

# Topology

## Topological Space $\rightarrow$

Let  $X$  be a set and  $\tau$  be the collection of subsets of  $X$ , satisfying the following three conditions:

- (1)  $\emptyset \in \tau$  and  $X \in \tau$
- (2) If  $G_1 \in \tau$  and  $G_2 \in \tau$ , then  $G_1 \cap G_2 \in \tau$   
[i.e., The intersection of the elements of any finite subcollection of  $\tau$  is in  $\tau$ .]
- (3) If  $G_\lambda \in \tau$  for every  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , where  $\Lambda$  is an arbitrary set, then

$$\bigcup \{G_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\} \in \tau.$$

[i.e., the union of the elements of any subcollection of  $\tau$  is in  $\tau$ .]

Then  $\tau$  is called a topology for  $X$ , the members of  $\tau$  are called  $\tau$ -open (or simply open) sets and the pair  $(X, \tau)$  is called the topological space.

The elements of  $X$  will be called points of the space.

or

Properly speaking, a topological space is an ordered pair  $(X, \tau)$  consisting of a set  $X$  and a topology  $\tau$  on  $X$ , but we often omit specific mention of  $\tau$  if no confusion is there.

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In terms of open sets, the conditions (1), (2) and (3) can be restated as follows:

"A topological space is a set  $X$ , together with a collection of subsets of  $X$ , called open sets, such that

- (1)  $\emptyset$  and  $X$  are both open.
- (2) finite intersection of open sets is open.
- (3) The union of an arbitrary collection of open sets is open (or arbitrary union of open sets is open).

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" Briefly speaking, a topology for  $X$  is a collection of subsets of  $X$  containing  $\emptyset$ ,  $X$  and closed under finite intersections and arbitrary unions. "

Example: let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and consider the following collection of subsets of  $X$ .

$$\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X\} \longrightarrow \text{Topology for } X$$

$$\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\} \longrightarrow \text{Topology}$$

$$\tau_3 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, X\} \longrightarrow \text{Not topology on } X$$

$$\tau_4 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\} \longrightarrow \text{Topology}$$

$$\tau_5 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\} \longrightarrow \text{Topology}$$

$$\tau_6 = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\} \longrightarrow \text{Topology}$$

$$\tau_7 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\} \longrightarrow \text{Topology}$$

$$\tau_8 = \{\{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\} \longrightarrow \text{Not topology on } X$$

$$\tau_9 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\} \longrightarrow \text{Not topology}$$

$$\tau_{10} = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, X\} \longrightarrow \text{Not topology}$$

$$\tau_{11} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, X\} \longrightarrow \text{Not topology.}$$

$$\tau_{12} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, a\}, X\} \longrightarrow \text{Topology}$$

Let us verify these axioms for  $\tau_7$ .

$$(1) \emptyset, X \in \tau_7$$

$$(2) \emptyset \cap \{b\} = \emptyset \cap \{a, b\} = \emptyset \cap X = \emptyset \in \tau_7$$

$$\{b\} \cap \{a, b\} = \{b\} \cap X = \{b\} \in \tau_7$$

$$\{a, b\} \cap X = \{a, b\} \in \tau_7$$

$$(3) \emptyset \cup \{b\} = \{b\} \in \tau_7, \emptyset \cup \{a, b\} = \{a, b\} \in \tau_7$$

$$\emptyset \cup X = X \in \tau_7, \{b\} \cup \{a, b\} = \{a, b\} \in \tau_7$$

$$\{b\} \cup X = X \in \tau_7, \{a, b\} \cup X = X \in \tau_7$$

$$\{b\} \cup \{a, b\} \cup X = X \in \tau_7$$



From the above example, you can see that even a three element set has many different topologies. But not every collection of subsets of  $X$  is a topology on  $X$ .

### (Indiscrete Topology)

Example  $\rightarrow$  Let  $X$  be any set.

Then the collection  $I = \{\emptyset, X\}$  consisting of empty set and whole space is always a topology on  $X$ , we shall call it, the indiscrete topology (or <sup>the</sup> trivial topology).

The pair  $(X, I)$  is called ~~an~~ an indiscrete topological space.

Example  $\rightarrow$

### Discrete Topology

Let  $X$  be any set.

Let  $D$  be the collection of all subsets of  $X$ , then  $D$  is a topology on  $X$ , called the discrete topology.

