



Notes for General Topology

Zhao Wenchuan

September 7, 2021

Contents

1	Metric Spaces	2
1.1	Metric Spaces	2
1.2	Open Sets in Metric Spaces	4
1.3	Restrictions and Metric Subspaces	7
2	Topological Spaces	9
2.1	Basic Definitions	9
2.2	Some Important Topologies	11
2.3	Comparison of Topologies	11
2.4	Subspaces	12
2.5	Interiors	13
2.6	Limit Points and Isolated Points	16
2.7	Closures	17
2.8	Density	19
2.9	Neighbourhood Systems	21
3	Sequences	22
3.1	Convergent Sequences	22
3.2	Accumulation Points of Sequences	23
4	Countable Axioms	25
4.1	Covers and Bases	25
4.2	First-Countable Spaces	26
4.3	Second-Countable Spaces	27
4.4	Separable Spaces	28
4.5	Lindelöf Space	30

5	Continuous Mappings	32
5.1	Continuous Mappings	32
5.2	Homeomorphisms	34
	Appendices	37
A	Some Examples of Topological Spaces	38
A.1	Sorgenfrey line	38
A.2	Niemytzki Plane	38

Chapter 1.

Metric Spaces

§1.1 Metric Spaces

Definition 1.1.1. Let X be any set.

A function $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ is *metric function*, or, simply, *metric on X* iff it satisfies the *metric axioms*. That is, for any $x, y, z \in X$:

M1. $d(x, y) = 0$ iff $x = y$;

M2. $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$;

M3. $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$.

Definition 1.1.2. Let X be any set and let d be a structure on X .

The pair (X, d) is called a *metric space* iff d is a metric on X .

Definition 1.1.3. A $\mathbb{X} = (X, d)$ be a metric space, let $x \in X$ and let $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$.

An *open ε -ball*, or just ε -ball, about x is defined to be the set

$$B_\varepsilon(x; d) := \{y \in X : d(x, y) < \varepsilon\}.$$

A *closed ball* is defined to be the set

$$\overline{B}_\varepsilon(x; d) := \{y \in X : d(x, y) \leq \varepsilon\}.$$

Note 1.1.1. As

$$\mathbb{X}_0 = (X, d_0), \mathbb{X}_1 = (X, d_1), \mathbb{X}_2 = (X, d_2), \dots$$

are different although they share the same set X , for any $x \in X$ and any $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$,

$$B_\varepsilon(x; d_1), B_\varepsilon(x; d_2), B_\varepsilon(x; d_3), \dots$$

are also different. However, if confusion is unlikely, we simply write “ $B_\varepsilon(x)$ ” for “ $B_\varepsilon(x; d)$ ”.

Example 1.1.1. The *Euclidean metric space* $\mathbb{X} = (X, d)$ is an n -dimensional set X equipped with the *Euclidean metric* d defined as

$$d(x, y) := \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

This is also called *standard Euclidean metric*, in contrast to the *non-standard Euclidean metrics*

$$d_p(x, y) := \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad p \geq 1.$$

In particular,

$$d_\infty(x, y) := \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i - y_i|.$$

Example 1.1.2. A *discrete metric space* $\mathbb{X} = (X, d)$ is a set X equipped with the *discrete metric* d_{dis} defined as

$$d_{\text{disc}}(x, y) := \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x = y; \\ 1, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

This is an equivalent definition of the discrete metric:

$$d_{\text{disc}}(x, y) := (\text{sgn}(d(x, y)))^2,$$

where $\text{sgn}(\cdot)$ is a [sign function](#), and d is any metric on X .

Example 1.1.3. ¹ Let $\mathbb{I} = (C[a, b], d_p)$ be a metric space where $C[a, b]$ denotes the set of all continuous mapping $\mathbb{R}_{[a, b]} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and $p > 0$, and the metric d_p is defined as

$$d_p(f, g) := \left(\int_a^b |f(t) - g(t)|^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

In particular,

$$d_\infty(f, g) := \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}_{[a, b]}} |f(t) - g(t)|.$$

¹ See [Minkowski inequality](#).

Example 1.1.4. ² Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, d)$ be a metric space. The *Hausdorff metric* d_H on $2^X \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ is defined as

$$d_H := \max \left\{ \sup_{x \in X} d(x, Y), \sup_{y \in Y} d(y, X) \right\},$$

where

$$d(x, Y) := \inf_{y \in Y} d(x, y), \text{ and } d(y, X) := \inf_{x \in X} d(y, x).$$

§1.2 Open Sets in Metric Spaces

Definition 1.2.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, d)$ be a metric space, and let $U \subseteq X$.

U is said to be *open in \mathbb{X}* , iff for any $y \in U$, there exists $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$, such that $B_\varepsilon(y) \subseteq U$.

Proposition 1.2.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, d)$ be a metric space, let $x \in A$ and let $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$.

For any $y \in B_\varepsilon(x)$, there is a $\delta \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that $B_\delta(y) \subseteq B_\varepsilon(x)$.

Proof. For any $y \in B_\varepsilon(x)$, by the definition of open balls (Definition 1.1.3), we have $d(x, y) < \varepsilon$.

Let $\delta \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that $\delta + d(x, y) = \varepsilon$.

By M3 in metric axioms (Definition 1.1.1), for any $z \in A$ with $d(y, z) < \delta$, we have

$$d(x, z) \leq d(y, z) + d(x, y) < \varepsilon.$$

Thus, again, by the definition of open balls, we have $B_\delta(y) \subseteq B_\varepsilon(x)$. ■

Proposition 1.2.2. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, d)$ be a metric space, and let $U \subseteq X$.

U is open in \mathbb{X} iff it is a union of open balls.

Proof. First, prove \Rightarrow .

As U is open, for any $y \in U$, there exists $\varepsilon_y \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that $B_{\varepsilon_y}(y) \subseteq U$.

Therefore,

$$U = \bigcup_{y \in U} B_{\varepsilon_y}(y).$$

□

² See [Hausdorff distance](#).

Now, prove \Leftarrow .

Aiming for a contradiction, suppose U is a union of open balls but not open.

As U is not open, there is a $y \in U$ such that for any $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$, $B_\varepsilon(y) \not\subseteq U$.

As U is a union of open balls, there is an $x \in U$ and $r \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that $y \in B_r(x)$.

By Proposition 1.2.1, there exists a $\delta \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that $B_\delta(y) \subseteq B_r(x)$.

This is a contradiction by the assumption.

Thus, U has to be open. ■

Proposition 1.2.3. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, d)$ be any metric space.

\mathbb{X} is *Hausdorff*. That is, For any distinct points $x, y \in X$, we can always find an $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that

$$B_\varepsilon(x) \cap B_\varepsilon(y) = \emptyset.$$

Proof. Aiming for a contradiction, suppose there are $x, y \in X$ with $x \neq y$, such that for any $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$, we can always find a $z \in X$ such that

$$z \in B_\varepsilon(x) \cap B_\varepsilon(y).$$

Let $r = d(x, y)/2$, and let $z \in B_r(x) \cap B_r(y)$.

As $z \in B_r(x)$, by the definition of open balls (Definition 1.1.3), $d(x, z) < r$; as $z \in B_r(y)$, similarly, $d(y, z) < r$. Then we have

$$d(x, z) + d(y, z) < 2r = d(x, y).$$

This contradicts the metric axioms M3 (Definition 1.1.1).

Thus \mathbb{X} is Hausdorff. ■

Definition 1.2.2. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, d)$ be any metric space, and let $V \subseteq X$.

V is said to be *closed* in \mathbb{X} , iff there is an open set U satisfies $X \setminus U = V$.

Proposition 1.2.4. In a metric space, any singleton is closed.

Proof. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, d)$ be a metric space, let $x \in X$, and let $y \in X \setminus \{x\}$.

As M is Hausdorff (Proposition 1.2.3), there is an $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that

$$0 < \varepsilon < d(x, y),$$

thus $X \setminus \{x\}$ is open, hence, by Definition 1.1.1, its complement $\{x\}$ is open. ■

Proposition 1.2.5. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, d)$ be a metric space, denote \mathcal{T} for the family of open subsets of X .

