

# Topology

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# Chapter 1

## Topology

A topology is a geometric structure defined on a set. Basically it is given by declaring which subsets are “open” sets. Thus the axioms are the abstraction of the properties that open sets have.

### 1.1 Topological Spaces

**Definition 1.1.** A topology on a set  $X$  is a collection  $\mathcal{T}$  of subsets of  $X$  such that

- (T1)  $\phi$  and  $X$  are in  $\mathcal{T}$ ;
- (T2) Any union of subsets in  $\mathcal{T}$  is in  $\mathcal{T}$ ;
- (T3) The finite intersection of subsets in  $\mathcal{T}$  is in  $\mathcal{T}$ .

A set  $X$  with a topology  $\mathcal{T}$  is called a topological space. Denoted by  $(X, \mathcal{T})$ . An element of  $\mathcal{T}$  is called an open set.

**Example 1.1.** Let  $X$  be a three-element set,  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\mathcal{T} = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{b\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . We can check T1,T2 and T3 conditions.

**Example 1.2.** Let  $X$  be a three-element set,  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  as pervious. There are many possible topologies on  $X$ , some of which are indicated schematically in figure 1.1. Furthur, we can see that even a three-element set has many different topologies.

*Remark.* Not every collection of subsets of  $X$  is a topology on  $X$ . Observe that Neither of the collections indicated in figure 1.2 is a topology.

First let's consider the left hand coner of figure 1.2.  $\{a\}$  and  $\{b\}$  in the collection, but  $\{a\} \cup \{b\}$  is not in the collection.

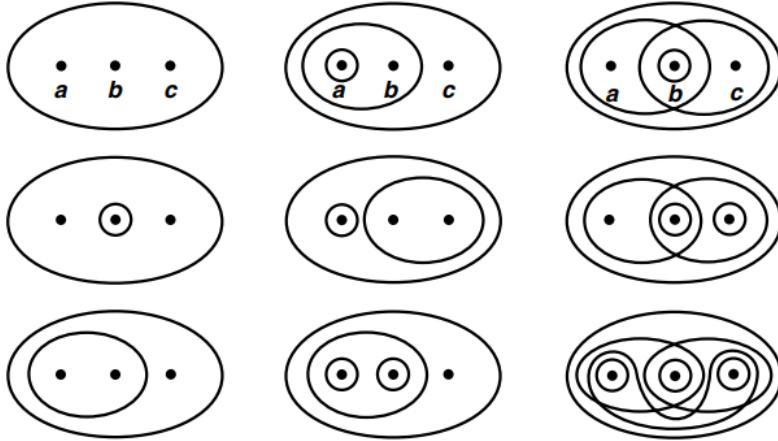


Figure 1.1:

Now consider the right hand corner figure.  $\{a, b\}$  and  $\{b, c\}$  in collection, but  $\{a, b\} \cap \{b, c\} = \{b\}$  is not in the collection.



Figure 1.2:

**Example 1.3.** If  $X$  is any set, the collection of all subsets of  $X$  (Power set) is a topology on  $X$ . This trivially satisfies T1, T2, and T3 conditions. Furthermore, this is called the *discrete topology*.

**Example 1.4.** The collection consisting of  $X$  and  $\emptyset$  only is also a topology on  $X$ . We shall call it the *indiscrete topology*, or the trivial topology.

**Example 1.5.** Let  $X$  be a set and let  $\mathcal{T}_f$  be the collection of all subsets  $U$  of  $X$  such that  $X \setminus U$  either is finite or is all of  $X$ . In other words,

$$\mathcal{T}_f := \{U \subseteq X : \text{Either } U \text{ is finite or } U = X\}$$

Let's check if  $\mathcal{T}_f$  is a topology. First observe that both  $X$  and  $\emptyset$  are in  $\mathcal{T}_f$ , because  $X \setminus X = \emptyset$  is finite and  $X \setminus \emptyset = X$ . So  $\mathcal{T}_f$  satisfies the T1 condition. Now

let's check the T2 condition. Let  $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in I, I \text{ is index set}\}$ . Now we need to show that  $\cup \alpha \in I U_\alpha \in \mathcal{T}_f$ . So consider,

$$X \setminus \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} U_\alpha = \bigcap_{\alpha \in I} (X \setminus U_\alpha).$$

Now observe that  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} (X \setminus U_\alpha)$  is finite, because each set  $(X \setminus U_\alpha)$  is finite and arbitrary intersection of finite sets is finite. So,  $\mathcal{T}_f$  satisfied the T2 condition also. Finally check the last condition, T3 condition. Let  $U_1, \dots, U_n$  are nonempty elements of  $\mathcal{T}_f$ , to show that  $\bigcup_i U_i \in \mathcal{T}_f$ , we compute

$$X \setminus \bigcap_{i=1}^n U_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^n (X \setminus U_i).$$

Note that the set  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n (X \setminus U_i)$  is a finite union of finite sets and, therefore, finite. So it satisfies the T3 condition also. Therefore  $\mathcal{T}_f$  is a topology. Further  $\mathcal{T}_f$  is called the finite *complement topology*.

**Example 1.6.** Let  $X$  be a set. Define  $\mathcal{T}$  to be the collection of all subsets  $U$  of  $X$  such that  $X \setminus U$  either is finite or is all of  $X$ . Then  $\mathcal{T}$  defines a topology on  $X$ , called finite complement topology of  $X$ .

## 1.2 Basis of a Topology

Once we define a structure on a set, often we try to understand what the minimum data you need to specify the structure. In many cases, this minimum data is called a basis and we say that the basis generates the structure. The notion of a basis of the structure will help us to describe examples more systematically.

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $X$  be a set. A basis of a topology on  $X$  is a collection  $\mathcal{B}$  of subsets in  $X$  such that

- (B1) For every  $x \in X$ , there exist an element  $B$  in  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $x \in B$ .
- (B2) If  $x \in B_1 \cap B_2$  where  $B_1, B_2$  are in  $\mathcal{B}$ , then there is  $B_3$  in  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $x \in B_3 \subseteq B_1 \cap B_2$ .

**Lemma 1.1** (Generating of a topology). *Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a basis of a topology on  $X$ . Define  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}}$  to be the collection of subsets  $U \subset X$  satisfying*

- (G1) *For every  $x \in U$ , there is  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $x \in B \subset U$ .*

*Then  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}}$  defines a topology on  $X$ . Here we assume that  $\emptyset$  trivially satisfies the condition, so that  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}}$ .*

*Proof.* We need to check the three axioms:

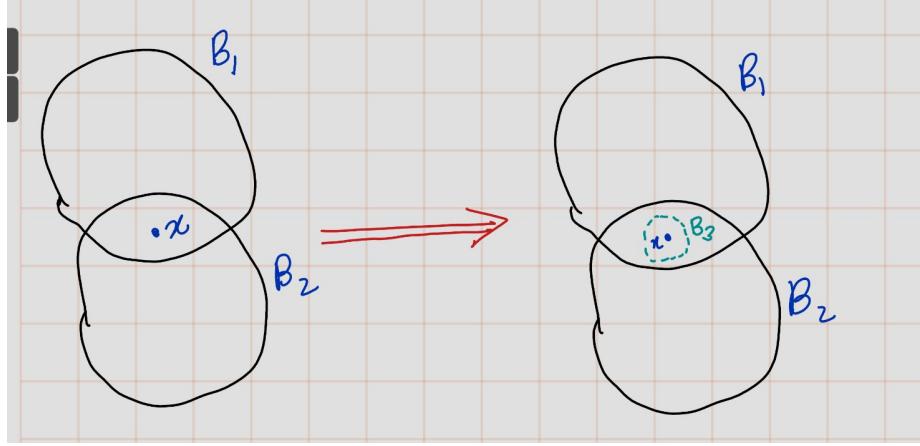


Figure 1.3:

- (T1)  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}}$  as we assumed.  $X \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}}$  by (B1).
- (T2) Consider a collection of subsets  $U_{\alpha} \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}}, \alpha \in J$ . We need to show

$$U := \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} U_{\alpha} \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}}$$

By the definition of the union, for each  $x \in U$ , there is  $U_{\alpha}$  such that  $x \in U_{\alpha}$ . Since  $U_{\alpha} \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}}$ , there is  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $x \in B \subset U_{\alpha}$ . Since  $U_{\alpha} \subset U$ , we found  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $x \in B \subset U$ . Thus  $U \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}}$ .

- (T3) Now consider a finite number of subsets  $U_1, \dots, U_n \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}}$ . We need to show that

$$U' := \bigcap_{i=1}^n U_i \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}}$$

- Let's just check for two subsets  $U_1, U_2$  first. For each  $x \in U_1 \cap U_2$ , there are  $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $x \in B_1 \subset U_1$  and  $x \in B_2 \subset U_2$ . This is because  $U_1, U_2 \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}}$  and  $x \in U_1, x \in U_2$ . By (B2), there is  $B_3 \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $x \in B_3 \subset B_1 \cap B_2$ . Now we found  $B_3 \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $x \in B_3 \subset U$ .
- We can generalize the above proof to  $n$  subsets, but let's use induction to prove it. This is going to be the induction on the number of subsets.

- When  $n = 1$ , the claim is trivial.
- Suppose that the claim is true when we have  $n - 1$  subsets, i.e.  $U_1 \cap \dots \cap U_{n-1} \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}}$ . Since

$$U = U_1 \cap \dots \cap U_n = (U_1 \cap \dots \cap U_{n-1}) \cap U_n$$

and regarding  $U' := U_1 \cap \dots \cap U_{n-1}$ , we have two subsets case  $U = U' \cap U_n$ . By the first arguments,  $U \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}}$ .

□

**Definition 1.3.**  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}}$  is called the **topology generated by a basis  $\mathcal{B}$** . On the other hand, if  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is a topological space and  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis of a topology such that  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}} = \mathcal{T}$ , then we say  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{T}$ . Note that  $\mathcal{T}$  itself is a basis of the topology  $\mathcal{T}$ . So there is always a basis for a given topology.

**Example 1.7.**

- (Standard Topology of  $\mathbb{R}$ ) Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the set of all real numbers. Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be the collection of all open intervals:

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

Then  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis of a topology and the topology generated by  $\mathcal{B}$  is called the standard topology of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

- Let  $\mathbb{R}^2$  be the set of all ordered pairs of real numbers, i.e.  $\mathbb{R}^2 := \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  (cartesian product). Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be the collection of cartesian product of open intervals,  $(a, b) \times (c, d)$ . Then  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis of a topology and the topology generated by  $\mathcal{B}$  is called the standard topology of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
- (Lower limit topology of  $\mathbb{R}$ ) Consider the collection  $\mathcal{B}$  of subsets in  $\mathbb{R}$ :

$$\mathcal{B} := \{[a, b) := \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a \leq x < b\} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

This is a basis for a topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ . This topology is called the lower limit topology.

The following two lemma are useful to determine whether a collection  $\mathcal{B}$  of open sets in  $\mathcal{T}$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{T}$  or not.

*Remark.* Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a topology on  $X$ . If  $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  satisfies (B1) and (B2), it is easy to see that  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}} \subset \mathcal{T}$ . This is just because of (G1). If  $U \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}}$ , (G1) is satisfied for  $U$  so that  $\forall x \in U, \exists B_x \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $x \in B_x \subset U$ . Therefore  $U = \bigcup_{x \in U} B_x$ . By (T2),  $U \in \mathcal{T}$ .

**Lemma 1.2.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space. Let  $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{T}$ . Then  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis and  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}} = \mathcal{T}$  if and only if  $\mathcal{T}$  is the set of all unions of elements in  $\mathcal{B}$ .*

*Proof.*

- ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $\mathcal{T}'$  be the set of all unions of open sets in  $\mathcal{B}$ . If  $U \in \mathcal{T}$ , then  $U$  satisfies (G1), i.e.  $\forall x \in U, \exists B_x \in \mathcal{B}$  s.t.  $x \in B_x \subset U$ . Thus  $U = \bigcup_{x \in U} B_x$ . Therefore  $U \in \mathcal{T}'$ . We proved  $\mathcal{T} \subset \mathcal{T}'$ . It follows from (T2) that  $\mathcal{T}' \subset \mathcal{T}$ .

- ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Since  $X \in \mathcal{T}$ ,  $X = \bigcup_{\alpha} B_{\alpha}$  some union of sets in  $\mathcal{B}$ . Thus  $\forall x \in X, \exists B_{\alpha}$  s.t.  $x \in B_{\alpha}$ . This proves (B1) for  $\mathcal{B}$ . If  $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$ , then  $B_1 \cap B_2 \in \mathcal{T}$  by (T2). Thus  $B_1 \cap B_2 = \bigcup_{\alpha} B_{\alpha}, B_{\alpha} \in \mathcal{B}$ . So  $\forall x \in B_1 \cap B_2, \exists B_{\alpha} \in \mathcal{B}$  s.t.  $x \in B_{\alpha}$ . This  $B_{\alpha}$  plays the role of  $B_3$  in (B2). Thus  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis. Now it makes sense to consider  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}}$  and we need to show  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}} = \mathcal{T}$ . By the remark, we already know that  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}} \subset \mathcal{T}$ . On the other hand, if  $U \in \mathcal{T}$ , then  $U = \bigcup_{\alpha} B_{\alpha}, B_{\alpha} \in \mathcal{B}$ . Hence,  $\forall x \in U, \exists B_{\alpha} \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $x \in B_{\alpha} \subset U$ . Thus (G1) is satisfied for  $U$ . Thus  $U \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}}$ . This proves  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}} \supset \mathcal{T}$ .

□

**Lemma 1.3.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space. Let  $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{T}$ . Then  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis and  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}} = \mathcal{T}$  if and if any  $U \in \mathcal{T}$  satisfies (G1), i.e.  $\forall x \in U, \exists B_x \in \mathcal{B}$  s.t.  $x \in B_x \subset U$ .

*Proof.*

- ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Trivial by the definition of  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}}$ .
- ( $\Leftarrow$ )  $X$  satisfies (G1) so  $\mathcal{B}$  satisfies (B1). Let  $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{T}$ . By (T3),  $B_1 \cap B_2 \in \mathcal{T}$ . Thus  $B_1 \cap B_2$  satisfies (G1). This means (B2) holds for  $\mathcal{B}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis. Now the assumption can be rephrased as  $\mathcal{T} \subset \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}}$ . By the remark above, we already know  $\mathcal{T} \supset \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}}$ .

□

### 1.3 Comparing Topologies

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}'$  be two topologies for a set  $X$ . We say  $\mathcal{T}'$  is finer than  $\mathcal{T}$  or  $\mathcal{T}$  is coarser than  $\mathcal{T}'$  if  $\mathcal{T} \subset \mathcal{T}'$ . The intuition for this notion is " $(X, \mathcal{T}')$  has more open subsets to separate two points in  $X$  than  $(X, \mathcal{T})$ ".

**Lemma 1.4.** Let  $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}'$  be bases of topologies  $\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}'$  on  $X$  respectively. Then  $\mathcal{T}'$  is finer than  $\mathcal{T} \Leftrightarrow \forall B \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $\forall x \in B, \exists B' \in \mathcal{B}'$  s.t.  $x \in B' \subseteq B$ .

