# SE328:Topology

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#### Definition

A collection  $\mathcal{A}$  of subsets of X is called a **cover** of X, or **covering** of X, if

$$X = \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A.$$

If a cover  $\mathcal{A}$  consists of open subsets, then  $\mathcal{A}$  is called a **open** covering of X. A space X is called **compact** if any open covering of X admits a finite subcovering. A subset  $C \subset X$  is called **compact** if its subspace topology is compact.

# Example

- 1. The finite subset of  $\mathbf{R}$  is compact.
- 2. Let  $K = \{1, 1/2, \dots, 1/n, \dots\}$ . The set  $\overline{K}$  is compact.
- 3. Any closed interval [a, b] is compact in  $\mathbf{R}$ .

### Example

- 1. The real line  $\mathbf{R}$  is not compact.
- 2. The half-interval (a, b] is not compact.
- 3. Any open interval (a, b) is not compact.

A subspace  $Y \subset X$  is compact if and only if every covering of Y by open subsets of X admits a finite subcovering of Y.

(This seems a repeat of the definition, but it is not.)

Any closed subset C of compact space X is compact.

Every compact subspace C of a Hausdorff space X is closed.

# Example

Any subset in  ${\bf R}$  with finite complement topology is compact.

Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a continuous map. If  $C \subset X$  is compact in X, then so is f(C) in Y.

Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a bijective continuous map. If X is compact and Y is Hausdorff, then f is a homeomorphism.

### Lemma (The tube lemma)

Let N be an open subset in  $X \times Y$  containing a slice  $\{x_0\} \times Y$ . If Y is compact, then there is a neighborhood W of  $x_0$  in X such that

$$U \times Y \subset N$$

The product of finitely many compact spaces is compact.

A collection C of subsets in X is said to have the **finite** intersection property if for every finite subcollection of C, the intersection of all elements is nonempty. A topological space X is compact if and only if for every collection C of closed subsets which has the finite intersection property, the intersection of <u>all</u> element in C is nonempty.

Let Y be a compact Hausdorff space. A function  $f: X \to Y$  is continuous if and only if the graph  $G(f) = \{(x, f(x)) \mid x \in X\}$  is closed in  $X \times Y$ .

A subset  $A \subset \mathbf{R}^n$  is compact if and only if A is closed and bounded.

### Example

Let  $f: X \to \mathbf{R}$  be continuous map. If X is compact, then there is  $x_0, x_1 \in X$  such that

$$f(x_0) \le f(x) \le f(x_1)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

Let X be a metric space with metric d. If X is compact, then for every open covering A, there is  $\delta > 0$  such that any subset whose diameter less than  $\delta$  is contained in an element of A.

# Example

Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a continuous map between metric spaces. If X is compact, then f is uniformly continuous.