Then \mathcal{T} satisfies the following conditions:

- O1.** $X, \emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$;
- O2.** For any $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$, $\bigcup \mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{T}$; in words, \mathcal{T} is closed under arbitrary union;
- O3.** For any finite $\mathcal{V} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$, $\bigcap \mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{T}$; in words, \mathcal{T} is closed under finite intersection.

Proof.

- O1.** As \emptyset is the subset of any set, $\emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$. $\bigcup \emptyset = \emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$.

By Definition 1.2.2, $X = X \setminus \emptyset$.

□

- O2.** Let $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$, and denote \mathcal{O} for the open balls in M .

For any $U \in \mathcal{U}$, there is an $\mathcal{O}_U \subseteq \mathcal{O}$ such that $U = \bigcup \mathcal{O}_U$.

Then we have

$$\bigcup \mathcal{U} = \bigcup_{U \in \mathcal{U}} \left(\bigcup \mathcal{O}_U \right) = \bigcup_{U \in \mathcal{U}} \mathcal{O}_U.$$

By Proposition 1.2.2, $\bigcup \mathcal{U}$ is open.

□

- O3.** Let \mathcal{V} be a finite subset of \mathcal{T} .

Aiming for a contradiction, suppose $\bigcap \mathcal{V}$ is not open.

By Definition 1.2.1, there exists a $y \in \bigcap \mathcal{V}$ such that for any $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$, $B_\varepsilon(y) \setminus \bigcap \mathcal{V} \neq \emptyset$.

By De Morgan's law, we have

$$\bigcup_{V \in \mathcal{V}} (B_\varepsilon(y) \setminus V) \neq \emptyset.$$

Thus, there exists $V \in \mathcal{V}$ such that $B_\varepsilon(y) \setminus V \neq \emptyset$.

As $V \in \mathcal{T}$ and ε is arbitrarily given, by Proposition 1.2.1, $y \notin V$. This is a contradiction.

Thus, $\bigcap \mathcal{V}$ is open.

□

Thus, the theorem is proved. ■

Proposition 1.2.6. Infinite intersections of open sets in some metric spaces are not necessarily open.

Proof. Consider \mathbb{R} is a Euclidean metric space, and denote \mathcal{T} .

Clearly, for any $n \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$ and for any $x \in X$, the open interval $B_{\frac{1}{n}}(x)$ is open, but

$$\bigcap \left\{ B_{\frac{1}{n}}(x) : n \in \mathbb{N}_{>0} \right\} = \{x\}.$$

For any $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$, $B_\varepsilon(x) \setminus \{x\}$ is not empty, thus $\{x\}$ is not open. ■

§1.3 Restrictions and Metric Subspaces

Restriction of metric function is a useful tool to describe the relation between metric spaces with different sets but “same” metric function on the sets.

As a restriction of a relation R on $X \times Y$ to a subset $A \times B \subseteq X \times Y$ is defined to be

$$R \upharpoonright_{A \times B} := R \cap (X \times Y),$$

a restriction of a metric d on a set S to a subset $U \subseteq S$ is defined to be

$$d \upharpoonright_{(U \times U) \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}} := d \cap ((U \times U) \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}).$$

If $B = Y$, customarily, we simply write $R \upharpoonright_A$ for $R \upharpoonright_{A \times B}$. Similarly, as the codomain of a metric function is always $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$, so we simply write $d \upharpoonright_{U \times U}$ instead of $d \upharpoonright_{(U \times U) \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}}$.

Definition 1.3.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, d)$ be a metric space, and let $A \subseteq X$.

The *metric on A induced by d* , or the *subspace metric of d with respect to A* is defined to be

$$d_A := d \upharpoonright_{A \times A}.$$

Proposition 1.3.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, d)$ be a metric space, and let $A \subseteq X$ and let $d_A := d \upharpoonright_{A \times A}$.

Then $\mathbb{A} = (A, d_A)$ is a metric space.

Proof. As metric axioms (Definition 1.1.1) holds for any $x, y \in X$, and $A \subseteq X$, they also holds for any $a, b \in A$. As d_A is the subspace metric of d with respect to A , d_A is a metric on A .

Thus, \mathbb{A} is a metric space.

Definition 1.3.2. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, d)$ be a metric space, and let $A \subseteq X$.

$\mathbb{A} = (A, d_A)$ is a *metric subspace* of \mathbb{X} iff d_A is a subspace metric of d with respect to A .

Chapter 2.

Topological Spaces

§2.1 Basic Definitions

Definition 2.1.1. Let X be any set, and let $\mathcal{T} \subseteq 2^X$.

\mathcal{T} is a *topology on X* iff it satisfies the *open set axioms*. That is,

- O1.** $X \in \mathcal{T}$;
- O2.** For any $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$, $\bigcup \mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{T}$; in words, \mathcal{T} is closed under arbitrary union.
- O3.** For any finite $\mathcal{V} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$, $\bigcap \mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{T}$; in words, \mathcal{T} is closed under finite intersection.

A subset $U \subseteq X$ is said to be *open in M* iff it is an element of \mathcal{T} .

Definition 2.1.2. Let X be any set, and let \mathcal{T} be a structure on X .

The pair (X, \mathcal{T}) is called a *topological space* iff \mathcal{T} is a topology on X .

Proposition 2.1.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space.

Then $\emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$.

Proof. As empty set is an element of any set, it also an element of \mathcal{T} .

Therefore, we have

$$\emptyset = \bigcup \emptyset \in \mathcal{T}.$$

■

Definition 2.1.3. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space.

A subset $A \subseteq X$ is said to be *closed in \mathbb{X}* iff there exists a $U \in \mathcal{T}$ such that $A = X \setminus U$.

Proposition 2.1.2. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and denote \mathcal{C} for the family of all closed sets in M .

Then \mathcal{C} satisfies the following conditions:

- C1.** $X, \emptyset \in \mathcal{C}$;
- C2.** For any $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$, $\bigcap \mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{C}$;
- C3.** For any finite $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$, $\bigcup \mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{C}$.

Proof.

C1. As $\emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$ and $X = X \setminus \emptyset$, by Definition 2.1.3, X is closed.

Similarly, as $X \in \mathcal{T}$ and $\emptyset = X \setminus X$, \emptyset is closed.

□

C2. For any $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$, there exists a $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$ such that

$$\forall A \in \mathcal{A} : \exists U \in \mathcal{U} : A = X \setminus U. \quad (\text{Definition 2.1.3.})$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A} = \{X \setminus U : U \in \mathcal{U}\} &\iff \bigcap \mathcal{A} = \bigcap_{U \in \mathcal{U}} X \setminus U \\ &\iff \bigcap \mathcal{A} = X \setminus \bigcup \mathcal{U}. \end{aligned}$$

As $\bigcup \mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{T}$ by Definition 2.1.1 O2, its complement $\bigcap \mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{C}$ by Definition 2.1.3.

□

C3. For any finite $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$, there exists a finite $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$ such that

$$\forall B \in \mathcal{B} : \exists U \in \mathcal{U} : A = X \setminus U. \quad (\text{Definition 2.1.3.})$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B} = \{X \setminus U : U \in \mathcal{U}\} &\iff \bigcup \mathcal{B} = \bigcup_{U \in \mathcal{U}} X \setminus U \\ &\iff \bigcup \mathcal{B} = X \setminus \bigcap \mathcal{U}. \end{aligned}$$

As $\bigcap \mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{T}$ by Definition 2.1.1 O3, its complement $\bigcup \mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{C}$ by Definition 2.1.3.

□

Thus, the proof is done.

■

§2.2 Some Important Topologies

Definition 2.2.1. Let X be any set.

A family $\mathcal{T} \subseteq 2^X$ is a *discrete topology on X* iff $\mathcal{T} = 2^X$.

Definition 2.2.2. Let X be any set.

A family $\mathcal{T} \subseteq 2^X$ is an *indiscrete topology on X* iff $\mathcal{T} = \{X, \emptyset\}$.

Definition 2.2.3. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, d)$ be a metric space.

A family $\mathcal{T} \subseteq 2^X$ is a *topology induced by d* iff \mathcal{T} is the set of all open sets in \mathbb{X} .

§2.3 Comparison of Topologies

Definition 2.3.1. Let X be any set and let \mathcal{T}_1 and \mathcal{T}_2 be topologies on X .