*Proof.*

- $\Rightarrow$  Since  $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{T} \subset \mathcal{T}'$ , all subsets in  $\mathcal{B}$  satisfies (G1) for  $\mathcal{T}'$ , which is exactly the statement we wanted to prove.
- $\Leftarrow$  The LHS says  $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{T}'$ . We need to show that it implies that any  $U \in \mathcal{T}$  satisfies (G1) for  $\mathcal{T}'$  too.

$$\forall U \in \mathcal{T}, \forall x \in U, \exists B \in \mathcal{B}$$
 s.t.  $x \in B \subset U$

But

$$\forall B \in \mathcal{B}, \forall x \in B, \exists B' \in \mathcal{B}' \text{ s.t. } x \in B' \subset B.$$

Combining those two,

$$\forall U \in \mathcal{T}, \forall x \in U, \exists B' \in \mathcal{B}' \text{ s.t. } x \in B' \subset B \subset U.$$

□

**Definition 1.5** (subbasis). Let  $X$  be a set. A subbasis  $\mathcal{S}$  for a topology on  $X$  is a collection of subsets of  $X$  whose union equals  $X$ .

(i.e.  $\forall x \in X \exists S \in \mathcal{S}$  such that  $x \in S$ )

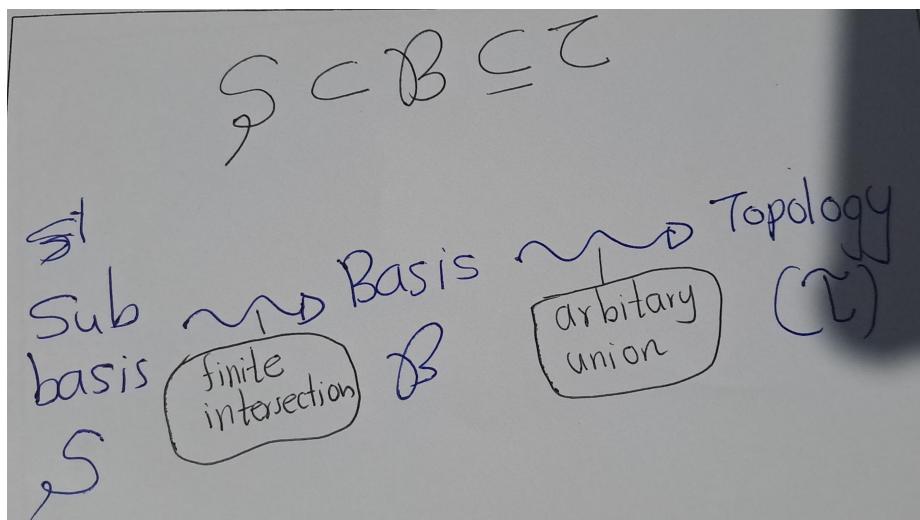


Figure 1.4:

**Definition 1.6.** The topology generated by the subbasis  $\mathcal{S}$  is defined to be the collection  $\mathcal{T}$  of all unions of finite intersections of elements of  $\mathcal{S}$ .

## 1.4 Order Topology

**Definition 1.7** (Linear Order/ Complete Order). Consider order relation “ $<$ ”.

1. If  $x \neq y$ , then either  $x < y$  or  $y < x$ .
2. If  $x < y$ , then  $x \neq y$ .
3. If  $x < y$  and  $y < z$ , then  $x < z$ .

**Example 1.8.**  $\mathbb{R}$  is ordered set with less than relation.

First, let's see intervals in an Ordered Set.

Suppose that  $X$  is a set having a simple order relation  $<$ . Given elements  $a$  and  $b$  of  $X$  such that  $a < b$ , there are four subsets of  $X$  that are called the intervals determined by  $a$  and  $b$ . They are the following :

- $(a, b) = \{x \in X | a < x < b\}$  (Type: open interval in  $X$ ),
- $(a, b] = \{x \in X | a < x \leq b\}$  (Type: half-open interval in  $X$ ),
- $[a, b) = \{x \in X | a \leq x < b\}$  (Type: half-open interval in  $X$ ),
- $[a, b] = \{x \in X | a \leq x \leq b\}$  (Type: closed interval in  $X$ ),

The notation used here is familiar to you already in the case where  $X$  is the real line, but these are intervals in an arbitrary ordered set.

The use of the term “open” in this connection suggests that open intervals in  $X$  should turn out to be open sets when we put a topology on  $X$ . And so they will.

**Definition 1.8.** Let  $X$  be a set with a simple order relation; assume  $X$  has more than one element. Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be the collection of all sets of the following types:

1. All open intervals  $(a, b)$  in  $X$ .
2. All intervals of the form  $[a_0, b]$ , where  $a_0$  is the smallest element (if any) of  $X$ .
3. All intervals of the form  $(a, b_0]$ , where  $b_0$  is the largest element (if any) of  $X$ .

i.e.:

$$\mathcal{B} := \{(a, b) : a < b, a, b \in X\}$$

$$\bigcup \{[a, b] : a < b, a_0, b \in X \text{ and if } X \text{ has a smallest element and } a_0 \text{ is the smallest element}\}$$

$$\bigcup \{(a, b] : a < b, a, b_0 \in X \text{ and if } X \text{ has a largest element and } b_0 \text{ is the largest element}\}$$

The collection  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for a topology on  $X$ , which is called the order topology.

**Notation:** Denote an arbitrary element of  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  by  $x \times y$ , to avoid difficulty with notation.

**Definition 1.9** (Dictionary Order). Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are two sets with order relations  $<_A$  and  $<_B$  respectively. Define an order relation  $<$  on  $A \times B$  by defining  $a_1 \times b_1 < a_2 \times b_2$  if  $a_1 <_A a_2$ , or if  $a_1 = a_2$  and  $b_1 <_B b_2$ . It is called the dictionary order relation on  $A \times B$ .

**Example 1.9.** Consider the set  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  in the dictionary order. The set  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  has neither a largest nor a smallest element, so the order topology on  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  has as basis the collection of all open intervals of the form  $(a \times b, c \times d)$  for  $a < c$ , and for  $a = c$  and  $b < d$ .

These two types of intervals are indicated in Figure 14.1. The sub collection consisting of only intervals of the second type is also a basis for the order topology on  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ , as you can check.

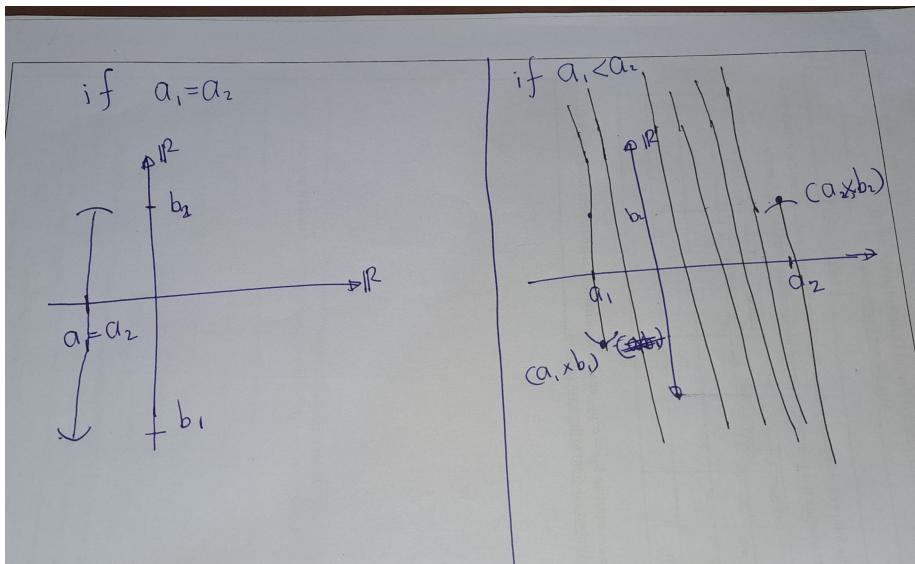


Figure 1.5:

**Example 1.10.** The standard topology, lower limit topology and upper limit topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$$\mathcal{B} := \{(x, y) : x < y, x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$\mathcal{B}$  is a basis which generates the standard topology.

$$\mathcal{B}' := \{[x, y) : x < y, x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$\mathcal{B}'$  is a basis which generates the lower limit topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$$\mathcal{B}'' := \{(x, y] : x < y, x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$\mathcal{B}''$  is a basis which generates the upper limit topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Lemma 1.5.** *The lower limit topology on  $\mathbb{R}$  is strictly finer than standard topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}$ . We are going to use Lemma 1.4. Let  $(a, b)$  be a element from basis of standard topology. Let  $x \in (a, b)$ . Then  $a < x < b$ . Then observe that  $x \in [x, b) \subset (a, b)$ . Note that  $[x, b)$  is element of basis of lower limit topology. Thus, by lemma 1.4 the lower limit topology on  $\mathbb{R}$  is finer than standard topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Now we have to prove that **strictly property**.

Now let  $[c, d)$  is element of basis of lower limit topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Now observe that there is no open interval that containing  $c$  and contained in  $[c, d)$ . By lemma 1.4, the lower limit topology on  $\mathbb{R}$  is strictly finer than standard topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $\square$

Note that basis element in lower limit topology is **not** open in the standard topology. But otherway around is very true. As an example,

$$(1, 2) = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left[1 + \frac{1}{n}, 2\right).$$

Clearly left hand side is open in lower limit topology by T2.

**Corollary 1.1.** *The lower limit topology on  $\mathbb{R}$  is not comparable upper limit topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

*Proof.* Exercise

Hint: (try to find counter example)  $\square$

#### Notation:

- $\mathbb{R}_l := \mathbb{R}$  with lower limit topology.
- $\mathbb{R}_u := \mathbb{R}$  with upper limit topology.
- $\mathbb{R} := \mathbb{R}$  with standard topology.

**Example 1.11.** The positive integers  $\mathbb{Z}^+ := \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  form an ordered set with a smallest element. The order topology on  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  is the discrete topology, for every one-point set is open: If  $n > 1$ , then the one-point set  $\{n\} = (n-1, n+1)$  is a basis element; and if  $n = 1$ , the one-point set  $\{1\} = [1, 2)$  is a basis element.

**Example 1.12.** The set  $X = \{1, 2\} \times \mathbb{Z}^+$  in the dictionary order is another example of an ordered set with a smallest element. Denoting  $1 \times n$  by  $a_n$  and  $2 \times n$  by  $b_n$ , we can represent  $X$  by

$$a_1, a_2, \dots, b_1, b_2, \dots$$

i.e.:

$$X = \{1 \times 1, 1 \times 2, 1 \times 3, \dots, 2 \times 1, 2 \times 2, \dots\}$$

Here  $a_1 = 1 \times 1$  is the smallest element in  $X$ .

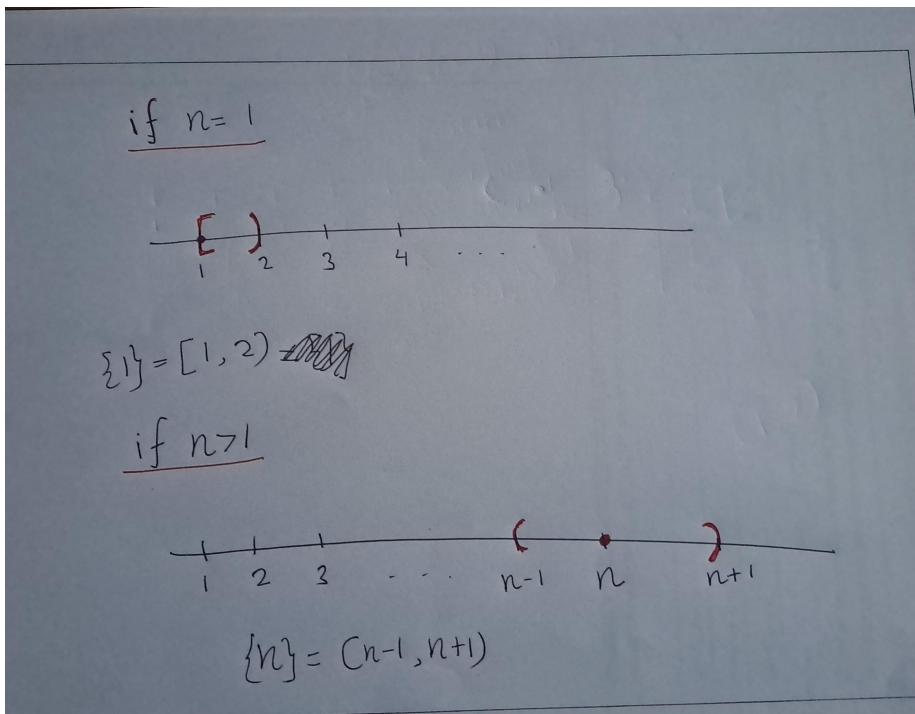


Figure 1.6:

The order topology on  $X$  is **not** the discrete topology. Most one-point sets are open, but there is an exception—the one-point set  $\{b_1\} = 2 \times 1$ . Any open set containing  $b_1$  must contain a basis element about  $b_1$  (G1 condition), and any basis element containing  $b_1$  contains points of the  $a_i$  sequence. As an example,  $b_1 = 2 \times 1 \in (1 \times 7, 2 \times 8)$ . Then the sequence  $a_8, a_9, a_{10}, \dots = 1 \times 8, 1 \times 9, 1 \times 10, \dots$  contained in  $(a_7, b_8) = (1 \times 7, 2 \times 8)$ . So, we cannot find an open interval in  $X$  that contains  $b_1$  and is contained in  $\{b_1\}$ .

**Example 1.13.**

$$\mathcal{B}''' := \{[x, y] : x \leq y, x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$\mathcal{B}'''$  is a basis which generates the discrete topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Because,  $\{a\} = [a, a]$ .

## 1.5 Product Topology on $X \times Y$ .

The Cartesian product of two topological spaces has an induced topology called the product topology. There is also an induced basis for it. Here is the example to keep in mind:

**Example 1.14.** Recall that the standard topology of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is given by the basis

$$\mathcal{B} := \{(a, b) \times (c, d) \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \mid a < b, c < d\}$$

*Proof.* (Proof of  $\mathcal{B}$  is basis.) - (B1) Let  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Then observe that  $x \in (x - 1, x + 1) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , and  $y \in (y - 1, y + 1) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Thus

$$(x, y) \in (x - 1, x + 1) \times (y - 1, y + 1).$$

See figure 1.7. Therefore, this satisfied the B1 condition.

