

# Topology Note

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# Chapter 1

## Topology Spaces and Continuous Function

### 1.1 Basic Definition of Topology

**Definition 1.1.1** (topology). A **topology** on a set  $\mathbb{X}$  is a collection  $\mathbb{T}$  of subsets of  $\mathbb{X}$  having the following properties:

- $\emptyset$  and  $\mathbb{X}$  are in  $\mathbb{T}$
- The union of the elements of any sub collection of  $\mathbb{T}$  is in  $\mathbb{T}$
- The intersection of the elements of any **finite** sub collection of  $\mathbb{T}$  is in  $\mathbb{T}$

**Definition 1.1.2** (topology space). A **topological space** is a set  $\mathbb{X}$  for which a topology  $\mathbb{T}$  has been specified.

**Definition 1.1.3** (open set). A **open set**  $\mathbb{U}$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{X}$  that belongs to a topology  $\mathbb{T}$  of  $\mathbb{X}$ .

**Definition 1.1.4** (open sets). A topology can also be called a **open sets**

**Definition 1.1.5** (discrete topology). The set of all subsets of a set  $\mathbb{X}$  formed a topology called **discrete topology**

**Definition 1.1.6** (trivial topology). The set consisting the set  $\mathbb{X}$  and  $\emptyset$  only formed a topology of  $\mathbb{X}$  called **trivial topology**

**Definition 1.1.7** (finite complement topology). Let  $\mathbb{X}$  be a set. Let  $\mathbb{T}_f$  be the collection of all subsets  $\mathbb{U}$  of  $\mathbb{X}$  such that  $\mathbb{X} - \mathbb{U}$  either if a **finite**<sup>1</sup> of is all of  $\mathbb{X}$ . Then  $\mathbb{T}_f$  is a topology on  $\mathbb{X}$ , called the **finite complement topology**.

**Definition 1.1.8** (finer, larger, strictly finer, strictly larger, coarser, smaller, strictly coarser, strictly smaller, comparable). Let  $\mathbb{T}$  and  $\mathbb{T}'$  be two topology on a given set  $\mathbb{X}$ . If  $\mathbb{T}$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{T}'$ , we say that  $\mathbb{T}'$  is **finer** or **larger** than  $\mathbb{T}$ . If  $\mathbb{T}$  is a proper subset of  $\mathbb{T}'$ , we say that  $\mathbb{T}'$  is **strictly finer** or **strictly larger** than  $\mathbb{T}$ . We also say that  $\mathbb{T}$  is **coarser** or **smaller** or **strictly coarser** or **strictly smaller** than  $\mathbb{T}'$ . We say that  $\mathbb{T}$  and  $\mathbb{T}'$  is **comparable** if either  $\mathbb{T}$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{T}'$  or  $\mathbb{T}'$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{T}$ .

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<sup>1</sup>The set  $\mathbb{U}$  can form a topology because of the definition of topology is intersection of finite sub collection. If this can be intersection of infinite sub collection,  $\mathbb{U}$  will not be a topology.

## 1.2 Basis for a Topology

**Definition 1.2.1** (basis). If  $\mathbb{X}$  is a set, a **basis** for a topology on  $\mathbb{X}$  is a collection  $\mathbb{B}$  of subsets of  $\mathbb{X}$  (called **basis elements**) such that:

- For each  $x \in \mathbb{X}$ , there is at least one basis element  $B$  containing  $x$
- If  $x$  belongs to the intersection of two basis elements  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ , then there is another element  $x \in B_3 \in \mathbb{B}$  such that  $B_3 \subseteq B_1 \cap B_2$

**Definition 1.2.2** (topology generated by basis). Let  $\mathbb{B}$  be a basis on  $\mathbb{X}$ . Let  $\mathbb{U}$  be a set containing all subsets  $U$  of  $\mathbb{X}$  such that for each element  $x \in U$ , there is  $B \in \mathbb{B}$  that  $x \in B \subseteq U$ . Such  $\mathbb{U}$  formed a topology on  $\mathbb{X}$ , called **topology  $\mathbb{T}$  generated by  $\mathbb{B}$**

**Lemma 1.2.1.** Let  $\mathbb{X}$  be a set. Let  $\mathbb{B}$  be a basis for a topology  $\mathbb{T}$  on  $\mathbb{X}$ . Then  $\mathbb{T}$  equals to the set of all possible unions of elements of  $\mathbb{B}$ .

*Proof.* Let set  $\mathbb{U}$  be the set of all possible unions of elements of  $\mathbb{B}$ . For any  $U \in \mathbb{U}$ .  $U = \cup B$ <sup>2</sup> for some  $B \in \mathbb{B}$ . Thus, for every  $x \in U$ , there exist a  $B' \in \mathbb{B}$  that  $x \in B' \subseteq U$ . Thus,  $U \in \mathbb{T}$ .

