

* Assignment is due today at 5pm.

Let X be a topological space.

A Theorem from last lecture:

(1) $\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$

Proof: $A \cup B \subseteq \overline{A} \cup \overline{B} \Rightarrow \overline{A \cup B} \subseteq \overline{\overline{A} \cup \overline{B}}$

$A \subseteq A \cup B, B \subseteq A \cup B \Rightarrow \overline{A} \subseteq \overline{A \cup B}, \overline{B} \subseteq \overline{A \cup B} \Rightarrow \overline{A} \cup \overline{B} \subseteq \overline{A \cup B}$

(2) $\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} \overline{A_\alpha} \subseteq \overline{\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha}$ (I is an index set)

Proof: $A_\alpha \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha \quad \forall \alpha \in I$

$\Rightarrow \overline{A_\alpha} \subseteq \overline{\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha} \quad \forall \alpha \in I$

$\Rightarrow \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} \overline{A_\alpha} \subseteq \overline{\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha}$

Attempting the other direction:

$\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} \overline{A_\alpha}$

$\Rightarrow \overline{\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha} \subseteq \overline{\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} \overline{A_\alpha}}$

$\neq \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} \overline{A_\alpha}$

Mistake in last lecture

(3) $\overline{A \cap B} \not\subseteq \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$

$A = (-0.1, 0)$
 $B = (0, 0.1)$

Proof: $A \cap B \subseteq \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$

$\Rightarrow \overline{A \cap B} \subseteq \overline{\overline{A} \cap \overline{B}}$

Other direction?

Let $x \in \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$

\Rightarrow Every neighborhood intersects A and B .

~~\Rightarrow Every neighborhood intersects $A \cap B$~~

$\Rightarrow x \in \overline{A \cap B}$



(4) $\overline{\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha} \subseteq \bigcap_{\alpha \in I} \overline{A_\alpha}$

mistake in last lecture. I incorrectly wrote " $=$ " instead of " \subseteq ".

Proof: $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha \subseteq \bigcap_{\alpha \in I} \overline{A_\alpha}$ since $A_\alpha \subseteq \overline{A_\alpha} \quad \forall \alpha \in I$

$\Rightarrow \overline{\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha} \subseteq \overline{\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} \overline{A_\alpha}} = \bigcap_{\alpha \in I} \overline{A_\alpha}$

Theorem: Let $f: (X, \tau_X) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_Y)$. The following are equivalent:

- (a) f is continuous
- (b) $f^{-1}(A)$ is closed in X whenever A is closed in Y
- (c) $f(\overline{A}) \subseteq \overline{f(A)}$ for any $A \subseteq X$.

Proof: (a) \Leftrightarrow (b) due to \otimes A is closed $\Leftrightarrow A^c$ is open
 \otimes $f^{-1}(A^c) = f^{-1}(A)^c$

(a) \Rightarrow (c) Let f be continuous, let $A \subseteq X$

Let $y \in f(\overline{A}) \Rightarrow y = f(x)$ for some $x \in \overline{A}$

Let U_y be an arbitrary neighborhood of y . Then $f^{-1}(U_y) \ni x$ is open since f is cont. And so $f^{-1}(U_y)$ intersects A since $x \in \overline{A}$

$\Rightarrow U_y$ intersects $f(A)$

Since U_y was an arbitrary neighborhood of y , $y \in \overline{f(A)}$ \square

(c) \Rightarrow (b) Let $B \subseteq Y$ be a closed set.

WTS $A := f^{-1}(B)$ is closed. Recall the following two facts:

⊛ $f(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq B$ for any $B \subseteq Y$

⊞ $f^{-1}(f(A)) \supseteq A$ for any $A \subseteq X$

$f(A) = f(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq B$
by ⊛

$\Rightarrow \overline{f(A)} \subseteq B \Rightarrow f(\overline{A}) \subseteq B$ since (c) is satisfied.

Also $\overline{A} \subseteq f^{-1}(f(\overline{A})) \subseteq f^{-1}(B) = A$
by ⊞

$\therefore \overline{A} \subseteq A \Rightarrow A$ is closed. \square

(Can we add (d): $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$ whenever $x_n \rightarrow x$

This is called sequential continuity and is not always equivalent to continuity.