- Now suppose that  $(x, y) \in (a_1, b_1) \times (c_1, d_1) \cap (a_2, b_2) \times (c_2, d_2)$  Now observe  $(x, y) \in (a_1, b_1) \times (c_1, d_1) \implies x \in (a_1, b_1)$  and  $y \in (c_1, d_1)$

and

$(x, y) \in (a_2, b_2) \times (c_2, d_2) \implies x \in (a_2, b_2)$  and  $y \in (c_2, d_2)$  Let  $a = \max\{a_1, a_2\}$ ,  $b = \min\{b_1, b_2\}$ ,  $c = \max\{c_1, c_2\}$  and  $d = \min\{d_1, d_2\}$ . Then observe that

$$x \in (a, b) \text{ and } y \in (c, d)$$

. Further,

$$(x, y) \in (a, b) \times (c, d) \subseteq (a_2, b_2) \times (c_2, d_2) \implies x \in (a_2, b_2)$$

. See figure 1.8. This satisfies B2 condition.  $\square$

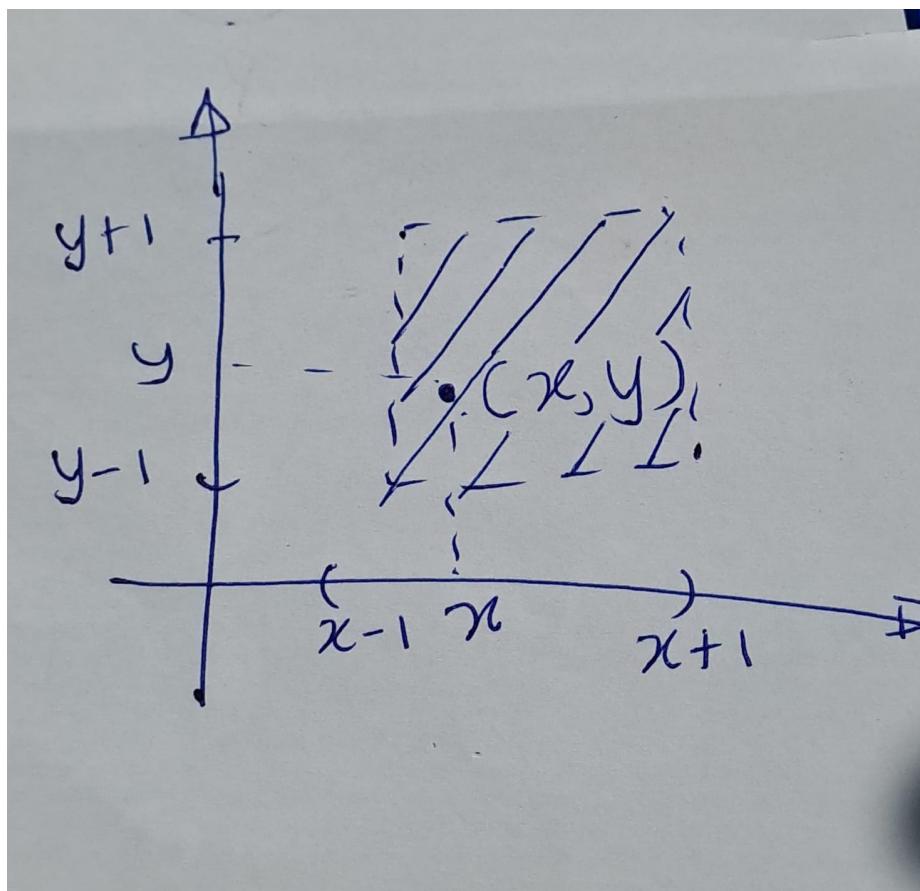


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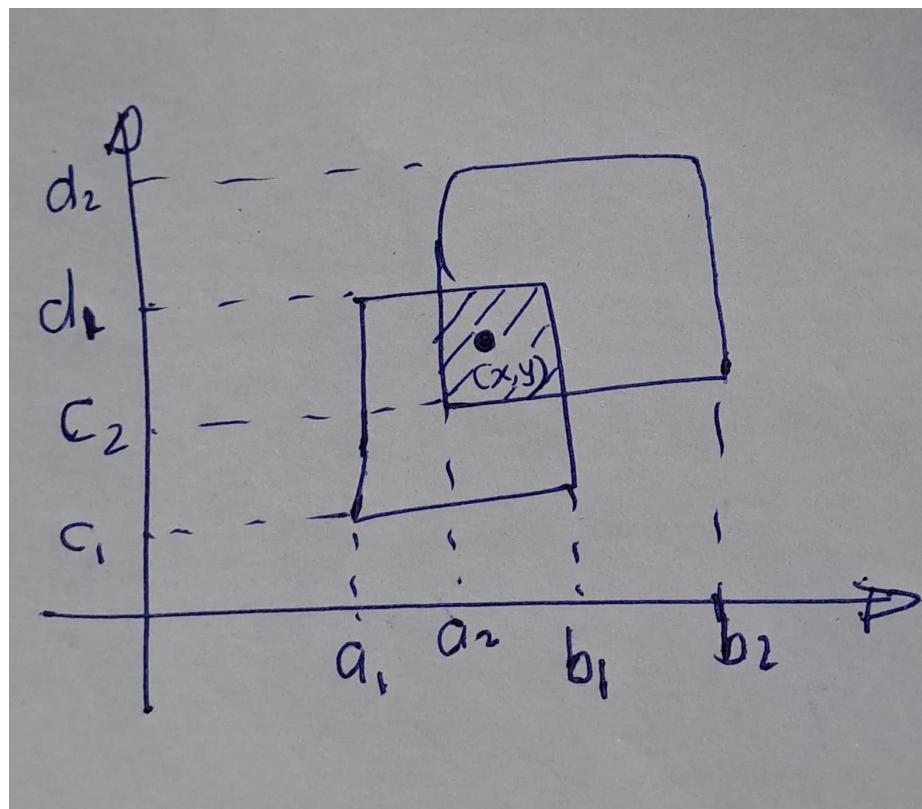


Figure 1.8:

Let's go to a rigid definition.

**Definition 1.10.** If  $(X, \mathcal{T}_X)$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$  are topological spaces, then the collection  $\mathcal{B}$  of subsets of the form  $U \times V \subset X \times Y, U \in \mathcal{T}_X, V \in \mathcal{T}_Y$  forms a basis of a topology.

i.e.:

$$\mathcal{B} := \{U \times V \subset X \times Y : U \in \mathcal{T}_X, V \in \mathcal{T}_Y\}$$

The topology generated by  $\mathcal{B}$  is called product topology on  $X \times Y$ .

*Proof.* (Proof of  $\mathcal{B}$  is basis)

- (B1) Let  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$  be an arbitrary element. We need to find a subset in  $\mathcal{B}$  containing  $(x, y)$ , but since  $X \times Y \in \mathcal{B}$ , it is obvious.
- (B2) For any  $U_1 \times V_1, U_2 \times V_2 \in \mathcal{B}$ , the intersection is  $(U_1 \times V_1) \cap (U_2 \times V_2) = (U_1 \cap U_2) \times (V_1 \cap V_2) \in \mathcal{B}$ . So it is obvious again.

□

**Theorem 1.1.** If  $\mathcal{B}_X$  is a basis of  $(X, \mathcal{T}_X)$  and  $\mathcal{B}_Y$  is a basis of  $(Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$ , then  $\mathcal{B}_X \times \mathcal{B}_Y$  is a basis of the product topology on  $X \times Y$ .

*Proof.* To check  $\mathcal{B}_{X \times Y}$ , let's use lemma 1.3 which states that  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{T}$  iff for any  $U \in \mathcal{T}$  and any  $x \in U$ , there is  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $x \in B \subseteq U$ .

Let  $W \in \mathcal{T}_{prod}$  and  $(x, y) \in W$ . By the definition of product topology, there are  $U \in \mathcal{T}_X$  and  $V \in \mathcal{T}_Y$  such that  $(x, y) \in U \times V \subseteq W$ . Since  $\mathcal{B}_X$  and  $\mathcal{B}_Y$  are bases, there are  $B \in \mathcal{B}_X$  and  $C \in \mathcal{B}_Y$  such that  $x \in B \subseteq U$  and  $y \in C \subseteq V$ . Thus we found  $B \times C \in \mathcal{B}_{X \times Y}$  such that  $(x, y) \in B \times C \subseteq W$ . □

**Example 1.15.** The standard topology on  $\mathbb{R}^2 = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  is the product topology. (See example 1.14)

Observe that basis elements in product topology in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  are open rectangles (product of two open intervals.).

**Lemma 1.6.** The dictionary topology  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is strictly finer than standard topology in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

*Proof.* We are going to use 1.4. Let  $(a, b) \times (c, d) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  be an element of basis of standard topology on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and let  $x \times y \in (a, b) \times (c, d)$ . Now we need to find basis element of the dictionary order topology that contained in  $(a, b) \times (c, d)$ . So,

$$x \times y \in (x \times c, x \times d) \subset (a, b) \times (c, d).$$

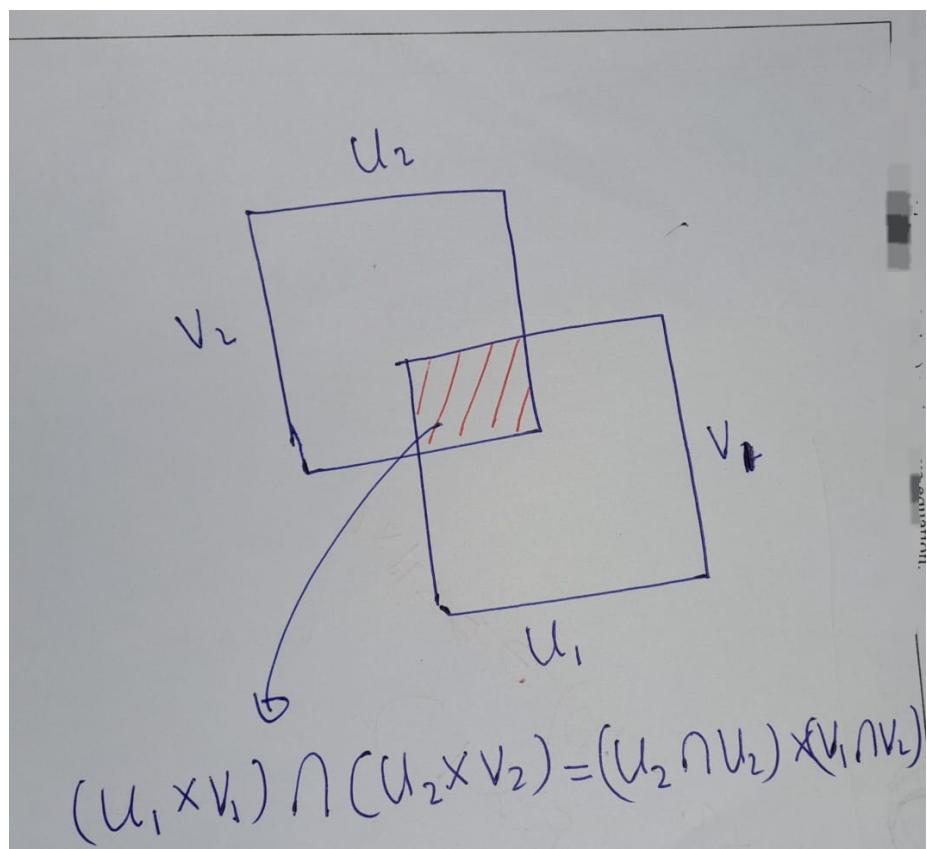


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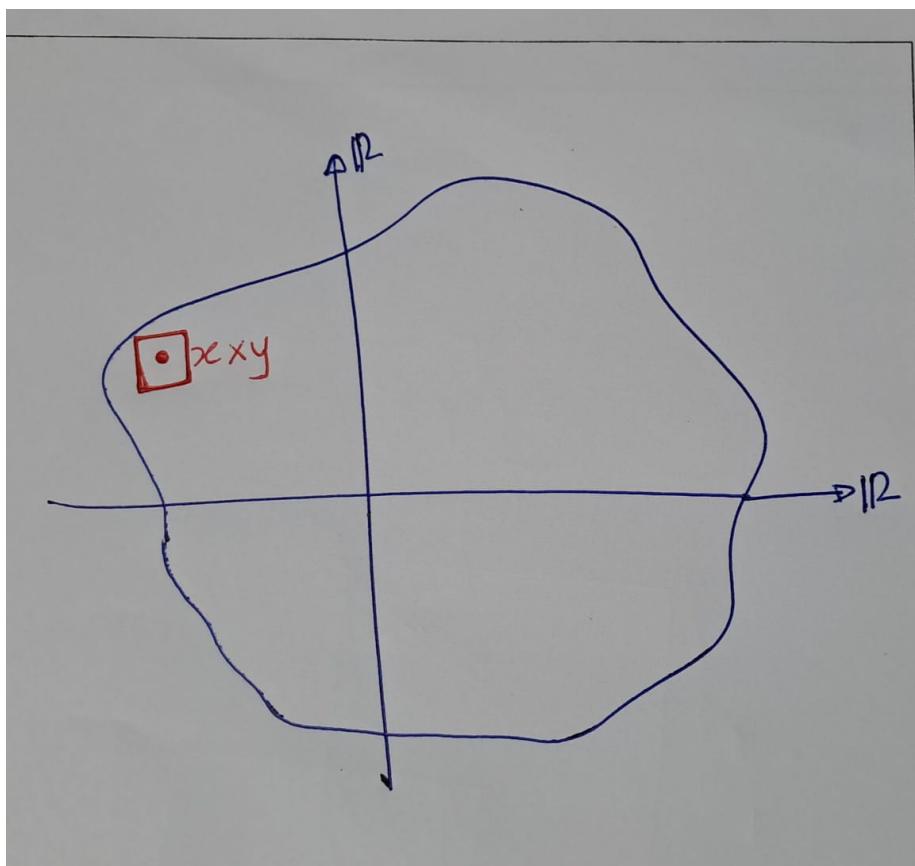


Figure 1.10:

Note that  $(x \times c, x \times d)$  is a basis element in the dictionary order topology. Now let's prove the strictly finer condition.

Let  $(p \times q, p \times s)$  be basis element of order topology. Let  $p \times y \in (p \times q, p \times s)$ . Now observe that there is no open rectangle that containing  $p \times y$  and contained in  $(p \times q, p \times s)$ . By lemma 1.4, the order topology on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is strictly finer than standard topology on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .  $\square$

Now I am interested in a problem. That is can we write dictionary order topology as  $\mathbb{R}^2$  as product topology. Actually we can,

$$\mathbb{R}_{\text{dictionary}}^2 := \mathbb{R}_{\text{discrete}} \times \mathbb{R}_{\text{standard}}$$

*Proof.* Let  $\{a\} \times (c, d)$  be a basis element in product topology  $\mathbb{R}_d \times \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $a \times x \in \{a\} \times (c, d)$  observe that

$$a \times x \in \{a\} \times (c, d) = (a \times c, a \times d)$$

and  $(a \times c, a \times d)$  is basis element of order topology  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Thus by lemma 1.4, order topology in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is finer than the product topology  $\mathbb{R}_d \times \mathbb{R}$ .

Now suppose that  $(p \times q, r \times s)$  be a basis element in order topology on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

- If  $p < x$ , define  $l = y - 1$  and if  $p = x$  define  $l = r$ . In either case we know that  $(p \times q) < (x \times l) < (x \times y)$ .
- If  $x < r$  define  $t = y + 1$  and if  $x = r$  define  $t = s$ . In either case we know that  $(x \times y) < (x \times t) < (q \times s)$ .