Conversely, for any  $U \in \mathbb{T}$ . For any  $x \in U$ , let  $x \in B_x \in \mathbb{B}$ . Then,  $U = \cup_{x \in U} B_x$ . Thus,  $U \in \mathbb{U}$ .

Therefore,  $\mathbb{U}$  equals to  $\mathbb{T}$ . □

**Lemma 1.2.2.**<sup>3</sup> Let  $\mathbb{X}$  be a topological space. Suppose that  $\mathbb{C}$  is a collection of open sets of  $\mathbb{X}$  such that for each open set  $U$  of  $\mathbb{X}$  and each  $x \in U$ , there is an element  $C \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $x \in C \subseteq U$ . Then  $\mathbb{C}$  is a basis for the topology of  $\mathbb{X}$ .

**Lemma 1.2.3.**<sup>4</sup> Let  $\mathbb{B}$  and  $\mathbb{B}'$  be basis for the topologies  $\mathbb{T}$  and  $\mathbb{T}'$ , respectively, on  $\mathbb{X}$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- $\mathbb{T}'$  is finer than  $\mathbb{T}$
- For each  $x \in \mathbb{X}$  and each basis element  $B \in \mathbb{B}$  containing  $x$ , there is a basis element  $B' \in \mathbb{B}'$  such that  $x \in B' \subseteq B$ .

**Definition 1.2.3** (standard topology on the real line). Let be  $\mathbb{B} = \{B | B = \{x | a < x < b\}, a < b, a \in \mathbb{R}, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .  $\mathbb{B}$  formed a basis on real line. The topology generated by  $\mathbb{B}$  is called the **standard topology on the real line**<sup>5</sup>.

**Definition 1.2.4** (lower limit topology on the real line). Let be  $\mathbb{B} = \{B | B = \{x | a \leq x < b\}, a < b, a \in \mathbb{R}, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .  $\mathbb{B}$  formed a basis on real line. The topology generated by  $\mathbb{B}$  is called the **lower limit topology on the real line**. When  $\mathbb{R}$  is given this topology, we denote it by  $\mathbb{R}_l$ .

**Definition 1.2.5** (K-topology on the real line). Let be  $\mathbb{B} = \{B | B = \{x | a < x < b\}, a < b, a \in \mathbb{R}, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . Let  $K = \{x | x = \frac{1}{n}, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+\}$ .  $\mathbb{B} \cup \{B - K | B \in \mathbb{B}\}$  formed a basis on real line. The topology generated by  $\mathbb{B}$  is called the **K-topology on the real line**. When  $\mathbb{R}$  is given this topology, we denote it by  $\mathbb{R}_K$ .

**Lemma 1.2.4.**<sup>6</sup> The topologies  $\mathbb{R}_l$  and  $\mathbb{R}_K$  is strictly finer than the standard topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

<sup>2</sup>Note that this expression may not be unique.

<sup>3</sup>We omit the proof of this lemma as it is obvious.

<sup>4</sup>We omit the proof of this lemma as it is obvious.

<sup>5</sup>Whenever we consider  $\mathbb{R}$ , we shall suppose it is given this topology unless we specifically state otherwise.

<sup>6</sup>We omit the proof of this lemma as it is obvious.

**Lemma 1.2.5.** *The topologies of  $\mathbb{R}_l$  and  $\mathbb{R}_\mathbb{K}$  is not comparable.*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbb{T}_l$  and  $\mathbb{T}_\mathbb{K}$  be topologies of  $\mathbb{R}_l$  and  $\mathbb{R}_\mathbb{K}$  respectively. Let  $K = \{x | x = \frac{1}{n}, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+\}$ .

We first proof that  $\mathbb{T}_l$  is not finer than  $\mathbb{T}_\mathbb{K}$ . Let  $U = \{x | -1 < x < 1\} - K, x = 0$ . If there exist  $B = \{x | a \leq x < b\} \in \mathbb{T}_l$  such that  $x \in B \subseteq U$ , then  $0 < b < 1$ . Thus, there exist  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  that  $0 < \frac{1}{n} < b$ . Thus  $B$  is not a subset of  $U$ .

Then we proof that  $\mathbb{T}_\mathbb{K}$  is not finer than  $\mathbb{T}_l$ . Let  $U' = \{x | a' \leq x < b'\}$ . If there exist  $B' = \{x | a'' < x < b''\} \text{ or } \{x | a'' < x < b''\} - K$  such that  $a' \in B \subseteq U$ . Thus  $a'' < a < b''$ . Thus there exist  $c$  that  $a'' < x < a, x \in B, x \notin U'$ . Thus  $B' \not\subseteq U'$ .