We say that \mathcal{T} is *coarser* than \mathcal{T}_1 , or \mathcal{T}_2 is *finer* than \mathcal{T}_1 , iff $\mathcal{T}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_2$.

Note 2.3.1. By the definition of cardinality and inclusion mapping, if $\mathcal{T}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_2$, it is certainly true that $|\mathcal{T}_1| \leq |\mathcal{T}_2|$. But, on the contrary, $|\mathcal{T}_1| \leq |\mathcal{T}_2|$ does not implies $\mathcal{T}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_2$. It is easy to find counter-example about this.

Example 2.3.1. By Definition 2.3.1, for any set X , if a family \mathcal{U} of open sets is given, then we can find the coarsest topology on X containing \mathcal{U} by

$$\mathcal{T} = \left\{ \bigcup \mathcal{I}, \bigcap \mathcal{I}, X : \mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{U} \right\}.$$

For example, let $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$, and let

$$\mathcal{U} = \{\{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{4\}\}.$$

Then a topology on X contains at least these sets:

$$\begin{aligned} &\{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{\}, \\ &\{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{4\}, \\ &\{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}, \\ &\{2\}. \end{aligned}$$

Example 2.3.2. The discrete topology is the finest topology on any X , while the indiscrete topology is the coarsest.

§2.4 Subspaces

Definition 2.4.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $A \subseteq X$.

The *subspace topology on A* is defines as

$$\mathcal{T}_A := \{A \cap U : U \in \mathcal{T}\}.$$

In this case, (A, \mathcal{T}_A) is called a *subspace of \mathbb{X}* .

Note 2.4.1. Note that (A, \mathcal{T}_A) is a subspace of \mathbb{X} does not implies that $\mathcal{T}_A \subseteq \mathcal{T}$. Consider $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T})$ as a standard topological space. Let \mathcal{T}' be a standard topological space on $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$, then $(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}, \mathcal{T}')$ is a subspace of $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T})$. For any $a \in \mathbb{R}_{> 0}$, real interval $[0, a) \in \mathcal{T}'$, but it is not an element in \mathcal{T} .

Here is another extreme example. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be an indiscrete topological space, and let $A \subseteq X$. Then, if (A, \mathcal{T}_A) is a subspace of \mathbb{X} , then $\mathcal{T}_A \subseteq \mathcal{T}$ iff $A \in \{\emptyset, X\}$.

Note 2.4.2. As \emptyset is the subset of any set, by Definition 2.4.1, for any topological space (X, \mathcal{T}) ,

$$\mathcal{T}_{\emptyset} = \{\emptyset \cap U : U \in \mathcal{T}\} = \{\emptyset\}$$

Thus, $(\emptyset, \{\emptyset\})$ is the subspace of any topological space.

Proposition 2.4.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $\mathbb{A} = (A, \mathcal{T}_A)$ be a subspace of \mathbb{X} .

$$\mathcal{T}_A \subseteq \mathcal{T} \iff A \in \mathcal{T}.$$

Proof. First, prove \Rightarrow .

$S \in \mathcal{T}$. By Definition 2.1.1 O1, $A \in \mathcal{T}_A$. As $\mathcal{T}_A \subseteq \mathcal{T}$, $A \in \mathcal{T}$.

□

Now, prove \Leftarrow .

As $A \in \mathcal{T}$, by Definition 2.4.1, for any $S \in \mathcal{T}_A$,

$$S = A \cap U, \quad U \in \mathcal{T}.$$

By Definition 2.1.1 O3, $S \in \mathcal{T}$.

As $S \in \mathcal{T}_A$ is arbitrarily given, all $S \in \mathcal{T}_A$ is also an element in \mathcal{T} . Thus $\mathcal{T}_A \subseteq \mathcal{T}$.

□

Thus, the proof is done.

■

Proposition 2.4.2. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, let $\mathbb{A} = (A, \mathcal{T}_A)$ be a subspace of \mathbb{X} , and let $V \subseteq A$ be a closed set in \mathbb{X} .

V is closed in \mathbb{A} iff there exists a $W \subseteq X$ closed in \mathbb{X} such that $V = A \cap W$.

Proof.

§2.5 Interiors

Definition 2.5.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $A \subseteq X$.

The *interior* of A is defined as

$$\text{Int}_{\mathcal{T}}(A) := \bigcup (\mathcal{T} \cap 2^A).$$

Note 2.5.1. Let $\mathbb{X}_1 = (X, \mathcal{T}_1)$, $\mathbb{X}_2 = (X, \mathcal{T}_2)$, and $A \subseteq X$. Then $\mathcal{T}_1 \neq \mathcal{T}_2$ iff $\text{Int}_{\mathcal{T}_1}(A) \neq \text{Int}_{\mathcal{T}_2}(A)$. In this case, the subscript for “Int” is necessary.

But, if the confusion is unlikely, we can also simply write $\text{Int}(A)$ for $\text{Int}_{\mathcal{T}}A$. In this case, it is also common to write A° for $\text{Int}(A)$.

Proposition 2.5.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $A \subseteq X$.

$A \in \mathcal{T}$ iff $A = A^\circ$.

Proof. First, prove \Rightarrow .

If $A \in \mathcal{T}$, then we have

$$\mathcal{T} \cap 2^A = \mathcal{T} \cap \{A\} \cap 2^A = \{A\} \cap 2^A = \{A\}.$$

By Definition 2.5.1,

$$A^\circ = \bigcup (\mathcal{T} \cap 2^A) = \bigcup \{A\} = A.$$

□

Now, prove \Leftarrow .

By Definition 2.5.1, we have

$$A = \bigcup (\mathcal{T} \cap 2^A).$$

As $\mathcal{T} \cap 2^A \subseteq \mathcal{T}$, thus, by open set axioms O2 (Definition 2.1.1 O2), $A \in \mathcal{T}$.

□

Thus, the proof is done. ■

Proposition 2.5.2. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $A \in \mathcal{T}$. For any $x \in A$, there is a $U \in \mathcal{T} \cap 2^A$ such that $x \in U$.

Proof.

$$x \in A \iff x \in A^\circ \quad (\text{Proposition 2.5.1})$$

$$\iff x \in \bigcup (\mathcal{T} \cap 2^A) \quad (\text{Definition 2.5.1})$$

$$\iff \exists U \in \mathcal{T} \cap 2^A : x \in U.$$

■

Proposition 2.5.3. Let X be any set, let I be an index set, and let $\mathcal{A}_i \subseteq 2^X$ for any $i \in I$.

Then we have

$$\bigcup \left(\bigcap_{i \in I} \mathcal{A}_i \right) \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in I} \left(\bigcup \mathcal{A}_i \right).$$

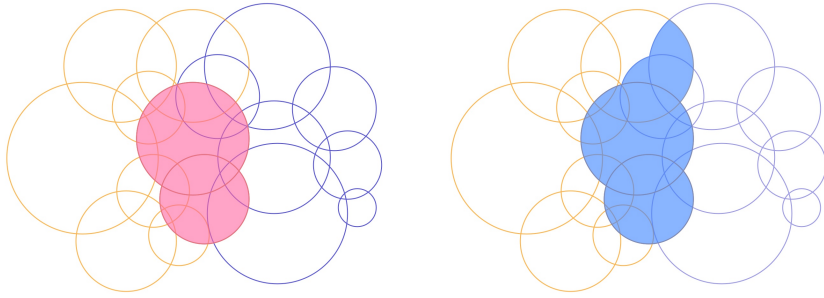


Figure 2.1: Diagram of the relation in Proposition 2.5.3.

Proposition 2.5.4. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $\mathcal{A} \subseteq 2^X$.

Then we have

$$\left(\bigcap \mathcal{A}\right)^\circ \subseteq \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A^\circ.$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\bigcap \mathcal{A}\right)^\circ &= \bigcup \left(\mathcal{T} \cap 2^{\bigcap \mathcal{A}}\right) && \text{(Definition 2.5.1)} \\ &= \bigcup \left(\mathcal{T} \cap \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} 2^A\right) && \text{(intersection of power sets)} \\ &= \bigcup \left(\bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} (\mathcal{T} \cap 2^A)\right) && \text{(intersection is idempotent} \\ &&& \text{and associative)} \\ &\subseteq \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \left(\bigcup (\mathcal{T} \cap 2^A)\right) && \text{(Proposition 2.5.3)} \\ &= \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A^\circ. && \text{(Definition 2.5.1)} \end{aligned}$$

■

Example 2.5.1. The equality in Proposition 2.5.4 may not hold.

