

Lecture 2: Connectedness and Compactness

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1 Connected Spaces

1.1 Definitions

- **Definition** (*Separation and Connectedness*)

Let X be a topological space. A **separation** of X is a pair U, V of **disjoint nonempty open subsets** of X whose union is X .

The space X is said to be **connected** if there *does not exist* a separation of X .

- **Definition** (*Connected: Equivalent Definition*)

Equivalently, X is **connected** if and only if the only subsets of X that are **both open and closed** are \emptyset and X itself.

- **Remark** (*Proof of Connectedness*)

As the definition suggests, the proof of connectedness is done **by contradiction**. One first assume that the set X has a **separation**; it can be separated into two **disjoint nonempty open** sets such that $X = A \cup B$. Then we proof by contradiction using **existing connectedness conditions** and the **property of open subsets (basis, continuity etc.)**.

- **Remark** *Connectedness* is obviously a **topological property**, since it is formulated entirely in terms of *the collection of open sets* of X .

Said differently, if X is **connected**, so is any space **homeomorphic** to X .

- **Lemma 1.1** (*Separation and Connected Subspace*) [Munkres, 2000]

If Y is a **subspace** of X , a **separation** of Y is a pair of disjoint nonempty sets A and B whose union is Y , **neither** of which contains a **limit point** of the other. The space Y is **connected** if there exists no separation of Y .

- **Example** (*Indiscrete Topology is Connected*)

Let X denote a two-point space in **the indiscrete topology**. Obviously there is *no separation* of X , so X is **connected**.

- **Example** (*\mathbb{Q} is Not Connected*)

The **rational** \mathbb{Q} are **not connected**. Indeed, *the only connected subspaces* of \mathbb{Q} are the *one-point sets*: If Y is a subspace of \mathbb{Q} containing two points p and q , one can choose an *irrational number* a lying between p and q , and write Y as the union of the open sets

$$Y \cap (-\infty, a) \text{ and } Y \cap (a, +\infty).$$

- **Lemma 1.2** If the sets C and D form a **separation** of X , and if Y is a **connected** subspace of X , then Y lies **entirely within** either C or D .

- **Proposition 1.3** (*Connectedness by Union*) [Munkres, 2000]

The **union** of a collection of connected subspaces of X that **have a point in common** is **connected**.

- **Proposition 1.4** (*Connectedness by Closure*) [Munkres, 2000]

Let A be a connected subspace of X . If $A \subseteq B \subseteq \bar{A}$, then B is also connected.

- **Remark** If B is formed by *adjoining* to the **connected** subspace A some or all of its **limit points**, then B is connected.

- **Proposition 1.5 (*Connectedness by Continuity*)** [Munkres, 2000]
The **image** of a connected space under a **continuous** map is connected.
- **Proposition 1.6 (*Connectedness by Finite Product*)** [Munkres, 2000]
A **finite** cartesian product of connected spaces is connected.
- **Remark** Countable infinite product of connected spaces **may not be connected**. It depends on the **topology** of the product space.
- **Example (\mathbb{R}^ω is Not Connected under Box Topology)**
Consider the cartesian product \mathbb{R}^ω in **the box topology**. We can write \mathbb{R}^ω as the union of the set A consisting of all **bounded** sequences of real numbers, and the set B of all **unbounded** sequences. These sets are **disjoint**, and each is **open** in the box topology.

For if $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots)$ is a point of \mathbb{R}^ω , the open set

$$U = (a_1 - 1, a_1 + 1) \times (a_2 - 1, a_2 + 1) \times \dots$$

consists **entirely** of **bounded** sequences if a is **bounded**, and of **unbounded** sequences if a is **unbounded**. Thus, even though \mathbb{R} is **connected** (as we shall prove in the next section), \mathbb{R}^ω is **not connected in the box topology**. ■

- **Example (\mathbb{R}^ω is Connected under Product Topology)**
Consider the cartesian product \mathbb{R}^ω in **the product topology**. Let $\tilde{\mathbb{R}}^n$ denote the **subspace** of \mathbb{R}^ω consisting of all sequences $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$ such that $x_i = 0$ for $i > n$. The space $\tilde{\mathbb{R}}^n$ is clearly **homeomorphic** to \mathbb{R}^n , so that it is **connected**. It follows that the space \mathbb{R}^ω that is the **union** of the spaces $\tilde{\mathbb{R}}^n$ is **connected**, for these spaces have the point $0 = (0, 0, \dots)$ in common. We show that the **closure** of \mathbb{R}^ω equals all of \mathbb{R}^ω , from which it follows that \mathbb{R}^ω is **connected** as well.

Let $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots)$ be a point of \mathbb{R}^ω . Let $U = \prod_i U_i$ be a **basis** element for the product topology that contains a . We show that U **intersects** \mathbb{R}^ω . There is an integer N such that $U_i = \mathbb{R}$ for $i > N$. Then the point

$$x = (a_1, \dots, a_N, 0, 0, \dots)$$

of \mathbb{R}^ω belongs to U , since $a_i \in U_i$ for all i , and $0 \in U_i$ for $i > N$. ■

1.2 Connected Subspaces of the Real Line

- **Definition (*Linear Continuum*)**
A **simply ordered set** L having more than one element is called a **linear continuum** if the following hold:
 1. L has the **least upper bound property**.
 2. If $x < y$, there exists z such that $x < z < y$.
- **Proposition 1.7 (*Linear Continuum is Connected*)** [Munkres, 2000]
If L is a **linear continuum** in the **order topology**, then L is **connected**, and so are **intervals** and **rays** in L .

Proof: Recall that a subspace Y of L is said to be **convex** if for every pair of points a, b of Y with $a < b$, the entire interval $[a, b]$ of points of L lies in Y . We prove that if Y is a **convex subspace** of L , then Y is **connected** (L itself is *convex*).

