

# Notes on James R. Munkres' Topology (2E)

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## Chapter 0

# Structure and reading plans

Ch 1-8 is the part I, mainly for common topology. The part II includes ch 9-14, that depends on ch 1-4, is about algebraic topology.

My plan is to read through ch 1-4 very quickly, within a weekend, and then I will start reading ch 9+ simultaneously with W.S.Massey's Algebraic topology: An induction.

Finally I wish I could finish all ch 1-8 and also some parts after ch 9.

# Chapter 1

## Set theory and logic

**Definition 1.1. Order relation** rel  $C$  on set  $A$  is called *order relation* if

1. comparability, *a.k.a.* totality for all non-eq elements, *i.e.*  $\forall x, y \in A, x \neq y \Rightarrow xCy \vee yCx$
2. non-refl, *i.e.*  $\forall x, \neg(xCx)$
3. trans, *i.e.*  $\forall xCy \wedge yCz, xCz$

(*a.k.a.* **Linear order**, **Simple order**)

**Remark.** This relation is not the same as Linear order on Wikipedia ([link](#))<sup>1</sup>. This order is actually the strict version of the Total order on wikipedia, *i.e.* has non-refl property.

**Definition 1.2. Open interval** if  $X$  is a set and  $<$  is an order rel, and if  $a < b$  we use notation  $(a, b)$  to denote  $\{x \in X \mid a < x < b\}$ , called *open interval*.

If  $(a, b) = \emptyset$ , then  $a$  is called *immediate precessor* of  $b$  and  $b$  called *immediate successor* of  $a$ .

**Remark.** It makes more sense on  $X$  is a discrete set. Since if  $(a, b)$  is an open interval in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $(a, b) = \emptyset \Rightarrow a = b$  which makes no sense on  $a$  as an immediate precessor of  $b$ .

**Definition 1.3. Order type** if  $A$  and  $B$  are two sets with  $<_A$  and  $<_B$ . We say that  $A$  and  $B$  have same *order type* if  $\exists f : A \rightarrow B$  that preserves order, *i.e.*

$$a_1 <_A b_1 \Rightarrow f(a_1) <_B f(b_1)$$

**Remark.** It's just a generalization of monotone function.

**Definition 1.4. Dictionary order relation** if  $A, B$  are two sets with  $(<_A, <_B)$ , defn an order for  $A \times B$  by defining

$$a_1 \times b_1 < a_2 \times b_2$$

if  $a_1 <_A a_2$ , or if  $a_1 = a_2 \wedge b_1 <_B b_2$ .

<sup>1</sup>[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Total\\_order](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Total_order)

**Definition 1.5. LUB property/GLB property** For  $A$  and  $<_A$ , we say  $A$  has *LUB property* if

$$\forall A_0 \subset A, A_0 \neq \emptyset \wedge \exists \text{upper bound for } A_0 \Rightarrow \exists \text{lub}\{A_0\} \in A$$

**Example 1.5.1.**  $A = (-1, 1)$ . *e.g.*  $X = \{1 - \frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$  does not have an upper bound, thus vacuously true.  $\{-\frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$  has upper bound of any number in  $[0, 1) \subset A$ , and  $\text{lub}(X) = 0 \in (-1, 1)$ .

**Example 1.5.2.** Counterexample.  $A = (-1, 0) \cup (0, 1)$ .  $\{-\frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$  has upper bound of any  $(0, 1) \subset A$ , while  $\text{lub}(X) = 0 \notin A$ .

**Remark.** *The completeness property of  $\mathbb{R}$  as an axiom derives this property.*

**Property 1.6.**  $\mathbb{R}$  field

**Algebraic properties**

1. assoc:  $(x + y) + z = x + (y + z); (xy)z = x(yz)$
2. comm:  $x + y = y + x; xy = yx$
3. id:  $\exists! 0, x + 0 = x; \exists! 1, x \neq 0 \Rightarrow x1 = x$
4. inv:  $\forall x, \exists! y, x + y = 0; \forall x \neq 0, \exists! y, xy = 1$
5. distr:  $x(y + z) = xy + xz$

**Mixed algebraic and order property**

6.  $x > y \Rightarrow x + z > y + z; x > y \wedge z > 0 \Rightarrow xz > yz$

**Order properties**

7.  $<$  has LUB property
8.  $\forall x < y, \exists z, x < z \wedge z < y$

1-6 make  $\mathbb{R}$  a field. 1-6 + 7 make  $\mathbb{R}$  an ordered field. 7-8 makes  $\mathbb{R}$ , called by topologists, a **Linear continuum**.