Thus the topologies of  $\mathbb{R}_l$  and  $\mathbb{R}_\mathbb{K}$  is not comparable.  $\square$

**Definition 1.2.6** (subbasis). A **subbasis**  $\mathbb{S}$  for a topology on  $\mathbb{X}$  is a collection of subsets of  $\mathbb{X}$  whose union equals  $\mathbb{X}$ . The **topology generated by the subbasis**  $\mathbb{S}$  is defined to be the collection  $\mathbb{T}^7$  of all unions of finite intersections of elements of  $\mathbb{S}$ .

### 1.2.1 Exercise

1. Show that if  $\mathbb{A}$  is a basis for a topology on  $\mathbb{X}$ , then the topology generated by  $\mathbb{A}$  equals the intersection of all topologies on  $\mathbb{X}$  that contain  $\mathbb{A}$ . Prove the same if  $\mathbb{A}$  is a subbasis.

*Proof.* As a subbasis is also a basis, we will directly prove the case of subbasis here.

Let  $\mathbb{S} = \{\mathbb{T}_\alpha\}$  be set contain all the topologies that contain  $\mathbb{A}$ . Let  $\mathbb{T}$  be the topology that  $\mathbb{A}$  generated. Let  $\mathbb{T}' = \cap \mathbb{T}_\alpha$ .<sup>8</sup>

First,  $\mathbb{A} \subseteq \mathbb{T}_\alpha$ . Thus,  $\mathbb{T} \subseteq \mathbb{T}_\alpha$ . Thus,  $\mathbb{T} \subseteq \mathbb{T}'$ .

Also,  $\mathbb{A} \subseteq \mathbb{T}$ . Thus,  $\mathbb{T} \in \mathbb{S}$ . Thus,  $\mathbb{T}' \subseteq \mathbb{T}$ .

Thus,  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{T}'$   $\square$

## 1.3 The Order Topology

**Definition 1.3.1** (interval). Let  $\mathbb{X}$  is a set having a simple order relation  $<$ . Given elements  $a$  and  $b$  of  $\mathbb{X}$  such that  $a < b$ , there are four subsets of  $\mathbb{X}$  that are called **intervals** determined by  $a$  and  $b$ :

- $(a, b) = \{x | a < x < b\}$
- $(a, b] = \{x | a < x \leq b\}$
- $[a, b) = \{x | a \leq x < b\}$
- $[a, b] = \{x | a \leq x \leq b\}$

$(a, b)$  is called an **open interval** on  $\mathbb{X}$ .  $[a, b]$  is called an **closed interval** on  $\mathbb{X}$ .  $(a, b]$  and  $[a, b)$  is called **half-open intervals**.

**Definition 1.3.2** (order topology).<sup>9</sup> Let  $\mathbb{X}$  be a set with a simple order relation; assume  $\mathbb{X}$  has more than one element. Let  $\mathbb{B}$  be the collection of all sets of the following types:

- All open intervals  $(a, b)$  in  $\mathbb{X}$ .

<sup>7</sup>It is obvious that  $\mathbb{T}$  is a topology, we just omit the proof here.

<sup>8</sup>It is obvious that  $\mathbb{T}'$  is also a topology, we just omit the proof here.

<sup>9</sup>The standard topology on  $\mathbb{R}$  is an order topology derived from the usual order on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

- All intervals of the form  $[a_0, b)$ , where  $a_0$  is the smallest element(if exist) of  $\mathbb{X}$ .
- All intervals of the form  $(a, b_0]$ , where  $b_0$  is the largest element(if exist) of  $\mathbb{X}$ .

The collection  $\mathbb{B}$  formed a basis for a topology on  $\mathbb{X}$ , which is called the order topology.

**Definition 1.3.3** (ray).<sup>1011</sup> If  $\mathbb{X}$  is an ordered set, and  $a$  is an element of  $\mathbb{X}$ , there are four subsets of  $\mathbb{X}$  that are called **rays** determined by  $a$ :

- $(a, +\infty) = \{x | x > a\}$
- $(-\infty, a) = \{x | x < a\}$
- $[a, +\infty) = \{x | x \geq a\}$
- $(-\infty, a] = \{x | x \leq a\}$

$(a, +\infty)$  and  $(-\infty, a)$  are called **open rays**.  $[a, +\infty)$  and  $(-\infty, a]$  are called **closed rays**.

## 1.4 The Product Topology

**Definition 1.4.1** (product topology). Let  $\mathbb{X}$  and  $\mathbb{Y}$  be topological spaces. The **product topology** on  $\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}$  having a basis  $\mathbb{B}$  containing all sets of the form  $U \times V$ , where  $U$  and  $V$  is open sets of  $\mathbb{X}$  and  $\mathbb{Y}$  respectively.

