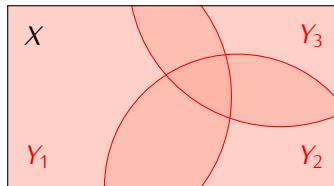


14 | Compact Spaces

14.1 Definition. Let X be a topological space. A *cover* of X is a collection $\mathcal{Y} = \{Y_i\}_{i \in I}$ of subsets of X such that $\bigcup_{i \in I} Y_i = X$.



If the sets Y_i are open in X for all $i \in I$ then \mathcal{Y} is an *open cover* of X . If \mathcal{Y} consists of finitely many sets then \mathcal{Y} is a *finite cover* of X .

14.2 Definition. Let $\mathcal{Y} = \{Y_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a cover of X . A *subcover* of \mathcal{Y} is cover \mathcal{Y}' of X such that every element of \mathcal{Y}' is in \mathcal{Y} .

14.4 Definition. A space X is *compact* if every open cover of X contains a finite subcover.

14.8 Proposition. *Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous function. If X is compact and f is onto then Y is compact.*

Proof. Exercise. □

14.9 Corollary. *Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous function. If $A \subseteq X$ is compact then $f(A) \subseteq Y$ is compact.*

14.10 Corollary. *Let X, Y be topological spaces. If X is compact and $Y \cong X$ then Y is compact.*

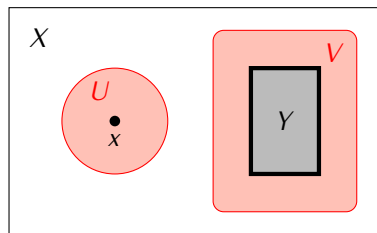
14.12 Proposition. *For any $a < b$ the closed interval $[a, b] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is compact.*

14.13 Proposition. *Let X be a compact space. If Y is a closed subspace of X then Y is compact.*

Proof. Exercise. □

14.14 Proposition. *Let X be a Hausdorff space and let $Y \subseteq X$. If Y is compact then it is closed in X .*

14.15 Lemma. *Let X be a Hausdorff space, let $Y \subseteq X$ be a compact subspace, and let $x \in X \setminus Y$. There exists open sets $U, V \subseteq X$ such that $x \in U$, $Y \subseteq V$ and $U \cap V = \emptyset$.*



14.16 Corollary. *Let X be a compact Hausdorff space. A subspace $Y \subseteq X$ is compact if and only if Y is closed in X .*

Proof. Let $A \subseteq X$ be a closed set. By Proposition 14.13 A is a compact space and thus by Corollary 14.9 $f(A)$ is a compact subspace of Y . Since Y is a Hausdorff space, using Proposition 14.14 we obtain that $f(A)$ is closed in Y . \square

14.18 Proposition. *Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous bijection. If X is a compact space and Y is a Hausdorff space then f is a homeomorphism.*

14.19 Theorem. *If X is a compact Hausdorff space then X is normal.*