as in example 75 (3), A and B are compact where $A \cap B = (-\infty, 0)$ is not compact be example 75 (2).

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