**Theorem 1.4.1.**<sup>12</sup> If  $\mathbb{B}$  and  $\mathbb{C}$  is basis for the topology of  $\mathbb{X}$  and  $\mathbb{Y}$  respectively, then the collection

$$\mathbb{D} = \{B \times C | B \in \mathbb{B} \text{ and } C \in \mathbb{C}\}$$

is a basis for the topology of  $\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}$

**Definition 1.4.2** (projection). Let  $\pi_1 : \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$  be defined by the equation:

$$\pi_1(x, y) = x$$

Let  $\pi_2 : \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{Y}$  be defined by the equation:

$$\pi_2(x, y) = y$$

The maps  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  are called the **projections** of  $\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}$  onto its first and second factors, respectively.

**Theorem 1.4.2.**<sup>13</sup> The collection

$$\mathbb{S} = \{\pi_1^{-1}(U) | U \text{ open in } \mathbb{X}\} \cup \{\pi_2^{-1}(V) | V \text{ open in } \mathbb{Y}\}$$

is a subbasis for the product topology on  $\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}$ .

<sup>10</sup>open rays are always open sets in the order topology

<sup>11</sup>the open rays also formed a subbasis of the order topology

<sup>12</sup>We omit the proof of this lemma as it is obvious.

<sup>13</sup>We omit the proof of this lemma as it is obvious.



## 1.5 The Subspace Topology

**Definition 1.5.1** (subspace topology). *Let  $\mathbb{X}$  be a topological space with topology  $\mathbb{T}$ . If  $Y$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{X}$ , the collection  $\mathbb{T}_Y = \{Y \cap U | U \in \mathbb{T}\}$  is a topology on  $Y$ , called the **subspace topology**.*

*$Y$  is also called a **subspace** of  $\mathbb{X}$*

**Lemma 1.5.1.** <sup>14</sup>*If  $\mathbb{B}$  is basis for the topology of  $\mathbb{X}$ ,  $Y$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{X}$  then the collection*

$$\mathbb{B}_Y = \{B \cap Y | B \in \mathbb{B}\}$$

*is a basis for the subspace topology on  $Y$*

**Lemma 1.5.2.** <sup>15</sup>*Let  $Y$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{X}$ . If  $U$  is open in  $Y$  and  $Y$  is open in  $\mathbb{X}$ , then  $U$  is open in  $\mathbb{X}$ .*

**Theorem 1.5.1.** <sup>16</sup>*If  $A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{X}$  and  $B$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{Y}$ , then the product topology on  $A \times B$  is the same as the topology  $A \times B$  inherits as a subspace of  $\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}$*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbb{B}_\mathbb{X}$  and  $\mathbb{B}_\mathbb{Y}$  and  $\mathbb{B}_{\mathbb{X}\mathbb{Y}}$  be basis of topology of  $\mathbb{X}$  and  $\mathbb{Y}$  and  $\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}$  respectively. Let  $\mathbb{B}'_\mathbb{X}$  and  $\mathbb{B}'_\mathbb{Y}$  and  $\mathbb{B}'_{\mathbb{X}\mathbb{Y}}$  be basis of topology of  $A$  and  $B$  and  $A \times B$  respectively. We will show that  $\mathbb{B}'_\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{B}'_\mathbb{Y} = \mathbb{B}'_{\mathbb{X}\mathbb{Y}}$ . Thus, the product topology on  $A \times B$  is the same as the topology  $A \times B$  inherits as a subspace of  $\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}$ .

First, every element in  $\mathbb{B}'_\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{B}'_\mathbb{Y}$  can be represented by  $B_A \cap A \times B_B \cap B = B_A \times B_B \cap A \times B \in \mathbb{B}'_{\mathbb{X}\mathbb{Y}}$  where  $B_A \in \mathbb{B}'_\mathbb{X}$ ,  $B_B \in \mathbb{B}'_\mathbb{Y}$ . Thus  $\mathbb{B}'_\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{B}'_\mathbb{Y} \subseteq \mathbb{B}'_{\mathbb{X}\mathbb{Y}}$ .

Next, we show that  $\mathbb{B}'_\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{B}'_\mathbb{Y}$  generate the topology  $A \times B$  inherits as a subspace of  $\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}$ . For any open set  $U$  in  $\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}$ , and  $\forall x \in U \cap A \times B$ ,  $\exists B_\mathbb{X} \times B_\mathbb{Y} \in \mathbb{B}_{\mathbb{X}\mathbb{Y}}$ ,  $x \in B_\mathbb{X} \times B_\mathbb{Y} \subseteq \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}$ . Thus  $x \in B_\mathbb{X} \times B_\mathbb{Y} \cap A \times B \subseteq A \times B$ ,  $B_\mathbb{X} \times B_\mathbb{Y} \cap A \times B \in \mathbb{B}'_\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{B}'_\mathbb{Y}$ . Thus  $\mathbb{B}'_\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{B}'_\mathbb{Y}$  generate the topology  $A \times B$  inherits as a subspace of  $\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}$ .  $\square$

**Definition 1.5.2** (ordered square). *Let  $I = [0, 1]$ . The set  $I \times I$  in the dictionary order <sup>17</sup> topology will be called **ordered square**, and denoted by  $I_o^2$*

**Definition 1.5.3** (convex). *Given an ordered set  $\mathbb{X}$ , let us say that a subset  $\mathbb{Y}$  of  $\mathbb{X}$  is **convex** in  $\mathbb{X}$  if for each pair of points  $a < b$  of  $\mathbb{Y}$ , the entire interval  $(a, b)$  of points of  $\mathbb{X}$  lies in  $\mathbb{Y}$*

<sup>14</sup>We omit the proof of this lemma as it is obvious.

