

5. Prove that the product of two compact Hausdorff spaces is compact & Hausdorff.

Let X & Y be compact & Hausdorff. Consider $\{\omega_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$, an open cover of $X \times Y$. For each

$\omega_\alpha \in \{\omega_\alpha\}$ $\omega_\alpha = \bigcup (U_\beta \times V_\beta)$ where U_β is open in X & V_β is open in Y . Then $\{\omega_\alpha\} \subset \{U_\beta \times V_\beta\}$ is an

open cover of $X \times Y$. Thus $\bigcup U_{\beta_\alpha} \times V_{\beta_\alpha} = \bigcup U_{\beta_\alpha} \times \bigcup V_{\beta_\alpha}$

$\Rightarrow \{U_{\beta_\alpha}\}$ & $\{V_{\beta_\alpha}\}$ are open covers of X & Y .
Thus there are finite subcovers $\{U_{\beta_i}\}_{i=1}^m$ & $\{V_{\beta_j}\}_{j=1}^n$.

Therefore $\{U_{\beta_i} \times V_{\beta_j}\}$ is an open cover of $X \times Y$.

Each of these was associated to some α so $\{\omega_i\}_{i=1}^{m+n}$ is an open cover of $X \times Y$.

Let $(x, y), (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in X \times Y$. Then \exists open sets $U_x, U_{\bar{x}}$ of x & \bar{x} with $U_x \cap U_{\bar{x}} = \emptyset$ & similarly $V_y, V_{\bar{y}}$. $\Rightarrow (U_x \times V_y) \cap (U_{\bar{x}} \times V_{\bar{y}}) = \emptyset$.
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