See figure 1.12 So

$$(x, y) \in \{x\} \times (l, t) \subseteq (p \times q, r \times s).$$

Thus by lemma 1.4, product topology  $\mathbb{R}_d \times \mathbb{R}$  is finer than order topology in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Therefore,

$$\mathbb{R}_{\text{dictionary}}^2 = \mathbb{R}_{\text{discrete}} \times \mathbb{R}_{\text{standard}}$$

$\square$

**Definition 1.11.** Let  $\pi_1 : X \times Y \rightarrow X$  be defined by the equation  $\pi_1(x, y) = x$ ; and let  $\pi_2 : X \times Y \rightarrow Y$  be defined by the equation  $\pi_2(x, y) = y$ .

The maps  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  are called the *projections* of  $X \times Y$  onto its first and second factors, respectively.

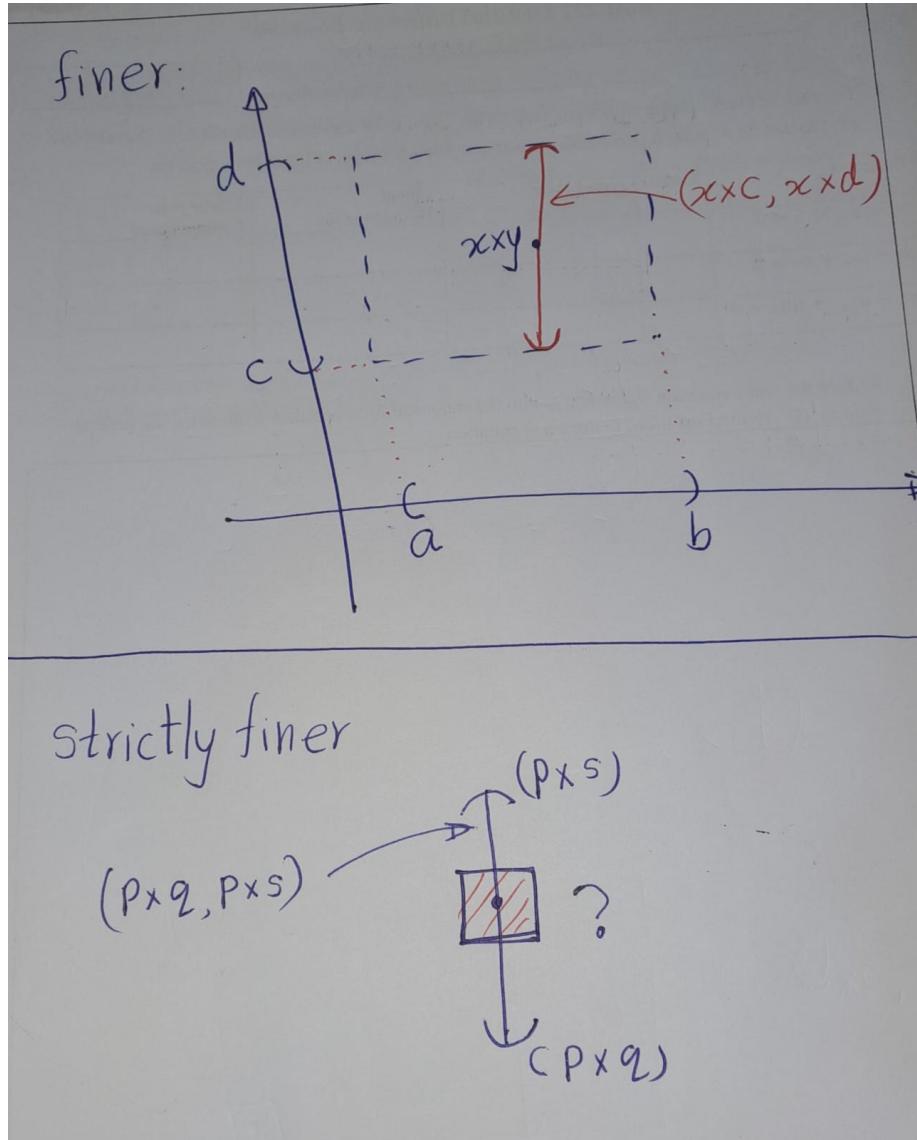


Figure 1.11:

<p>If <math>p &lt; x</math> and if <math>x &lt; r</math></p> <p><math>xxy \in (xxy-1, xxy+1)</math>  <math>xxy \in \{x\} \times (y-1, y+1)</math>  <math>xxy \in \{x\} \times (l, t) \subseteq (pxq, rxs)</math></p>	<p>if <math>p = x</math> and if <math>x &lt; r</math></p> <p><math>xxy \in (xxy-1, xxy+1)</math>  <math>xxy \in \{x\} \times (y-1, y+1)</math>  <math>xxy \in \{x\} \times (l, t) \subseteq (pxq, rxs)</math></p>
<p>if <math>p &lt; x</math> and if <math>x = r</math></p> <p><math>xxy \in (xxy-1, xxr)</math>  <math>xxy \in \{x\} \times (y-1, r)</math>  <math>xxy \in \{x\} \times (l, t) \subseteq (pxq, rxs)</math></p>	<p>if <math>p = x = r</math></p> <p><math>rxs = pxq = xxs</math>  <math>pxq = xq</math></p> <p><math>x \in (x, x+q)</math>  <math>x \in \{x\} \times (s, q)</math>  <math>x \in \{x\} \times (l, t) \subseteq (pxq, rxs)</math></p> <p>In this case equity holds</p>

## 1.6 The Subspace Topology

A subset of a topological space has a naturally induced topology, called the subspace topology. In geometry, the subspace topology is the source of all funky typologies.

**Definition 1.12.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space. Let  $Y \subseteq X$ . The collection

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

is a topology on  $Y$ , called the subspace topology.

*Proof.* (Proof of the collection  $\mathcal{T}_Y$  is a topology).

- (T1) This is very easy to see.  $\mathcal{T}_Y$  contains  $\emptyset$  and  $Y$  because  $\emptyset = Y \cap \emptyset$  and  $Y = Y \cap X$ , where  $\emptyset$  and  $X$  are elements of  $\mathcal{T}$ .
- (T2) Let  $\{U_\alpha \cap Y \in \mathcal{T}_Y : \alpha \in I\}$ ,  $I$  is index set} be collection of open sets in subspace topology of  $Y$ , where  $U_\alpha \in \mathcal{T}$ .

$$\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} (U_\alpha \cap Y) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} (U_\alpha) \cap Y.$$

Thus it contains in  $\mathcal{T}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{T}_Y$  is closed under arbitrary unions.

- (T3) Let  $U_1 \cap Y, U_2 \cap Y, \dots, U_n \cap Y$  be finite collection of open sets in subspace topology of  $Y$  in  $X$ .

$$(U_1 \cap Y) \bigcap (U_2 \cap Y) \bigcap \dots \bigcap (U_n \cap Y) = (U_1 \cap U_2 \cap \dots \cap U_n) \cap Y.$$

Thus it contains in  $\mathcal{T}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{T}_Y$  is closed under finite intersections.

□

**Lemma 1.7.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space, and  $Y \subseteq X$ . If  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{T}$  then the collection

$$\mathcal{B}_Y = \{B \cap Y | B \in \mathcal{B}\}$$

is a basis for the subspace topology on  $Y$ .

*Proof.* Let  $V \in \mathcal{T}_Y$ . Then  $V = U \cap Y$  for some  $U \in \mathcal{T}$ . For every  $x \in V$ , there is  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $x \in B \subset U$  since  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{T}$  (Lemma 1.2). Now we found  $Y \cap B$  such that  $x \in Y \cap B \subset V$ . □

**Example 1.16.** Let  $I = [0, 1]$ . The dictionary order on  $I \times I$  is just the restriction to  $I \times I$  of the dictionary order on the plane  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ . However, the dictionary order topology on  $I \times I$  is NOT the same as the subspace topology on  $I \times I$  obtained from the dictionary order topology on  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ !

For example, the set  $\{\frac{1}{2}\} \times (\frac{1}{2}, 1]$  is open in  $I \times I$  in the subspace topology, but not in the order topology, as you can check.

See Figure 1.14.

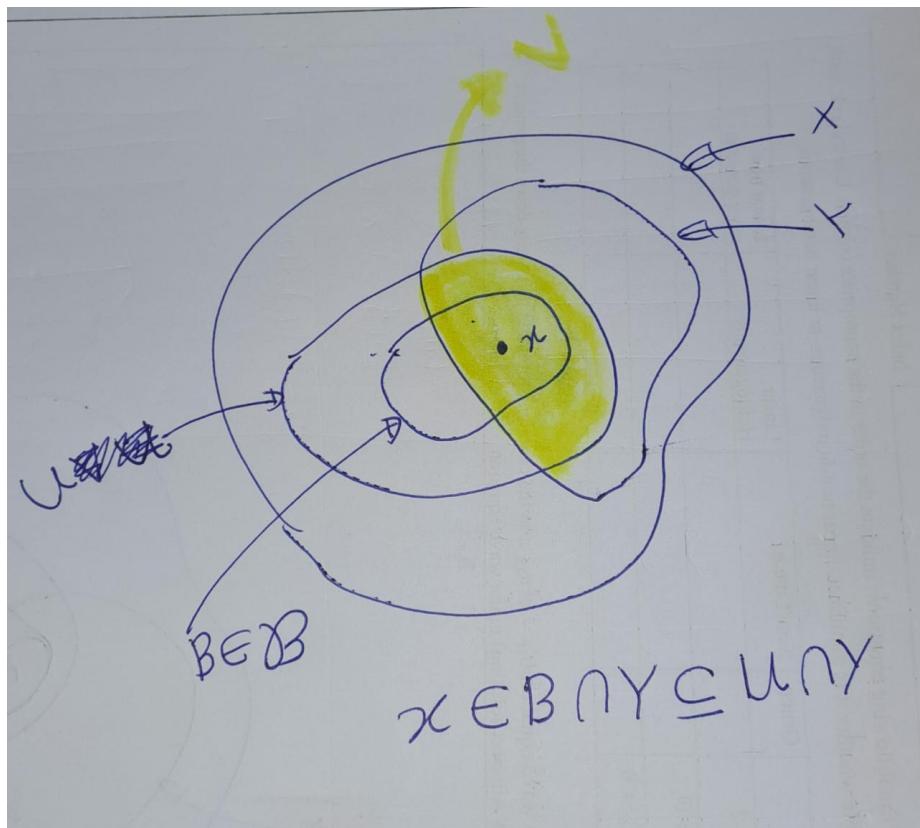


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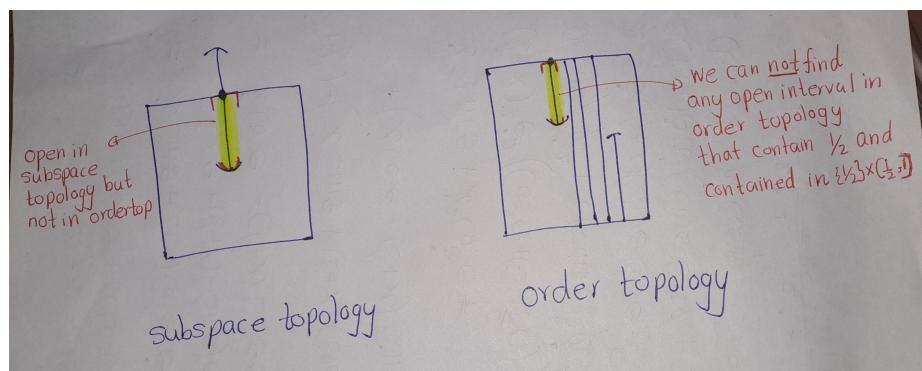


Figure 1.14:

**Notation :** The set  $I \times I$  in the dictionary order topology will be called the ordered square, and denoted by  $I_o^2$ .

Let's generalized the idea.

**Lemma 1.8.** *The subspace topology on  $I \times I$  obtained from the dictionary order topology on  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  is strictly finer than the dictionary order topology on  $I \times I$ .*

*Proof.* So, as previous we have to prove two things they are finer condition and strictly condition.

Let  $(a_1 \times b_1, a_2 \times b_2)$  be a basis element of order topology. and  $x \times y \in (a_1 \times b_1, a_2 \times b_2)$

- **Case I** ( $a_1 < x < a_2$ ):

$$x \times y \in (x \times -1, x \times 2) \cap I^2 = [x \times 0, x \times 1] = \{x\} \times [0, 1] \subset (a_1 \times b_1, a_2 \times b_2)$$

Note that  $(x \times -1, x \times 2) \cap I^2$  is a basis element of subspace topology.

- **Case II** ( $a_1 = x < a_2$ ):

$$x \times y \in (x \times b_1, x \times 2) \cap I^2 = [x \times b_1, x \times 1] = \{x\} \times (b_1, 1] \subset (a_1 \times b_1, a_2 \times b_2)$$

Note that  $(x \times b_1, x \times 2) \cap I^2$  is a basis element of subspace topology.

- **Case III** ( $a_1 < x = a_2$ ):

$$x \times y \in (x \times -1, x \times b_2) \cap I^2 = [x \times 0, x \times b_2] = \{x\} \times [0, b_2] \subset (a_1 \times b_1, a_2 \times b_2)$$

Note that  $(x \times -1, x \times b_2) \cap I^2$  is a basis element of subspace topology.

- **Case IV** ( $a_1 = x = a_2$ ):

$$x \times y \in (x \times b_1, x \times b_2) \cap I^2 = [x \times b_1, x \times b_2] = \{x\} \times [b_1, b_2] \subset (a_1 \times b_1, a_2 \times b_2)$$

Note that  $(x \times b_1, x \times b_2) \cap I^2$  is a basis element of subspace topology.

See figure 1.15

In above all four cases, we have found basis element of subspace topology that contain  $x \times y$  and contained in  $(a_1 \times b_1, a_2 \times b_2)$ .  $\square$

## 1.7 Closed Sets and Limit Points

Now that we have a few examples at hand, we can introduce some of the basic concepts associated with topological spaces. In this section, we treat the notions of closed set closure of a set, and limit point. These lead naturally to consideration of a certain axiom for topological spaces called the Hausdorff axiom.