**Theorem 1.7.** Well ordering property  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  has *Well-ordering property*. *i.e.* Every nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  has a smallest element.

*Proof.* We first prove that for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , the following statement holds: Every nonempty subset of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  has a smallest element.

Let  $A$  be the set of all positive integers  $n$  for which this theorem holds. Then  $A$  contains 1, since if  $n = 1$ , the only possible subset is  $\{1\}$  itself. Then suppose  $A$  contains  $n$ , we show that it contains  $n + 1$ . So let  $C$  be a nonempty subset of the set  $\{1, \dots, n + 1\}$ . If  $C$  consists of the single element  $n + 1$ , then that element is the smallest element of  $C$ . Otherwise, consider the set  $C \cap \{1, \dots, n\}$ , which is nonempty. Because  $n \in A$ , this set has a smallest element, which will

automatically be the smallest element of  $C$  also. Thus  $A$  is inductive, so we conclude that  $A = \mathbb{Z}^+$ ; hence the statement is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

Now we prove the theorem. Suppose that  $D$  is a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{Z}^+$ . Choose an element  $n$  of  $D$ . Then the set  $A = D \cap [n]$  is nonempty, so that  $A$  has a smallest element  $k$ . The element  $k$  is automatically the smallest element of  $D$  as well.  $\square$

**Remark.** *I don't really understand the second part of this proof. By <https://proofwiki.org>, Principle of Mathematical Induction, Well-Ordering Principle, and Principle of Complete Induction are logically equivalent. [\(link\)](#)<sup>2</sup>*

**Definition 1.8. Cartesian product** Let  $\{A_1, \dots, A_m\}$  be a family of sets indexed with the set  $\{1, \dots, m\}$ . Let  $X = A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_m$ . We define *cartesian product* of this indexed family, denoted by

$$\prod_{i=1}^m A_i \text{ or } A_1 \times \dots \times A_m,$$

to be the set of all  $m$ -tuples  $(x_1, \dots, x_m)$  of elements of  $X$  such that  $x_i \in A_i$  for each  $i$ .

**Remark.** *Indexing function  $f : J \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is surjective but not necessarily injective.*

**Definition 1.9.  $\omega$ -tuple** An  $\omega$ -tuple of elements of set  $X$  to be a function

$$x : \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow X,$$

*a.k.a. sequence, or a infinite sequence.*

**Theorem 1.10.**  $\{0, 1\}^\omega$  is uncountable. (let  $X = \{0, 1\}$  in the proof.)

*Proof.* We show that given any function  $g : \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow X^\omega$ ,  $g$  is not surjective. For this purpose, let us denote  $g(n)$  as  $(x_{n1}, x_{n2}, \dots, x_{nn}, \dots, x_{n\omega})$ , where each  $x_{ij}$  is either 0 or 1. Then we define any element  $y = (y1, \dots, y_\omega)$  of  $X^\omega$  by letting

$$y_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x_{nn} = 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } x_{nn} = 0. \end{cases}$$

$y$  will differ  $g(n)$  for all  $n$  by a digit. Therefore  $y \notin \text{Im}(g)$ .  $\square$

**Remark.** *Note this proof is similar to the proof of uncountableness of  $[0, 1)$  using the vast digit array.*

**Remark.**  $\{0, 1\}^\omega \simeq [0, 1)$  by  $f(a_1, a_2, \dots) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i 2^{-i}$ . (i.e. binary decimals). Then we can use the conclusion of the uncountableness of  $[0, 1)$  to prove this directly.

<sup>2</sup>[https://proofwiki.org/wiki/Equivalence\\_of\\_Well-Ordering\\_Principle\\_and\\_Induction#Final\\_assembly](https://proofwiki.org/wiki/Equivalence_of_Well-Ordering_Principle_and_Induction#Final_assembly)

**Remark.** Think of picking a subset of  $\mathbb{Z}^+$ , for each  $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  present in the subset, set  $a_i = 1$ , otherwise  $a_i = 0$ . Thus  $\{0, 1\}^\omega$  is just isomorphic to the power set  $2^{\mathbb{Z}^+}$ . By cantor's theorem, there is not surjection  $f : \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{Z}^+}$ .

**Theorem 1.11.** There is not surjective map  $g : A \rightarrow 2^A$  for all set  $A$ . Proof: (link)<sup>3</sup>

**Theorem 1.12. Principle of recursive definition** Let  $A$  be a set; let  $a_0$  be an element of  $A$ . Suppose  $\rho$  is a function that assigns, to each function  $f$  mapping a nonempty section of the positive integers into  $A$ , an element of  $A$ . Then there exists a unique function

$$h : \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow A$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned} h(1) &= a_0, \\ h(i) &= \rho(h|_{\{1, \dots, i-1\}}) \text{ for } i > 1 \end{aligned}$$

The formula is called a *recursion formula* for  $h$ .

