



Figure 37.11: An example of an open set in the subspace topology for $\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid -1 \leq x \leq 1, -1 \leq y \leq 1, -1 \leq z \leq 1\}$. The open set is the corner region $ABCD$ and is obtained by intersection the cube $B_0((1, 1, 1), 1)$.

Proof. Left as an exercise. □

Definition 37.12. Given n topological spaces (E_i, \mathcal{O}_i) , the *product topology* on $E_1 \times \cdots \times E_n$ is the family \mathcal{P} of subsets of $E_1 \times \cdots \times E_n$ defined as follows: if

$$\mathcal{B} = \{U_1 \times \cdots \times U_n \mid U_i \in \mathcal{O}_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\},$$

then \mathcal{P} is the family consisting of arbitrary unions of sets in \mathcal{B} , including \emptyset . See Figure 37.12.

If each (E_i, d_{E_i}) is a metric space, there are three natural metrics that can be defined on $E_1 \times \cdots \times E_n$:

$$\begin{aligned} d_1((x_1, \dots, x_n), (y_1, \dots, y_n)) &= d_{E_1}(x_1, y_1) + \cdots + d_{E_n}(x_n, y_n), \\ d_2((x_1, \dots, x_n), (y_1, \dots, y_n)) &= ((d_{E_1}(x_1, y_1))^2 + \cdots + (d_{E_n}(x_n, y_n))^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \\ d_\infty((x_1, \dots, x_n), (y_1, \dots, y_n)) &= \max\{d_{E_1}(x_1, y_1), \dots, d_{E_n}(x_n, y_n)\}. \end{aligned}$$