<sup>15</sup>We omit the proof of this lemma as it is obvious.

<sup>16</sup>If  $\mathbb{X}$  is an ordered set in the order topology, and  $\mathbb{Y}$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{X}$ . The order relation, when restricted to  $\mathbb{Y}$ , makes  $\mathbb{Y}$  into an ordered set. However, the resulting order topology on  $\mathbb{Y}$  need not be the same as the topology that  $\mathbb{Y}$  inherits as a subspace of  $\mathbb{X}$ .

<sup>17</sup>the dictionary means for  $X_1, X_2 \in \mathbb{Y} = \mathbb{X}_1 \times \mathbb{X}_2 \times \mathbb{X}_3 \dots$  which:

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &= (x_1, x_2, x_3 \dots) \\ X_2 &= (x'_1, x'_2, x'_3 \dots) \end{aligned}$$

$X_1 > X_2$  only when

$$\begin{aligned} \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}_+, \forall i \in \mathbb{Z}_+, 0 < i < k \\ x_i &= x'_i \\ x_k &> x'_k \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1.5.2.**<sup>18</sup> Let  $\mathbb{X}$  be an ordered set in the order topology. Let  $\mathbb{Y}$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{X}$  that is convex in  $\mathbb{X}$ . Then the order topology on  $\mathbb{Y}$  is the same as the topology  $\mathbb{Y}$  inherits as a subspace of  $\mathbb{X}$ .

*Proof.* Consider the ray  $(a, +\infty)$  in  $\mathbb{X}$ . If  $a \in \mathbb{Y}$ , then

$$(a, +\infty) \cap \mathbb{Y} = \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{Y} \text{ and } x > a\}$$

This is an open ray of the ordered set of  $\mathbb{Y}$ . if  $a \notin \mathbb{Y}$ , then  $a$  is either a lower bound on  $\mathbb{Y}$  or an upper bound on  $\mathbb{Y}$ , since  $\mathbb{Y}$  is convex. In the former case, the set  $(a, +\infty) \cap \mathbb{Y}$  equals all of  $\mathbb{Y}$ , in the latter case, it is empty.

A similar remark shows that the intersection of the ray  $(-\infty, a)$  with  $\mathbb{Y}$  is either an open ray of  $\mathbb{Y}$ , or  $\mathbb{Y}$  itself, or empty. Since the sets  $(a, +\infty) \cap \mathbb{Y}$  and  $(-\infty, a) \cap \mathbb{Y}$  form a subbasis for the subspace topology on  $\mathbb{Y}$ , and since each is open in the order topology, the order topology contains the subspace topology.

To prove the reverse, note that any open ray of  $\mathbb{Y}$  equals the intersection of an open ray of  $\mathbb{X}$  with  $\mathbb{Y}$ , so it is open in the subspace topology on  $\mathbb{Y}$ . Since the open rays of  $\mathbb{Y}$  are a subbasis for the order topology on  $\mathbb{Y}$ , this topology is contained in the subspace topology.  $\square$

### Exercise

1. A map  $f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{Y}$  is said to be a **open map** if for every open set  $U \subseteq \mathbb{X}$ , the set  $f(U)$  is open in  $\mathbb{Y}$ . Show that  $\pi : \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$  is open map.

*Proof.* An open set in  $\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}$  can be represented by

$$\cup(U_i \times U'_i)$$

where  $U_i, U'_i$  are open sets in  $\mathbb{X}$ ,  $\mathbb{Y}$ , respectively.

Also,

$$\cup(U_i \times U'_i) = \cup(U_i) \times \cup(U'_i)$$

Thus,

$$\pi(\cup(U_i \times U'_i)) = \cup(U_i)$$

Thus,  $\pi(U)$  is open in  $\mathbb{X}$ .  $\square$

2. Let  $\mathbb{X}$  and  $\mathbb{X}'$  denote a single set in the topologies  $\mathbb{T}$  and  $\mathbb{T}'$ , respectively; let  $\mathbb{Y}$  and  $\mathbb{Y}'$  denote a single set in the topologies  $\mathbb{U}$  and  $\mathbb{U}'$ , respectively.<sup>19</sup> Assume these sets are nonempty.