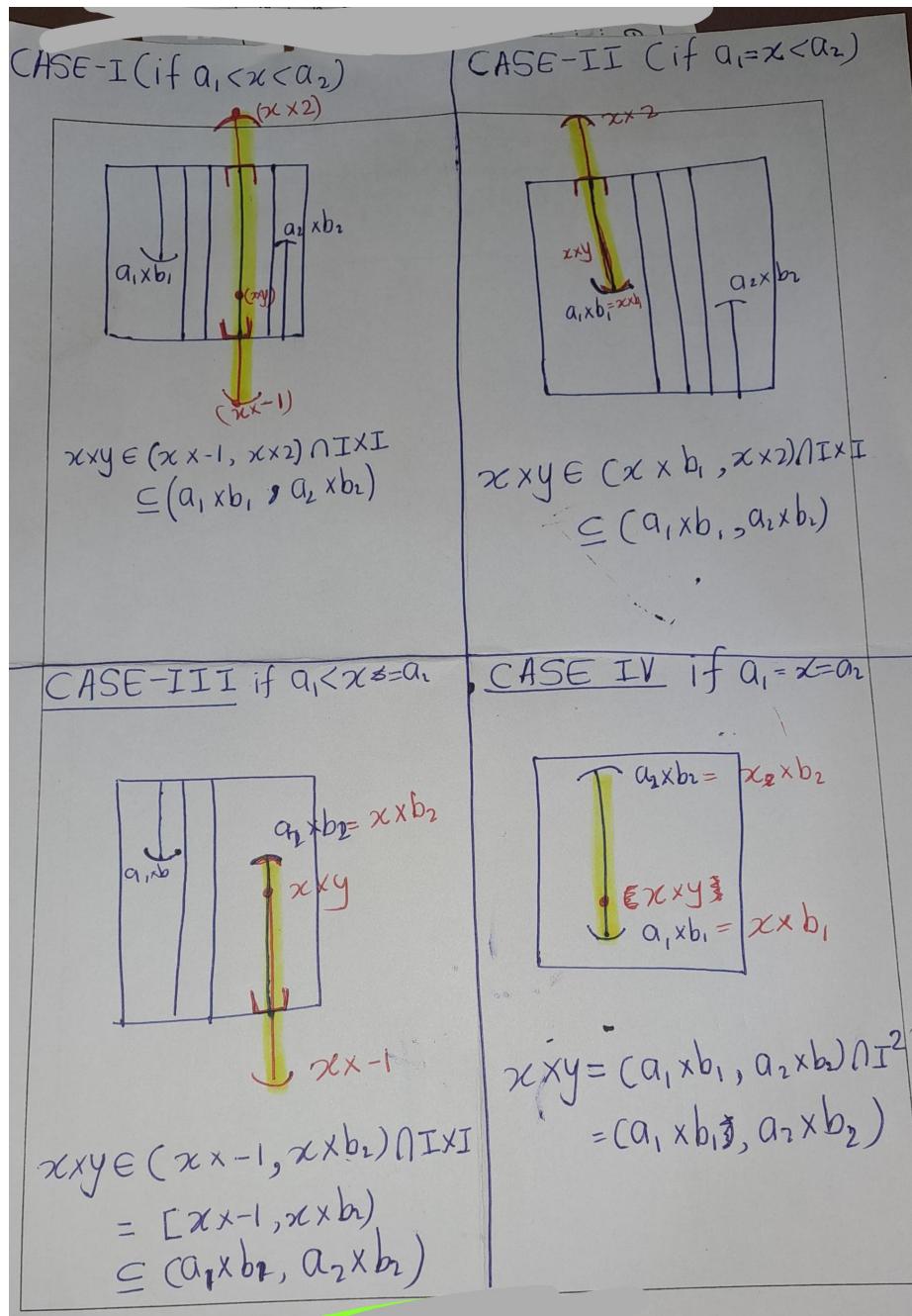


Figure 1.15:

### 1.7.1 Closed Set

*Closed sets are nothing but complement of open sets. On the other hand, we can also say that open sets are nothing but complement of closed sets. Thus we can actually use closed sets to define topology, although mathematicians usually use open sets to define topology.*

**Definition 1.13.** Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ .

$A$  is a closed set of  $X$  if  $X \setminus A$  is an open set. - The closure  $\text{Cl}(A) = \overline{A}$  of  $A$  in  $X$  is the intersection of all closed sets of  $X$ , containing  $A$ .

$$\text{Cl}(A) = \overline{A} = \bigcap \{C \text{ is closed in } X \& A \subset C\}$$

The smallest closed set that contains  $A$  is the closure of  $A$ . - The interior  $\text{Int}(A) = \mathring{A}$  of  $A$  in  $X$  is the union of all open sets of  $X$ , contained in  $A$ .

$$\text{Int}(A) = \mathring{A} = \bigcup \{U \text{ is open in } X \& U \subset A\}$$

The largest open set contained in  $A$  is the interior of  $A$ . -  $x \in X$  is a limit point (or “cluster point,” or “point of accumulation”) of  $A$ , if every neighborhood of  $x$  intersects  $A$  in some point other than  $x$  itself. In other words,  $x \in X$  is a limit point of  $A$ , if  $x \in \overline{A \setminus \{x\}}$ .

*Remark.*

- $\emptyset, X$  are closed.

*I am not going to prove these things. I just give an idea.* (This is trivial.) - Finite unions of closed sets are closed.

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^n \underbrace{(X \setminus \underbrace{U_i}_{\text{open}})}_{\text{closed}} = X \setminus \bigcap_{i=1}^n \underbrace{U_i}_{\text{open}}$$

- Arbitrary intersection of closed sets are closed.

$$\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} \underbrace{(X \setminus \underbrace{U_\alpha}_{\text{open}})}_{\text{closed}} = X \setminus \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} \underbrace{U_\alpha}_{\text{open}}$$

**Example 1.17.** The subset  $[a, b]$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  is closed because its complement

$$\mathbb{R} \setminus [a, b] = (-\infty, a) \cup (b, +\infty)$$

, is open.

*Remark.* These facts justify our use of the terms “closed interval” and “closed ray.” The subset  $[a, b]$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  is neither open nor closed.

**Example 1.18.** Similary, the subset  $[a, +\infty)$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  is closed because its complement

$$\mathbb{R} \setminus [a, +\infty) = (-\infty, a)$$

, is open.

**Example 1.19.** In the plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , the set

$$\{x \times y \mid x \geq 0 \text{ and } y \geq 0\}$$

is closed, because its complement is the union of the two sets

$$(-\infty, 0) \times \mathbb{R} \text{ and } \mathbb{R} \times (-\infty, 0),$$

each of which is a product of open sets of  $\mathbb{R}$  and is, therefore, open in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

**Example 1.20.** In the finite complement topology on a set  $X$ , the closed sets consist of  $X$  itself and all finite subsets of  $X$ .

**Example 1.21.** In the discrete topology on the set  $X$ , every set is open; it follows that every set is closed as well.

**Example 1.22.** Consider the following subset of the real line:

$$Y = [0, 1] \cup (2, 3)$$

, in the subspace topology. In this space,

The set  $[0, 1]$  is open, since it is the intersection of the open set  $(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $Y$ . Similarly,  $(2, 3)$  is open as a subset of  $Y$ ; it is even open as a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Since  $[0, 1]$  and  $(2, 3)$  are complements in  $Y$  of each other, we conclude that both  $[0, 1]$  and  $(2, 3)$  are closed as subsets of  $Y$ .

**Fun Fact:** These examples suggest that an answer to the mathematician's riddle: "How is a set different from a door?" should be: "A door must be either open or closed, and cannot be both, while a set can be open, or closed, or both, or neither!"

The collection of closed subsets of a space  $X$  has properties similar to those satisfied by the collection of open subsets of  $X$ ;

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $X$  be a topological space. Then 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.

*Proof.*

- 1)  $\emptyset$  and  $X$  are closed because they are the complements of the open sets  $X$  and  $\emptyset$ , respectively.
- 2) Given a collection of closed sets  $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$ , we apply DeMorgan's law,

$$X \setminus \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha = \bigcap_{\alpha \in J} (X \setminus A_\alpha)$$

. Since the sets  $X \setminus A_\alpha$  are open by definition, the right side of this equation represents an arbitrary union of open sets, and is thus open. Therefore,  $\bigcup A_\alpha$  is closed.

- 3) Similarly, if  $A_i$  is closed for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , consider the equation

$$X \setminus \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^n (X \setminus A_i)$$

. The set on the right side of this equation is a finite intersection of open sets. Hence  $\bigcup A_i$  is closed.

□

Instead of using open sets, one could just as well specify a topology on a space by giving a collection of sets (to be called “closed sets”) satisfying the three properties of this theorem. One could then define open sets as the complements of closed sets and proceed just as before. This procedure has no particular advantage over the one we have adopted, and most mathematicians prefer to use open sets to define topologies.

Now when dealing with subspaces, one needs to be careful in using the term “closed set.” If  $Y$  is a subspace of  $X$ , we say that a set  $A$  is closed in  $Y$  if  $A$  is a subset of  $Y$  and if  $A$  is closed in the subspace topology of  $Y$  (that is, if  $Y \setminus A$  is open in  $Y$ ). We have the following theorem:

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $Y$  is a subspace of  $X$ , and  $A$  is a subset of  $Y$ , then  $A$  is closed  $\iff A = Y \cap C$  for some  $C$  is closed in  $X$ .*

*Proof.*

- ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose that  $A = Y \cap C$  for some closed set  $C$  in  $X$ . (See Figure 1.16 Thus,  $X \setminus C$  is open in  $X$ . So,  $(X \setminus C) \cap Y$  is open in  $Y$ , by definition of the subspace topology. But,

$$(X \setminus C) \cap Y = Y \setminus (C \cap Y) = Y \setminus A.$$

. Hence  $Y \setminus A$  is open in  $Y$ . Therfore,  $A$  is closed in  $Y$ .

- ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Now Suppose that  $A$  is closed in  $Y$ . (See Figure 1.17 Then,  $Y \setminus A$  is open in  $Y$ . Thus by definition,  $Y \setminus A = U \cap Y$ , forsome open set  $U$  in  $X$ . So,  $X \setminus U$  is closed in  $X$ . Now consider,

$$Y \cap (X \setminus U) = Y \setminus (Y \cap U) = Y \setminus (Y \setminus A) = A.$$

Thefore,  $Y \cap C$  forsome  $C$  is closed in  $X$ .

□

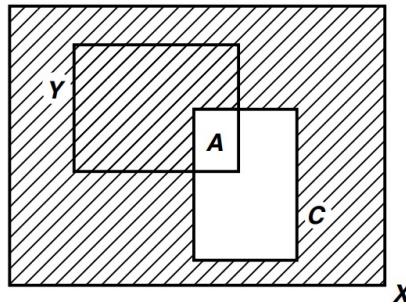


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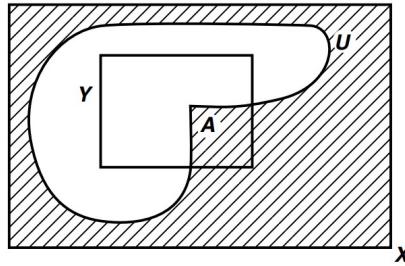


Figure 1.17:

*Remark.* A set  $A$  that is closed in the subspace  $Y$  may or may not be closed in the larger space  $X$ .

**Theorem 1.4.** *Let  $Y$  be a subspace of  $X$ . If  $A$  is closed in  $Y$  and  $Y$  is closed in  $X$ , then  $A$  is closed in  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $Y$  is subspace in  $X$  and  $A$  is closed in  $Y$ , by theorem 1.3, then there exist closed set  $C$  in  $X$  such that

$$A = Y \cap C$$

Since,  $Y$  is closed in  $X$  and  $X$  is toplogical space,  $A = Y \cap C$  is closed in  $X$ . □

### 1.7.2 Closure and Interior of a Set

**Definition 1.14.** Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ .

- The closure  $\text{Cl}(A) = \bar{A}$  of  $A$  in  $X$  is the intersection of all closed sets of  $X$ , containing  $A$ .

$$\text{Cl}(A) = \bar{A} = \bigcap \{C \text{ is closed in } X \& A \subset C\}$$

The smallest closed set that contains  $A$  is the closure of  $A$ .

- The interior  $\text{Int}(A) = \text{Int}(A) = \text{Int}(A)$  of  $A$  in  $X$  is the union of all open sets of  $X$ , contained in  $A$ .

$$\text{Int}(A) = \text{Int}(A) = \bigcup \{U \text{ is open in } X \& U \subset A\}$$

The largest open set contained in  $A$  is the interior of  $A$ .

Obviously  $\text{Int}(A)$  is an open set and  $\bar{A}$  is a closed set; furthermore,

$$\text{Int}(A) \subseteq A \subseteq \bar{A}$$

**Lemma 1.9.** Let  $Y$  be a subspace of  $X$  and  $A \subset Y$ . Let  $\bar{A}$  denote the closure of  $A$  in  $X$ . Then the closure of  $A$  in  $Y$  equals  $\bar{A} \cap Y$ .

*Proof.* Let  $B$  denote the closure of  $A$  in  $Y$ .

- **Claim:**  $B \subseteq \bar{A} \cap Y$

The set  $\bar{A}$  is closed in  $X$ , so  $\bar{A} \cap Y$  is closed in  $Y$  (By lemma ??). Since  $A \subset \bar{A} \cap Y$  (Since,  $\bar{A}$  is the smallest subset that contains  $A$ , and  $A \subseteq Y$ ), and since by definition  $B$  equals the intersection of all closed subsets of  $Y$  containing  $A$ , we must have  $B \subseteq (\bar{A} \cap Y)$ .

- **Case-II:**  $\bar{A} \cap Y \subseteq B$

we know that  $B$  is closed in  $Y$ . Hence by lemma 1.3,  $B = C \cap Y$  for some set  $C$  closed in  $X$ . Then  $C$  is a closed set of  $X$  containing  $A$ ; because  $\bar{A}$  is the intersection of all such closed sets, we conclude that  $A \subseteq C$ . Then  $(\bar{A} \cap Y) \subset (C \cap Y) = B$ .  $\square$

**Terminology :** We shorten the statement to “ $U$  is an open set containing  $x$ ” to the phrase “ $U$  is a neighbourhood of  $x$ ”.

**Proposition 1.1.** Let  $A$  be a subset of the topological space  $X$ .

- a) Then  $x \in \bar{A}$  if and only if every neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  intersects  $A$ . (has non-empty intersection with  $A$ .)
- b) Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a basis for  $X$ , then  $x \in \bar{A}$  if and only if  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  which containing  $x$  intersects  $A$ .

*Proof.*

- Statement a)
  - ( $\implies$ ): We are going to use indirect proof. Assume that  $x \notin \bar{A}$ . Then  $U = X \setminus \bar{A}$  is neighborhood of  $x$  which does not intersect  $A$  ( $\bar{A} \cap U = \emptyset$ ). Since,  $A \subset \bar{A}$ , then  $A \cup U = \emptyset$ .
  - ( $\impliedby$ ): Let  $U$  be a neighborhood of  $x$  which does not intersect  $A$ . So,  $X \setminus U$  is closed and  $A \subset X \setminus U$ , then  $\bar{A} \subset X \setminus U$ . (because  $\$ \setminus \text{bar}\{A\}$  is the smallest closed set that containing  $A$ . So,  $x \in \bar{A}$ ).
- Statement b)
  - ( $\impliedby$ ): If every open set containing  $x$  intersects  $A$ , so does every basis element  $B$  containing  $x$ , because  $B$  is an open set.
  - ( $\implies$ ) if every basis element containing  $x$  intersects  $A$ , so does every open set  $U$  containing  $x$ , because  $U$  contains a basis element that contains  $x$ .

□

**Lemma 1.10.** Let  $A$  be a subset of the topological space  $X$ ; let  $A'$  be the set of all limit points of  $A$ . Then  $\bar{A} = A \cup A'$ .