So suppose that Y is the union of the disjoint nonempty sets A and B , each of which is **open** in Y . Choose $a \in A$ and $b \in B$; suppose for convenience that $a < b$. The interval $[a, b]$ of points of L is contained in Y . Hence $[a, b]$ is the union of the disjoint sets

$$A_0 = A \cap [a, b] \text{ and } B_0 = B \cap [a, b],$$

each of which is *open* in $[a, b]$ in the *subspace topology*, which is the same as the *order topology*. The sets A_0 and B_0 are *nonempty* because $a \in A_0$ and $b \in B_0$. Thus, A_0 and B_0 constitute a **separation** of $[a, b]$.

Let $c = \sup A_0$ is **the least upper bound** of A_0 . We show that c belongs **neither** to A_0 nor to B_0 , which contradicts the fact that $[a, b]$ is the *union* of A_0 and B_0 .

1. Suppose that $c \in B_0$. Then $c \neq a$, so either $c = b$ or $a < c < b$. In either case, it follows from the fact that B_0 is **open** in $[a, b]$ that there is *some interval* of the form $(d, c]$ contained in B_0 . If $c = b$, we have a contradiction at once, for d is a **smaller upper bound** on A_0 than c . (To prove $d > x$ for any $x \in A_0$, we assume that there exists some $x_0 \in A_0$ such that $d < x_0$. However, the interval $(d, x_0) \subset (d, b]$ belongs to B_0 , contradiction.)

If $c < b$, we note that $(c, b]$ does not intersect A_0 (because c is an upper bound on A_0). Then

$$(d, b] = (d, c] \cup (c, b]$$

does not intersect A_0 . Again, d is a **smaller upper bound** on A_0 than c , contrary to construction.

2. Suppose that $c \in A_0$. Then $c \neq b$, so either $c = a$ or $a < c < b$. Because A_0 is open in $[a, b]$, there must be some interval of the form $[c, e)$ contained in A_0 . Because of *order property (2)* of **the linear continuum** L , we can choose a point z of L such that $c < z < e$. Then $z \in A_0$, contrary to the fact that c is an upper bound for A_0 . ■

- **Corollary 1.8 (\mathbb{R} is Connected)**

The real line \mathbb{R} is **connected** and so are **intervals** and **rays** in \mathbb{R} .

- **Theorem 1.9 (Intermediate Value Theorem).** [Munkres, 2000]

Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a **continuous** map, where X is a **connected** space and Y is an ordered set in the **order topology**. If a and b are two points of X and if r is a point of Y lying between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$, then there **exists** a point c of X such that $f(c) = r$.

Proof: Assume the hypotheses of the theorem. The sets

$$A = f(X) \cap (-\infty, r) \text{ and } B = f(X) \cap (r, +\infty)$$

are *disjoint*, and they are *nonempty* because one contains $f(a)$ and the other contains $f(b)$. Each is *open* in $f(X)$, being the *intersection* of an open ray in Y with $f(X)$.

If there were no point c of X such that $f(c) = r$, then $f(X)$ would be the *union* of the sets A and B . Then A and B would constitute a separation of $f(X)$, contradicting the fact that *the image of a connected space under a continuous map is connected*. ■

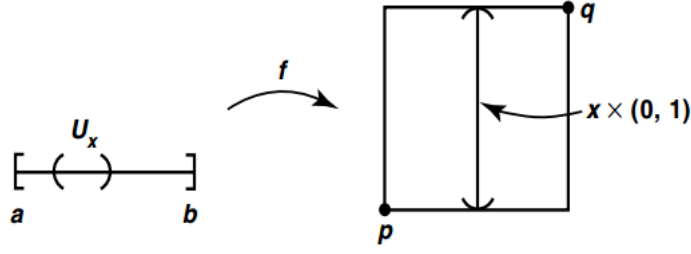


Figure 1: The proof that ordered square is not path connected. [Munkres, 2000]

- **Definition (Path Connectedness)**

Given points x and y of the space X , a **path** in X from x to y is a *continuous map* $f : [a, b] \rightarrow X$ of some **closed interval** in the real line into X , such that $f(a) = x$ and $f(b) = y$.

A space X is said to be **path connected** if *every pair* of points of X can be **joined by a path** in X .

- **Remark** It is easy to see that **a path-connected space X is connected** since $X = f([a, b])$ is the image of connected space under continuous function f . The *converse* is *not true*, i.e. connected $\not\Rightarrow$ path-connected.

- **Example (Punctured Euclidean Space $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ is Path Connected)**

Define **punctured euclidean space** to be the space $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$, where 0 is the origin in \mathbb{R}^n . If $n > 1$, this space is **path connected**: Given x and y different from 0 , we can join x and y by the *straight-line path* between them if that path does not go through the origin. Otherwise, we can choose a point z *not on the line joining x and y* , and take the *broken-line path* from x to z , and then from z to y .

- **Example (Common Path-Connected Spaces)**

The following spaces are **path-connected**:

1. **The unit ball** $\mathbb{B}^n = \{x : \|x\| \leq 1\}$ is *path-connected*;
2. **The unit sphere** \mathbb{S}^{n-1} in \mathbb{R}^n by the equation $\mathbb{S}^{n-1} = \{x : \|x\| = 1\}$ is *path connected*. For the map $g : \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$ defined by $g(x) = x/\|x\|$ is *continuous* and *surjective*; and the continuous image of path connected space is path connected.

- **Example The ordered square I_o^2 is connected but not path connected.**

Proof: Being a linear continuum, the ordered square is **connected**. Let $p = (0, 0)$ and $q = (1, 1)$. We suppose there is a path $f : [a, b] \rightarrow I_o^2$ joining p and q and derive a contradiction.

