

Hausdorff Space

if we consider our experience with \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{R}^2 one can find it misleading because there can be more abstract spaces where we can converge to more than one point or find that the open sets $\{x_n\}$ could not be closed, in contrast with \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{R}^2 .

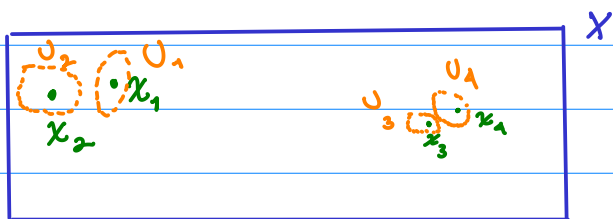
these abstract topologies where this strange stuff happens are not that interesting.

So Hausdorff created a condition to limit to the interesting cases:

Def:

A topological space is Hausdorff space if for any pair x_1, x_2 of distinct points on X ,

there exists neighborhoods U_1 for x_1 , U_2 for x_2 which are disjoint.



Theorem 17.8

Every finite point set in a Hausdorff space is closed.

proof: It will be sufficient to prove that any single point set is closed.

Remember theorem 17.5 which defines closure as: $\bar{A} = A \cup A'$, where A' is the set of limit points of A .

if we have $\{x_0\} = A$, in a Hausdorff space and we

Consider any $x \neq x_0$ s.t. $x \in A$. Remember that there is a neighborhood U_x which is disjoint with U_{x_0} , and as x is arbitrary there are no limit points, $A' = \{\}$ so $\bar{A} = A$.

T_1 axiom

\leadsto this is the condition that finite point sets are closed.

\rightarrow this axiom is not so important.

Theorem 17.9

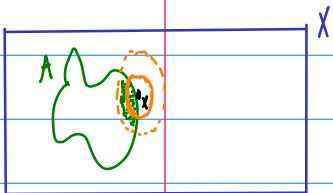
let X be a space satisfying the T_1 axiom,
let A be a subset of X .

then the point x is a limit point of A \iff every neighborhood of x contains infinitely many points of A .



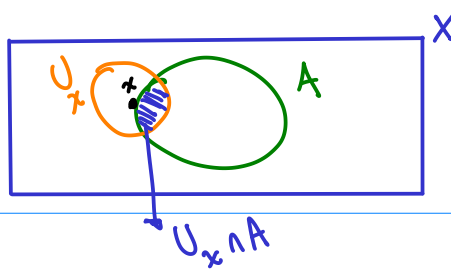
proof: (\Leftarrow) if every neighborhood of x contains infinitely many points of A , then by the definition of limit point there is at least one element of A inside U_x . so x is a limit point.

(\Rightarrow) if x is a limit point of A , suppose that there is a neighborhood that intersects a finite set of points of A .



$\exists U_x, |U_x \cap A| < \infty$, so there is $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} = U_x \cap (A - \{x\})$

$X - \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ is open, if we try $U_x \cap (X - \{x_1, \dots, x_n\})$
we see it is too an open set of x .



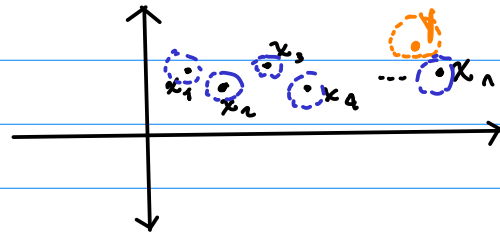
$U_x \cap \overline{\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}}$
is an open set.

but $U_x \cap \overline{\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}}$ is an open set of x which does not intersect A . so it contradicts the point that x is a limit point.

Theorem 17.10

if X is a hausdorff space, then a sequence of points of X , converges to at most one point of X .

Proof: Suppose that x_n is a sequence of points which converges to $x \neq y$, for every point of x_n I can create a open set U_{x_n} which contains x_n or any previous points of the sequence, and thus notice that U_y can't contain these points because it is a hausdorff space. So x_n can't converge to y .



Theorem 17.11

Every simply ordered set is a hausdorff space in the order topology.

→ The product of two hausdorff spaces is a hausdorff space.

→ A subspace of a hausdorff space is a hausdorff space.