**Remark.** I'm not very clear about this definition. I think the point of this definition is to indicate that there is a *UNIQUE* function satisfied a recursive definition.

**Theorem 1.13.** The following statements about set  $A$  are equivalent:

1. There exists an *injective*, not necessarily surjective (of course), function  $f : \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow A$ .
2. There exists a bijection of  $A$  to a proper subset of  $A$ .
3.  $A$  is infinite.

**Example 1.13.1.**

1.  $f : \mathbb{Z}^+ \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .
2.  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (-1, 1)$  by  $f(0) = 0, f(a) = \frac{1}{a}$ .
3.  $\mathbb{R}$  is infinite.

**Definition 1.14. Axiom of choice** Given a collection  $\mathcal{A}$  of disjoint nonempty sets (*i.e.*  $\forall x, y \in \mathcal{A}, x \cap y = \emptyset$ ), there exists a set  $C$  consisting of exactly one element from each element of  $\mathcal{A}$ ; that is,  $C \subset \bigcup \mathcal{A}$  and for each  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , the set  $C \cap A$  contains a single element.

The set  $C$  can be thought of as having been obtained by choosing one element from each of the sets in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Theorem 1.15. Well-ordering theorem** Every set is well-orderable. (assuming axiom of choice)

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<sup>3</sup>[https://proofwiki.org/wiki/Cantor's\\_Theorem](https://proofwiki.org/wiki/Cantor's_Theorem)

**Remark.** This theorem is rather against intuition. As I checked briefly on wikipedia and proofwiki, the proof [\(link\)](#)<sup>4</sup> is done using the axiom of choice and the Principle of Transfinite Induction. I can't comprehend the proof since I have no related knowledge about transfinite induction schema. The result is also known as **Zermelo's Theorem**[\(link\)](#)<sup>5</sup>, which is usually worded: Every set of cardinals is well-ordered with respect to  $\leq$ . This is weird to me since doesn't it imply that cardinals are equivalent to ordinals?

**Definition 1.16. Strict partial order** A set  $A$ , a relation  $\prec \subset A \times A$  is a strict partial order if for all elements  $a, b, c \in A$ ,

1. Non-refl:  $\neg(x \prec x)$
2. Trans:  $x \prec y \wedge y \prec z \Rightarrow x \prec z$

**Remark.** Compare to (non-strict) partial order, strict partial order does not have reflexivity property ( $x \leq x$ ).

**Remark.** Compare to a simply order relation, this order relation does not require totality (or comparability).

**Theorem 1.17. The maximum principle** A set  $A$ , a strict partial order  $\prec$  on  $A$ . There exists a maximal simply ordered subset  $B$ .

Said differently, there exists a subset  $B$  of  $A$  such that  $B$  is simply ordered by  $\prec$  and such that no subset of  $A$  that properly contains  $B$  is simply ordered by  $\prec$ .

**Remark.** Think in this way. Draw a acyclic directed graph for  $A$ : for for an element in  $A$  draw a vertex, for each pair of vertices, draw an edge from  $a$  to  $b$  iff  $a \prec b$  is minimal, i.e.  $\neg \exists c : a \prec c \prec b$ . Then we can say  $a \prec b$  if  $a$  is connected to  $b$  by the transitivity property. This theorem actually says that there exists a maximal path in the graph.

**Definition 1.18. Upper bound and Maximal element** Let  $A$  be set and  $\prec$  be strict partial order on  $A$ .  $B \subset A$ . An upper bound on  $B$  is  $c \in A$  such that  $\forall b \in B : b \prec c$ . A maximal element of  $A$  is an element  $m \in A$  such that  $\neg \exists a, m \prec a$ .

**Remark.** When we talk about upper bounds of  $A$ , we are under implication of a subset  $A$  of a ordered set.

**Theorem 1.19. Zorn's Lemma** Let  $A$  be strictly partially ordered set. If every simply ordered subset of  $A$  has an upper bound in  $A$ , then  $A$  has a maximal element.

**Remark.** This is a consequence of the maximum principle. It's easy to verify the maximum element is the upper bound of the maximal simply ordered subset.

