

Topology

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Theorem 3.16 Suppose that X is a set and \mathcal{S} is a collection of subsets X . Then \mathcal{S} is a subbasis for some topology on X if and only if every point of X is in some element of \mathcal{S} .

proof Since this statement is biconditional, this proof will be broken into two parts. Let \mathcal{B} denote the set of all finite intersections of sets in \mathcal{S} .

\Rightarrow Suppose that \mathcal{S} is a subbasis for some topology on X . Then by definition, the set of all intersections of members of \mathcal{S} , \mathcal{B} , forms a basis for a topology. Call this topology \mathcal{T} . Let p be arbitrary in X . Since by definition of a topology X must be open in \mathcal{T} , we have an open containing p . Since \mathcal{B} is a basis for \mathcal{T} , we know that there must exist some basic set V of \mathcal{B} such that $p \in V \subseteq X$. By construction of \mathcal{B} , $V = \bigcap_{i=0}^n S_i$ for elements $S_0, \dots, S_n \in \mathcal{S}$ and for some $n \in \mathbb{N}^0$. Since p is in this intersection, it follows that for each S_j being intersected over, $p \in S_j$. So there must be some $S \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $p \in S$. Since p is arbitrary in X , it follows that all points of X are in some element of \mathcal{S} .

\Leftarrow Suppose that each point in X is in some element of \mathcal{S} . We will now use theorem 3.3 to show that \mathcal{B} is the basis for some topology on X , which will show that \mathcal{S} forms the subbasis for some topology on X .

1. First we will need to show that every element of X is in some member of \mathcal{B} . Let p be an arbitrary element of X . By our supposition, there exists some $S \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $p \in S$. Consider the intersection of only S , which will just be S . Hence S is an element of \mathcal{B} which contains p . Since p was arbitrary in X , it follows that all points of X are in some member of \mathcal{B} .
2. Now let U and V be arbitrary elements of \mathcal{B} , and let p be arbitrary in $U \cap V$. Since U and V are elements of \mathcal{B} , by construction of \mathcal{B} we know that U and V are both finite intersections of elements in \mathcal{S} , hence their union is as well. This means that $U \cap V$ is itself in \mathcal{B} . So there is a basic element in \mathcal{B} , namely $U \cap V$, such that $p \in U \cap V \subseteq U \cap V$. Since U and V are arbitrary in \mathcal{B} , and p is arbitrary in $U \cap V$, it follows that the second criteria of Theorem 3.3 is met.

Since both the first and second criteria of Theorem 3.3 are satisfied, it follow that \mathcal{B} is the basis for some topology on X . Since \mathcal{B} is the set of all finite intersections of members of \mathcal{S} , it follows that \mathcal{S} forms the subbasis for some topology on X .

Theorem 3.30 Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be a topological space, and let Y be a subset of X . Given a basis \mathcal{B} of X , the set $\mathcal{B}_Y = \{B \cap Y : B \in \mathcal{B}\}$ is a basis for the subspace \mathcal{T}_Y .

proof We will use Theorem 3.1.

1. First, let x be arbitrary in Y . Since $Y \subseteq X$, and since \mathcal{B} is a basis for X , it follows by Theorem 3.1 that there exists some B such that $x \in B$. Since $x \in B$ and $x \in Y$, it follows by definition of the intersection that $x \in B \cap Y = B_Y$. Since $B \in \mathcal{B}$, it follows by construction of \mathcal{B}_Y that $B_Y \in \mathcal{B}_Y$. Hence there exists some basic set of \mathcal{B}_Y which contains x , namely B_Y . Since x is arbitrary in Y , the first requirement of Theorem 3.1 is satisfied in the case of \mathcal{B}_Y .
2. Now let U_Y be an arbitrary open set in the subspace induced by Y . Let p be an arbitrary point in U_Y . By definition of the subspace induced by Y we know that $U_Y = U \cap Y$ for some open U set in the space X . By definition of the intersection we know that $p \in U$ and $p \in Y$. Since $p \in U$ which is open in X , and \mathcal{B} forms a basis for the space X , it follows by Theorem 3.1 that there must exist some basic set $V \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $p \in V \subseteq U$.

Consider the set $V_Y = V \cap Y \in \mathcal{B}_Y$. Since, as we have shown, $p \in Y$ and $p \in V$, it follows by definition of the intersection that $p \in V \cap Y = V_Y$. We now need to show that $V_Y \subseteq U_Y$. To do so, let a be arbitrary in V_Y . Then by definition of V_Y and by definition of the intersection it follows that $a \in V$ and $a \in Y$. Since by construction $V \subseteq U$, it follows by definition of a subset that $a \in U$ as well. Since $a \in U$ and $a \in Y$, it follows by definition of the intersection that $a \in U \cap Y = U_Y$. Since a was arbitrary in V , it follows that $V_Y \subseteq U_Y$.

Having shown that there exists some basic set V_Y of \mathcal{B}_Y such that $p \in V_Y \subseteq U_Y$, and since U_Y is arbitrary in Y and p is arbitrary in U_Y , it follows that the second requirement of Theorem 3.1 is met.

Having shown that the requirements of Theorem 3.1 are met in the case of \mathcal{B}_Y and Y , it follows that \mathcal{B}_Y forms a basis for the subspace induced by Y .