Related: $x \in \overline{A} \iff \exists x_n \in A$ s.t. $x_n \rightarrow x$

Proposition: Let $f: (X, \tau_X) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_Y)$ be a homeomorphism. Then X and Y as topological spaces are the "same" up to renaming of the elements $x \mapsto f(x)$ (indistinguishable as topological spaces) in the sense that every topological property is invariant under f :

- (a) A is open/closed $\Leftrightarrow f(A)$ is open/closed
- (b) x is a limit/isolated/boundary/interior point of A
 $\Leftrightarrow f(x)$ is a limit/isolated/boundary/interior of $f(A)$
- (c) $x_n \rightarrow x \Leftrightarrow f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$
- (d) X is Hausdorff $\Leftrightarrow Y$ is Hausdorff
- (e) $A \subseteq X$ is compact/connected $\Leftrightarrow f(A)$ is compact/connected

Remark: Be careful, nontopological properties (concepts depending on the metric) will not necessarily be invariant under homeomorphisms. (for ex, $f: (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = \tan x$ is a homeomorphism but doesn't preserve boundedness)

Remark: Topological properties are also called topological invariants due to the above proposition.

New Spaces from old: Product Topology

Let (X, τ_X) & (Y, τ_Y) be topological spaces.

The product topology on $X \times Y$ is the topology generated by the basis $\{U_x \times V_y \mid U_x \in \tau_X, V_y \in \tau_Y\}$ verify this is a basis

So $A \subseteq X \times Y$ is open iff $\forall (x, y) \in A, \exists$ neighb U_x of x and a neighb V_y of y s.t. $U_x \times V_y \subseteq A$.

Lemma: If B_x is a basis for τ_X and B_y is a basis for τ_Y , then $\{B_x \times B_y \mid B_x \in B_x \text{ and } B_y \in B_y\}$ is a basis for the product topology on $X \times Y$.

Proof

Ex: The product topology on $\mathbb{R}^2 = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ is generated by

$$\left\{ (a,b) \times (c,d) \mid a < b, c < d \right\}$$
$$= \left\{ \text{open balls wrt the metric } d((x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)) \right. \\ \left. =: \max\{|x_1 - x_2|, |y_1 - y_2|\} \right\}$$

\hookrightarrow generates the standard topology on \mathbb{R}^2 .

The product topology on $\mathbb{R}^2 \Rightarrow$ The standard topology on \mathbb{R}^2

The projection functions: $\pi_1: X \times Y \rightarrow X$
 $: (x, y) \mapsto x$
and $\pi_2: X \times Y \rightarrow Y$
 $: (x, y) \mapsto y$

Note π_1 and π_2 are surjective.

If $U \subseteq X$ is open, then $\pi_1^{-1}(U) = U \times Y$ is open in $X \times Y$

If $V \subseteq Y$ is open, then $\pi_2^{-1}(V) = X \times V$ is open in $X \times Y$

$\Rightarrow \pi_1$ and π_2 are continuous.

We can ask: What is the coarsest / ~~finest~~ ^{discrete} topology on $X \times Y$
st. both π_1 and π_2 are cont?

The coarsest topology must contain $C := \left\{ \pi_1^{-1}(U) \mid U \in \mathcal{T}_X \right\} \cup \left\{ \pi_2^{-1}(V) \mid V \in \mathcal{T}_Y \right\}$
 $= \left\{ U \times Y \mid U \in \mathcal{T}_X \right\} \cup \left\{ X \times V \mid V \in \mathcal{T}_Y \right\}$

Define $B = \left\{ \text{finite intersections of sets in } C \right\}$ makes a basis for a topology on $X \times Y$ which would be the coarsest topology containing C .

Note that $B = \left\{ U \times V \mid U \in \mathcal{T}_X \text{ and } V \in \mathcal{T}_Y \right\}$
 which is a basis for the product topology. since $\pi_1^{-1}(U) \cap \pi_2^{-1}(V) = U \times V$

Theorem: The coarsest topology on $X \times Y$ in which π_1 and π_2 are continuous is the product topology.

Add the details to complete the proof

Remark: The above thm is false for infinite products.

New space from old: Subspace topology

Let (X, τ) be a topological space.

Let $Y \subseteq X$. Is there a topology on Y that is "inherited" from X ?

Let's first think of metric spaces:

Let (X, d) be a metric space. Let $Y \subseteq X$.