The pair  $(X, D)$  is called the discrete topological space.

Proof  $\rightarrow$  Since  $\emptyset \subset X, X \subseteq X \Rightarrow \emptyset \in D, X \in D$

$\therefore$  Condition (1) is satisfied.

Condition (2) and (3) are also easy to verify.

Example  $\rightarrow$  Let  $X$  be any set.

Let  $\tau$  be the collection of all those subsets of  $X$  whose complements are finite together with the empty set. i.e. a subset  $A$  of  $X$  belongs to  $\tau$  iff.  $A$  is empty or  $A'$  is finite.

Show that  $\tau$  is a topology for  $X$  called the Co-finite topology or the finite complement topology.

Proof. (i) Since  $X' = \emptyset$  (which is finite)

$\Rightarrow X \in \tau$ , Also  $\emptyset \in \tau$  by definition.

(2) Let  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n$  are nonempty elements of  $\tau$

then we will show that  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n G_i \in \tau$ .

Since  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n \in \tau$

$\Rightarrow G_1', G_2', \dots, G_n'$  are finite.

$\Rightarrow G_1' \cup G_2' \cup \dots \cup G_n'$  is finite.

finite union of  
finite sets.  
and therefore  
finite.

$\Rightarrow (G_1 \cap G_2 \cap \dots \cap G_n)'$  is finite. [De-Morgan Law]

$\Rightarrow G_1 \cap G_2 \cap \dots \cap G_n \in \tau$ .

$$\text{i.e. } \bigcap_{i=1}^n G_i \in \tau$$

(3)  $G_\lambda \in \tau \quad \forall \lambda \in \Lambda$

$\Rightarrow G_\lambda'$  is finite  $\forall \lambda \in \Lambda$

$\Rightarrow \bigcap \{G_\lambda' : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  is finite.

$\Rightarrow [\bigcup \{G_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}]'$  is finite. [By De-Morgan Law]

$\Rightarrow \bigcup \{G_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\} \in \tau$

Example.  $\rightarrow$  Let  $X$  be any set.

Let  $\tau$  consists of all those subset of  $X$  whose complements are countable sets together with the empty set.

So, that Show that,  $\tau$  is a topology on  $X$ , called the co-countable topology.

Try yourself

Term finite will be replaced by countable.



Gate 2007

Suppose  $X = \{\alpha, \beta, \delta\}$ . Let  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{\alpha\}, \{\alpha, \beta\}\}$   
and  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{\alpha\}, \{\beta, \delta\}\}$ . Then

- (A) both  $\tau_1 \cap \tau_2$  and  $\tau_1 \cup \tau_2$  are topologies  
(B) neither  $\tau_1 \cap \tau_2$  nor  $\tau_1 \cup \tau_2$  is a topology  
(C)  $\tau_1 \cup \tau_2$  is a topology but  $\tau_1 \cap \tau_2$  is not a topology.  
(D)  $\tau_1 \cap \tau_2$  is a topology but  $\tau_1 \cup \tau_2$  is not a topology.

Solution

$$\tau_1 \cap \tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{\alpha\}\}$$

so,  $\tau_1 \cap \tau_2$  is a topology on  $X$ .

$$\tau_1 \cup \tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{\alpha\}, \{\alpha, \beta\}, \{\beta, \delta\}\}$$

$$\text{Since } \{\alpha, \beta\} \cap \{\beta, \delta\} = \{\beta\} \notin \tau_1 \cup \tau_2$$

so, condition (2) is not satisfied, so,  $\tau_1 \cup \tau_2$  is not a topology on  $X$ .

Gate 2009

Let  $\tau_1 = \{G \subseteq \mathbb{R} : G \text{ is finite or } \mathbb{R} \setminus G \text{ is finite}\}$  and  
 $\tau_2 = \{G \subseteq \mathbb{R} : G \text{ is countable or } \mathbb{R} \setminus G \text{ is countable}\}$ .  
Then

- (A) neither  $\tau_1$  nor  $\tau_2$  is a topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
(B)  $\tau_1$  is a topology on  $\mathbb{R}$  but  $\tau_2$  is not a topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
(C)  $\tau_2$  " " "  $\tau_1$  "  
(D) Both  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  are topologies on  $\mathbb{R}$ .