Topology

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Chapter 1

Topological Spaces and Continuous Functions.

1.1 Topological Spaces.

Definition. A **topology** on a set X is a collection $\mathcal{T}$ of subsets of X such that:

(1) $\emptyset, X \in \mathcal{T}$.

(2) For any subcollection $\{U_\alpha\}$ of subsets of X, $\bigcup_\alpha U_\alpha \in \mathcal{T}$.

(3) For any finite subcollection $\{U_i\}_{i=1}^n$ of subsets of X, $\bigcap_{i=1}^n U_i \in \mathcal{T}$.

We call the pair $(X, \mathcal{T})$ a **topological space**, and we call the elements of $\mathcal{T}$ **open sets**.

Example 1.1. (1) Let X be any set, the collection of all subsets of X, 2^X is a topology on X, which we call the **discrete topology**. We call the topology $\mathcal{T} = \{\emptyset, X\}$ the **indiscrete topology**.

(2) Let X be any set, and let $\mathcal{T}_f = \{U \subseteq X : X \backslash U \text{ is finite, or } X \backslash U = X\}$. Then $\mathcal{T}_f$ is a topology and called the **finite complement topology**.

(3) Let X be any set, and let $\mathcal{T}_c = \{U \subseteq X : X \backslash U \text{ is countable, or } X \backslash U = X\}$. Then $\mathcal{T}_c$ is a topology on X.

Definition. Let X be a set, and let $\mathcal{T}$ and $\mathcal{T}'$ be topologies on X. We say that $\mathcal{T}$ is **coarser** than $\mathcal{T}'$, and $\mathcal{T}'$ **finer** than $\mathcal{T}$ if $\mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{T}'$. If two topologies are either coarser, or finer than each other, we call them **comparable**.

Example 1.2. The topologies $\mathcal{T}_f$ and $\mathcal{T}_c$ are comparable, and we see that $\mathcal{T}_f \subseteq \mathcal{T}_f$, so $\mathcal{T}_f$ is coarser than $\mathcal{T}_c$, and $\mathcal{T}_c$ is finer than $\mathcal{T}_f$.

1.2 The Basis and Subbasis for a Topology.