(a) Show that if  $\mathbb{T}' \supseteq \mathbb{T}$  and  $\mathbb{U}' \supseteq \mathbb{U}$ , then the product topologies  $\mathbb{X}' \times \mathbb{Y}'$  is finer than the product topology on  $\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}$ .

(b) Does the converse of the previous statement hold?

<sup>18</sup>Given  $\mathbb{X}$  is an ordered set in the order topology and  $\mathbb{Y}$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{X}$ , we shall assume that  $\mathbb{Y}$  is given the subspace topology unless we specifically state otherwise.

<sup>19</sup>what does  $\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{X}', \mathbb{Y}, \mathbb{Y}'$  really mean here?? I do not know, so I just put the exercise here without a proof.

3. Show that the countable collection<sup>20</sup>

$$\{(a, b) \times (c, d) | a < b, c < d, a \in \mathbb{Q}, b \in \mathbb{Q}, c \in \mathbb{Q}, d \in \mathbb{Q}\}$$

is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$

*Proof.* This is obvious if you prove that  $(a, b) \times (c, d)$  is a rectangle in the  $\mathbb{R}^2$  plane.  $\square$

4. Let  $\mathbb{X}$  be an ordered set. If  $\mathbb{Y}$  is a proper subset of  $\mathbb{X}$  that is convex in  $\mathbb{X}$  prove that  $\mathbb{Y}$  may not be an interval or a ray in  $\mathbb{X}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbb{X} = \mathbb{R}^2$  with dictionary order. Then  $Y = \{(x, y) | -1 \leq x \leq 1\}$  is convex in  $\mathbb{X}$ , however it is not an interval or a ray.  $\square$

There is a false prove given by myself.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbb{S}$  be a set that contain all intervals and rays of  $\mathbb{Y}$ . We define a partial order on  $\mathbb{S}$  by inclusion. So if there is a chain in  $\mathbb{S}$ :

$$S_1 \subseteq S_2 \subseteq S_3 \dots$$

Let

$$S = S_1 \cup S_2 \cup S_3 \cup \dots$$

Thus,  $S$  is an upper bound of the chain.

Thus, by Zorn's Lemma, there is a maximal element of  $\mathbb{S}$ , say  $U$ , then we prove that  $U = \mathbb{Y}$ .

If  $U \neq \mathbb{Y}$ , then  $\exists x, x \in \mathbb{Y} - U$ .

If  $U$  is a ray say  $(a, +\infty)$ . Then  $x < a$ , thus  $U \subseteq (x, +\infty) \subseteq \mathbb{B}$ , then there is contradiction with the maximal element.

If  $U$  is an interval, the circumstance is similar with the proof of  $U$  is a ray.

Thus  $\mathbb{Y}$  is a ray or an interval.  $\square$

However, there is issue with this proof, the set  $S$  does exists. However, it may not be an interval or ray, so it may not be contained in  $\mathbb{S}$

## 1.6 Closed Sets and Limit Points

**Definition 1.6.1** (closed).<sup>21</sup> A subset  $A$  of a topological space is said to be closed if the set  $\mathbb{X} - A$  is open.

**Theorem 1.6.1.**<sup>22</sup> Let  $\mathbb{X}$  be a topological space. Then the following conditions hold

1.  $\emptyset$  and  $\mathbb{X}$  are closed.

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<sup>20</sup>The prove of this set is countable is typically similar to Cantor's enumeration of a countable collection of countable sets.

<sup>21</sup>A set can be open, or closed, or both, or neither

<sup>22</sup>We omit the proof of this lemma as it is obvious.

2. Arbitrary intersections of closed sets are closed

3. Finite unions of closed sets are closed

**Definition 1.6.2** (closed in). Let  $\mathbb{X}$  be a topological space; let  $\mathbb{Y}$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{X}$ . We say that a set  $A$  is **closed in**  $\mathbb{Y}$  if  $A$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{Y}$  and  $A$  is closed in the subspace topology of  $\mathbb{Y}$ .

**Theorem 1.6.2.** Let  $\mathbb{Y}$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{X}$ . Then a set  $A$  is closed in  $\mathbb{Y}$  if and only if it equals the intersection of a closed set of  $\mathbb{X}$  with  $\mathbb{Y}$ .

*Proof.* First we proof that if  $A$  is closed in  $\mathbb{Y}$ , then  $\exists B \subseteq \mathbb{X}, B \cap \mathbb{Y} = A$ . As the origin topology form a surjective map to its subspace topology, there exists a  $B$  closed in  $\mathbb{X}$  that  $\mathbb{Y} - A = (\mathbb{X} - B) \cap \mathbb{Y}$ . Then  $B \cap \mathbb{Y} = A$ .