<sup>4</sup>[https://proofwiki.org/wiki/Well-Ordering\\_Theorem](https://proofwiki.org/wiki/Well-Ordering_Theorem)

<sup>5</sup>[https://proofwiki.org/wiki/Zermelo%27s\\_Theorem\\_\(Set\\_Theory\)](https://proofwiki.org/wiki/Zermelo%27s_Theorem_(Set_Theory))



## Chapter 2

# Topological spaces and continuous functions

**Definition 2.1. Topology** A *topology* on a set  $X$  is a collection  $\mathcal{T}$  of subsets of  $X$  (i.e.  $\mathcal{T} \subset 2^X$ ) having the following properties:

1.  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$  and  $X \in \mathcal{T}$ ,
2. The union of the elements of any subcollection of  $\mathcal{T}$  is in  $\mathcal{T}$ ,
3. The intersection of elements of any finite subcollection of  $\mathcal{T}$  is in  $\mathcal{T}$ .

**Remark.** After investigation, I consider there is no special meaning for a collection differing from a set. (ref. ([link](#))<sup>1</sup>, ([link](#))<sup>2</sup>)

**Definition 2.2. Topological space** A *topological space* is an ordered pair  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  consisting of a set  $X$  and a topology  $\mathcal{T}$  of  $X$ . Often we omit specific mention of  $\mathcal{T}$  if no confusion will arise.

**Definition 2.3. Open set** If  $X$  is a topological space, we say that  $U \subset X$  is an *open set* of  $X$  if  $U \in \mathcal{T}$ . Using this terminology, one can say a topological space is a set  $X$  together with a set of open sets. Thus the definition of an open set is the same as topology:  $\emptyset$  and  $X$  both open, arbitrary unions and finite intersections of open sets are open.

**Definition 2.4.** If  $\mathcal{T} = 2^X$ , then  $X$  is called a **Discrete topology**;  
If  $\mathcal{T} = \{\emptyset, X\}$ , then  $X$  is called a **Trivial topology**, or **Indiscrete topology**.

**Definition 2.5. Finite complement topology** Let  $X$  be a set,  $\mathcal{T}_f$  be the collection of all subsets  $U$  of  $X$  such that  $X - U$  either is finite or is all of  $X$ . Then  $\mathcal{T}_f$  is a topology on  $X$ , called the *finite complement topology*. Both  $X$  and  $\emptyset$  are in  $\mathcal{T}_f$  since  $X - X$  is finite and  $X - \emptyset$  is all of  $X$ .

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<sup>1</sup><http://math.stackexchange.com/a/173002>

<sup>2</sup>[https://proofwiki.org/wiki/Definition:Topology/Definition\\_1](https://proofwiki.org/wiki/Definition:Topology/Definition_1)

Now we show  $\mathcal{T}_f$  is a topology. If  $\{U_a\}$  is an indexed family of nonempty elements of  $\mathcal{T}_f$ , to show  $\bigcup U_a$  is in  $\mathcal{T}_f$ , we compute

$$X - \bigcup U_a = \bigcap (X - U_a)$$

Which is finite since  $X - U_a$  is finite for all  $U_i \in \mathcal{T}_f$ . To show  $\bigcap U_i \in \mathcal{T}_f$ , we compute

$$x - \bigcap_{i=1}^n U_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^n (X - U_i)$$

Note by definition of topology we only need to check finite intersection. Then the finite number of unions of finite sets is finite thus finite  $\bigcup U_i \in \mathcal{T}_f$ .

**Definition 2.6. Finer, Strictly finer, Coarser, Strictly coarser, and Comparable**

	set term	topology term
$\mathcal{T}' \supset \mathcal{T}$	superset	finer, larger, stronger
$\mathcal{T}' \supsetneq \mathcal{T}$	proper superset(?)	strictly finer
$\mathcal{T}' \subset \mathcal{T}$	subset	coarser, larger, weaker
$\mathcal{T}' \subsetneq \mathcal{T}$	proper subset	strictly coarser
$\mathcal{T}' \subset \mathcal{T}$ or $\mathcal{T} \subset \mathcal{T}'$	-	comparable

**Remark.** *This is a bit not straightforward at the first sight. Remember that the essential of topology is its structure. The more open sets we have in a topology, the more fine it is.*

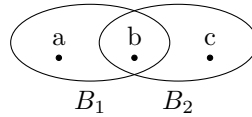
**Definition 2.7. Basis** A *basis* for a topology  $\mathcal{B} \subset 2^X$  (called basis elements) such that

1.  $\forall x \in X : \exists B \in \mathcal{B} : x \in B$
2.  $\forall x \in B_1 \cap B_2 \Rightarrow \exists B_3 \in \mathcal{B} : x \in B_3 \wedge B_3 \subset B_1 \cap B_2$

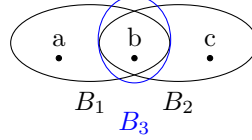
If  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis, we define *topology  $\mathcal{T}$  generated by  $\mathcal{B}$*  to be: we say  $U \subset X$  is open set (i.e.  $U \in \mathcal{T}$ ), if  $\forall x \in U : \exists B \in \mathcal{B} : x \in B \wedge B \subset U$ .

