


Ordered sets & Ordered Topology

Ch 1 §3, Ch 2 §14

(or simple / linear order)

Def 1 A relation $<$ on a set X is an **order relation** if it is

1) if $x \neq y \Rightarrow$ either $x < y$ or $y < x$

2) **non-reflexivity** $\rightarrow x < x$ not true $\forall x \in X$

3) **transitivity** $x < y, y < z \Rightarrow x < z$

e.g. \mathbb{R} with usual ordering $<$

ex $\mathbb{R}, <_{sq} \xrightarrow{\text{defn}} x <_{sq} y \Leftrightarrow x^2 < y^2$ or if $x^2 = y^2$ & $x < y$

Def 1 if X set, $<$ order rel'n then

$$(a, b) := \{x \in X \mid a < x < b\}$$

$$[a, b] := \{x \in X \mid a < x \leq b\} \text{ \& } [a, b), [a, b] \text{ similarly}$$

(with **no intervals too**)

called "open" / "closed" rays

Def 1 The **dictionary** or **lexi order** $<$ on $A \times B$ (will use

$a \times b$ for elt not (a, b) to avoid confusion)

If $(A, <_A)$ & $(B, <_B)$ **ordered**, define $<$ on $A \times B$ by

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

$$\textcircled{1} a_1 <_A a_2$$

$$\textcircled{2} a_1 = a_2, b_1 <_B b_2$$

Remark \rightarrow extend to finite/countable products of simply ordered sets

ex $A =$ english alphabet $<$ (usual order a, b, c, \dots)

in $A^3 \rightarrow$ 3 letter words $car < cat < cub < dog$

If $(X, <)$ is simply ordered, there is a standard topology on X , order top

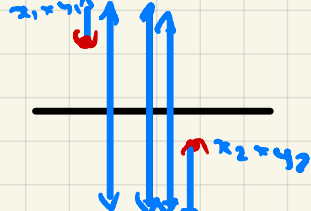
Def 1 let $(X, <)$ be simply ordered, $|X| > 1$ let

$$\mathcal{B} = \{ (a, b) \mid a, b \in X \} \cup \{ [a_0, b) \mid b \in X \} \cup \{ (a, b_0] \mid a \in X \}$$

This is the **basis** of the **order topology** on X τ_B

note: a_0, b_0 are smallest & largest numbers (if exist)

ex. 1 Order topology on \mathbb{R}^2 (dictionary order)
Basis $\rightarrow (x, xy_1, x_2, xy_2)$ \rightarrow looks like this



ex. 1 order topology on \mathbb{Z}_+
Basis: $\{2\} = (1, 3)$, $\{1\} = [1, 2)$
 \hookrightarrow get the discrete topology

ex. 1 The set $\{1, 2\} \times \mathbb{Z}_+$ dictionary ordered
smallest $a \rightarrow a_0 \rightarrow 1 \times 1$, no largest
 $B = \{[1 \times 1, 1 \times b) \mid a \times b \in \{1, 2\} \times \mathbb{Z}_+\} \cup \{(1, x b_1, a_2 \times b_2) \mid \dots\}$
 is this the same as the discrete topology on X ?

No $\{2 \times 1\}$ not in order top! Easy to show