Conversely, if  $\exists B \subseteq \mathbb{X}, B \cap \mathbb{Y} = A$ . Then,  $\mathbb{Y} - A = (\mathbb{X} - B) \cap \mathbb{Y}$ . Then  $\mathbb{X} - B$  is open in  $\mathbb{Y}$ ,  $\mathbb{Y} - A$  is open in  $\mathbb{Y}$ . Then  $A$  is closed in  $\mathbb{Y}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 1.6.3.**<sup>23</sup> Let  $\mathbb{Y}$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{X}$ . If  $A$  is closed in  $\mathbb{Y}$  and  $\mathbb{Y}$  is closed in  $\mathbb{X}$ , then  $A$  is closed in  $\mathbb{X}$ .

**Definition 1.6.3** (interior). Given a subset  $A$  of a topological space  $\mathbb{X}$ , the **interior** of  $A$  is defined as the union of all open sets contained in  $A$ . Denoted by  $\text{Int}(A)$ .

**Definition 1.6.4** (closure). Given a subset  $A$  of a topological space  $\mathbb{X}$ , the **closure** of  $A$  is defined as the intersection of all closed sets containing  $A$ . Denoted by  $\text{Cl}(A)$  or  $\overline{A}$ .

**Theorem 1.6.4.**<sup>24,25</sup> Let  $\mathbb{Y}$  be a subspace of a topological space  $\mathbb{X}$ ; let  $A$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{X}$ . Let  $\overline{A}$  denote the closure of  $A$  in  $\mathbb{X}$ . Then the closure of  $A$  in  $\mathbb{Y}$  equals  $\overline{A} \cap \mathbb{Y}$ .

**Definition 1.6.5** (intersect). We say that a set  $A$  **intersects**  $B$  if  $A \cap B$  is not empty.

**Theorem 1.6.5.** Let  $A$  be a subset of the topological space  $\mathbb{X}$ .

1. The  $x \in \overline{A}$  if and only if every open set  $U$  containing  $x$  intersect  $A$ .
2. Supposing the topology of  $\mathbb{X}$  is given by a basis, then  $x \in \overline{A}$  if and only if every basis element  $B$  containing  $x$  intersects  $A$ .

*Proof.* There are only two types of closed set  $U$  in  $\mathbb{X}$ :

1.  $U \supseteq \overline{A}$
2.  $U \cap A \neq A$

Thus, there are only two types of open set  $U$  in  $\mathbb{X}$  respectively.

1.  $U$  does not intersects  $A$ .
2.  $U \cap \overline{A} \neq \emptyset$

<sup>23</sup>As the proof is similar to the case in the open set, so we omit the proof here.

<sup>24</sup>We omit the proof of this lemma as it is obvious.

<sup>25</sup>As the closure of  $A$  in  $\mathbb{X}$  and the closure  $A$  in  $\mathbb{Y}$  will sometimes be different. We always use  $\overline{A}$  to denote the closure of  $A$  in  $\mathbb{X}$ .

1. If  $x \in \bar{A}$ , then every open set containing  $x$  is the open set of second type, thus every open set containing  $x$  intersects  $A$ .

If every open set containing  $x$  intersect  $A$ , suppose  $x \notin \bar{A}$ . Then  $\mathbb{X} - \bar{A}$  is a open set containing  $x$ , however, it does not intersects  $A$ . Thus,  $x \in \bar{A}$ .

2. If  $x \in \bar{A}$ , as every basis element of  $\mathbb{X}$  is a open set, thus every basis element containing  $x$  intersects  $A$ .

If every open set containing  $x$  intersect  $A$ , suppose  $x \notin \bar{A}$ .

As every open sets can be represented by union of basis. Let

$$\mathbb{X} - \bar{A} = B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3 \cup \dots \cup B'_1 \cup B'_2 \cup B'_3 \cup \dots$$

where  $B$  are bases containing  $x$ , and  $B'$  are bases that does not contain  $x$ .

Thus,

$$x \in B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3 \cup \dots \subseteq \mathbb{X} - \bar{A}$$

Then  $B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3 \cup \dots$  that is a open set can be generated by all the bases containing  $x$ , however, that does not intersects  $A$ . So,  $x \in \bar{A}$ .

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**Definition 1.6.6** (neighbourhood).<sup>26</sup> If we say  $U$  is a neighbourhood of  $x$  in  $\mathbb{X}$ , then  $U$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{X}$  containing  $x$ .

**Definition 1.6.7** (limit point, point of accumulation, cluster point).<sup>27</sup> If  $A$  is a subset of topological space  $\mathbb{X}$ . We say that  $x$  is a limit point of  $A$  if and only if every open sets containing  $x$  intersects  $A$  with some points other than  $x$ .

This condition is also equivalent to the condition that if  $x$  is a limit point of  $A$  if and only if  $x \in \overline{A - \{x\}}$ .