**Remark.** *The concept of a basis of a topology is rather abstract. I think of it in this way. Since we are dealing with intersection in the definition of basis, we want to think from top to bottom, in other words, from larger sets, to their intersections.*

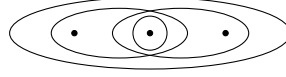
**Example 2.7.1.** Think of this example. In the beginning we have  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\mathcal{B} = \{B_1, B_2\}$  where  $B_1 = \{a, b\}$  and  $B_2 = \{b, c\}$ .



In this way  $\forall x \in X : \exists B \in \mathcal{B} : x \in B$ . Now we try to satisfy the second condition and we will find that  $b \in B_1 \cap B_2$  is not in any basis element who is a subset of  $B_1 \cap B_2$ . Now we add it as follows:



Now with  $\mathcal{B} = \{B_1, B_2, B_3\}$  all above two criterion are satisfied. Therefore  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for the topology  $\mathcal{T}$ :



**Example 2.7.2.** Continuing above example. We now verify that  $\mathcal{T}$  is generated by  $\mathcal{B}$  by checking all open sets  $U \in \mathcal{T}$  with the rule specified. Actually  $\mathcal{T} = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{b\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ . I will only show how  $\{a, b\} \in \mathcal{T}$  and how  $\{b\} \in \mathcal{T}$  and how  $\{a, c\} \notin \mathcal{T}$ .

1.  $U = \{a, b\} \in \mathcal{T}$ : For  $a \in U$ , take  $B = \{a, b\}$ , then  $B \subset U$ ; the same works for  $b$ . Therefore  $U$  is an open set.
2.  $U = \{b\} \in \mathcal{T}$ : For  $b \in U$ , take  $B = \{b\}$ , then  $B \subset U$ . Therefore  $\{b\}$  is an open set. Note that we cannot take  $B = \{a, b\}$ , since  $\{a, b\} \not\subset \{b\}$ .
3.  $U = \{a, c\} \notin \mathcal{T}$ : For  $a \in U$ , we cannot find a  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  that contains  $a$  and is a subset of  $\{a, c\}$ . Since the only possible subsets of  $\{a, c\}$  are  $\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$  and neither is a basis element. Therefore  $\{a, c\}$  is not an open set.

**Remark.** Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be set of all one-point subsets of  $X$ , then it is a basis for the discrete topology on  $X$ .

**Remark.** So my understanding of a basis of a topology is like the generator of the topology that satisfy the existence of intersection. So first of all we have to note that  $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{T}$ .

Using the process from the book, we can verify it. Take  $J$  to be an indexed family of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

It's easy to show that  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} B_\alpha$  is in  $\mathcal{T}$  if  $\forall \alpha \in J : B_\alpha \in \mathcal{T}$ .

It's easier to show that  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in J} B_\alpha$  is in  $\mathcal{T}$  if  $\forall \alpha \in J : B_\alpha \in \mathcal{T}$  since it's specified in the criteria for  $\mathcal{B}$  to be a basis. (Actually basis does more than finite intersection. We can prove using induction that the intersection of any countable number of basis is in  $\mathcal{T}$ .)

Also,  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$  will be vacuously true no matter what  $\mathcal{B}$  we pick.

**Theorem 2.8.** A more visual-able theorem.  $\mathcal{T}$  is the all unions of elements in  $\bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} B$ .

*Proof.* Given  $B = \bigcup_{\alpha \in K} B_\alpha$ , since  $B_\alpha \in \mathcal{T}$  and for any  $x, y \in \mathcal{T}$ ,  $x \cup y \in \mathcal{T}$ . Thus  $B \in \mathcal{T}$ . Conversely, given  $U \in \mathcal{T}$ , choose for each  $x \in U$ ,  $\exists B_x \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $U = \bigcup_{x \in U} B_x$ . Therefore  $U$  is some union of elements in  $\mathcal{B}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $X$  be a topological space.  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{T}$  such that for each open set  $U \in \mathcal{T}$  and each  $x \in U$ , there is an element  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $x \in C \subset U$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}$  is a basis for  $X$ .

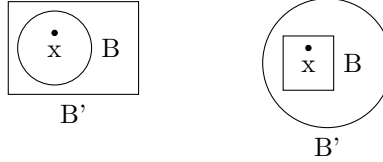
**Theorem 2.10.** Let  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{B}'$  be bases for  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{T}'$ , respectively. Then the following are equivalent:

1.  $\mathcal{T}'$  is finer than  $\mathcal{T}$
2.  $\forall x \in X, B \in \mathcal{B} : x \in B \Rightarrow \exists B' \in \mathcal{B}' : x \in B' \subset B$ .