Then d restricts to a metric on Y :

$$d_Y : Y \times Y \rightarrow [0, \infty) \text{ defined by } d_Y(x, y) = d(x, y) \text{ for } x, y \in Y.$$

(Notion of distance carries over directly)

For $x \in Y, r > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{the open balls } B_r^Y(x) &= \{ y \in Y \mid d_Y(x, y) < r \} \\ &= B_r(x) \cap Y \end{aligned}$$

The topology on Y generated by the open balls $B_r^Y(x)$, $x \in Y, r > 0$ is $\tau_Y = \{ U \cap Y \mid U \subseteq X \text{ is open in } X \}$ show

Since $A \subseteq Y$ is open $\Leftrightarrow A$ is a union of open balls $B_r^Y(x)$ $\begin{matrix} x \in Y \\ r > 0 \end{matrix}$

$\Leftrightarrow A$ is a union of sets of the form $B_r(x) \cap Y$ $\begin{matrix} x \in Y \\ r > 0 \end{matrix}$

$\Leftrightarrow A = U \cap Y$ for some set U that is open in X .

will not be unique

So $A \subseteq Y$ is open in $Y \Leftrightarrow A = U \cap Y$ for some set U that is open in X .

Inspired by the above, we define the subspace in general topological spaces:

Let (X, τ) be any topological space

Let $Y \subseteq X$

Then the subspace topology τ_Y on Y is the topology it inherits from X and is defined by $\tau_Y = \{U \cap Y \mid U \in \tau\}$

↑ show τ_Y is indeed a topology.

Lemma: If \mathcal{B} is a basis for X , then $\mathcal{B}_Y = \{B \cap Y \mid B \in \mathcal{B}\}$ makes a basis for the subspace topology.

Proof

Example: $Y := (0, 1] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

The subspace topology is generated by the basis $\{(a, b) \cap (0, 1] \mid a < b\}$

So $(\frac{1}{2}, 1]$ is open in Y since $(\frac{1}{2}, 1] = (\frac{1}{2}, 2) \cap Y = (\frac{1}{2}, 3) \cap Y$

but $(\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ is not open in X .

Remark: Let $A \subseteq Y$. When we talk about a topological property for A , we need to specify which topology

A is open/closed in Y \neq A is open/closed in X
 $x \in Y$ is a limit point of A \neq $x \in Y$ is a limit point of X
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Note that Y is always open in Y but not necessarily open in X .

Lemma: If $Y \subseteq X$ is open in X , then
 $A \subseteq Y$ is open in $Y \iff A$ is open in X .

The subspace topology $\tau_Y = \{U \in \tau \mid U \subseteq Y\}$

Show this

Post-Lecture-Practice-Questions.

- 1) Do the exercises above.
- 2) Find a collection $A_\alpha \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, $\alpha \in I$ satisfying
$$\bigcup \overline{A_\alpha} \not\subseteq \overline{\bigcup A_\alpha}$$
- 3) Find a collection $A_\alpha \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, $\alpha \in I$ satisfying
$$\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} \overline{A_\alpha} \not\subseteq \overline{\bigcap A_\alpha}$$
- 4) a) Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a cont function between Topological spaces.
Let $x_n \rightarrow x$. Show $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$.
- b) Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a function with the property that
$$f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x) \quad \text{whenever } x_n \rightarrow x.$$
 - i) Suppose X and Y are metric spaces. Show that f is cont.
 - ii) Find an example of X, Y and $f: X \rightarrow Y$ s.t. f is not continuous but has the above property. (Hard)
- 5) Show that the subspace topology on $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is the discrete topology.
- 6) Show that the subspace topology of $Y \subseteq X$ is a metric topology whenever X is a metric space. (Any subspace of a metric space is a metric space)

7) Any subspace of a Hausdorff space is Hausdorff.
The product of Hausdorff spaces is Hausdorff.

8) Let $Y \subseteq X$. Show that the inclusion map $i: Y \rightarrow X$ defined by $i(x) = x$ for $x \in Y$ is continuous.
Show that the subspace topology is the coarsest topology in which i is continuous.

9) a) Show that X is Hausdorff iff the diagonal $\Delta := \{ (x, x) \in X \times X \}$ is closed in $X \times X$.

b) Show that Δ is homeomorphic to X where Δ is equipped with the subspace topology it inherits from the product topology on $X \times X$.