

# 1 General Topology

**Definition 1.1** (Topology). A topological space is a set  $X$  with a collection of subsets  $\mathcal{U}$ , called open sets, such that

1.  $\emptyset, X \in \mathcal{U}$ .
2. The arbitrary union of open sets is open.
3. The finite union of open sets is open.

The complement  $X - U$  of an open set  $U$  is called closed. If  $x \in U$  open, then  $U$  is called a neighborhood of  $x$ . Sometimes a non open set  $A \supset U$  is also referred to as a neighborhood.

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{U}), (X, \mathcal{V})$  be topologies.  $\mathcal{U}$  is called stronger(finer) than  $\mathcal{V}$  if  $\mathcal{V} \subset \mathcal{U}$ , and weaker(coarser) if  $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{V}$ .

**Definition 1.3.** A basis  $\mathcal{B}$  of a topology for  $X$  is a collection of subsets of  $X$  such that

1. For each  $x \in X$  there is at least one  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $x \in B$ .
2. If  $x \in B_1 \cap B_2$  then there exists a  $B_3 \subset B_1 \cap B_2$  with  $x \in B_3$ .

We say that  $\mathcal{B}$  generates the topology  $\mathcal{U}$  if  $U$  is open iff for every  $x \in U$  there exists  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $x \in B \subset U$ .

**Lemma 1.4.** Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a basis for a topology  $\mathcal{U}$  on  $X$ . Then  $\mathcal{U}$  is equal to the collection of all unions of elements of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

**Lemma 1.5.** If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a collection of open sets, such that for each  $U \subset X$  open,  $x \in U$  there is  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $x \in C \subset U$ , then  $\mathcal{C}$  is a basis for  $X$ .

**Lemma 1.6.** Let  $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}'$  be bases for topologies  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{U}'$  respectively on  $X$ . Then the following are equivalent:

1.  $\mathcal{U}'$  is finer than  $\mathcal{U}$ .
2. For each  $x \in B \in \mathcal{B}$ , there is a  $B' \in \mathcal{B}'$  with  $x \in B' \subset B$ .

**Definition 1.7.** A subbasis  $\mathcal{S}$  for a topology on  $X$  is a collection of subsets whose union equals  $X$ . The topology generated by the subbasis is defined to be the collection of all unions of finite intersections of elements of  $\mathcal{S}$ .

**Definition 1.8.** The product topology on  $X \times Y$  is defined by the basis consisting of all sets of the form  $U \times V$ ,  $U \subset X$ ,  $V \subset Y$  open.

**Theorem 1.9.** If  $\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2$  are bases of  $X_1, X_2$  respectively, then

$$\mathcal{B} = \{B_1 \times B_2 \mid B_1 \in \mathcal{B}_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}_2\} \quad (1)$$

is a basis for  $X_1 \times X_2$ .

**Definition 1.10.** The projections are defined by

$$\pi_n : X_1 \times X_2 \rightarrow X_n; \quad \pi_n(x_1, x_2) = x_n. \quad (2)$$

**Theorem 1.11.** The following is a subbasis for  $X \times Y$ :

$$\{\pi_1^{-1}(U) \mid U \in \mathcal{U} \text{ open}\} \cup \{\pi_2^{-1}(V) \mid V \in \mathcal{V} \text{ open}\}. \quad (3)$$

**Definition 1.12.** For  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  and  $Y \subset X$ , the subspace topology  $\mathcal{V}$  on  $Y$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{V} = \{Y \cap U \mid U \in \mathcal{U}\}. \quad (4)$$

**Lemma 1.13.** If  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for  $X$  then the following is a basis for  $Y$ :

$$\{B \cap Y \mid B \in \mathcal{B}\}. \quad (5)$$

**Lemma 1.14.** Let  $Y$  be a subspace of  $X$ . If  $U$  is open in  $Y$  and  $Y$  is open in  $X$ , then  $U$  is open in  $X$ .

**Theorem 1.15.** Let  $A, B$  be subspaces of  $X, Y$  respectively, then the product topology on  $A \times B$  is equal the subspace topology  $A \times B$  inherits from  $X \times Y$ .

**Theorem 1.16.** Arbitrary intersections and finite unions of closed sets are closed.

**Theorem 1.17.** If  $Y$  is a subspace of  $X$ , then a set is closed in  $Y$  iff it equals the intersection of a closed set in  $X$  with  $Y$ .

**Theorem 1.18.** If  $Y$  is a subspace of  $X$ ,  $A$  is closed in  $Y$  and  $Y$  is closed in  $X$ , then  $A$  is closed in  $X$ .

**Definition 1.19.** For  $A$  a subset of  $X$ , the closure  $\bar{A}_X$  of  $A$  (in  $X$ ) is defined as the intersection of all closed sets containing  $A$ , the interior of  $A$  is defined as the union of all open sets contained in  $A$ .

**Theorem 1.20.** Let  $Y$  be a subspace of  $X$ ,  $A$  a subset of  $Y$ . Then  $\bar{A}_Y = \bar{A}_X \cap Y$ .

**Theorem 1.21.** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ .

1. Then  $x \in \bar{A}$  iff every open set containing  $x$  intersects  $A$ .
2. If  $X$  is given by a basis, then  $x \in \bar{A}$  iff every basis element containing  $x$  intersects  $A$ .

**Definition 1.22.**  $x \in X$  is called a limit point of  $A \subset X$  if every neighborhood of  $x$  intersects  $A$  in some other point than  $x$  itself, or equally if  $x$  belongs to the closure of  $A - \{x\}$ .

**Theorem 1.23.** Let  $A'$  be the set of all limit points of  $A \subset X$ , then

$$\bar{A} = A \cup A'. \quad (6)$$

**Corollary 1.24.** A subset of a topological space is closed iff it contains all its limit points.

**Definition 1.25.** A sequence  $x_k$  converges to  $x \in X$  if for each neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  there is a positive integer  $N$  such that for all  $n \leq N$ ,  $x_n \in U$ .

**Definition 1.26.**  $X$  is called a Hausdorff space if for each  $x_1 \neq x_2$  there are neighborhoods of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  respectively that are disjoint. It is called  $T_1$  if all finite point sets are closed.

**Theorem 1.27.** Every finite point set in a Hausdorff space is closed, so it is  $T_1$ .

**Theorem 1.28.** Let  $X$  be  $T_1$ , then  $x$  is a limit point of  $A$  iff every neighborhood of  $x$  contains infinitely many points of  $A$ .

**Theorem 1.29.** A sequence in a Hausdorff space converges to at most one point.

**Theorem 1.30.** The product of two Hausdorff spaces is Hausdorff, so is a subspace of a Hausdorff space.