The image set $f([a, b])$ must contain every point (x, y) of I_o^2 , by the *intermediate value theorem*. Therefore, for each $x \in I$, the set

$$U_x = f^{-1}(x \times (0, 1))$$

is a *nonempty subset* of $[a, b]$; by *continuity*, it is **open** in $[a, b]$. See Figure 1. Choose, for each $x \in I$, a **rational number** q_x belonging to U_x . Since the sets U_x are *disjoint*, the map $x \mapsto q_x$ is an **injective** mapping of I into \mathbb{Q} . This contradicts the fact that the interval I is **uncountable** (which we shall prove later) ■

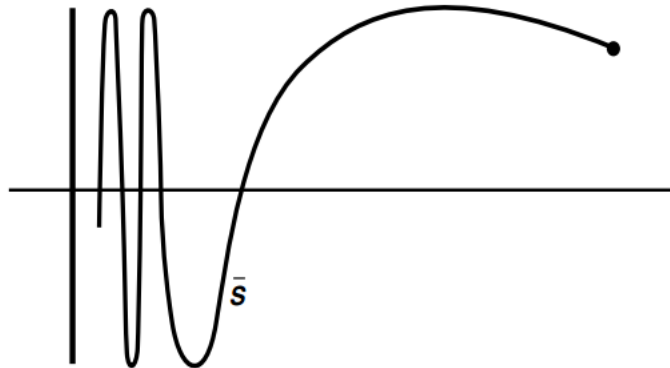


Figure 2: The topologist's sine curve is connected but not path connected. [Munkres, 2000]

- **Example** *The topologist's sine curve* is defined as the **closure** \bar{S} of the set

$$S = \{(x, \sin(1/x)) : 0 < x \leq 1\}.$$

S is **connected** but **not path-connected**.

Note that $f(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ where $x(t) = t$ and $y(t) = \sin(1/x(t))$ are both *continuous*, so $f(t)$ is *continuous*. S is the image of the connected set $(0, 1]$ under a continuous map f , so S is **connected**. Therefore, **its closure** \bar{S} in \mathbb{R}^2 is also **connected**. From Figure 2, we see that \bar{S} equals the union of S and the vertical interval $0 \times [-1, 1]$. We show that \bar{S} is **not path connected**.

Suppose there is a path $f : [a, c] \rightarrow \bar{S}$ beginning at the origin and ending at a point of S . The set of those t for which $f(t) \in 0 \times [-1, 1]$ is **closed**, so it has a **largest element** b . Then $f : [b, c] \rightarrow \bar{S}$ is a *path* that maps b into the vertical interval $0 \times [-1, 1]$ and maps the other points of $[b, c]$ to points of S .

Replace $[b, c]$ by $[0, 1]$ for convenience; let $f(t) = (x(t), y(t))$. Then $x(0) = 0$, while $x(t) > 0$ and $y(t) = \sin(1/x(t))$ for $t > 0$. We show there is a sequence of points $t_n \rightarrow 0$ such that $y(t_n) = (-1)^n$. Then the sequence $y(t_n)$ **does not converge**, contradicting **continuity** of f .

To find t_n , we proceed as follows: Given n , choose u with $0 < u < x(1/n)$ such that $\sin(1/u) = (-1)^n$. Then use *the intermediate value theorem* to find t_n with $0 < t_n < 1/n$ such that $x(t_n) = u$. ■

1.3 Components and Local Connectedness

- Given an arbitrary space X , there is a natural way to **break it up into pieces** that are connected (or path connected).

Definition (*Connected Component as Equivalence Class*)

Given X , define an *equivalence relation* on X by setting $x \sim y$ if there is a **connected subspace** of X containing both x and y . The *equivalence classes* are called **the components** (or the **connected components**) of X .

- **Proposition 1.10** (*Characterization of Connected Components*)

The components of X are **connected disjoint subspaces** of X whose union is X , such that each nonempty **connected** subspace of X **intersects only one** of them.

- **Definition** (*Path Component*)

We define another *equivalence relation* on the space X by defining $x \sim y$ if there is a *path* in X from x to y . The *equivalence classes* are called the path components of X .

- **Proposition 1.11** (*Characterization of Path Components*)

The path components of X are **path-connected disjoint subspaces** of X whose union is X , such that each nonempty **path-connected** subspace of X **intersects only one** of them.

- **Example** Each connected component of \mathbb{Q} in \mathbb{R} consists of a *single point*. **None** of the components of \mathbb{Q} are **open** in \mathbb{Q} .

- **Example** The “*topologists sine curve*” \bar{S} of the preceding section is a space that has a **single component** (since it is *connected*) and **two path components**. One path component is the curve S and the other is *the vertical interval* $V = 0 \times [-1, 1]$. Note that S is **open** in \bar{S} but **not closed**, while V is **closed** but **not open**.

If one forms a space from \bar{S} by **deleting** all points of V having **rational second coordinate**, one obtains a space that has **only one component** but **uncountably many path components**.

- **Remark** From the example of topologist’s sine curve, we see that the *connectedness* does not imply the *path-connectedness* since **neither of two path components** are **both open and closed**. Note that the vertical line is the set of **limit points** of the curve $\sin(1/x)$ but not every sequence approaches to the vertical curve is convergent.

- **Definition** (*Locally Connected and Locally Path-Connected*)

A space X is said to be locally connected at x if for every *neighborhood* U of x , there is a **connected neighborhood** V of x contained in U . If X is locally connected at each of its points, it is said simply to be locally connected.

Similarly, a space X is said to be locally path connected at x if for every *neighborhood* U of x , there is a **path-connected neighborhood** V of x contained in U . If X is locally path connected at each of its points, then it is said to be locally path connected.

