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Let  $X$  be a topological space, and let  $Y \subset X$  be a subset. The *subspace topology* on  $Y$  is the topology whose open sets are those subsets of  $Y$  which equal  $U \cap Y$  for some open set  $U \subset X$ .

In this context, the topological space  $Y$  obtained by taking the subspace topology is called a *topological subspace*, or simply *subspace*, of  $X$ .