**Remark.** Think of a finer topology to be a set with more elements, while inclusively. Then it works just like the definition of “subsets”. While we are now not talking about the topologies but the bases, so we only care about the elements in the bases.

The book uses the concept of a gravel. So the pebbles forms a basis of a topology. When they get smashed into dust, they form the basis of a new topology, while finer. And the dust particles was contained inside a pebble, as says the criterion.

**Example 2.10.1.** One can be demonstrated that topology on  $\mathbb{R}$  generated by open circles is the same topology as generated by rectangles. Below diagram shows this:



“Since for each point  $x$  and each basis element  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  containing  $x$ , there is a element  $B' \in \mathcal{B}'$  such that  $x \in B' \subset B$ .” – This applies to  $B$  to be the circular basis and the rectangular basis. Thus we conclude that  $\mathcal{T} \subset \mathcal{T}'$  and  $\mathcal{T}' \subset \mathcal{T}$ , thus they are equivalent.

**Definition 2.11. Standard topology, Lower limit topology and K topology** The *standard topology* has the basis of all open intervals in the real line. If  $\mathcal{B} = \{(a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , the topology generated by  $\mathcal{B}$  is then called the *lower limit topology* on  $\mathbb{R}$ , denoted  $\mathbb{R}_l$ . Let  $K$  denote the set of all numbers of the form  $1/n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , and let  $\mathcal{B}'$  be the set of all open intervals in form of  $(a, b) - K$ , is called *K-topology*, denoted as  $\mathbb{R}_k$ .

**Proposition 2.12.**  $\mathbb{R}_l$  and  $\mathbb{R}_k$  are strictly finer than the standard  $\mathbb{R}$ , while are not comparable with one another.

**Definition 2.13. Subbasis** A subbasis  $S$  for a topology on  $X$  is a set of subsets of  $X$  whose union equals to  $X$ .

**Remark.** *Unlike a subset/subgroup/subspace, a subbasis is not as its name suggests to be a subset of some other basis. Subbasis and basis are two different way to generate a topology. A basis includes all intersection of two basis elements, while a subbasis doesn't have to. So to generate a topology using a basis, we take all union. While to generate a topology using a subbasis, we take all unions and intersection of subbasis elements. (ref. Eric Auld on Math Stack-Exchange([link](https://math.stackexchange.com/a/449577/120022))<sup>3</sup>, and Wikipedia([link](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Subbase))<sup>4</sup>).*

**Example 2.13.1.** ref. ([link](https://math.stackexchange.com/a/449577/120022))<sup>5</sup>

$$\mathcal{T} = \{\emptyset, \{0\}, \{0, 1\}, \{0, 2\}, \{0, 1, 2\}\}$$

$$\mathcal{B} = \{\{0\}, \{0, 1\}, \{0, 2\}\}$$

$$\mathcal{S} = \{\{0, 1\}, \{0, 2\}\}$$

**Example 2.13.2.** (ref. ([link](https://math.stackexchange.com/a/449593/120022))<sup>6</sup>) For standard topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{T}$  is all open intervals (and their unions) on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then,

$$\mathcal{B} = \{(a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a < b\}, \text{ and}$$

$$\mathcal{S} = \{(-\infty, a) \mid a \in \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{(b, \infty) \mid b \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

**Definition 2.14. Order topology** Assuming we knowing about all open/closed/half-open interval concepts, over  $a$ , possibly not continuous, set.

Let  $X$  be a set with linear order relation with  $<$ . Assume  $|X| > 1$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be defined as a set of all subsets of  $X$  of the following types:

1. All valid  $(a, b)$
2. For  $a_0$  to be the minimal element,  $[a_0, b)$  (if any)
3. For  $b_0$  to be the maximal element,  $(a, b_0]$  (if any)

Then  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for a topology on  $X$ , called *order topology*.