- **Example** See some of examples below:

1. The intervals and rays in \mathbb{R} are **both connected and locally connected**.
2. The subspace $[1, 0) \cup (0, 1]$ of \mathbb{R} is **not connected**, but it is **locally connected**.
3. The rationals \mathbb{Q} are **neither connected nor locally connected**.
4. The topologists sine curve is **connected** but **not locally connected**.

- **Proposition 1.12** (*Characterization of Locally Connectedness*) [Munkres, 2000]

A space X is locally connected **if and only if** for every **open set** U of X , each **component** of U is **open** in X .

- **Proposition 1.13** (*Characterization of Locally Path-Connectedness*) [Munkres, 2000]

A space X is locally path connected **if and only if** for every **open set** U of X , each **path component** of U is **open** in X .

- **Proposition 1.14** (*Relationship between Components and Path Components*)

If X is a topological space, each **path component** of X lies in a **component** of X . If X is **locally path connected**, then the **components** and the **path components** of X are the same.

2 Compact Spaces

Remark (*Metric Space and Compact Hausdorff Space*)

Two of the most well-behaved classes of spaces to deal with in mathematics are *the metrizable spaces* and *the compact Hausdorff spaces*.

1. Metrizable space (X, d) :

- **subspace** of metrizable space is metrizable;
- **compact subspace** of metric space is **bounded** in that metric and is **closed**;
- every metrizable space is **normal** (T_4);
- **compactness** = **sequential compactness** = **limit point compactness**;
- **sequence lemma**: for $A \subset X$, $x \in \bar{A}$ if and only if there exists a sequence of points in A that converges to x . (\Rightarrow need X being metric space);
- f is **continuous** at x if and only if $x_n \rightarrow x$ leads to $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$ (\Leftarrow part holds for metric space)
- **uniform limit theorem**: If the range of f_n is a metric space and f_n are continuous, then $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly means that f is a continuous function.
- **uniform continuity theorem**: if f is a continuous map between two metric spaces, and the domain is **compact**, then f is **uniformly continuous**.

2. Compact Hausdorff Space:

- **subspace** of compact Hausdorff space is compact Hausdorff if and only if it is **closed**.
- **closed subspace** of compact space is **compact**;
- **compact subspace** of Hausdorff space is **closed**;
- compact Hausdorff space X is **normal** (T_4), thus it is **completely regular**;
- **arbitrary product** of compact (Hausdorff) space is compact (Hausdorff);
- **compactness** \Rightarrow **sequential compactness**;
- **compactness** = **net compactness**, i.e. every net has a convergence subnet;
- **image** of compact space under continuous map f is compact;
- **continuous bijection** between two compact Hausdorff spaces is a **homeomorphism** (and is a **closed map**);
- **closed graph theorem**: f is **continuous** if and only if its **graph** is **closed**;

- **uncountability:** for *compact Hausdorff space*, if the space has *no isolated points*, then it is *uncountable*;

2.1 Definitions

- **Definition (*Covering of Set and Open Covering of Topological Set*)**

A collection \mathcal{A} of subsets of a space X is said to cover X , or to be a covering of X , if the union of the elements of \mathcal{A} is equal to X .

It is called an open covering of X if its elements are *open subsets* of X .

- **Definition (*Compactness*)**

A topological space X is said to be compact if *every open covering* \mathcal{A} of X contains a **finite subcollection** that also *covers* X .

- **Example (*Compactness is a strong condition*)**

Consider the following examples that are *connected* by *not compact*:

1. The **real line** \mathbb{R} is **not compact** since the open covering $\mathcal{A} = \{(n, n+2) : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ has no finite sub-covering.
2. The **half interval** $(0, 1]$ is **not compact** since the open covering $\mathcal{A} = \{(1/n, 1] : n \in \mathbb{Z}_+\}$ has no finite sub-covering.

- **Example (*Finite Set is Compact*)**

Any space X containing only **finitely many points** is necessarily **compact**, because in this case *every open covering of X is finite*.

- **Example** The following *subspace* of \mathbb{R} is **compact**:

$$X = \{0\} \cup \{1/n : n \in \mathbb{Z}_+\}.$$

(It is *not connected*.)

Given an open covering \mathcal{A} of X , there is **an element** U of \mathcal{A} containing 0. The set U contains **all but finitely many of the points** $1/n$; choose, for each point of X **not in** U , an element of \mathcal{A} containing it. The collection consisting of these elements of \mathcal{A} , along with the element U , is a *finite subcollection* of \mathcal{A} that covers X .

- **Definition** If Y is a subspace of X , a collection \mathcal{A} of *subsets of X* is said to **cover** Y if the *union* of its elements *contains* Y .
- **Lemma 2.1** *Let Y be a subspace of X . Then Y is compact if and only if every covering of Y by sets open in X contains a finite subcollection covering Y .*
- **Remark** A **compact subset** of a topological space is one that is a compact space in the *subspace topology*.
- **Proposition 2.2 (*Compactness by Closed Subspace*)** [Munkres, 2000]
Every closed subspace of a compact space is compact.

Proof: Let Y be a **closed** subspace of the compact space X . Given a **covering** \mathcal{A} of Y by sets **open in** X , let us form an open covering \mathcal{B} of X by adjoining to \mathcal{A} the single open set

$X \setminus Y$, that is,

$$\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{A} \cup (X \setminus Y).$$

Some **finite** subcollection of \mathcal{B} covers X . If this subcollection contains the set $X \setminus Y$, discard $X \setminus Y$; otherwise, leave the subcollection alone. The resulting collection is a finite subcollection of \mathcal{A} that covers Y . ■

- **Proposition 2.3** (*Compact Subspace + Hausdorff \Rightarrow Closedness*) [Munkres, 2000]
Every **compact** subspace of a **Hausdorff** space is **closed**.