Let $\mathbb{T} = (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space with

$$\mathcal{T} = \{X, (0, 2), (1, 3), \emptyset\}.$$

Then we have

$$((0, 2) \cap (1, 3))^\circ = \emptyset \quad \subsetneq \quad (0, 2)^\circ \cap (1, 3) = (1, 2).$$

Proposition 2.5.5. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $A, B \subseteq X$.

If $A \subseteq B$, then $A^\circ \subseteq B^\circ$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} A \subseteq B &\implies 2^A \subseteq 2^B && \text{(power set of subset)} \\ &\implies \mathcal{T} \cap 2^A \subseteq \mathcal{T} \cap 2^B \\ &\implies \bigcup (\mathcal{T} \cap 2^A) \subseteq \bigcup (\mathcal{T} \cap 2^B) \\ &\implies A^\circ \subseteq B^\circ && \text{(Definition 2.5.1)} \end{aligned}$$

■

Note 2.5.2. Note that, $A^\circ \subseteq B^\circ$ does not implies $A \subseteq B$. Consider \mathbb{R} as a Euclidean metric space, and let

$$A = \{0\}, \quad B \subseteq \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}.$$

As $A^\circ = \emptyset$, $A^\circ \subseteq B^\circ$, but $A \setminus B = \{0\}$, so $A \not\subseteq B$.

§2.6 Limit Points and Isolated Points

Definition 2.6.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $A \subseteq X$.

A point $x \in X$ is a *limit point* of A iff for any $U \in \mathcal{T}$ with $x \in U$

$$A \cap U \setminus \{x\} \neq \emptyset.$$

The *derived set* of A is the set of all limit points of A .

Definition 2.6.2. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $A \subseteq X$.

A point $x \in A$ is said to be *isolated* iff there is $U \in \mathcal{T}$ with $x \in U$, such that

$$A \cap U \setminus \{x\} = \emptyset.$$

Notations. The Derived set of A is usually denoted A' .¹ But sometime it is also necessary to know in which space (with its topology) the derived set of A is. For example, for topological spaces $\mathbb{X}_1 = (X, \mathcal{T}_1)$ and $\mathbb{X}_2 = (X, \mathcal{T}_2)$, if $\mathcal{T}_1 \neq \mathcal{T}_2$, the derived sets of a set A in \mathbb{X}_1 and \mathbb{X}_2 may be different. So, below, the notation A' is used only if the confusions are unlikely; else, we denote $L_{\mathcal{T}}A$ for A' with respect to the topology \mathcal{T} .

Sometime, the set of isolated points of A is denoted by A^i . For avoiding confusions, we denote $I_{\mathcal{T}}(A)$ for A^i with respect to the topology \mathcal{T} .

Proposition 2.6.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $A \subseteq X$.

Then,

$$A \subseteq L(A) \sqcup I(A).$$

Proof. By Definition 2.6.1, $x \notin L(A)$ iff there exists a $U \in \mathcal{T}$ of $x \in U$ such that $A \cap U \setminus \{x\} = \emptyset$. This precisely satisfies Definition 2.6.2. Thus

$$A \subseteq L(A) \cup I(A).$$

¹See [ProofWiki](#) and [Wikipedia](#).

As Definition 2.6.1 and 2.6.2 are precisely logical complement for each other, $x \in I(A) \cap L(A)$ always fails, i.e., $I(A) \cap L(A) = \emptyset$. Thus

$$A \subseteq L(A) \sqcup I(A).$$

■

Proposition 2.6.2. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $A \subseteq X$.

A is closed iff $L(A) \subseteq A$.

Proof. First, prove \Rightarrow .

Aiming for a contradiction, suppose A is closed but there exists a $y \in L(A) \setminus A$.

By Definition 2.1.3, as A is closed, then A^c is open.

As $y \in A^c$ and A^c is open, then, by Proposition 2.5.2, there exists a $U \in \mathcal{T}$ with $y \in U$, such that $U \subseteq A^c$.

As U is an open set containing y and $A \cap U \setminus \{y\} = \emptyset$, then $y \notin L(A)$. This contradicts the assumption.

Thus $L(A) \subseteq A$.

■

§2.7 Closures

Definition 2.7.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $A \subseteq X$.

The *closure* of A is defined as

$$\text{Cl}_{\mathcal{T}}(A) := A \cup L(A).$$

When the confusions are unlikely, we simply write $\text{Cl}(A)$, \overline{A} or A^- for $\text{Cl}_{\mathcal{T}}(A)$.

Proposition 2.7.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $A \subseteq X$.

A is closed iff $A = A^-$

Proof.

$$A \text{ is closed} \iff A \supseteq L(A) \quad (\text{Proposition 2.6.2})$$

$$\iff A = A \cup L(A)$$

$$\iff A = A^-. \quad (\text{Definition 2.7.1})$$

■

Proposition 2.7.2. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $A \subseteq X$.
 A is closed iff

$$A = I(A) \sqcup L(A).$$

Proof. As A is closed, we have

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \text{Cl}(A) && \text{(Proposition 2.7.1)} \\ &= A \cup L(A) && \text{(Definition 2.7.1)} \\ &= A \setminus L(A) \sqcup L(A) \\ &= I(A) \sqcup L(A). && \text{(Proposition 2.6.1)} \end{aligned}$$

■

Proposition 2.7.3. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $A \subseteq X$.

$$A^- = \bigcap \{K \supseteq A : K \text{ closed in } \mathbb{X}\}.$$

Proof. By Proposition 2.7.1, A^- is closed. Thus, by Definition 2.1.3, $X \setminus A^-$ is open. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} X \setminus (X \setminus A^-) &= X \setminus (X \setminus A^-)^\circ && \text{(Proposition: 2.5.1)} \\ &= X \setminus \bigcup (\mathcal{T} \cap 2^{X \setminus A^-}) && \text{(Definition: 2.5.1)} \\ &= X \setminus \bigcup \{U \subseteq A : U \text{ open in } \mathbb{X}\} \\ &= \bigcap \{X \setminus U \supseteq A : U \text{ open in } \mathbb{X}\} && \text{(De Morgan's Law)} \\ &= \bigcap \{K \supseteq A : K \text{ closed in } \mathbb{X}\}. && \text{(Definition: 2.1.3)} \end{aligned}$$

■

Proposition 2.7.4. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $A \subseteq X$.

Then we have

$$X \setminus A^\circ = (X \setminus A)^-.$$

Proof. First, we have

$$\begin{aligned} X \setminus A^\circ &= X \setminus \bigcup (\mathcal{T} \cap 2^A) && \text{(Definition 2.5.1)} \\ &= \bigcap_{K \in \mathcal{T} \cap 2^A} (X \setminus K) && \text{(De Morgan's Law)} \end{aligned}$$

For any K , $X \setminus K$ is a closed superset of $X \setminus A$.

As closed sets are closed under arbitrary intersection (Proposition 2.1.2), and $X \setminus A^\circ$ is the intersection of all closed superset of $X \setminus A$, by Proposition 2.7.3, $X \setminus A^\circ = (X \setminus A)^-$.

■

Proposition 2.7.5. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $A, B \subseteq X$.
If $A \subseteq B$, then $A^- \subseteq B^-$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
A \subseteq B &\iff X \setminus A \supseteq X \setminus B \\
&\implies (X \setminus A)^\circ \supseteq (X \setminus B)^\circ && \text{(Proposition 2.5.5)} \\
&\iff X \setminus (X \setminus A)^\circ \subseteq X \setminus (X \setminus B)^\circ \\
&\iff (X \setminus (X \setminus A))^- \subseteq (X \setminus (X \setminus B))^- && \text{(Proposition 2.7.4)} \\
&\iff A^- \subseteq B^-.
\end{aligned}$$

■

Proposition 2.7.6. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $A \in \mathcal{T}$ such that for any $x \in A$, there exists a $U \in \mathcal{T}$ such that $x \in U \subseteq A$.

