

# Topology Note

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# 1 Basic Definition of Topology

**Definition 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 1.2** (topology space). A **topological space** is a set  $\mathbb{X}$  for which a topology  $\mathbb{T}$  has been specified.

**Definition 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 1.4** (open sets). A topology can also be called a **open sets**

**Definition 1.5** (discrete topology). The set of all subsets of a set  $\mathbb{X}$  formed a topology called **discrete topology**

**Definition 1.6** (trivial topology). The set consisting the set  $\mathbb{X}$  and  $\emptyset$  only formed a topology of  $\mathbb{X}$  called **trivial topology**

**Definition 1.7** (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** or is all of  $\mathbb{X}$ . Then  $\mathbb{T}_f$  is a topology on  $\mathbb{X}$ , called the .

**Definition 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  $\mathbb{T}$ .

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.

## 2 Basis for a Topology

**Definition 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 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 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  $U \in \mathbb{U}$ ,  $U = \cup B$  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  $\mathbb{T}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** <sup>1</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 2.3.** <sup>2</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 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**.

**Definition 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 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 2.4.** <sup>3</sup> The topologies  $\mathbb{R}_l$  and  $\mathbb{R}_K$  is strictly finer than the standard topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** The topologies of  $\mathbb{R}_l$  and  $\mathbb{R}_K$  is not comparable.

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

We first proof that  $\mathbb{T}_l$  is not finer than  $\mathbb{T}_K$ . 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  $\mathbb{T}_K$  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  $\mathbb{R}_K$  is not comparable.  $\square$

**Definition 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  $\mathbb{T}$  of all unions of finite intersections of elements of  $\mathbb{S}$ .

<sup>1</sup>We omit the proof of this lemma as it is obvious.

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

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

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

Note that the expression may not be unique

## 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  $\mathbb{T}' = \cap \mathbb{T}_\alpha$ .

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

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

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