Proof: Let Y be a *compact* subspace of the *Hausdorff* space X . We shall prove that $X \setminus Y$ is *open*, so that Y is *closed*.

Let x_0 be a point of $X \setminus Y$. We show there is a **neighborhood** of x_0 that is **disjoint** from Y . For each point y of Y , let us choose *disjoint neighborhoods* U_y and V_y of the points x_0 and y , respectively (using the *Hausdorff condition*). The collection $\{V_y : y \in Y\}$ is a *covering of Y by sets open in X* ; therefore, *finitely many of them* V_{y_1}, \dots, V_{y_n} cover Y . The open set

$$V = V_{y_1} \cup \dots \cup V_{y_n}$$

contains Y , and it is **disjoint** from the open set

$$U = U_{y_1} \cap \dots \cap U_{y_n}$$

formed by taking the **intersection** of the corresponding neighborhoods of x_0 . For if z is a point of V , then $z \in V_{y_i}$ for some i , hence $z \notin U_{y_i}$ and so $z \notin U$. Then U is a neighborhood of x_0 disjoint from Y , as desired. ■

- **Proposition 2.4** *If Y is a compact subspace of the Hausdorff space X and x_0 is not in Y , then there exist disjoint open sets U and V of X containing x_0 and Y , respectively.*
- **Remark** To prove the compact subspace is closed, one need the Hausdorff condition.
- **Exercise 2.5** (*Compact Subspace in Metric Space*)
Show that every compact subspace of a metric space is bounded in that metric and is closed. Find a metric space in which not every closed bounded subspace is compact.
- **Proposition 2.6** (*Compactness by Continuity*) [Munkres, 2000]
The image of a compact space under a continuous map is compact.
- **Exercise 2.7** *Show that if $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous, where X is compact and Y is Hausdorff, then f is a closed map (that is, f carries closed sets to closed sets)*
- **Exercise 2.8** *Show that if Y is compact, then the projection $\pi_1 : X \times Y \rightarrow X$ is a closed map.*
- **Theorem 2.9** (*Closed Graph Theorem*) [Reed and Simon, 1980, Munkres, 2000]
Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$; let Y be compact Hausdorff. Then f is continuous if and only if the graph of f ,

$$G(f) = \{(x, f(x)) : x \in X\},$$

is closed in $X \times Y$.

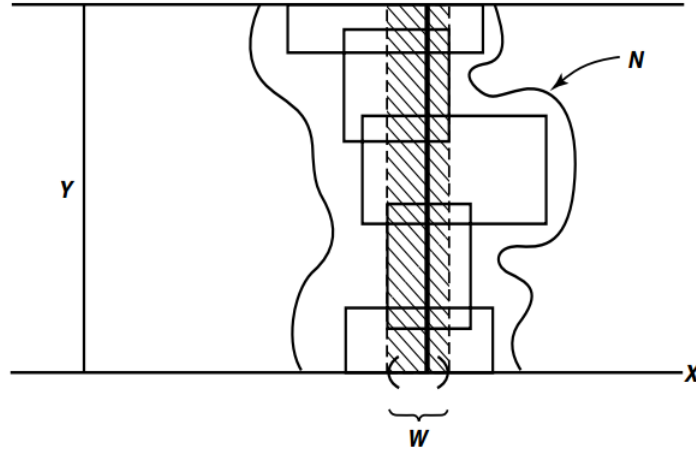


Figure 3: The tube of a slice $x_0 \times Y$ in neighborhood N of product space. [Munkres, 2000]

- **Theorem 2.10 (Homomorphism by Compactness and Hausdorff)** [Munkres, 2000]
Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a **bijective continuous function**. If X is **compact** and Y is **Hausdorff**, then f is a **homeomorphism**.

Proof: We shall prove that **images** of **closed sets** of X under f are **closed** in Y (i.e. f is a **closed map**); this will prove **continuity** of the inverse map f^{-1} . If A is a **closed subspace** in X , then A is **compact**. Therefore, by the proposition above, $f(A)$ is **compact**. Since Y is **Hausdorff**, the compact subspace $f(A)$ is **closed** in Y . ■

- **Proposition 2.11 (Compactness by Finite Product)** [Munkres, 2000]
The product of **finitely** many compact spaces is compact.

Lemma 2.12 (The Tube Lemma). [Munkres, 2000]

Consider the product space $X \times Y$, where Y is **compact**. If N is an open set of $X \times Y$ containing the **slice** $x_0 \times Y$ of $X \times Y$, then N contains some **tube** $W \times Y$ about $x_0 \times Y$, where W is a **neighborhood** of x_0 in X .

- **Remark (Compactness by Infinite Product)**
Unlike the **connectedness property**, which may not hold for infinite product space, the **infinite product of compact space is indeed compact**. This is called **the Tychonoff theorem**,
- To prove **compactness**, the following property is useful:

Definition (Finite Intersection Property)

A collection \mathcal{C} of subsets of X is said to have **the finite intersection property** if for every finite subcollection

$$\{C_1, \dots, C_n\}$$

of \mathcal{C} , the **intersection** $C_1 \cap \dots \cap C_n$ is **nonempty**.

- **Proposition 2.13 (Equivalent Definition of Compactness)** [Munkres, 2000]
Let X be a topological space. Then X is **compact if and only if** for every collection \mathcal{C} of **closed sets** in X having **the finite intersection property**, the intersection $\bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{C}} C$ of all the elements of \mathcal{C} is **nonempty**.