Then A is open in \mathbb{X} .

Proof. Aiming for a contradiction, suppose for any $x \in A$, there exists a $U \in \mathcal{T}$ such that $x \in U \subseteq A$, but A is not open.

By Definition 2.1.3, as A is not open, $X \setminus A$ is not closed.

By Proposition 2.6.2, there exists $x \in L(A) \setminus (X \setminus A)$. Fix x .

As $x \notin X \setminus A$, $x \in A$.

By Definition 2.6.1, for $U \in \mathcal{T}$ with $x \in U$, $U \cap (X \setminus A) \neq \emptyset$, i.e., $U \setminus A \neq \emptyset$.

This implies that $U \not\subseteq A$.

This contradicts the assumption we have.

Thus A has to be open.

■

§2.8 Density

Definition 2.8.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $A \subseteq X$.

Then A is said to be *everywhere dense*, or simply *dense*, in \mathbb{X} iff

$$A^- = X.$$

Proposition 2.8.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $A \subseteq X$.

Then A is dense in \mathbb{X} iff for any $U \in \mathcal{T}$, $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$.

Proof. First, prove \Rightarrow .

Assume A is dense in \mathbb{X} , then, by Definition 2.8.1, $A^- = X$.

By Definition 2.6.2, for any $x \in I(A)$, $x \in A$.

By Definition 2.6.1, for any $x \in L(A)$ and for any $U \in \mathcal{T}$ with $x \in U$, $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$.

As $A^- = X$, then, by Proposition 2.7.2, $X = I(A) \sqcup L(A)$.

Thus for any $U \in \mathcal{T}$, $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$.

□

Now, prove \Leftarrow .

Aiming for a contradiction, suppose for any $U \in \mathcal{T}$, $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$, but A is not dense in \mathbb{X} .

As, $A \subseteq X$, by Proposition 2.7.5, $A^- \subseteq X^-$. And, as X is closed in \mathbb{X} , by Proposition 2.7.1, $X = X^-$. Therefore, $A^- \subseteq X$.

As A is not dense in X , by Definition 2.8.1, $A^- \neq X$. Therefore, $A^- \subsetneq X$. This implies that $X \setminus A^-$ is non-empty. And, by Definition 2.7.1, $X \setminus A^- \in \mathcal{T}$.

By Proposition 2.5.2, for any $x \in X \setminus A^-$, there exists a $U \in \mathcal{T}$ with $x \in U$, such that $U \in X \setminus A^-$. Then $U \cap A = \emptyset$. This contradicts the assumption we have.

Therefore, A has to be dense in \mathbb{X} .

□

Thus, the proof is done. ■

Definition 2.8.2. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $A \subseteq X$.

Then A is said to be *nowhere dense in \mathbb{X}* iff

$$(A^-)^\circ = \emptyset.$$

Proposition 2.8.2. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $A \subseteq X$.

Then A is nowhere dense in \mathbb{X} iff for any $U \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$,

$$U \setminus A^- \neq \emptyset.$$

Proof.

A is nowhere dense in \mathbb{X}

$$\iff (A^-)^\circ = \emptyset \quad (\text{Definition 2.8.2})$$

$$\iff (A^-)^\circ = \bigcup (\mathcal{T} \cap 2^A) = \emptyset \quad (\text{Definition 2.5.1})$$

$$\iff (\forall U \in \mathcal{T} : U \subseteq A^-) \quad U = \emptyset.$$

■

§2.9 Neighbourhood Systems

Definition 2.9.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $A \subseteq X$.

A subset $N \subseteq X$ is a *neighbourhood of A* iff

$$(\exists U \in \mathcal{T}) \quad A \subseteq U \subseteq N.$$

If $A = \{x\}$, we simply call N a *neighbourhood of x* .

If $N \in \mathcal{T}$ also, then N is an *open neighbourhood of A* ; and if N is closed, then N is a *closed neighbourhood of A* .

Proposition 2.9.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $A \subseteq X$.

$A \in \mathcal{T}$ iff for any $x \in A$, A is a neighbourhood of x .

Proof. First, prove \Rightarrow .

If $A \in \mathcal{T}$, then, by Definition 2.9.1, for any $x \in A$, we have

$$x \in A \subseteq A.$$

□

Now, prove \Leftarrow .

Aiming for a contradiction, suppose for any $x \in A$, A is a neighbourhood of x , but $A \notin \mathcal{T}$.

As $X \setminus A$ is not closed, (otherwise, by Definition 2.1.3, $A = X \setminus (X \setminus A)$ is open) by Proposition 2.6.2, there exists $x \in L(X \setminus A) \setminus (X \setminus A)$.

Then, for such an $x \in A$ (for $x \notin X \setminus A$), for any $U \in \mathcal{T}$ with $x \in U$,

$$U \cap (X \setminus A) \neq \emptyset. \quad (\text{Definition 2.6.1})$$

By Definition 2.9.1, A fails to be a neighbourhood of x . This contradicts the assumption.

Thus A has to be open.

■

Chapter 3.

Sequences

§3.1 Convergent Sequences

Definition 3.1.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $u : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$.
u converges to a limit $x \in X$ iff for any $U \in \mathcal{T}$ with $x \in U$,

$$(\exists k \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}) \quad u[\mathbb{N}_{>k}] \subseteq U.$$

Proposition 3.1.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $u : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$.
u converges to a limit $x \in X$ iff for any $U \in \mathcal{T}$ with $x \in U$,

$$\mathbb{N} \setminus u^{-1}[U] \text{ is finite.}$$

Proof. First, prove \Rightarrow .

By Definition 3.1.1, as u converges to x , let $U \in \mathcal{T}$ with $x \in U$, then there exists a $k \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that $u[\mathbb{N}_{>k}] \subseteq U$.

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} u[\mathbb{N}_{>k}] \subseteq U &\implies u^{-1}[u[\mathbb{N}_{>k}]] \subseteq u^{-1}[U] \\ &\implies \mathbb{N}_{>k} \subseteq u^{-1}[U] && \text{(image of inverse image)} \\ &\implies \mathbb{N} \setminus \mathbb{N}_{>k} \supseteq \mathbb{N} \setminus u^{-1}[U]. \end{aligned}$$

As $\mathbb{N} \setminus \mathbb{N}_{>k}$ is finite, its subset $\mathbb{N} \setminus u^{-1}[U]$ is finite.

□

Now, prove \Leftarrow .

By [image of inverse image](#), we have

$$u[u^{-1}[U]] \subseteq U.$$

As $u^{-1}[U]$ is a cofinite subset of \mathbb{N} , there exists a $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $I \supseteq \mathbb{N}_{>k}$. Then we have

$$U \supseteq u[\mathbb{N}_{>k}].$$

This precisely satisfies Definition 3.1.1.

□

Therefore the proof is done.

■

§3.2 Accumulation Points of Sequences

Definition 3.2.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $u : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$.

A point $x \in X$ is an *accumulation point* of u iff for any $U \in \mathcal{T}$ with $x \in U$, U contains infinitely many terms of u ; i.e.,

$$\forall U \in \mathcal{T} : x \in U \implies (\exists I \subseteq \mathbb{N} : |I| = \aleph_0 \implies u[I] \subseteq U).$$

Note 3.2.1. Sometime, an accumulation point of a sequence is also a limit of the range of the sequence. But this not always holds.

Consider \mathbb{R} as a Euclidean, and let $u : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined as

$$u(n) := \left| \sin \left(\frac{\pi n}{2} \right) \right|.$$

Then 1 is an accumulation point of $u[\mathbb{N}]$, but $u[\mathbb{N}] = (u[\mathbb{N}])^i = \{0, 1\}$, so it has no limit point at all.

Proposition 3.2.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, let $u : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$, and let $x \in X$ be a limit of $u[\mathbb{N}]$.

Then x is an accumulation point of u .

Proof. Let $U \in \mathcal{T}$ with $x \in U$, then we have

$$u[u^{-1}[U]] \subseteq U.$$

By Proposition 3.1.1, as u converges to x , $u^{-1}[U]$ is a cofinite subset of \mathbb{N} . Thus $u^{-1}[U]$ is infinite.