*Proof.*

- **Claim 1:**  $A' \subseteq \bar{A}$   
Suppose that  $x \in A'$ . Every neighborhood of  $x$  intersects  $A$  (in a point different from  $x$ ). Therefore, by proposition 1.1,  $x$  belongs to  $\bar{A}$ . Hence  $A' \subseteq \bar{A}$ .
- **Claim 2:**  $A \cup A' \subseteq \bar{A}$ .  
Since by definition  $A \subseteq \bar{A}$ , it follows that  $A \cup A' \subseteq \bar{A}$ .
- **Claim 3:**  $A \cup A' \supseteq \bar{A}$ .  
Let  $x \in \bar{A}$ .
  - Case I: If  $x \in A$  then noting to prove.
  - Case II: If  $x \notin A$ . Since  $x \in \bar{A}$ , we know that every neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  intersects  $A$ ; because  $x \notin A$ , the set  $U$  must intersect  $A$  in a point different from  $x$ . Then  $x \in A'$ , so that  $x \in A \cup A'$ , as desired.

□

## 1.8 Hausdorff Spaces

**Definition 1.15.** A topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is called a Hausdorff space if  
(H1)  $\forall x, y \in X$  such that  $x \neq y$ ,  $\exists U_x, U_y \in \mathcal{T}$  such that  $x \in U_x$ ,  $y \in U_y$ , and  $U_x \cap U_y = \emptyset$ .

i.e., for every pair of distinct points  $x, y$  in  $X$ , there are disjoint neighborhoods  $U_x$  and  $U_y$  of  $x$  and  $y$  respectively.

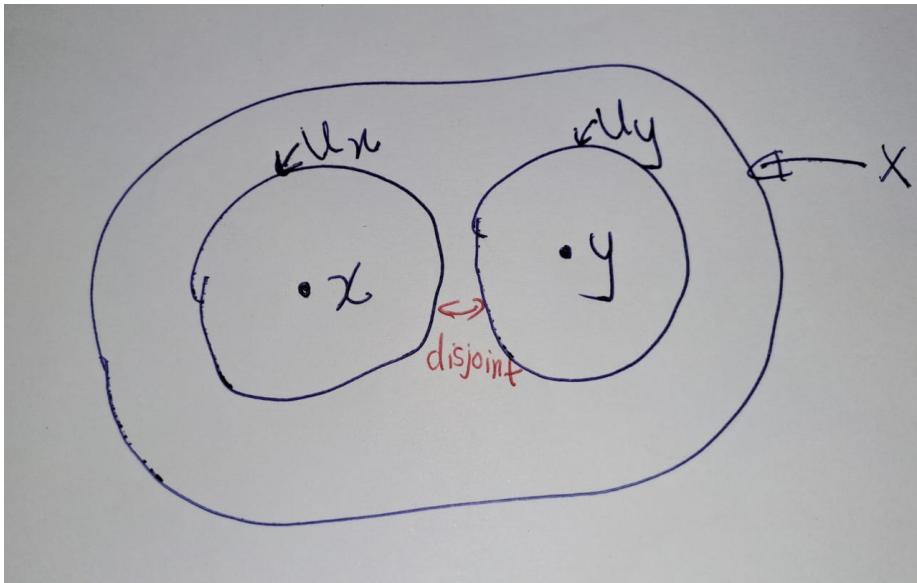


Figure 1.18:

We called Hausdorff condition as  $T_2$  axiom. So Let's see another definition



Figure 1.19:

**Definition 1.16.** A space  $X$  is a  $T_1$  space if and only if it satisfies the following condition: For each  $x, y \in X$  such that  $x \neq y$ , there exists an open set  $U \subset X$  such that  $x \in U$  but  $y \notin U$ .

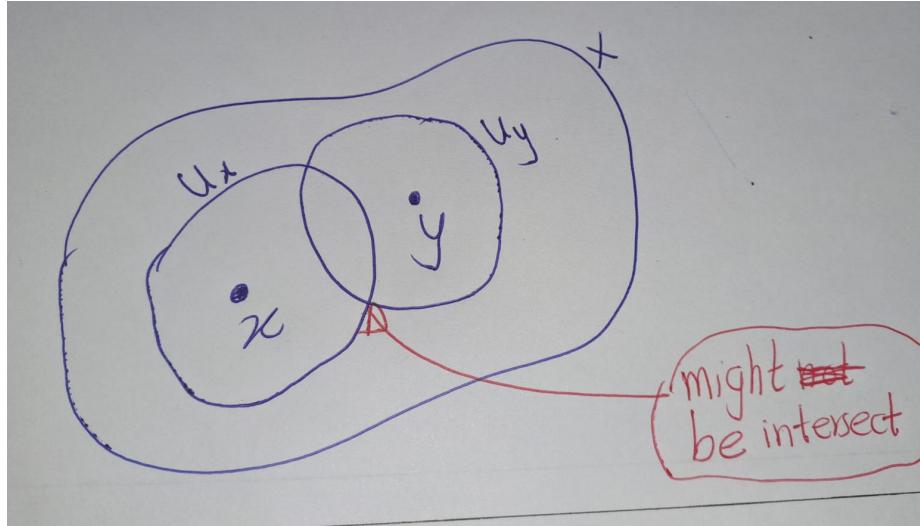


Figure 1.20:

These  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  axioms are called the separation axioms.

**Example 1.23.** Let  $X$  be a set. Consider  $X$  with finite complement topology is  $T_1$  Space. (i.e.:  $(X, \mathcal{T}_f)$  is  $T_1$  space.) But  $X$  is not  $T_2$  if  $X$  is infinite.

**Claim 1 :**  $(X, \mathcal{T}_f)$  is  $T_1$  space.

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in X$ . Then

- $X \setminus \{x\}$  is an open set of  $\mathcal{T}_f$  containing  $y$  but not  $x$ .
- $X \setminus \{y\}$  is an open set of  $\mathcal{T}_f$  containing  $x$  but not  $y$ . Hence the result from definition of  $T_1$  space.

□

**Claim 2 :**  $X$  is not  $T_2$  if  $X$  is infinite.

*Proof.* Let  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  with  $x_1 \neq x_2$ . Suppose  $x_1, x_2$  have disjoint neighborhood  $U_1$  and  $U_2$ . I.e.:  $U_1 \cap U_2 = \emptyset$ . Thus

$$X = X \setminus (U_1 \cap U_2) \quad (1.1)$$

$$= \underbrace{(X \setminus U_1)}_{\text{finite}} \cup \underbrace{(X \setminus U_2)}_{\text{finite}} \quad (1.2)$$

Note that both  $(X \setminus U_1)$  and  $(X \setminus U_2)$  are finite. Thus,  $X$  is finite. Hence, if  $X$  is  $T_2$  then  $X$  is finite. (Contrapositive of given statement). Therefore, if  $X$  is infinite then  $X$  is not  $T_2$ . □

**Definition 1.17.** Let  $X$  be topological sapce. A sequence  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$  in  $X$  **converges** to  $x \in X$  if for every neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x_n \in U$  for all  $n \geq N$

Notataion:  $x_n \rightarrow x$

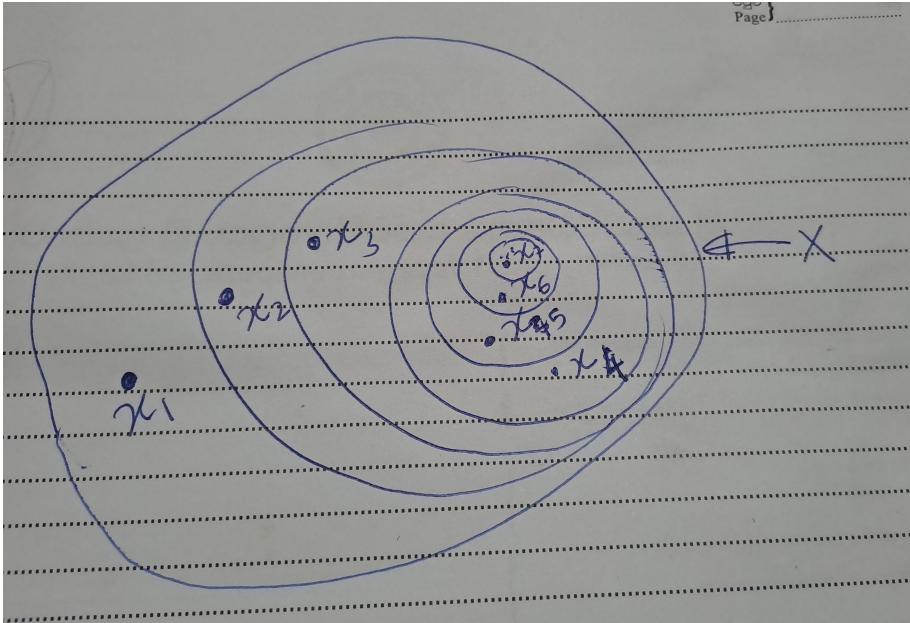


Figure 1.21:

**Proposition 1.2.** Let  $X$  be a Hausdorff space. If  $x_n$  convergence the limit  $x$  is unique.

In other words: The limit of a convergent sequence in a Hausdorff space is unique.

*Proof.* We are going to indirect proof. Assume that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $x_n \rightarrow y$  and  $x \neq y$ . Since  $X$  is a Hausdorff space, there are disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $X$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ .

- Since  $x_n \rightarrow x$ ,  $U$  is an open neighbourhood of  $x$ , there is a  $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $x_n \in U$  for all  $n \geq N_0$
- Since  $x_n \rightarrow y$ ,  $V$  is an open neighbourhood of  $y$ , there is a  $N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $x_n \in V$  for all  $n \geq N_1$

Let  $N = \max\{N_0, N_1\}$ . Since  $N > N_0$ , then  $x_N \in U$ . Since  $N > N_1$ , then  $x_N \in V$ . Thus,  $x_N \in U \cap V$ . This contardict disjointness the  $U$  and  $V$ . Thefore,  $x = y$   $\square$

**Proposition 1.3.** *Let  $X$  be a Hausdorff space and  $A \subset X$ .  $x \in X$  is a limit point  $\iff$  every neighbourhood intersect  $A$  is infinitely many points.*

*Proof.*

- ( $\Leftarrow$ ) The direction is trivial.
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□

## **Chapter 2**

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# Chapter 4

## Exercises

### 4.1 Section 16 in Munkress Book

**Exercise 4.1** (Mun 2.16.2). Show that if  $Y$  is a subspace of  $X$ , and  $A$  is a subset of  $Y$ , then the topology  $A$  inherits as a subspace of  $Y$  is the same as the topology it inherits as a subspace of  $X$ .

**Solution:** Let's denote the topology on  $X$  as  $\mathcal{T}_X$ , the topology on  $Y$  as  $\mathcal{T}_Y$ , and the topology on  $A$  as  $\mathcal{T}_A$ .

We know that  $Y$  is a subspace of  $X$ , so the topology  $\mathcal{T}_Y$  that  $Y$  inherits from  $X$  is  $\mathcal{T}_Y = \{Y \cap U : U \in \mathcal{T}_X\}$ .

Similarly,  $A$  is a subset of  $Y$ , so the topology  $\mathcal{T}_A$  that  $A$  inherits from  $Y$  is  $\mathcal{T}_A = \{A \cap V : V \in \mathcal{T}_Y\}$ .

Substituting  $\mathcal{T}_Y$  into the equation for  $\mathcal{T}_A$ , we get  $\mathcal{T}_A = \{A \cap (Y \cap U) : U \in \mathcal{T}_X\}$ .

Since  $A$  is a subset of  $Y$ ,  $A \cap Y = A$ . So,  $\mathcal{T}_A = \{A \cap U : U \in \mathcal{T}_X\}$ .

This is exactly the topology that  $A$  would inherit as a subspace of  $X$ . Therefore, the topology  $A$  inherits as a subspace of  $Y$  is the same as the topology it inherits as a subspace of  $X$ .

Let  $\mathcal{T}_Y$  be the topology of  $A$  inherit by  
subspace of  $Y$

Let  $\mathcal{T}_X$  be the topology of  $A$  inherit by  $X$

claim:  $\mathcal{T}_Y \subseteq \mathcal{T}_X$

Let  $U_1 \in \mathcal{T}_Y$ , then there exist a set  $V_1 \subseteq Y$   
which is open in  $V_1$  such that

$$U_1 = V_1 \cap A \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Since  $V_1$  is open in subspace  $Y$ , there exist  
an open set  $W_1 \subseteq X$ . Such that

$$V_1 = W_1 \cap Y \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

By (1) and (2)

$$\begin{aligned} U_1 &= V_1 \cap A = (W_1 \cap Y) \cap A \\ &= W_1 \cap (Y \cap A) \\ &= W_1 \cap A \quad (\because A \subseteq Y) \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $U_1 \in \mathcal{T}_X$ . Hence  $\mathcal{T}_Y \subseteq \mathcal{T}_X \quad \text{--- } \star$

claim:  $\mathcal{T}_X \subseteq \mathcal{T}_Y$

Let  $U_2 \in \mathcal{T}_X$ .

Then there exist open set  $V_2 \subseteq X$  such that,

$$\begin{aligned} U_2 &= V_2 \cap A \\ &= V_2 \cap (Y \cap A) \quad (\because A \subseteq Y) \\ &= (V_2 \cap Y) \cap A \end{aligned}$$

Note that,  $V_2 \cap Y$  is open in  $Y$ . Thus  $U_2 \in \mathcal{T}_Y$

Hence  $\mathcal{T}_X \subseteq \mathcal{T}_Y$  —  $\textcircled{**}$

By  $\textcircled{*}$  and  $\textcircled{**}$   $\mathcal{T}_X = \mathcal{T}_Y$

**Exercise 4.2** (Mun 2.16.2). If  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{T}'$  are topologies on  $X$  and  $\mathcal{T}'$  is strictly finer than  $\mathcal{T}$ , what can you say about the corresponding subspace topologies on the subset  $Y$  of  $X$ ?

## Exercise 2.16.2

Let  $\tau'_Y$  and  $\tau_Y$  be the subspace topology inherit by  $\tau'$  and  $\tau$  on  $Y$   
~~for~~ claim:  $\tau'_Y \subset \tau_Y$  ( $\tau'_Y$  is finer than  $\tau_Y$ )

~~First we prove finer part.~~

Let  $V \in \tau_Y$ . Then there exists  $V \in \tau$  such that  $V = V \cap Y$ .

Since  $V \in \tau \subset \tau'$  ( $\tau'$  is finer than  $\tau$ )

Thus  $U = V \cap Y \in \tau'_Y$

Therefore  $\tau'_Y$  is finer than  $\tau_Y$ .

But we cannot say  $\tau'_Y$  is necessarily strictly finer  $\tau_Y$ . Consider following example.