Proof: Given a collection \mathcal{A} of subsets of X , let

$$\mathcal{C} = \{X \setminus A : A \in \mathcal{A}\}$$

be the collection of their *complements*. Then the following statements hold:

1. \mathcal{A} is a collection of open sets if and only if \mathcal{C} is a collection of closed sets.
2. The collection \mathcal{A} covers X if and only if the *intersection* $\bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{C}} C$ of all the elements of \mathcal{C} is **empty**.
3. The **finite subcollection** $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ of \mathcal{A} covers X if and only if the *intersection* of the corresponding elements $C_i = X \setminus A_i$ of \mathcal{C} is **empty**.

The proof of the theorem now proceeds in two easy steps: taking the **contrapositive** (of the theorem), and then the **complement** (of the sets)!

There are two equivalent statements regarding the compactness of set:

1. “Given any collection \mathcal{A} of open subsets of X , if \mathcal{A} covers X , then some finite subcollection of \mathcal{A} covers X .”
2. “Given any collection \mathcal{A} of open sets, if **no finite subcollection** of \mathcal{A} covers X , then A **does not cover** X .”
3. \Rightarrow “Given any collection \mathcal{C} of **closed sets**, if **every finite intersection** of elements of \mathcal{C} is **nonempty**, then the **intersection of all the elements** of \mathcal{C} is **nonempty**”

- **Remark (Nested Sequence of Closed Sets in Compact Space)**

A special case of this proposition occurs when we have a **nested sequence** $C_1 \supseteq C_2 \supseteq \dots \supseteq C_n \supseteq \dots$ of **closed sets** in a **compact space** X .

If each of the sets C_n is nonempty, then the collection $\mathcal{C} = \{C_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ automatically has **the finite intersection property**. Then the intersection

$$\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+} C_n$$

is nonempty.

2.2 Compact Subspaces of the Real Line

- **Theorem 2.14** [Munkres, 2000]

Let X be a **simply ordered set** having the **least upper bound property**. In the order topology, each **closed interval** in X is **compact**.

- **Corollary 2.15 (Closed Interval in Real Line is Compact)**[Munkres, 2000]

Every **closed interval** in \mathbb{R} is **compact**.

- **Proposition 2.16 (Closed and Bounded in Euclidean Metric = Compact)**[Munkres, 2000]

A subspace A of \mathbb{R}^n is **compact** if and only if it is **closed** and is **bounded** in the **euclidean metric** d or the **square metric** ρ

- **Theorem 2.17 (Extreme Value Theorem).** [Munkres, 2000]

Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be **continuous**, where Y is an **ordered set** in the order topology. If X is **compact**, then there exist points c and d in X such that $f(c) \leq f(x) \leq f(d)$ for every $x \in X$.

- **Definition (Distance to Subset)**

Let (X, d) be a **metric space**; let A be a nonempty subset of X . For each $x \in X$, we define **the distance from x to A** by the equation

$$d(x, A) = \inf \{d(x, a) : a \in A\}.$$

- **Remark** The distance to subset $d(x : A)$ is a **continuous** function with respect to the first argument.
- **Remark** Recall that the **diameter** of a **bounded subset** A of a **metric space** (X, d) is the number

$$\sup \{d(a_1, a_2) : a_1, a_2 \in A\}.$$

- **Lemma 2.18 (The Lebesgue Number Lemma).** [Munkres, 2000]

Let \mathcal{A} be an **open covering** of the **metric space** (X, d) . If X is **compact**, there is a $\delta > 0$ such that for each subset of X having **diameter less than δ** , there exists an element of \mathcal{A} containing it.

The number δ is called a **Lebesgue number** for the covering \mathcal{A} .

- **Remark** The **Lebesgue number** is a **threshold on diameter of subset** so that all of subsets with diameter less than this threshold is fully contained in one of the open sets in the covering of X . The *existence* of this number relies on the **compactness** of domain X .

This number is used in ϵ - δ **condition** to prove *the uniform continuity*.

- **Definition (Uniform Continuity)**

A function $f : (X, d_X) \rightarrow (Y, d_Y)$ is said to be **uniformly continuous** if given $\epsilon > 0$, there is a $\delta > 0$ such that for every pair of points x_0, x_1 of X ,

$$d_X(x_0, x_1) < \delta \quad \Rightarrow \quad d_Y(f(x_0), f(x_1)) < \epsilon.$$

- **Theorem 2.19 (Uniform Continuity Theorem).** [Munkres, 2000]

Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a **continuous map** of the **compact metric space** (X, d_X) to the **metric space** (Y, d_Y) . Then f is **uniformly continuous**.

Proof: Given $\epsilon > 0$, take **the open covering** of Y by balls $B(y, \epsilon/2)$ of radius $\epsilon/2$. Let \mathcal{A} be **the open covering** of X by **the inverse images** of these balls under f . Choose δ to be a **Lebesgue number** for the covering \mathcal{A} . Then if x_1 and x_2 are two points of X such that $d_X(x_1, x_2) < \delta$, the two-point set $\{x_1, x_2\}$ has **diameter less than δ** , so that its image $\{f(x_1), f(x_2)\}$ lies in some ball $B(y, \epsilon/2)$. Then $d_Y(f(x_1), f(x_2)) < \epsilon$, as desired. ■

- **Remark**

$$f \text{ continuous} + \text{compact domain} \Rightarrow f \text{ uniformly continuous}$$

- **Definition** If X is a space, a point x of X is said to be **an isolated point** of X if the one-point set $\{x\}$ is **open** in X .