**Example 2.14.1.**  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  in dict order,  $\mathbb{Z}^+$

**Definition 2.15. Ray, Open ray, Closed ray**

$$(a, +\infty) = \{x \mid x > a\}$$

$$(-\infty, a) = \{x \mid x < a\}$$

$$[a, +\infty) = \{x \mid x \geq a\}$$

$$(-\infty, a] = \{x \mid x \leq a\}$$

<sup>3</sup><https://math.stackexchange.com/a/449577/120022>

<sup>4</sup><https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Subbase>

<sup>5</sup><http://math.stackexchange.com/a/449593/120022>

<sup>6</sup><http://mathworld.wolfram.com/Subbasis.html>

**Definition 2.16. Product topology** Product topology on topology spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , denoted as  $X \times Y$  is the topology with the basis  $\mathcal{B}$  whose elements are in form of  $U \times V$  where  $U \in \mathcal{T}_X, V \in \mathcal{T}_Y$ . (Obviously and omitted by book the underlying set is just  $X \times Y$ )

**Example 2.16.1.** open sets on  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R}^2$ .

**Theorem 2.17.** If  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for topology of  $X$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  is a basis for the topology of  $Y$ , then the collection  $\mathcal{D} = \{B \times C \mid B \in \mathcal{B} \wedge C \in \mathcal{C}\}$  is a basis for  $X \times Y$ .

**Definition 2.18. Projection**

$$\pi_1 : X \times Y \rightarrow X, \quad \pi_2 : X \times Y \rightarrow Y$$

Projection functions are *onto*.

**Definition 2.19. Subspace and Subspace topology** For  $X$  be topological space and  $\mathcal{T}$  be topology on  $X$ . If  $Y \subset X$ , then define

$$\mathcal{T}_Y = \{Y \cap U \mid U \in \mathcal{T}\}$$

*subspace topology* of  $\mathcal{T}$ .  $\mathcal{T}_Y$  is a topology.

**Remark.** Does  $Y$  have to an open set in  $X$  (or  $\mathcal{T}$ )? No.

- remember  $X$  does not have any structure, it is  $\mathcal{T}$  who gives the structure to  $X$ ;
- it is not necessary for  $Y \in \mathcal{T}$ , as I will prove  $\mathcal{T}_Y$  is a topology anyway below.

*Proof.*  $\emptyset = Y \cap \emptyset \in \mathcal{T}_Y$ ,  $Y = Y \cap X \in \mathcal{T}_Y$ , for  $U_1, U_2 \in \mathcal{T}_Y$ ,  $U_1 \cap U_2 = V_1 \cap Y \cap V_2 \cap Y = (V_1 \cap V_2) \cap Y \in \mathcal{T}_Y$  where  $V_1, V_2 \in \mathcal{T}$ , for  $U_1, U_2 \in \mathcal{T}_Y$ ,  $U_1 \cup U_2 = (V_1 \cap Y) \cup (V_2 \cap Y) = (V_1 \cup V_2) \cap Y \in \mathcal{T}_Y$ .

This proof is not correct. A topology requires arbitrary union *i.e.*  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in J}$  and finite intersection  $U_1 \cap \dots \cap U_n$ . But the same rule applies.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.20.** Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be basis for a topology of  $X$ , then  $\mathcal{B}_Y = \{B \cap Y \mid B \in \mathcal{B}\}$  is a basis for the subspace topology on  $Y$ .

**Theorem 2.21.** If  $Y$  is subspace of  $X$ . If  $U \in \mathcal{T}_Y$ , and  $Y \in \mathcal{T}$ , then  $U \in \mathcal{T}$ .

This is just what I concerned about above. Pretty straightforward result.

**Theorem 2.22.**  $A \subset X$  and  $B \subset Y$ , then  $A \times B$  is the same topology  $A \times B$  that inherits as subspace of  $X \times Y$ .

**Definition 2.23. Convex** Given an ordered set  $X$ ,  $Y \subset X$ . Say  $Y$  is *convex* in  $X$  if for any  $a <_Y b$ ,  $(a, b) \in X \Rightarrow (a, b) \in Y$ .

**Example 2.23.1.** Here are some examples of  $Y$  convex in  $X$ .

- $X = \mathbb{R}, Y = [0, 1]$
- $X = \mathbb{R}, Y = (0, 1)$
- $X = [0, 2] \cup [3, 5], Y = [1, 2] \cup [3, 4]$
- $X = [0, 2] \cup [3, 5], Y = [4, 5]$

Here are some counterexamples:

- $X = \mathbb{R}, Y = [0, 1) \cup (1, 2]$
- $X = \mathbb{R}, Y = [0, 1] \cup [2, 3]$
- $X = [0, 2] \cup [3, 5], Y = [1, 2] \cup [4, 5]$

**Theorem 2.24.** Let  $X$  be ordered set in order topology; let  $Y \subset X$  be convex in  $X$ . Then the order topology on  $Y$  is the same as the topology  $Y$  inherits as a subspace of  $X$ .

**Definition 2.25. Closed set** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is said to be *closed* if the set  $X - A$  is open.