As $u^{-1}[U]$ is infinite and $x \in U \in \mathcal{T}$, by Definition 3.2.1, x is an accumulation point of u .

■

Definition 3.2.2. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $A \subseteq X$.

A point $x \in X$ is an ω -accumulation point of A iff for any $U \in \mathcal{T}$ with $x \in U$,

$$|U \cap A| \geq \aleph_0.$$

Proposition 3.2.2. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, let $u : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$ be an injection, and let $x \in X$ be an accumulation point of u .

Then x is an ω -accumulation point of $u[\mathbb{N}]$.

Proof. By Definition 3.2.1, as x is an accumulation point of u , let $U \in \mathcal{T}$ with $x \in U$, there exists an infinite $I \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ such that $u[I] \subseteq U$.

As u is injective and I is infinite, $u[I]$ is also infinite.

As $u[I] \subseteq U$ and $U \in \mathcal{T}$ with $x \in U$ is arbitrarily given, by Definition 3.2.2, x is an ω -accumulation point of $u[\mathbb{N}]$. ■

Chapter 4.

Countable Axioms

§4.1 Covers and Bases

Definition 4.1.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $A \subseteq X$.

Then a family $\mathcal{C} \subseteq 2^X$ is a *cover for A* iff $A \subseteq \bigcup \mathcal{C}$.

\mathcal{C} is an *open cover* iff $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$.

Definition 4.1.2. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D} be covers for a subset $A \subseteq X$.

Then \mathcal{D} is a *subcover of \mathcal{C}* iff $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$.

Definition 4.1.3. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space.

A family $\mathcal{B} \subseteq 2^X$ is an *analytic basis for \mathcal{T}* iff

- (i) $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$;
- (ii) For any $U \in \mathcal{T}$, there is an $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$, such that $U = \bigcup \mathcal{A}$.

Proposition 4.1.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$.

Then \mathcal{B} is an analytic basis for \mathcal{T} iff for any $U \in \mathcal{T}$ and for any $x \in U$, there exists a $B \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $x \in B \subseteq U$.

Proof. First, prove \Rightarrow .

By Definition 4.1.3, as \mathcal{B} is an analytic basis for \mathcal{T} , let $U \in \mathcal{T}$, then there is an $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ such that $U = \bigcup \mathcal{A}$.

Then, for any $x \in U$, there exists at least one $A \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $x \in A$. As $U = \bigcup \mathcal{A}$, $A \subseteq U$.

□

Now, prove \Leftarrow .

By Proposition 2.7.6, as for any $U \in \mathcal{T}$ and for any $x \in U$, there exists a $B \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $x \in B \subseteq U$, then there exists an $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ such that $\bigcup \mathcal{A} = U$.

By Definition 4.1.3, \mathcal{B} is an analytic basis for \mathcal{T} .

□

Thus, the proof is done.

■

Definition 4.1.4. Let X be any set.

A family $\mathcal{B} \subseteq 2^X$ is a *synthetic basis on X* iff

- (i) \mathcal{B} is a cover for X ;
- (ii) For any $U, V \in \mathcal{B}$, there exists $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$, such that $U \cap V = \bigcup \mathcal{A}$.

Definition 4.1.5. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space, and let $x \in X$.

A family $\mathcal{B} \subseteq 2^X$ is a *local basis at x* iff

- (i) $\mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{T}$;
- (ii) For any $B \in \mathcal{B}$, $x \in B$;
- (iii) For any $U \in \mathcal{T}$ with $x \in U$, there exists a $B \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $B \subseteq U$.

§4.2 First-Countable Spaces

Definition 4.2.1. A topological space $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ is said to be *first-countable* iff any $x \in X$ has a countable basis.

Proposition 4.2.1. Metric spaces are first-countable.

Proof. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, d)$ be a metric space.

For any $x \in X$, let $\mathcal{B}_x : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$ be defined as

$$\mathcal{B}_x(n) := B_{1/n}(x).$$

Clearly, the image $\mathcal{B}_x[\mathbb{N}]$ is countable.

Let $U \in \mathcal{T}$. As U is open, and as $x \in U$, then there exists $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that $B_\varepsilon(x) \subseteq U$.

By Archimedean Principle, there exists an $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$. Then we have

$$\mathcal{B}_x(n) = B_{1/n}(x) \subseteq B_\varepsilon(x) \subseteq U.$$

As U is arbitrarily given, for any $x \in X$, $\mathcal{B}_x[\mathbb{N}]$ is a countable local basis at x . ■

Proposition 4.2.2. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a first-countable topological space, let $u : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$, and let $x \in X$ be an accumulation point of u .

Then x is a *subsequential limit* of u . That is, there exists an infinite $I \subseteq \mathbb{N}$, such that $u \upharpoonright_I$ converges to x (as a limit).

Proof.¹ By Definition 4.2.1, as \mathbb{X} is first-countable, there exists a countable local basis \mathcal{B} at x .

Let $\mathcal{B}_x : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$ such that $\mathcal{B}_x[\mathbb{N}]$ is a local base at x and for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\mathcal{B}_x(n) \supseteq \bigcup \mathcal{B}_x[\mathbb{N}_{>n}].$$

Let $w : I \rightarrow u[\mathbb{N}]$ (I infinite) such that for any $i \in I$, $w(i) \in \mathcal{B}_x(i)$.

Then, for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we have $w[I_{>k}] \subseteq \mathcal{B}_x(k)$. Thus, by Definition 3.1.1, w is a subsequence of u converging to x . ■

§4.3 Second-Countable Spaces

Definition 4.3.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space.

\mathbb{X} is said to be *second countable* iff \mathcal{T} has a countable (analytic) basis.

Proposition 4.3.1. Second-countable spaces are first-countable.

Proof. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a second-countable space.

By Definition 4.3.1, \mathcal{T} has a countable analytic basis.

Let $x \in X$ and let $U \in \mathcal{T}$ with $x \in U$. By Definition 4.1.3 there exists a countable $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$, such that for any $U \in \mathcal{T}$, there is an $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$, such that $U = \bigcup \mathcal{A}$.

¹ The detail of this proof is incomplete.

As $U \in \mathcal{T}$ and $U = \bigcup \mathcal{A}$, by Proposition 2.5.2, there exists a $A \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $x \in A \subseteq U$.

Let $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ be the family of all such A containing x , then, by Definition 4.1.5, \mathcal{C} is a local basis at x . And as \mathcal{B} is countable, as a subset, \mathcal{C} is also countable.

Therefore \mathcal{C} is a countable local basis at x .

As x is arbitrarily given, \mathbb{X} is first-countable. ■

Example 4.3.1. Consider \mathbb{R} as a Euclidean metric space.

\mathbb{R} is second-countable.

Proof. By Proposition 4.2.1, \mathbb{R} is first-countable.

For any $x \in \mathbb{Q}$, let $\mathcal{O}_x : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$ be defined as

$$\mathcal{O}_x(n) := B_{1/n}(x).$$

For any $r \in \mathbb{R}$ and for any open set $U \ni r$, there exists $\delta \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that $B_\delta(r) \subseteq U$.

There exists some $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $q \in B_\delta(r)$. As $B_\delta(r)$ is open, by Definition 1.2.1, there exists $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that $B_\varepsilon(q) \subseteq B_\delta(r)$.

By Archimedean property, there exists $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $k > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$. Then we have

$$\mathcal{O}_q(k) = B_{1/k}(q) \subseteq B_\varepsilon(q) \subseteq B_\delta(r).$$

[This proof is incomplete]

Example 4.3.2. Let $\mathbb{X} = (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T})$ be a discrete topological space.

\mathbb{X} is first-countable but not second-countable.

§4.4 Separable Spaces

Definition 4.4.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space.

\mathbb{X} is said to be *separable* iff there exists a countable subset $A \subseteq X$ such that A is dense in \mathbb{X} .

Proposition 4.4.1. Second-countable spaces are separable.

Proof. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a second-countable topological space.

As \mathbb{X} is second-countable, by Definition 4.3.1, there is a countable base \mathcal{B} for \mathcal{T} .

Let $f : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow X$ such that for any $B \in \mathcal{B}$,

$$f(B) = \text{a random } x \in B.$$

As \mathcal{B} is countable, then $f[\mathcal{B}]$ is countable.