- **Theorem 2.20** (*Uncountability in Compact Hausdorff Space*) [Munkres, 2000]
Let X be a nonempty **compact Hausdorff space**. If X has **no isolated points**, then X is **uncountable**.
- **Corollary 2.21** [Munkres, 2000]
Every **closed interval** in \mathbb{R} is **uncountable**.
- **Exercise 2.22** (*Cantor Set*) [Munkres, 2000]
Let A_0 be the **closed interval** $[0, 1]$ in \mathbb{R} . Let A_1 be the set obtained from A_0 by **deleting** its “**middle third** ($1/3, 2/3$)”. Let A_2 be the set obtained from A_1 by deleting its “**middle thirds** ($1/9, 2/9$) and ($7/9, 8/9$)”. In general, define A_n by the equation

$$A_n = A_{n-1} \setminus \left(\bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1+3k}{3^n}, \frac{2+3k}{3^n} \right) \right).$$

The **intersection**

$$C = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+} A_n$$

is called **the Cantor set**; it is a **subspace** of $[0, 1]$.

1. Show that C is **totally disconnected**.
2. Show that C is **compact**.
3. Show that each set A_n is a **union** of **finitely** many disjoint **closed intervals** of length $1/3^n$; and show that the **end points** of these intervals lie in C .
4. Show that C has **no isolated points**.
5. Conclude that C is **uncountable**.

2.3 Limit Point Compactness

- **Definition** (*Limit Point Compactness*)
A space X is said to be **limit point compact** if every infinite subset of X has a **limit point**.
- **Proposition 2.23** (*Compactness \Rightarrow Limit Point Compactness*) [Munkres, 2000]
Compactness implies limit point compactness, but not conversely.
- **Example** (*Limit Point Compactness \nRightarrow Compactness*)
Let Y consist of **two points**; give Y the topology consisting of Y and the empty set. Then the space $X = \mathbb{Z}_+ \times Y$ is **limit point compact**, for **every nonempty subset** of X has a **limit point**. It is **not compact**, for the covering of X by the open sets $U_n = \{n\} \times Y$ has **no finite subcollection covering** X . ■
- **Definition** (*Sequential Compactness*)
Let X be a topological space. If (x_n) is a **sequence** of points of X , and if

$$n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_i < \dots$$

is an increasing sequence of positive integers, then the sequence (y_i) defined by setting $y_i = x_{n_i}$ is called a **subsequence** of the sequence (x_n) .

The space X is said to be sequentially compact if every sequence of points of X has a convergent subsequence.

- **Theorem 2.24** (*Equivalent Definitions of Compactness in Metric Space*) [Munkres, 2000]

Let X be a metrizable space. Then the following are equivalent:

1. X is compact.
2. X is limit point compact.
3. X is sequentially compact.

2.4 Local Compactness

- **Definition** (*Local Compactness*)

A space X is said to be locally compact at x if there is some compact subspace C of X that contains a neighborhood of x .

If X is locally compact at each of its points, X is said simply to be locally compact.

- **Example** For the one-dimensional space:

1. The real line \mathbb{R} is **locally compact**. The point x lies in some interval (a, b) , which in turn is contained in the compact subspace $[a, b]$.
2. The subspace \mathbb{Q} of rational numbers is **not locally compact**.

- **Example** For product space of \mathbb{R} :

1. The **finite dimensional space** \mathbb{R}^n is **locally compact**; the point x lies in some basis element $(a_1, b_1) \times \dots \times (a_n, b_n)$, which in turn lies in the compact subspace $[a_1, b_1] \times \dots \times [a_n, b_n]$.
2. The **countable infinite dimensional space** \mathbb{R}^ω is **not locally compact**; none of its basis elements are contained in compact subspaces. For if

$$B = (a_1, b_1) \times \dots \times (a_n, b_n) \times \mathbb{R} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R} \times \dots$$

were contained in a compact subspace, then its **closure**

$$\bar{B} = [a_1, b_1] \times \dots \times [a_n, b_n] \times \mathbb{R} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R} \times \dots$$

would be **compact**, which it is not.

- **Example** (*Simply Ordered Set with Least Upper Bound Property*)

Every simply ordered set X having the least upper bound property is **locally compact**:

Given a basis element for X , it is contained in a closed interval in X , which is compact.

- **Example** (*Manifold*) [Lee, 2018]

Every topological manifold is **locally compact Hausdorff**.

Thus every smooth manifold is **locally compact Hausdorff**.

- **Definition** (*Precompactness*)

A subset of X is said to be precompact in X if its closure in X is **compact**.

- If X is not a compact Hausdorff space, then under what conditions is X homeomorphic with a **subspace** of a compact Hausdorff space ?

Theorem 2.25 (Unique One-Point Compactification) [Munkres, 2000]

Let X be a space. Then X is **locally compact Hausdorff** if and only if there exists a space Y satisfying the following conditions:

1. X is a subspace of Y .
2. The set $Y \setminus X$ consists of a **single point** (which is the limit point of X).
3. Y is a **compact Hausdorff** space.

If Y and Y' are two spaces satisfying these conditions, then there is a **homeomorphism** of Y with Y' that equals **the identity map** on X .

- **Definition (One-Point Compactification)**

If Y is a **compact Hausdorff** space and X is a proper subspace of Y whose **closure** equals Y , then Y is said to be a **compactification** of X .

If $Y \setminus X$ equals a single point, then Y is called **the one-point compactification** of X .

- **Remark (Locally Compact Hausdorff = Existence of Unique One-Point Compactification)**

X has a **one-point compactification** Y if and only if X is a **locally compact Hausdorff space** that is not itself compact.

We speak of Y as “**the**” one-point compactification because Y is **uniquely** determined up to a homeomorphism.

- **Example The one-point compactification** of the real line \mathbb{R} is **homeomorphic** with the **circle** \mathbb{S}^1 .

Similarly, **the one-point compactification** of \mathbb{R}^2 is **homeomorphic** to the **sphere** \mathbb{S}^2 .