**Remark.** A subset  $A \in X$  is closed DOES NOT mean itself is not open. It means its complement is open. An example: trivial topology on  $\{a, b\}$  includes  $\{\emptyset, \{a, b\}\}$ . Then  $\{a\}$  is neither closed or open. In the discrete topology, every point is both closed and open.

**Theorem 2.26.** Let  $X$  be a topological space, the following conditions hold:

1.  $\emptyset$  and  $X$  are closed.
2. Arbitrary intersections of closed sets are closed.
3. Finite unions of closed sets are closed.

**Theorem 2.27.** Let  $Y$  be subspace of  $X$ . Then a set  $A$  is closed in  $Y$  iff it equals the intersection of a closed set of  $X$  in  $Y$ .

**Definition 2.28. Closure and interior of a Set** Given  $A \subset X$ , the *interior* of  $A$  is defined as the union of all open sets contained in  $A$ , and the *closure* of  $A$  is defined as the intersection of all closed sets containing  $A$ .

Interior of  $A$  is denoted as  $\text{Int } A$ , and closure of  $A$  is denoted as  $\bar{A}$ . I will use  $A^\circ$  and  $\bar{A}$  to denote these two in this note.

**Remark.**  $A^\circ \subset A \subset \bar{A}$

**Remark.** If  $A$  is open,  $A = A^\circ$ ; if  $A$  is closed,  $A = \bar{A}$ .

**Theorem 2.29.** Let  $Y$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Let  $A$  be a subset of  $Y$ . Let  $\bar{A}$  be closure of  $A$  in  $X$ . Then the closure of  $A$  in  $Y$  equals  $\bar{A} \cap Y$ .

**Remark.** When we talk about  $Y$  subspace of  $X$  and  $A \subset Y$ . We reserve notation  $\bar{A}$  to denote the closure of  $A$  in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.30. Intersects**  $A$  intersects  $B$  iff  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 2.31.** Let  $A$  be a subset of topology space  $X$ .

1. Then  $x \in \bar{A}$  iff every open set  $U$  containing  $x$  intersects  $A$ .
2. Suppose topology of  $X$  is given by a basis  $\mathcal{B}$ , then  $x \in \bar{A}$  iff  $\forall B \in \mathcal{B} : x \in B \Rightarrow B \cap A \neq \emptyset$ .

**Definition 2.32. Neighborhood** We shorten the statement “ $U$  is an open set containing  $x$ ” to the phrase “ $U$  is a neighborhood of  $x$ ”.

**Definition 2.33. Limit point** If  $A$  a subset of the topological space  $X$  and if  $x$  is a point of  $X$ , we say that  $x$  is a *limit point* (a.k.a. “*cluster point*”) of  $A$  if every neighborhood of  $x$  intersects  $A$  in some point other than  $x$  itself.

**Example 2.33.1.** Consider standard topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ . If  $A = (0, 1]$ , then 0 is a limit point. So is  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Any  $x \in [0, 1]$  is a limit point, but no other points.

**Example 2.33.2.** On  $\mathbb{R}$ , if  $B = \{1/n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$ , then 0 is the only limit point of  $B$ .

**Theorem 2.34.** Let  $A$  be a subset of topological space  $X$ . Let  $A'$  be the set of all limit points of  $A$ . Then  $\bar{A} = A \cup A'$

**Corollary 2.35.** A subset of a topological space is closed iff it contains all its limit points.

**Definition 2.36. Converge** The convergency property of  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is generalized in topology as: One say that a sequence  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  of points of the space  $X$  converges to the point  $x$  of  $X$  if that corresponding to each neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$ , there is a positive integer  $N$  such that  $x_n \in U$  for all  $n \geq N$ .

**Definition 2.37. Hausdorff space** A topological space  $X$  is called a *Hausdorff space* if for each pair  $x_1, x_2$  of distinct points of  $X$ , there exist neighborhoods  $U_1$ , and  $U_2$  of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , respectively, that are disjoint.

**Theorem 2.38.** Every finite point set in a Hausdorff space  $X$  is closed.

*Proof.* We show any one point set  $\{x_0\}$  is closed. If  $x$  is a point in  $X$  different from  $x_0$ , then  $x$  and  $x_0$  have disjoint neighborhoods  $U$  and  $V$ , respectively. Since  $U$  does not intersect  $\{x_0\}$ , the point  $x$  cannot belong to the closure of the set  $\{x_0\}$ . Therefore the closure of the set  $\{x_0\}$  is itself. Therefore it is closed.  $\square$

**Remark.** This condition that finite point sets is closed is actually weaker than the Hausdorff condition. e.g.  $\mathbb{R}$  in the finite complement topology is not a Hausdorff space but every finite point set is closed. This condition is named as  $T_1$  axiom.



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