

L 22, May 11, 2020 Topology Unlike ~~up to now~~ ^{so far}

I will follow closely LN of prof. Pultr, see his web page. Recall the notion of open and closed sets

in a metric space (X, ρ) . Here $\rho: X \times X \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$

Satisfies the axioms: (i) $\rho(x, y) \geq 0$ (redundant), and $= 0 \iff x = y$;
(ii) $\rho(x, y) = \rho(y, x)$ (symmetry); and (iii) $x, y, z \in X \implies \rho(x, z) \leq \rho(x, y) + \rho(y, z)$ (Δ -inequality). We de-

note, for $a \in X$ and real $r > 0$, by $B(a, r) := \{b \in X \mid \rho(a, b) < r\}$ the (open) ball with center a and radius r . Then

$Y \subseteq X$ is an open set $\iff \forall a \in Y \exists r > 0: B(a, r) \subseteq Y$. A set

$Y \subseteq X$ is closed iff $X \setminus Y$ is open. Problem 22.1. Prove

the following properties of open and closed sets in a metric space. (a) \emptyset and X are both open and closed.

(b) If x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are open $\implies \bigcap_{i=1}^n x_i$ is open.

— || — closed $\implies \bigcup_{i=1}^n x_i$ is closed.

(c) If $x_i, i \in I$, are open $\implies \bigcup_{i \in I} x_i$ is open.

— || — closed $\implies \bigcap_{i \in I} x_i$ is closed.

A topology or a topological space is a set system that has properties described in the previous problem. In more details, a topology on a set X is defined by open sets

$\mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ if \mathcal{T} satisfies:

(ot 1) $\emptyset, X \in \mathcal{T}$; (ot 2) $U, V \in \mathcal{T} \Rightarrow U \cup V \in \mathcal{T}$; and (ot 3) $U_i \in \mathcal{T}, i \in I \Rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i \in \mathcal{T}$.

$F \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ is closed $\iff X \setminus F \in \mathcal{T}$ (i.e. $X \setminus F$ is an open set).

Problem 22.2

State and prove the analogous axioms (nt 1) - (nt 3) for closed sets.

An equivalent way of defining topology on a set, X is via neighborhoods.

We say that a topology on X is introduced via \mathcal{N} -s if for every $a \in X$ we have a set system $\mathcal{N}(a) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ that is $\neq \emptyset$ and satisfies the axioms:

(ok 1) $\forall U \in \mathcal{N}(a): a \in U$; (ok 2) $U, V \in \mathcal{N}(a) \Rightarrow U \cup V \in \mathcal{N}(a)$;

(ok 3) $V \subseteq X \ \& \ U \in \mathcal{N}(a) \ \& \ U \subseteq V \Rightarrow V \in \mathcal{N}(a)$; and

(ok 4) $\forall U \in \mathcal{N}(a) \exists W \in \mathcal{N}(a)$ s.t. $W \subseteq U$ and $\forall y \in W \Rightarrow U \in \mathcal{N}(y)$.

Problem 22.3 (ok 1) - (ok 4) imply the following:

$\forall U \in \mathcal{N}(a) \exists W \in \mathcal{N}(a): W \subseteq U$ and $\forall y \in W$ one has that $U \in \mathcal{N}(y)$. (You can find a proof in the LN but try to prove it by yourself.)

Now both ways of introducing a topology on X are equivalent in the sense that from $n-1$ one can get open sets and vice versa.

Neighborhoods \Rightarrow open sets: If we have on X $n-1$ $\mathcal{U}(a)$

satisfying (OK1) - (OK4), we define

$$\mathcal{T} := \{U \subseteq X \mid \forall a \in U: \exists V \in \mathcal{U}(a)\}$$

One can then check that this \mathcal{T} satisfies (ot1) - (ot3).

open sets \Rightarrow neighborhoods: If (X, \mathcal{T}) is a topology

in the sense of (ot1) - (ot3), we define for every $a \in X$

$$\mathcal{U}(a) := \{U \subseteq X \mid \exists V \in \mathcal{T}: a \in V \subseteq U\}$$

Again, one can check that these set systems $\mathcal{U}(a), a \in X$, satisfy axioms (OK1) - (OK4).