- **Proposition 2.26 (Locally Compact Hausdorff = Precompact Basis)** [Munkres, 2000]

Let X be a **Hausdorff** space. Then X is **locally compact** if and only if given x in X , and given a neighborhood U of x , there is a neighborhood V of x such that \bar{V} is **compact** and $\bar{V} \subseteq U$.

- **Corollary 2.27 (Closed or Open Subspace)** [Munkres, 2000]

Let X be locally compact Hausdorff; let A be a subspace of X . If A is **closed** in X or **open** in X , then A is locally compact.

- **Corollary 2.28** [Munkres, 2000]

A space X is **homeomorphic** to an **open** subspace of a **compact Hausdorff** space if and only if X is **locally compact Hausdorff**.

- **Remark** Locally Compact Hausdorff = Open Subspace of Compact Hausdorff

- **Theorem 2.29** [Treves, 2016]

Every locally compact Hausdorff topological vector space is **finite-dimensional**.

- **Remark (Equivalent Definition of Locally Compact Hausdorff Space)**

For a **Hausdorff space** X , the following are **equivalent**:

1. X is *locally compact*.
2. Each point of X has a *precompact* neighborhood.
3. X has a basis of *precompact* open subsets.

3 Nets and Convergence in Topological Space

- **Definition (*Directed System of Index Set*)**

A *directed system* is an index set I together with an *ordering* \prec which satisfies:

1. If $\alpha, \beta \in I$ then there exists $\gamma \in I$ so that $\gamma \succ \alpha$ and $\gamma \succ \beta$.
2. \prec is a *partial ordering*.

- **Definition** A subset K of I is said to be *cofinal* in I if for each $\alpha \in I$, there exists $\beta \in K$ such that $\alpha \preceq \beta$.

- **Proposition 3.1** *If I is a directed system, and K is cofinal in I , then K is a directed system.*

- **Definition (*Net*)**

A *net* in a topological space X is a mapping from a *directed system* I to X ; we denote it by $\{x_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$

- **Remark (*Net vs. Sequence*)**

Net is a generalization and abstraction of *sequence*. The directed system I is *not necessarily countable*. So $\{x_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ may not be a countable sequence. A *sequence* is a *net* with countable index set $I \subseteq \mathbb{N}$. The directed system can be any set e.g. a graph.

- **Definition** If $P(\alpha)$ is a *proposition* depending on an *index* α in a *directed set* I we say $P(\alpha)$ is eventually true if there is a β in I with $P(\alpha)$ true if for all $\alpha \succ \beta$.

We say $P(\alpha)$ is frequently true if it is *not eventually false*, that is, if for any β there exists an $\alpha \succ \beta$ with $P(\alpha)$ true.

- **Definition (*Convergence*)**

A *net* $\{x_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ in a topological space X is said to converge to a point $x \in X$ (written $x_\alpha \rightarrow x$) if for *any neighborhood* N of x , *there exists* a $\beta \in I$ so that $x_\alpha \in N$ if $\alpha \succeq \beta$. The point x that being converged to is called the limit point of x_α .

Note that if $x_\alpha \rightarrow x$, then x_α is eventually in all neighborhoods of x . If x_α is frequently in any neighborhood of x , we say that x is a cluster point of x_α .

- **Remark** This definition generalizes the ϵ - δ language for convergence in metric space. Notice that the notions of *limit* and *cluster point* generalize the same notions for sequences in a metric space..

- **Proposition 3.2 (*Net Lemma*)** [Reed and Simon, 1980]

Let A be a set in a topological space X . Then, a point $x \in \bar{A}$, the *closure* of A if and only if there is a net $\{x_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ with $x_\alpha \in A$, So that $x_\alpha \rightarrow x$.

- **Proposition 3.3** [Munkres, 2000]

1. (*Continuous Function*): A function f from a topological space X to a topological

space Y is **continuous** if and only if for every convergent net $\{x_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ in X , with $x_\alpha \rightarrow x$, the net $\{f(x_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in I}$ converges in Y to $f(x)$.

2. (**Uniqueness of Limit Point for Hausdorff Space**): Let X be a **Hausdorff space**. Then a net $\{x_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ in X can have **at most one limit**; that is, if $x_\alpha \rightarrow x$ and $x_\alpha \rightarrow y$, then $x = y$.

- **Definition** A net $\{x_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ is a **subnet** of a net $\{y_\beta\}_{\beta \in J}$ if and only if there is a function $F : I \rightarrow J$ such that

1. $x_\alpha = y_{F(\alpha)}$ for each $\alpha \in I$.
2. For all $\beta' \in J$, there is an $\alpha' \in I$ such that $\alpha \succ \alpha'$ implies $F(\alpha) \succ \beta'$ (that is, $F(\alpha)$ is **eventually larger than any fixed** $\beta \in J \Rightarrow F(I)$ is **cofinal** in J).

- **Proposition 3.4** A point x in a topological space X is a **cluster point** of a net $\{x_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ if and only if **some subnet** of $\{x_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ converges to x .

- **Theorem 3.5 (The Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem)** [Reed and Simon, 1980, Munkres, 2000]

A space X is **compact** if and only if every net in X has a convergent subnet.

Proof: To prove the implication \Rightarrow , let $B_\alpha = \{x_\beta : \alpha \preceq \beta\}$ and show that $\{B_\alpha\}$ has **the finite intersection property**.

To prove \Leftarrow , let \mathcal{A} be a collection of **closed sets** having the **finite intersection property**, and let \mathcal{B} be the collection of **all finite intersections** of elements of \mathcal{A} , **partially ordered** by **reverse inclusion**.

- **Remark (Compactness via Generalized Sequential Compactness)**

By generalization of **sequences** \Rightarrow **nets**, we obtain a generalization of the result of **sequential compactness in metric space** to **compactness** in general topological space.

With **first countable property**, we can use subsequence and sequence in place of subnet and net.

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