$X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $Y = \{a, b\}$

$\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\tau'_Y = P(X)$

$\tau_Y = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}\} = \tau'_Y$

Solution:

**Exercise 4.3** (Mun 2.16.3). Consider the set  $Y = [-1, 1]$  as a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Which of the following sets are open in  $Y$ ? Which are open in  $\mathbb{R}$ ?

$$A = \{x \mid \frac{1}{2} < |x| < 1\} \quad (4.1)$$

$$B = \{x \mid \frac{1}{2} < |x| \leq 1\} \quad (4.2)$$

$$C = \{x \mid \frac{1}{2} \leq |x| < 1\} \quad (4.3)$$

$$D = \{x \mid \frac{1}{2} \leq |x| \leq 1\} \quad (4.4)$$

$$E = \{x \mid 0 < |x| < 1 \text{ and } \frac{1}{x} \notin \mathbb{Z}^+\} \quad (4.5)$$

### Exercise 2.6.3

$$\textcircled{1} \quad A := \left\{ x : \frac{1}{2} < |x| < 1 \right\}$$

$A = \left( -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right) \cup \left( \frac{1}{2}, 1 \right)$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

In  $\mathbb{R}$  subspace topology on  $Y$ ,

$A \cap Y = Y$  is open in subspace  $Y$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad B := \left\{ x : \frac{1}{2} < |x| \leq 1 \right\}$$

$B := \left[ -1, -\frac{1}{2} \right) \cup \left( \frac{1}{2}, 1 \right]$

$B := \left[ -1, -\frac{1}{2} \right) \cup \left( \frac{1}{2}, 1 \right]$  is not open in  $\mathbb{R}$ . But we can consider  $B$  as follows

$B = Y \cap \left( -2, \frac{1}{2} \right) \cup \left( \frac{1}{2}, 2 \right)$ . Note that

$\left( -2, \frac{1}{2} \right) \cup \left( \frac{1}{2}, 2 \right)$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Thus

$B$  is open in  $Y$ .

$$\textcircled{3} \quad C := \left\{ x : \frac{1}{2} \leq |x| < 1 \right\} = \left( 1, -\frac{1}{2} \right] \cup \left[ \frac{1}{2}, 1 \right)$$

There is no basis element  $B$  in order topology such that  $\frac{1}{2} \in B \subseteq C$ . Thus, not open in  $\mathbb{R}$

Solution:

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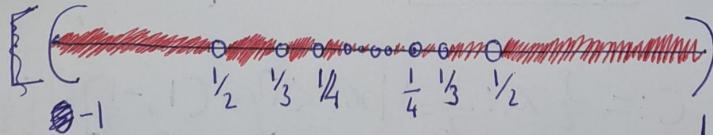
$$\textcircled{4} \quad D := \left\{ x : \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \right\} = \left[ -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right] \cup \left[ \frac{1}{2}, 1 \right]$$

There exist no ~~open~~ basis element  $B$  such that  $x \in B \subseteq D$ . So, not open in  $Y$

$\boxed{\text{basis element of order topology}}$

So,  $D$  is not in  $\mathbb{R}$  as well.

$$\textcircled{5} \quad E := \left\{ x : 0 < |x| < 1 \text{ and } \frac{1}{x} \notin \mathbb{Z}^+ \right\}$$



$E := \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} \left( \frac{1}{n+1}, \frac{1}{n} \right)$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $Y$   
because it can be written as union of basis  
element

**Exercise 4.4.** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ . We say that  $f$  is an **open map** if, for every open set  $U$  in  $X$ , the set  $f(U)$  is open in  $Y$ . Show that the projections  $\pi_1 : X \times Y \rightarrow X$  and  $\pi_2 : X \times Y \rightarrow Y$  are open maps. “

**Exercise 4.5.** Let  $X$  and  $X'$  denote a single set in the topologies  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{T}'$ , respectively; let  $Y$  and  $Y'$  denote a single set in the topologies  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{U}'$ , respectively. Assume these sets are nonempty.

- (a) Show that if  $\mathcal{T}' \supset \mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{U}' \supset \mathcal{U}$ , then the product topology on  $X' \times Y'$  is finer than the product topology on  $X \times Y$ .
- (b) Does the converse of a. hold? Justify your answer

**Exercise 4.6** (Mun 2.16.7). Show that the countable collection

$$\{(a, b) \times (c, d) | a < b \text{ and } c < d, \text{ and } a, b, c, d \text{ are rational}\}$$

is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .”

**Exercise 4.7.** Let  $X$  be an ordered set. If  $Y$  is a proper subset of  $X$  that is convex in  $X$ , does it follow that  $Y$  is an interval or a ray in  $X$ ?

**Exercise 4.8.** If  $L$  is a straight line in the plane, describe the topology  $L$  inherits as a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}_l \times \mathbb{R}$  and as a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}_l \times \mathbb{R}_l$ . In each case it is a familiar topology.

**Exercise 4.9.** Show that the dictionary order topology on the set  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  is the same as the product topology  $\mathbb{R}_d \times \mathbb{R}$ , where  $\mathbb{R}_d$  denotes  $\mathbb{R}$  in the discrete topology. Compare this topology with the standard topology on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$\mathbb{R}_{\text{dictionary}}^2 := \mathbb{R}_{\text{discrete}} \times \mathbb{R}_{\text{standard}}$$

*Proof.* Let  $\{a\} \times (c, d)$  be a basis element in product topology  $\mathbb{R}_d \times \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $a \times x \in \{a\} \times (c, d)$  observe that

$$a \times x \in \{a\} \times (c, d) = (a \times c, a \times d)$$

and  $(a \times c, a \times d)$  is basis element of order topology  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Thus by lemma 1.4, order topology in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is finer than the product topology  $\mathbb{R}_d \times \mathbb{R}$ .

Now suppose that  $(p \times q, r \times s)$  be a basis element in order topology on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

- If  $p < x$ , define  $l = y - 1$  and if  $p = x$  define  $l = r$ . In either case we know that  $(p \times q) < (x \times l) < (x \times y)$ .
- If  $x < r$  define  $t = y + 1$  and if  $x = r$  define  $t = s$ . In either case we know that  $(x \times y) < (x \times t) < (q \times s)$ .

See figure 1.12 So

$$(x, y) \in \{x\} \times (l, t) \subseteq (p \times q, r \times s).$$

Thus by lemma 1.4, product topology  $\mathbb{R}_d \times \mathbb{R}$  is finer than order topology in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Therefore,

$$\mathbb{R}_{\text{dictionary}}^2 = \mathbb{R}_{\text{discrete}} \times \mathbb{R}_{\text{standard}}$$

□

Let  $I = [0, 1]$ . Compare the product topology on  $I \times I$ , the dictionary order topology on  $I \times I$ , and the topology  $I \times I$  inherits as a subspace of  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  in the dictionary order topology.

<p>If <math>p &lt; x</math> and if <math>x &lt; r</math></p> <p><math>xxy \in (xxy-1, xxy+1)</math>  <math>xxy \in \{x\} \times (y-1, y+1)</math>  <math>xxy \in \{x\} \times (l, t) \subseteq (pxq, rxs)</math></p>	<p>if <math>p = x</math> and if <math>x &lt; r</math></p> <p><math>xxy \in (xxy, xxy+1)</math>  <math>xxy \in \{x\} \times (q, y+1)</math>  <math>xxy \in \{x\} \times (l, t) \subseteq (pxq, rxs)</math></p>
<p>if <math>p &lt; x</math> and if <math>x = r</math></p> <p><math>xxy \in (xxy-1, xxy)</math>  <math>xxy \in \{x\} \times (y-1, r)</math>  <math>xxy \in \{x\} \times (l, t) \subseteq (pxq, rxs)</math></p>	<p>if <math>p = x = r</math></p> <p><math>rxs = p \times s = x \times s</math>  <math>xxy</math>  <del><math>pxq = x \times q</math></del></p> <p><math>x \in (x \times s, x + q)</math>  <math>x \in \{x\} \times (s, q)</math>  <math>x \in \{x\} \times (l, t) \subseteq (pxq, rxs)</math></p> <p>In this case equity holds</p>

Figure 4.1:

⑩ Let consider following topologies on  $[0,1]$

$\mathcal{T}_1$  := product topology on  $I \times I$

$\mathcal{T}_2$  := dictionary topology on  $I \times I$ .

$\mathcal{T}_3$  := subspace topology inherit of  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$   
in the dictionary order topology.

Basis for  $\mathcal{T}_1$  is

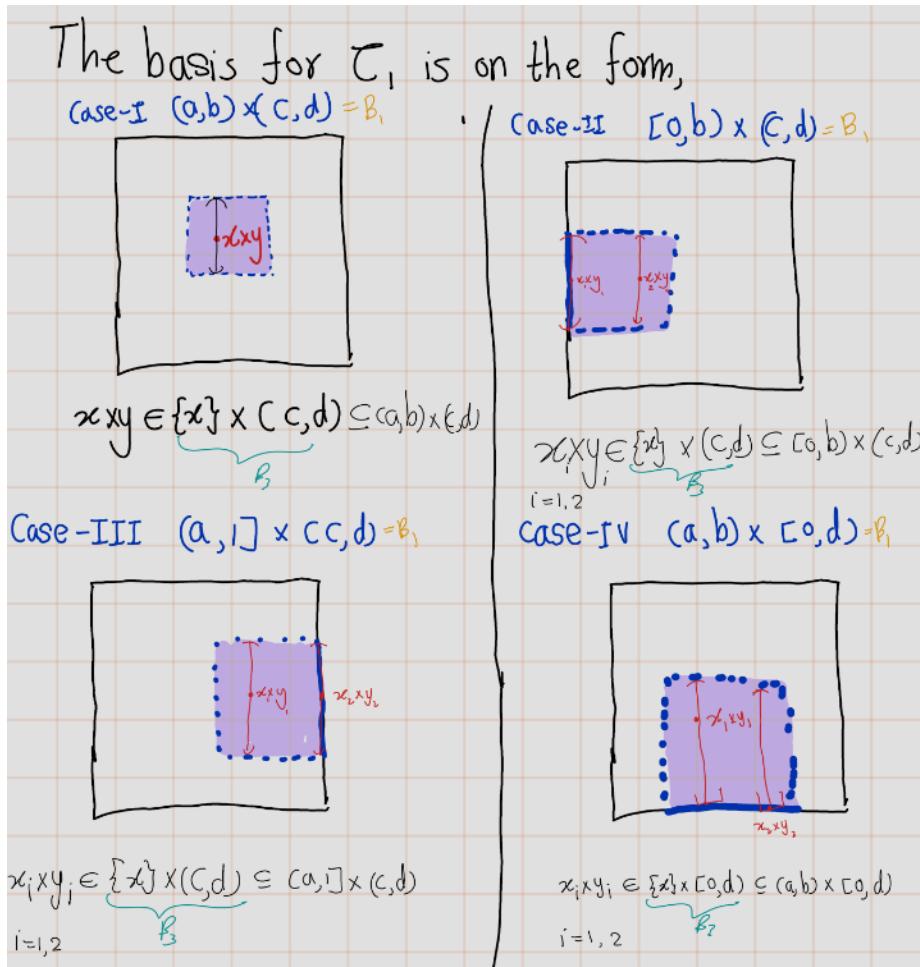
$$\mathcal{B}_1 := \{(I \cap A) \times (I \cap B) \mid A, B \text{ are open in } \mathbb{R}\}$$

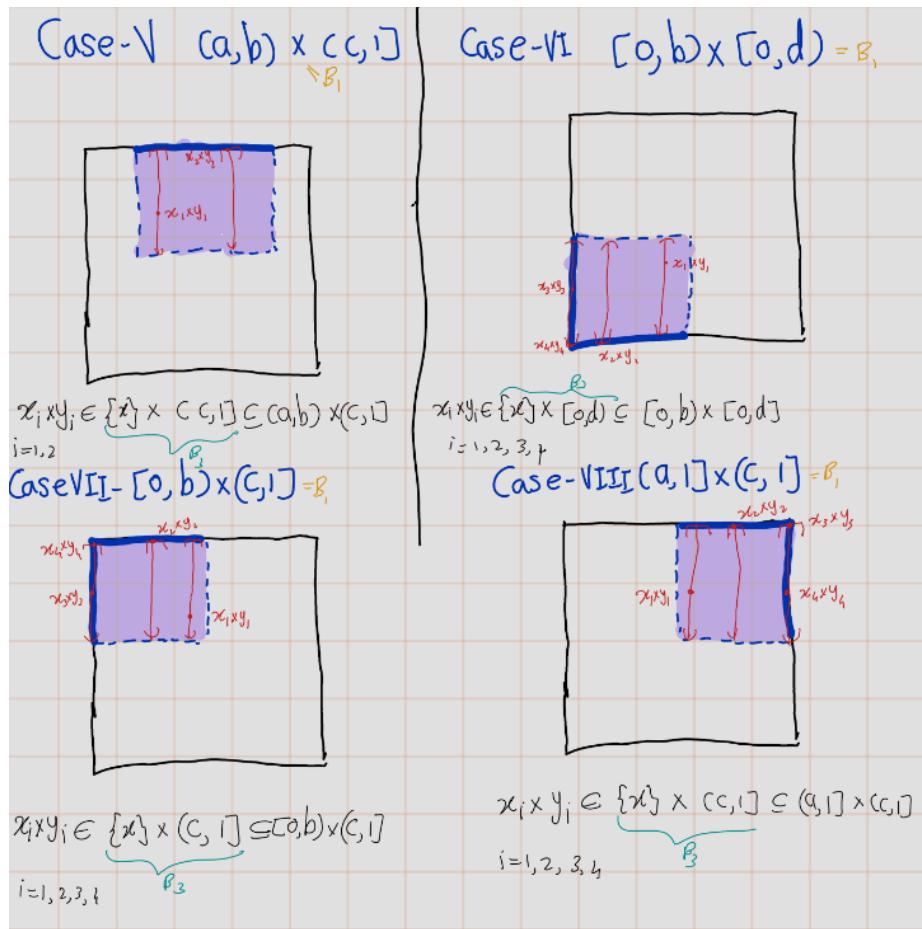
The basis for  $\mathcal{T}_2$

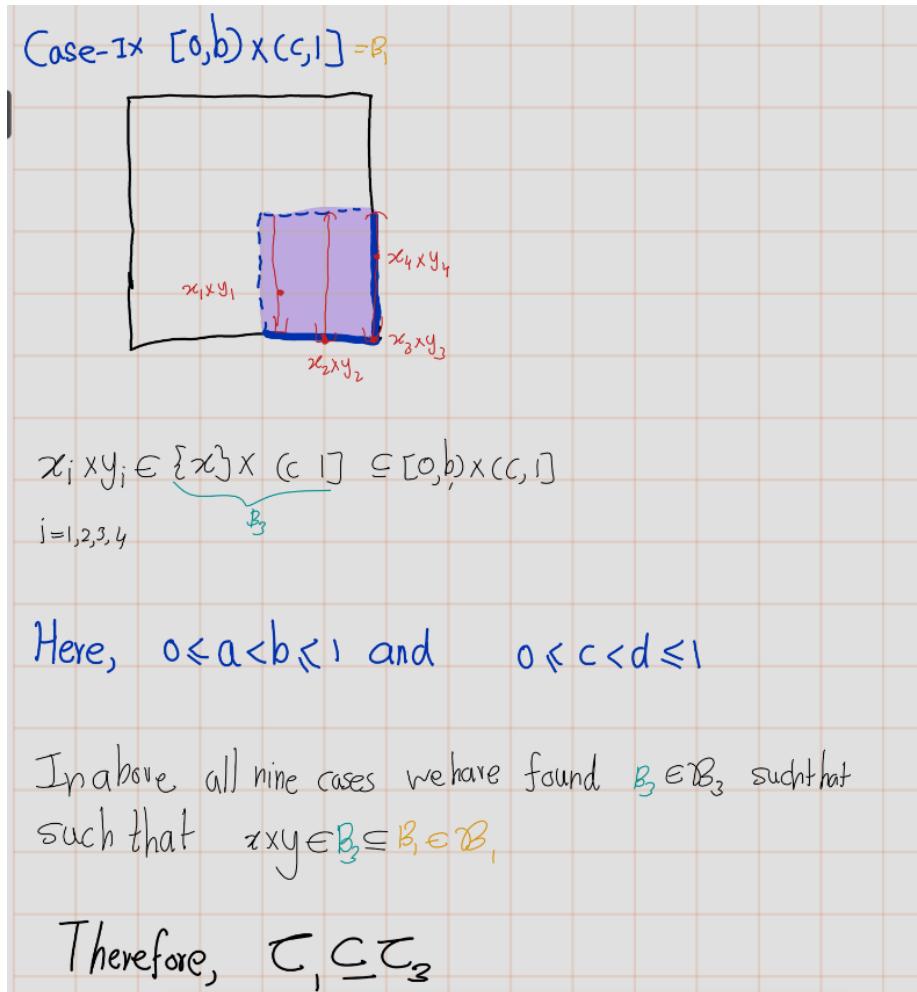
$$\mathcal{B}_2 := \{(a \times b, c \times d) \mid a, b, c, d \in I \text{ and } a < b < c < d\}$$