**Theorem 1.6.6.**<sup>28</sup> Let  $A$  be a subset of topological space  $\mathbb{X}$ ; let  $A'$  be the set of all limit points of  $A$ . Then

$$\bar{A} = A \cup A'$$

**Corollary 1.6.1.**<sup>29</sup> A subset of a topological space is closed if and only if it contains all its limit point.

**Definition 1.6.8** (converge).<sup>30</sup> We say that a sequence of  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \dots$  converge to  $x$ . When for every neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$ , there exists a positive integer  $N$ , such that for all  $n > N$ ,  $x_n \in U$ .

**Definition 1.6.9** (Hausdorff space). A topological space is called a **Hausdorff space**, if for every distinct  $x_1, x_2$  in  $\mathbb{X}$ , there exists disjoint neighbourhood of  $U_1, U_2$  of  $x_1, x_2$  in  $\mathbb{X}$ .

<sup>26</sup>Some other mathematicians use neighbourhood to say that  $U$  merely contains an open set containing  $x$ . The book does not give a formal definition for the word merely, and I am not sure either.

<sup>27</sup>Note that,  $x$  may belong to  $A$  or not, this does not matter.

<sup>28</sup>We omit the proof of this lemma as it is obvious.

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<sup>30</sup>In real line, a sequence can not converge to multiple points, but for an arbitrary topological space, this is possible.

**Theorem 1.6.7.** <sup>3132</sup> Every finite point set in a Hausdorff space  $\mathbb{X}$  is closed.

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a finite point set in a Hausdorff space  $\mathbb{X}$ .

Suppose  $A$  only have one element. Then for every  $x \in \mathbb{X} - A$ , there exists a neighbourhood of  $x$  that does not intersect with  $A$ . So  $A$  is closed.

Suppose  $A$  is a closed finite point set. We take  $x_0 \in \mathbb{X} - A$ . As finite union of closed set is closed,  $A \cup \{x_0\}$  is closed.

Then, from induction, all finite point set in a Hausdorff space is closed.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.6.8.** If  $\mathbb{X}$  is a Hausdorff space, then a sequence of points in  $\mathbb{X}$  converges to at most one point.

*Proof.* Suppose that the following sequence

$$x_1, x_2, x_3 \dots$$

Converge to more than one points say

$$y_1, y_2, y_3 \dots$$

Then there exists

$$n_1, n_2, n_3 \dots, U_1, U_2, U_3 \dots$$

Such that for  $n > n_i$

$$x_n \in U_i, y_i \in U_i$$

If we take disjoint  $U_1, U_2$  which is possible as this is a Hausdorff space.

Then the previous condition does not stand. So, every sequence of points in a Hausdorff space can only converge to at most one point.  $\square$

**Definition 1.6.10** (limit). If a sequence  $x_n$  of points in Hausdorff space converge to the point  $x$ , we denote this by  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and we say the **limit** of  $x_n$  is  $x$ .

**Definition 1.6.11** ( $T_1$  axiom). The condition that all finite point set of a topological space is closed is called  $T_1$  **axiom**.

**Theorem 1.6.9.** Let  $\mathbb{X}$  be a space satisfying the  $T_1$  axiom; let  $A$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{X}$ . Then the point  $x$  is a limit point of  $A$  if and only if every neighbourhood of  $x$  contains infinitely many points of  $A$ .

*Proof.* If every neighbourhood of  $x$  contains infinitely many point of  $A$ . Then every neighbourhood of  $x$  intersect with  $A$  with infinite element other than  $x$ , then  $x$  is a limit point of  $A$ .

If  $x$  is a limit point of  $A$ . Suppose that there exists a open set  $U$  containing  $x$  and intersect with  $A$  for finite many points. Let

$$U' = U \cap (A - x)$$

Then,  $x \notin U'$ . Let

$$U'' = U - U'$$

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<sup>31</sup>This implies that a sequence in a Hausdorff space cannot converge to multiple points. The following theorem prove this.

<sup>32</sup>The condition every finite point set is closed is weaker than the Hausdorff space condition. For instance, the finite complement topology of  $\mathbb{R}$  met the condition of finite point set. However it is not a Hausdorff space.

Then  $U''$  is open as  $U'$  is a finite point set and

$$U'' = U - U' = U \cap (\mathbb{X} - U')$$

Also,  $x \in U''$ . Thus,  $U''$  is a open set containing  $x$  that only intersect  $A$  with  $x$  or do not intersect  $A$ . This is a contradiction of  $x$  is a limit point. Thus there does not exists a open set  $U$  containing  $x$  and intersect with  $A$  for finite many points.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.6.10.** <sup>33</sup>*Every simply ordered set is a Hausdorff space in order topology.*

**Theorem 1.6.11.** <sup>34</sup>*The product of two Hausdorff space is a Hausdorff space.*

**Theorem 1.6.12.** <sup>35</sup>*A subspace of a Hausdorff space is a Hausdorff space.*

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