

Topology Spring 2018

2. An ultrafilter on a set X is a collection \mathcal{U} of subsets of X with the properties that

(i) If $U, V \in \mathcal{U}$ then $U \cap V \in \mathcal{U}$

(ii) If $U \subset X$ then $U \in \mathcal{U}$ or $X \setminus U \in \mathcal{U}$

(iii) $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{U}$



(a) Show that if $\forall U \in \mathcal{U}$ & $V \subset U$ then $V \in \mathcal{U}$

If $V \notin \mathcal{U}$ then $X \setminus V \in \mathcal{U}$. Then $X \setminus V \cap U \in \mathcal{U}$ but $X \setminus V \cap U = \emptyset$ so $V \in \mathcal{U}$.

(b) Show that $\mathcal{J} := \mathcal{U} \cap \{\emptyset\}$ is a topology on X .

Since $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{U} \Rightarrow X \setminus \emptyset = X \in \mathcal{U}$ so $X \in \mathcal{J}$. We will prove that if $U_1, \dots, U_n \in \mathcal{J}$ then $\bigcap_{i=1}^n U_i \in \mathcal{J}$ by induction.

Case $n=2$ is condition (i). Assume the result holds up to $n-1$.

Then consider $\bigcap_{i=1}^n U_i = \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{n-1} U_i \right) \cap U_n$. $U_n \in \mathcal{U}$ & $\bigcap_{i=1}^{n-1} U_i \in \mathcal{U}$ by

induction so $\bigcap_{i=1}^n U_i \in \mathcal{U}$. Now consider $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$

$U_\alpha \in \mathcal{J}$. If $\forall U_\alpha \in \mathcal{J}$ then $\bigcup U_\alpha \neq \emptyset$ & $\bigcup U_\alpha \in \mathcal{U} \Rightarrow$

$X \setminus \bigcup U_\alpha \in \mathcal{U} \Rightarrow (X \setminus \bigcup U_\alpha) \cap U_\alpha = \emptyset \in \mathcal{U}$

→ (c) If X is infinite show that the topology is connected, but not compact & not Hausdorff.

Suppose $\exists U, V \in \mathcal{J} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ s.t. $U \cap V = \emptyset \Rightarrow \emptyset \in \mathcal{U}$.

So X is connected. Let $U \in \mathcal{U}$ & create an open cover of X by $U_1 \subset U, U_1 \cup \{x_1\} = U_2$ where $x_1 \notin U$. Start with U_1 so that $X \setminus U_1$ is not finite. Then $\{U_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ is an open cover of X with no finite subcover. Otherwise, there would be a maximal & this would not work.

Finite Intersection Property