The basis for  $\mathcal{T}_3$

$$\mathcal{B}_3 := \{\{a\} \times I \cap A \mid a \in I, A \text{ is open in } \mathbb{R}\}$$

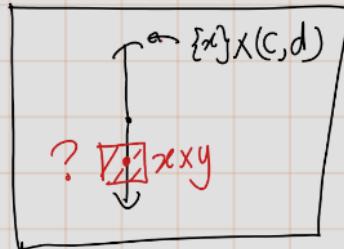






On the other hand,

$$\{a\} \times (I \cap A)$$



$$0 \leq x \leq 1 \text{ and } 0 \leq c < y < d \leq 1$$

We can **not** find any basis element  $B$  from  $\mathcal{T}_1$  ( $\mathcal{B}_1$ ) such that,

$$xxy \in B \subseteq \{a\} \times (c, d)$$

Thus  $\mathcal{T}_1 \subsetneq \mathcal{T}_3$ .

( $\mathcal{T}_3$  is strictly finer than  $\mathcal{T}_1$ )

**Claim:**  $\mathcal{T}_2 \subsetneq \mathcal{T}_3$

So, as previous we have to prove two things they are finer condition and strictly condition.

Let  $(a_1 \times b_1, a_2 \times b_2)$  be a basis element of order topology. and  $x \times y \in (a_1 \times b_1, a_2 \times b_2)$

- **Case I** ( $a_1 < x < a_2$ ):

$$x \times y \in (x \times -1, x \times 2) \cap I^2 = [x \times 0, x \times 1] = \{x\} \times [0, 1] \subset (a_1 \times b_1, a_2 \times b_2)$$

Note that  $(x \times -1, x \times 2) \cap I^2$  is a basis element of subspace topology.

- **Case II** ( $a_1 = x < a_2$ ):

$$x \times y \in (x \times b_1, x \times 2) \cap I^2 = [x \times b_1, x \times 1] = \{x\} \times (b_1, 1] \subset (a_1 \times b_1, a_2 \times b_2)$$

Note that  $(x \times b_1, x \times 2) \cap I^2$  is a basis element of subspace topology.

- **Case III** ( $a_1 < x = a_2$ ):

$$x \times y \in (x \times -1, x \times b_2) \cap I^2 = [x \times 0, x \times b_2] = \{x\} \times [0, b_2) \subset (a_1 \times b_1, a_2 \times b_2)$$

Note that  $(x \times -1, x \times b_2) \cap I^2$  is a basis element of subspace topology.

- **Case IV** ( $a_1 = x = a_2$ ):

$$x \times y \in (x \times b_1, x \times b_2) \cap I^2 = [x \times b_1, x \times b_2] = \{x\} \times [b_1, b_2) \subset (a_1 \times b_1, a_2 \times b_2)$$

Note that  $(x \times b_1, x \times b_2) \cap I^2$  is a basis element of subspace topology.

See figure 4.2

In above all four cases, we have found basis element of subspace topology that contain  $x \times y$  and contained in  $(a_1 \times b_1, a_2 \times b_2)$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{T}_2 \subsetneq \mathcal{T}_3$

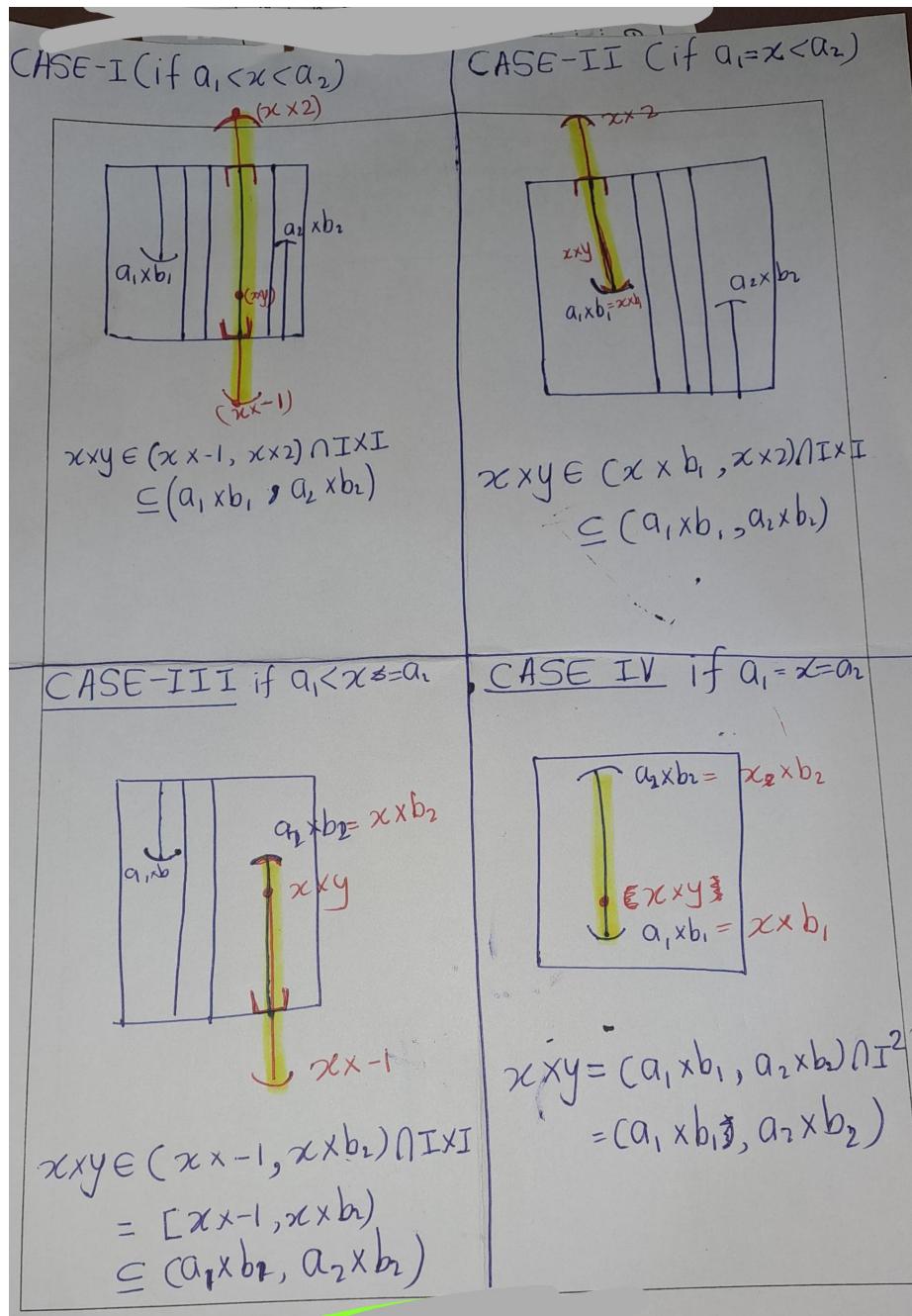
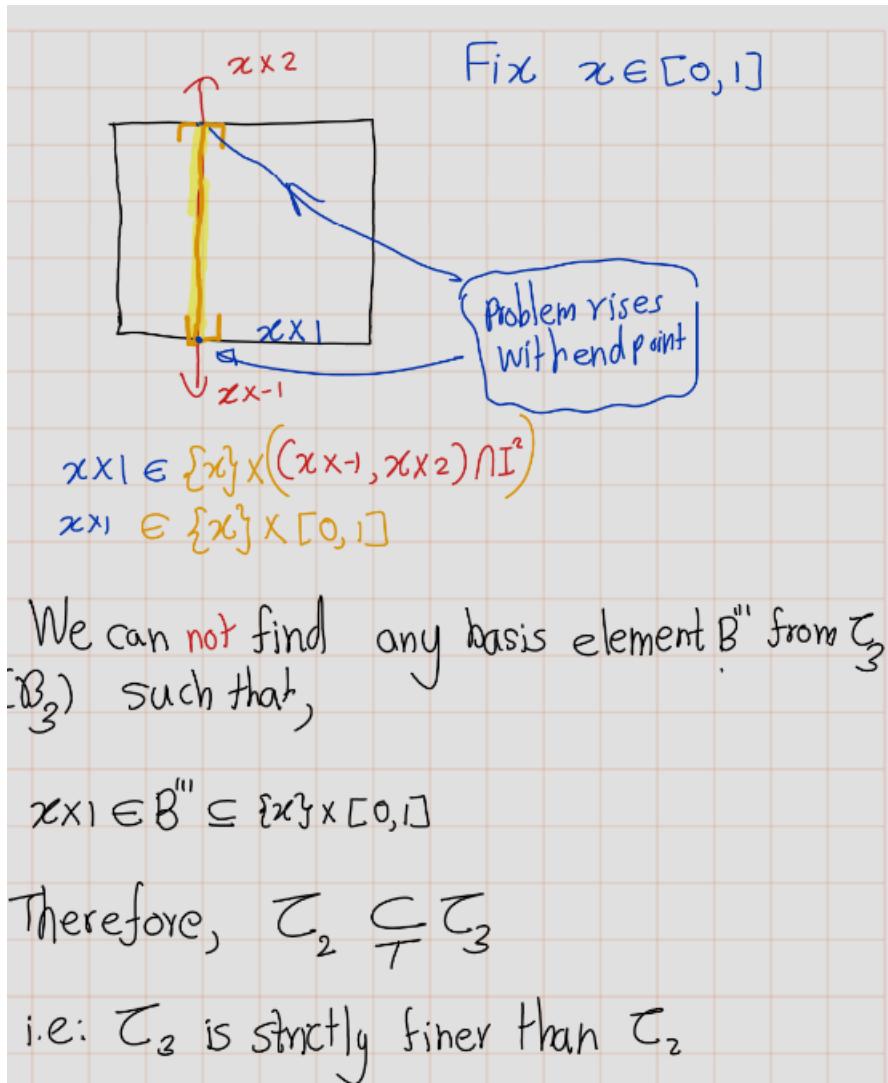


Figure 4.2:

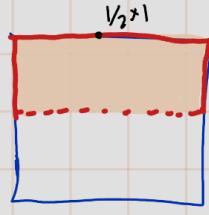


• claim:  $\mathcal{C}_1$  and  $\mathcal{C}_2$  are not comparable

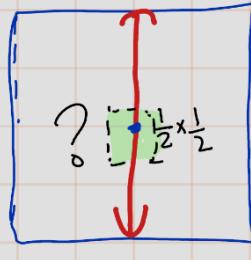
Let  $U = [0, 1] \times \left[\frac{1}{2}, 1\right] \in \mathcal{B}_1$ , and  
let  $\frac{1}{2} \times 1 \in U$

But there is no basis element in  $\mathcal{B}_2$  such  
that contains  $\frac{1}{2} \times 1$  and it contained in  $U$ .

Thus,  $\mathcal{C}_2 \not\subset \mathcal{C}_1$



Conversely, Let  $V = \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \right\} \times (0, 1) \in \mathcal{B}_2$  and  
 $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \in V$ .  
 But, there is no basis element in  $\mathcal{B}_1$  containing  $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$  and contained in  $V$ . So,  $\mathcal{C}_1 \not\subseteq \mathcal{C}_2$   
 Therefore,  $\mathcal{C}_1$  and  $\mathcal{C}_2$  are not comparable.



## 4.2 Section 17 in Munkress Book

**Exercise 4.10** (Mun 2.17.1). Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a collection of subsets of the set  $X$ . Suppose that  $\emptyset$  and  $X$  are in  $\mathcal{C}$ , and that finite unions and arbitrary intersections of elements of  $\mathcal{C}$  are in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Show that the collection

$$\mathcal{T} = \{X \setminus C \mid C \in \mathcal{C}\}$$

is a topology on  $X$ .

**Solution:**

*Proof.*

- (T1)

- $\emptyset \in \mathcal{C} \implies X \setminus \emptyset = X \in \mathcal{T}$ .
- $X \in \mathcal{C} \implies X \setminus X = \emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$

- (T2) Let  $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$  be family of elements in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then  $(X \setminus U_\alpha)_{\alpha \in J} \in \mathcal{T}$ . Then,

$$\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} (X \setminus U_\alpha) = X \setminus \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} U_\alpha$$

Since  $\mathcal{C}$  is closed arbitrary intersection,  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} \in \mathcal{C}$ . Thus,  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in J} (X \setminus U_\alpha) = X \setminus \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} U_\alpha \in \mathcal{T}$ .

- (T3) Let  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n \in \mathcal{C}$ . Then  $(X \setminus U_1), (X \setminus U_2), \dots, (X \setminus U_n) \in \mathcal{T}$ . Then,

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

Since  $\mathcal{C}$  is closed under finite union,  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i \in \mathcal{C}$ . Thus,  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n (X \setminus U_i) = X \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i \in \mathcal{T}$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{T}$  is a topology on  $X$ .

□

**Exercise 4.11** (Mun 2.17.2). Show that if  $A$  is closed in  $Y$  and  $Y$  is closed in  $X$ , then  $A$  is closed in  $X$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $A$  is closed in  $Y$  and  $Y$  is closed in  $X$ . □

*Proof.* Since  $Y$  is subspace in  $X$  and  $A$  is closed in  $Y$ , by theorem 1.3, then there exist closed set  $C$  in  $X$  such that

$$A = Y \cap C$$

Since,  $Y$  is closed in  $X$  and  $X$  is topological space,  $A = Y \cap C$  is closed in  $X$ . □