The map F is actually an

involution, $F \circ F = Id$, i.e. if we apply it twice we end up at the starting place.

There is yet another way of introducing topology on X , by means of the operation of closure (and interior), but I only describe its properties, assuming that we already have (X, \mathcal{T}) given by open sets.

Definition If $\mathcal{T} \subseteq \exp(X)$ is a topology and $M \subseteq X$, we define the closure \bar{M} of M as $\bar{M} := \bigcap \{F \subseteq X \mid F \text{ is}$

closed and $M \subseteq F$.

Because of the properties of closed sets this is the same as to say (4)

that \bar{M} is the \subseteq -smallest closed set containing M . So, of course, \bar{M} is a closed set.

Proposition Closure has the following properties:

(1) $M \subseteq \bar{M}$ and $\bar{\emptyset} = \emptyset$; (2) $M \subseteq N \Rightarrow \bar{M} \subseteq \bar{N}$; (3) $\overline{M \cup N} = \bar{M} \cup \bar{N}$; and (4) $\overline{\bar{M}} = \bar{M}$.

Proof Obvious... \square

An analogous notion is that of an interior M° of a set

$M \subseteq X$: $M^\circ := \bigcup \{U \subseteq X \mid U \text{ is open and } U \subseteq M\}$. Again, it is the \subseteq -largest open set contained in M .

Examples of topological spaces

We already discussed metric spaces and their open sets. A topology (X, \mathcal{T}) is metrizable if it can be defined as open sets of a metric space (X, ρ) on X .

• Discrete topology (X, \mathcal{T}) is $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{P}(X)$.

• Indiscrete topology (X, \mathcal{T}) is just $\mathcal{T} = \{\emptyset, X\}$.

If $|X| \geq 2$ then indiscrete topology on X is not metrizable: in any metric space (X, ρ) if $a, b \in X$ and $a \neq b$ then \exists open sets $U, V \subseteq X$ s.t. $a \in U, b \in V$ but $U \cap V = \emptyset$ (take balls centered at a and b and with radii $< \rho(a, b)/2$) which is not possible in the ind. t. space.

For more examples (cofinite top., Alexander top., ...) see the ⁽⁵⁾ LN.

A base of a topology (X, \mathcal{T}) (given by open sets) is any subset $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$ s.t. $\forall U \in \mathcal{T}: U = \bigcup \{B \in \mathcal{B} \mid B \subseteq U\}$.

For example, $\{(a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}, a < b\}$ is a countable base of the standard, Euclidean topology on \mathbb{R} . A subbase

of a topology (X, \mathcal{T}) (τ) is any subset $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$ s.t. the set $\{\bigcap_{i=1}^n U_i \mid n \in \mathbb{N}_0, U_i \in \mathcal{S}\}$ is a base of \mathcal{T} . For

example, $\{(a, +\infty), (-\infty, a) \mid a \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ is a subb. of the Eucl. topology on \mathbb{R} .

Proposition Let X be a $(\neq \emptyset)$ set.

(a) Every $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \exp(X)$ is a subbase of a topology \mathcal{T} on X .

(b) $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \exp(X)$ is a base of a topology \mathcal{T} on $X \iff$

$\iff X = \bigcup \mathcal{B}$ & $(U, V \in \mathcal{B} \implies U \cap V \text{ is a union of so. me elements in } \mathcal{B})$.

Proof: I will omit it, it is not hard. \square

Example the Sorgenfrey line (see Wikipedia) According to

the prev. prop., the set system $\mathcal{B} = \{(a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a < b\} \subseteq \exp(\mathbb{R})$ is a base of a topology \mathcal{T}_S on \mathbb{R} . This is the

Sorgenfrey line \mathcal{T}_S . Not only this base is uncountable

$(|\mathcal{B}| > \aleph_0)$ but one can prove that \mathcal{T}_S does not have any countable base - it is radically different from the Eucl. topology.

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Please study: Chapter V.3 Continuous maps and
Chapter V.4 Basic constructions (pp. 101-105).

