

Greek 40 Word Lookup

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Sources:

Greek Lookup:

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Math Definition Lookup:

1. Introduction To Topology by James R. Munkres

Term	Definition	Greek	Literal Translation
Point	A point is that which has no part.	σημειον	Mark, dot
Line	A line is breadthless length.	γραμμη	Letter, That which is drawn
Straight Line	A straight line is one which lies evenly with the points on itself.	εὐθεια γραμμη	That which is drawn at once
Surface	A surface is that which has length and breadth only.	επιφανεια	Appearing at once
Plane Surface	A plane surface is one which lies evenly with the straight lines on itself.	επιπεδος επιφανεια	Appearing at once and level-like
Plane Angle	An angle is the inclination of two lines to one another in a plane, which meet but do not lie in a straight line.	επιφανεια γωνια	level corner (angle)
Circle	A circle is a plane figure contained by one line, such that all straight lines radiating towards [the circumference] from one point amongst those lying inside the figure are equal to one another.	κυκλος	Circle, Ring
Center of a Circle	The center of a circle is the point equidistant from all points on the circle.	κεντρον δε του κυκλου το σημειον καλειται	The Sharp point (κεντρον) is called the center of the circle
Radius	A radius is any straight line drawn from the center to the circumference of a circle.	περιβαλλω	Encompassing Encircling
Diameter	A diameter is any straight line drawn through the center and terminated at both ends by the circumference.	διαμετρος	Diameter
Semicircle	A semicircle is the figure contained by the diameter and the part of the circumference cut off by it.	Σχημαστα ευθυγραμμη	Form of that which is drawn straight
Parallel Lines	Parallel lines are lines which, being in the same plane, do not meet however far produced in either direction.	παρολληλοι	Beside one another
Triangle	A triangle is a plane figure contained by three straight lines.	τριπλευρα	Three Sides
Quadrilateral	A quadrilateral is a plane figure contained by four straight lines.	τετραπλευρα	Four-sided
Postulate	A claim that is asserted as true.	ομολογημα	That which is agreed upon

Table 1: Euclidean Geometry Definitions

Term	Definition	Greek/Latin	Literal
Relation	A relation R between two sets X and Y is a subset of the Cartesian product $X \times Y$. For example, $R = \{(x, y) \mid x \text{ is related to } y\}$.	<i>relatio</i>	Connection
Function	A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a special type of relation where each $x \in X$ is associated with exactly one $y \in Y$. Functions can be characterized by their injectivity and surjectivity.	<i>functio</i>	A performance
Injective (One-to-One)	A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is injective if distinct elements in X map to distinct elements in Y . Formally, $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \implies x_1 = x_2$.	<i>in + jacere</i>	To throw into
Surjective (Onto)	A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is surjective if every element in Y is the image of some element in X . Formally, $\forall y \in Y, \exists x \in X$ such that $f(x) = y$.	<i>sur + jacere</i>	To throw over
Inverse	For a bijective function $f : X \rightarrow Y$, an inverse function $f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$ satisfies $f(f^{-1}(y)) = y$ and $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$.	<i>invertere</i>	To turn upside down
Image	For a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$, the image is the subset of Y consisting of all outputs of f . Formally, $\text{Im}(f) = \{f(x) \mid x \in X\}$.	<i>imago</i>	Copy
Domain	The domain of a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is the set of all possible inputs X . Formally, $\text{Dom}(f) = \{x \mid f(x) \text{ is defined}\}$.	<i>domus</i>	House
Codomain	The codomain of a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is the set Y , which contains all possible outputs of f . Note, not all elements in the codomain need to be in the image.	<i>com + domus</i>	Together + House

Table 2: Pre-Topology

Term	Definition	Greek/Latin	Literal
Topology	A collection T of subsets of X having the following properties: 1. \emptyset and X are in T 2. The union of any subcollection of T is in T 3. The intersection of any finite subcollection of T is in T	$\tau\omicron\tau\omicron\varsigma + \lambda\omicron\gamma\mu\alpha$	Study of places
Open Set	A set $U \subseteq X$ is called open if for every point $x \in U$, there exists an open neighborhood of x entirely contained in U .	Latin & Greek non. Close to <i>hiatus</i> + <i>secta</i>	Opening + A following
Base / Basis	A basis is a collection of open sets such that every open set can be expressed as a union of these basis elements. 1. A subset $B \subseteq T$ is a basis if for every open set U in T , there exists a subset of B whose union is U . 2. Basis elements must satisfy the following: If $B_1, B_2 \in B$, and $x \in B_1 \cap B_2$, then there exists $B_3 \in B$ such that $x \in B_3 \subseteq B_1 \cap B_2$.	<i>basis</i> or $\beta\alpha\sigma\iota\varsigma$	Foundation or A step that on which one steps, or stands
Continuous	A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous if the preimage of every open set in Y is an open set in X .	<i>continere</i>	To be uninterrupted
Homeomorphism	A continuous function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ with a continuous inverse $f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$. Homeomorphisms preserve topological properties such as connectedness and compactness. 1. f is a bijection. 2. f is continuous. 3. f^{-1} is continuous.	$\omicron\mu\omicron\iota\omicron\varsigma + \mu\omicron\rho\eta$	Same form
Closed Set	A set $C \subseteq X$ is called closed if its complement, $X \setminus C$, is an open set.	<i>claudere</i> + <i>secta</i>	To close + A following
Compact	A space X is compact if every open cover of X has a finite subcover.	<i>compingere</i>	To fasten together
Connected	A space X is connected if it cannot be divided into two disjoint non-empty open sets.	<i>com</i> + <i>nectere</i>	To bind together
Subspace	A subspace is a subset Y of X equipped with the subspace topology, where the open sets in Y are intersections of open sets in X with Y .	<i>sub</i> + <i>spatium</i>	Under + Room
Limit Point	A point x is a limit point of a set $S \subseteq X$ if every neighborhood of x contains at least one point of S different from x .	<i>limen</i> + <i>pungere</i>	Threshold + To peirce
Closure	The closure of a set S is the smallest closed set containing S , which is the union of S and its limit points.	<i>claudere</i>	To close
Interior	The interior of a set S is the largest open set contained in S .	<i>intra</i>	Within
Boundary	The boundary of a set S is the set of points where every neighborhood intersects both S and its complement.	<i>bodina</i> + <i>ary</i>	Having the characteristic of limits (medieval latin c. 1300.)
Product Topology	The topology on the Cartesian product of two spaces X and Y , where open sets are unions of products of open sets from X and Y .	<i>productum</i> + $\tau\omicron\tau\omicron\varsigma$	Something produced + Place
Quotient Topology	The topology on a set of equivalence classes, induced by a surjective map $f : X \rightarrow Y$. A subset $U \subseteq Y$ is open if $f^{-1}(U)$ is open in X .	<i>quot</i> + $\tau\omicron\tau\omicron\varsigma$	Reduction + Place
Metric Space	A set X with a metric $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that defines a distance between points. Open balls form a basis for the topology.	<i>per</i> + <i>spatium</i>	Measure + Room
Discrete Topology	A topology where every subset is open. It is the finest topology on a set.	<i>discretus</i> + $\tau\omicron\tau\omicron\varsigma$	Separate + Place

Table 3: Topology Terms