Now, it suffices to show that $f[\mathcal{B}]$ is dense in \mathbb{X} .

Aiming for a contradiction, suppose $f[\mathcal{B}]$ is not dense in \mathbb{X} , then, there exists some $x \in X \setminus (f[\mathcal{B}])^-$.

By Definition 2.1.3, $X \setminus (f[\mathcal{B}])^- \in \mathcal{T}$; by Definition 2.5.2, there exists $U \in \mathcal{T}$ with $U \ni x$ such that $U \subseteq X \setminus (f[\mathcal{B}])^-$. That is, for any $B \in \mathcal{B}$, $f(B) \notin U$; i.e., $f[\mathcal{B}] \cap U = \emptyset$.

As $U \in \mathcal{T}$ and \mathcal{B} is a base for \mathcal{T} , by Definition 4.1.3, there exists $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ such that $\bigcup \mathcal{A} = U$. Thus, $f[\mathcal{A}]$ must be a non-empty subset of U . This contradicts $f[\mathcal{B}] \cap U = \emptyset$.

Thus, $f[\mathcal{B}]$ has to be dense in \mathbb{X} . As $f[\mathcal{B}]$ is countable, therefore, \mathbb{X} is second-countable. ■

Example 4.4.1. Niemytzki plane is separable but not second-countable.²

Proposition 4.4.2. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a discrete topological space which is separable.

Then X is countable.

Proof. Aiming for a contradiction, suppose X is uncountable.

As \mathbb{X} is separable, by Definition 4.4.1, there exists a countable subset $A \subseteq X$ being dense in \mathbb{X} .

By Definition 2.8.1, $A^- = X$.

As \mathbb{X} is discrete, $A^- = A$.

Now, we have $A = X$. As A is countable but X is not, this is impossible.

This contradiction shows that X has to be countable. ■

Proposition 4.4.3. Separable metric spaces are second-countable.

Proof. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, d)$ be a metric space which is separable. Denote \mathcal{T} for the topology on X induced by d .

² See [ProofWiki](#).

By Definition 4.4.1, let $A \subseteq X$ be a countable set with $A^- = X$ (by Definition 2.8.1, A dense in \mathbb{X}).

Let $\mathcal{B} : \mathbb{N} \times A \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$ be defined as

$$\mathcal{B}(n, a) := B_{1/n}(a).$$

Let $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ and let $x \in X$. Then $B_\varepsilon(x)$ defines an open ball in \mathbb{X} .

As $A^- = X$ and $x \in X$, $x \in A^-$ also. Thus, there exists an $a \in A \cap B_\varepsilon(x)$.

By Proposition 1.2.1, as $a \in B_\varepsilon(x)$, there exists a $\delta \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that $B_\delta(a) \subseteq B_\varepsilon(x)$.

By Archimedean property, let $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $k > \frac{1}{\delta}$, then we have

$$\mathcal{B}(k, a) = B_{1/k}(a) \subseteq B_\delta(a) \subseteq B_\varepsilon(x).$$

By Proposition 4.1.1, $\mathcal{B}[\mathbb{N} \times A]$ is an analytic basis for \mathcal{T} . As $\mathbb{N} \times A$ is countable, the image $\mathcal{B}[\mathbb{N} \times A]$ is also countable.

Therefore, $\mathcal{B}[\mathbb{N} \times A]$ is a countable analytic basis for \mathcal{T} . By Definition 4.3.1, \mathbb{X} is second-countable. ■

§4.5 Lindelöf Space

Definition 4.5.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space.

Then \mathbb{X} is said to be *Lindelöf* iff every open cover for X has a countable subcover.

Proposition 4.5.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a second-countable topological space.

Then \mathbb{X} is Lindelöf.

Proof. As \mathbb{X} is second-countable, by Definition 4.3.1, there exists a countable basis \mathcal{B} for \mathcal{T} .

Let \mathcal{U} be an open cover of \mathbb{X} , no matter it is countable or not.

By Definition 4.1.3, for any $U \in \mathcal{U}$, there exists an $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ such that $\bigcup \mathcal{A} = U$.

Let $f : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ be defined as

$$f(B) := \text{a random } U \in \mathcal{U} \text{ with } U \supseteq B.$$

As \mathcal{B} is an open over of X and for any $B \in \mathcal{B}$, $f(B) \supseteq B$, thus $f[\mathcal{B}]$ is an open cover of \mathcal{B} .

As \mathcal{U} is the codomain of f , $f[\mathcal{B}] \subseteq \mathcal{U}$.

Therefore, $f[\mathcal{B}]$ is a subcover of \mathcal{U} .

As \mathcal{B} is countable, its image $f[\mathcal{B}]$ is countable.

Therefore, $f[\mathcal{B}]$ is a countable subcover of \mathcal{U} .

As \mathcal{U} is arbitrarily given, by Definition 4.5.1, \mathbb{X} is Lindelöf.

Example 4.5.1. Sorgenfrey line is a topological space which is Lindelöf but not second-countable. (See Section A.1.)

Chapter 5.

Continuous Mappings

§5.1 Continuous Mappings

Definition 5.1.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T}_X)$ and $\mathbb{Y} = (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$ be topological spaces, let $f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{Y}$, and let $A \subseteq X$ be a mapping.

Then f is said to be *continuous on A* iff there exists a $U_X \in \mathcal{T}_X$ with $A \subseteq U_X$, such that for any $U_Y \in \mathcal{T}_Y$,

$$f^{-1}[U_Y] \cap U_X \in \mathcal{T}_X.$$

f is a *continuous mapping* iff $A = X$; i.e., it is continuous on whole X .

Note 5.1.1. By Definition 5.1.1, f is *continuous at a point $x \in X$* , iff it is continuous on some $U_X \in \mathcal{T}$ with $x \in U_X$, as x here can be considered as a singleton $\{x\}$.

Note 5.1.2. There is a common error: if for any $U_X \in \mathcal{T}_X$, its image $f[U_X] \in \mathcal{T}_Y$ also, then f is continuous. But, this condition also holds for some discontinuous mappings.

For example, let $\mathbb{X} = (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_X)$ be a topological space where \mathcal{T} induced by Euclidean metric, and let $\mathbb{Y} = (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_Y)$ be a discrete topological space. Let $\iota : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{Y}$ be an identity mapping; i.e., it is defined as

$$\iota : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{Y} : x \mapsto x.$$

For any $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, clearly, $\iota[A] \in \mathcal{T}_Y$ holds. But for some (or for all) $B \in \mathcal{T}_Y \setminus \mathcal{T}_X$, $\iota^{-1}[B] \notin \mathcal{T}$. Thus, ι is not a identity mapping.

Indeed, for any identity mapping $\iota : (X, \mathcal{T}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$, ι is continuous iff $\mathcal{T}_X \supseteq \mathcal{T}_Y$.

Example 5.1.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T}_X)$ be a topological space, where \mathcal{T}_X is the discrete topology on X . Let $\mathbb{Y} = (X, \mathcal{T}_Y)$ be any topological space. Then for any $f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{Y}$, f is continuous.

Proposition 5.1.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T}_X)$ and $\mathbb{Y} = (X, \mathcal{T}_Y)$ be topological spaces, let $f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{Y}$, and let $A \subseteq X$ be a mapping.

f is continuous on A iff for any $U_Y \in \mathcal{T}$ with $f[A] \subseteq U_Y$, there exists a U_X with $A \subseteq U_X$, such that $f[U_X] \subseteq U_Y$.

Proof. First, prove \Rightarrow .

Assume f is continuous on A , then, by Definition 5.1.1, let $U_Y \in \mathcal{T}$ with $f[A] \subseteq U_Y$, then there exists $U_X \in \mathcal{T}$ with $A \subseteq U_X$, such that

$$f^{-1}[U_Y] \cap U_X \in \mathcal{T}.$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} U_X &\subseteq f^{-1}[U_Y] \cap U_X \\ \Rightarrow f[U_X] &\subseteq f[f^{-1}[U_Y] \cap U_X] \\ \Rightarrow f[U_X] &\subseteq f[f^{-1}[U_Y]] \cap f[U_X] \\ &\quad \text{(Image of Intersection under Mapping)} \\ \Rightarrow f[U_X] &\subseteq U_Y \cap f[U_X]. \\ &\quad \text{(Image of Inverse Image)} \\ \Rightarrow f[U_X] &\subseteq U_Y. \end{aligned}$$

■

Proposition 5.1.2. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T}_X)$, $\mathbb{Y} = (X, \mathcal{T}_Y)$ and $\mathbb{Z} = (X, \mathcal{T}_Z)$ be topological spaces, let $f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{Y}$ and $g : \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ be continuous mapping.

