

# Product topology on $X \times Y$

Given  $X, Y$  topological spaces we call the product topology on  $X \times Y$  to be the topology generated by the basis

$\beta =$  collection of all sets of the form  $U \times V$

where  $U$  is an open subset of  $X$  and  $V$  is an open subset of  $Y$ .

## Theorem

If  $\beta$  is a basis for the topology of  $X$ , and  $\mathcal{C}$  is a basis for the topology of  $Y$ .

$$\mathcal{D} = \{ B \times C \mid B \in \beta \text{ and } C \in \mathcal{C} \}$$

then  $\mathcal{D}$  is a basis for the topology of  $X \times Y$

Now we can need a way to formally say I want the "x" or the "y" from  $(X, Y)$

this is a projection:

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_1(x, y) &= x \\ \pi_2(x, y) &= y\end{aligned}$$

And the inverse of the projection:

$$\pi_2^{-1}(V) = X \times V$$

$$\bullet V \subseteq Y$$

$$\bullet U \subseteq X$$

$$\pi_1^{-1}(U) = U \times Y$$

Theorem

the collection

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

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