Then $f \circ g$ is continuous.

Proof. By Definition 5.1.1, as g is continuous, for any $U_Z \in \mathcal{T}_Z$, $g^{-1}[U_Z] \in \mathcal{T}_Y$. Similarly, $f^{-1}[g^{-1}[U_Z]] \in \mathcal{T}_X$.

As $U_Z \in \mathcal{T}_Z$ is arbitrarily given, $f \circ g$ is continuous.

■

§5.2 Homeomorphisms

Definition 5.2.1. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T}_X)$ and $\mathbb{Y} = (X, \mathcal{T}_Y)$ be topological spaces, and let $f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{Y}$ be a mapping.

f is a *homeomorphism* iff

H1. f is bijective (injective and surjective);

H2. f is continuous;

H3. f^{-1} is continuous;

Definition 5.2.2. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T}_X)$ and $\mathbb{Y} = (X, \mathcal{T}_Y)$ be topological spaces.

\mathbb{X} and \mathbb{Y} are said to be *homeomorphic*, denoted $\mathbb{X} \cong \mathbb{Y}$, iff there exists a homeomorphism between \mathbb{X} and \mathbb{Y} .

Note 5.2.1. Rigorously speaking, if we say that two subsets $A, B \subseteq X$ are homeomorphic, i.e., $A \cong B$, A and B are considered as subspaces of $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$, and these two subspaces are homeomorphic.

Indeed, being homeomorphic is a relation between topological spaces but not sets without considering their topologies.

Proposition 5.2.1. Being homeomorphic is an equivalent relation.

Proof. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T}_X)$, $\mathbb{Y} = (X, \mathcal{T}_Y)$ and $\mathbb{Z} = (X, \mathcal{T}_Z)$ be topological spaces.

Let $\iota : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$ be an identity mapping.

For any $x_1, x_2 \in X$ with $x_1 \neq x_2$, $\iota(x_1) = x_1$ and $\iota(x_2) = x_2$, so $\iota(x_1) \neq \iota(x_2)$.

Thus ι is injective.

For any $x \in X$, there exists $\iota^{-1}(x) = x \in X$. Thus ι is surjective.

As ι is injective and surjective, it is bijective.

For any $U \in \mathcal{T}_X$, $\iota^{-1}[U] = U \in \mathcal{T}_X$. Thus, by Definition 5.1.1, ι is continuous.

Similarly, ι^{-1} is continuous.

Therefore, by Definition 5.2.1, ι is an homeomorphism between \mathbb{X} and \mathbb{X} . By Definition 5.2.2, \mathbb{X} is homeomorphic to itself, i.e., $\mathbb{X} \cong \mathbb{X}$.

Thus, being homeomorphic is reflexive.

□

Assume $\mathbb{X} \cong \mathbb{Y}$.

By Definition 5.2.2, there exists a homeomorphism $f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{Y}$.

As f is bijective, then f^{-1} is also bijective.

By Definition 5.2.1, f and f^{-1} are both continuous.

As f^{-1} is bijective, continuous, and $(f^{-1})^{-1} = f$ is also continuous, then $f^{-1} : \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$ is also a homeomorphism. By Definition 5.2.2, we have $\mathbb{Y} \cong \mathbb{X}$.

Thus, being homeomorphic is symmetric. □

Assume $\mathbb{X} \cong \mathbb{Y}$ and $\mathbb{Y} \cong \mathbb{Z}$.

By Definition 5.2.2, we have $f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{Y}$ and $g : \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ as homeomorphisms.

By Definition 5.2.1 H1, f and g are bijective. Thus, $f \circ g$ is bijective.

By Definition 5.2.1 H2, f and g are continuous, so, by Proposition 5.1.2, $f \circ g$ is continuous. Similarly, $g^{-1} \circ f^{-1}$ is continuous. As $g^{-1} \circ f^{-1} = (f \circ g)^{-1}$ (see [inverse of composite relation](#)), $(f \circ g)^{-1}$ is also continuous.

As $f \circ g$ is bijective, $f \circ g$ is continuous and $(f \circ g)^{-1}$ is also continuous, $f \circ g : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ is a homeomorphism. By Definition 5.2.2, $\mathbb{X} \cong \mathbb{Z}$.

Thus, being homeomorphic is transitive. □

As being homeomorphic is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive, it is an equivalence relation. ■

Example 5.2.1. In Euclidean metric space \mathbb{R} , let $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a < b$ and $c < d$, then we have:

- $[a, b] \cong [c, d]$;
- $[a, b) \cong [c, d)$;
- $[a, b) \cong (c, d]$;
- $(a, b) \cong (c, d)$.

Example 5.2.2. A donut is homeomorphic to a cup, because they both have a hole.

Example 5.2.3. Consider $\mathbb{R}_{[0,1]}$ and \mathbb{R}^n as Euclidean metric spaces. Let A be an index set. For any $\alpha \in A$, let $f_\alpha : I \rightarrow X$ be a continuous and piece-wise smooth injection.

Then, for any $\alpha, \beta \in A$, $f_\alpha[I] \cong f_\beta[I]$. (See, Figure 5.1.)

Example 5.2.4. Consider \mathbb{R}^n as a Euclidean metric space, let $S^{n-1} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be a $n - 1$ -sphere, i.e., let $o \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $r \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$S^{n-1} := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : d(o, x) = r\},$$

where d is the Euclidean metric on \mathbb{R}^n .

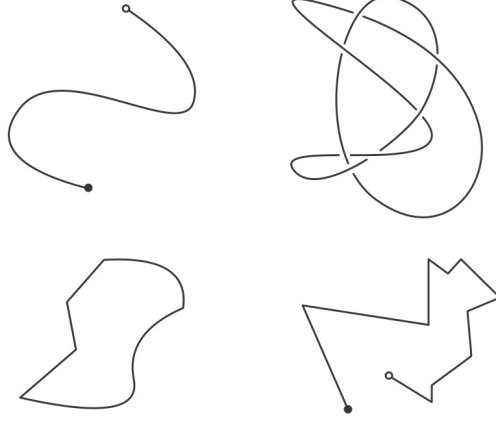


Figure 5.1: Homeomorphic curves in \mathbb{R}^3 .

Let $y \in S^{n-1}$, and let

$$U \in \{S^{n-1} \setminus \overline{B}_\varepsilon(x), S^{n-1} \setminus \{x\}\},$$

where $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}$ suffices

$$0 < \varepsilon < \max_{a,b \in S^{n-1}} d(a,b).$$

Then we have $U \cong \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$.

Example 5.2.5. Let $\mathbb{X} = (X, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space with \mathcal{T} discrete. For any $U, V \in X$ with $|U| = |V| = |X|$, $U \cong V$.

Proof. As $\mathcal{T} = 2^X$, for any $U, V \in X$, $(U, 2^U)$ and $(V, 2^V)$ are subspace of \mathbb{X} .

By the definition of comparison of cardinality, if $|U| = |V|$, there exists a bijection $f : U \rightarrow V$.

For any $A \in 2^V$, $f[A] \in 2^U$, thus, by Definition 5.1.1, f is continuous. Similarly, f^{-1} is also continuous.

As f is bijective, and bi-continuous, by Definition 5.2.1, f is a homeomorphism between $(U, 2^U)$ and $(V, 2^V)$. By Definition 5.2.2, $U \cong V$. ■

Appendices

Chapter A.

***Some Examples of Topological
Spaces***

§A.1 Sorgenfrey line

1. [Definition.](#)
2. [Sorgenfrey line is Lindelöf.](#)
3. [Sorgenfrey line is separable.](#)
4. [Sorgenfrey line is not second-countable.](#)

§A.2 Niemytzki Plane
