

# Topology Homework 06

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**EXERCISE 3.1** Let  $X = \{(x, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , the x-axis in the plane. Describe the topology that  $X$  inherits as a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the standard topology.

$X$  inherits the standard topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**EXERCISE 3.2** Let  $Y = [-1, 1]$  has the standard topology. Which of the following sets are open in  $Y$  and which are open in  $\mathbb{R}$ ?

$$A = (-1, -1/2) \cup (1/2, 1)$$

$$B = (-1, -1/2] \cup [1/2, 1)$$

$$C = [-1, -1/2) \cup (1/2, 1]$$

$$D = [-1, -1/2] \cup [1/2, 1]$$

$$E = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{1}{1+n}, \frac{1}{n})$$

A, C, and E are open in Y
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A and E are open in $\mathbb{R}$
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**EXERCISE 3.3 Prove Theorem 3.4:** Let  $X$  be a topological space, and let  $Y \subseteq X$  have the subspace topology. Then  $C \subseteq Y$  is closed in  $Y$  if and only if  $C = D \cap Y$  for some closed set  $D$  in  $X$ .

**Proof.**

( $\rightarrow$ ) Assume  $C$  is closed in  $Y$ .

Let  $L_Y$  be the set of limit points of  $C$  in  $Y$ .

Let  $L_X$  be the set of limit points of  $C$  in  $X$ .

By Theorem 2.8,  $\text{Cl}(C)$  in  $Y = C \cup L_Y$  and  $\text{Cl}(C)$  in  $X = C \cup L_X$ .

Since  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $L_Y = L_X \cap Y$ .

Let  $D$  be  $\text{Cl}(C)$  in  $X$ . This makes  $D$  closed in  $X$ .

Notice that  $D \cap Y = (C \cup L_X) \cap Y = (C \cap Y) \cup (L_X \cap Y) = C \cup L_Y$

This means  $D \cap Y = \text{Cl}(C)$  in  $Y$ .

Since  $C$  is closed in  $Y$ ,  $\text{Cl}(C) = C$ .

Thus,  $C = D \cap Y$  for some closed set  $D$  in  $X$ .

□

( $\leftarrow$ ) Assume  $C = D \cap Y$  for some closed set  $D$  in  $X$ .

Since  $D$  is closed in  $X$ ,  $X - D$  is open in  $X$ .

By the definition of the subspace topology,  $(X - D) \cap Y$  is open in  $Y$ .

So  $Y - D$  is open in  $Y$ , so its complement,  $D \cap Y$ , is closed in  $Y$ .

Thus,  $C$  is closed in  $Y$ .

□

$\therefore C \subseteq Y$  is closed in  $Y$  if and only if  $C = D \cap Y$  for some closed set  $D$  in  $X$

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**EXERCISE 3.4** Let  $Y = (0, 5]$ . In each case, is the set open, closed, both or neither in  $Y$  in the standard topology?

(a)  $(0, 1)$  (b)  $(0, 1]$  (c)  $\{1\}$  (d)  $(0, 5]$  (e)  $(1, 2)$   
(f)  $[1, 2)$  (g)  $(1, 2]$  (h)  $[1, 2]$  (i)  $(4, 5]$  (j)  $[4, 5]$

- (a) Open
- (b) Closed
- (c) Closed
- (d) Open and Closed
- (e) Open
- (f) Neither
- (g) Neither
- (h) Open
- (i) Open and Closed
- (j) Closed

**EXERCISE 3.5** Let  $Y = (0, 5]$  have the subspace topology inherited from  $\mathbb{R}$  with the lower limit topology. In each case, is the set open, closed, both or neither in  $Y$  in this topology?

(a)  $(0, 1)$  (b)  $(0, 1]$  (c)  $\{1\}$  (d)  $(0, 5]$  (e)  $(1, 2)$

(f)  $[1, 2)$  (g)  $(1, 2]$  (h)  $[1, 2]$  (i)  $(4, 5]$  (j)  $[4, 5]$

- (a) Open
- (b) Closed
- (c) Closed
- (d) Open and Closed
- (e) Open
- (f) Open and Closed
- (g) Neither
- (h) Open
- (i) Open and Closed
- (j) Open and Closed

**EXERCISE 3.6** Let  $Y = (0, 4] \cup \{5\}$ , In each case, is the set open, closed, both or neither in  $Y$  in the standard topology?

(a)  $(0, 1)$  (b)  $(0, 1]$  (c)  $\{1\}$  (d)  $(0, 4]$  (e)  $(1, 2)$

(f)  $[1, 4)$  (g)  $(1, 4]$  (h)  $[1, 4]$  (i)  $\{4\}$  (j)  $\{4, 5\}$

- (a) Open
- (b) Closed
- (c) Closed
- (d) Open and Closed
- (e) Open
- (f) Neither
- (g) Open
- (h) Closed
- (i) Closed
- (j) Closed

**EXERCISE 3.7** Let  $X$  be a Hausdorff topological space, and  $Y$  be a subset of  $X$ . Prove that the subspace topology on  $Y$  is Hausdorff.

**Proof.**

Let  $X$  be a Hausdorff topological space and let  $Y$  be a subset of  $X$ .

Consider two distinct points  $p$  and  $q$  in  $Y$ .

Since  $X$  is Hausdorff, there exist two disjoint open sets  $U_p$  and  $U_q$  in  $X$  such that  $p \in U_p$  and  $q \in U_q$ .

Let  $V_p = U_p \cap Y$  and  $V_q = U_q \cap Y$ .

$V_p$  and  $V_q$  are thus open sets in the subspace topology on  $Y$ .

Since  $V_p \subseteq U_p$  and  $V_q \subseteq U_q$ ,  $V_p$  and  $V_q$  must be disjoint.

Thus, for every distinct points  $p$  and  $q$ , there exist two disjoint neighborhoods of  $p$  and  $q$  in the subspace topology on  $Y$ .

Thus, the subspace topology on  $Y$  is Hausdorff.

$\therefore$  If  $X$  is a Hausdorff space and  $Y \subseteq X$ , then the subspace topology on  $Y$  is Hausdorff.

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**EXERCISE 3.8** Let  $X$  be a topological space, and let  $Y \subseteq X$  have the subspace topology.

(a) If  $A$  is open in  $Y$ , and  $Y$  is open in  $X$ , show that  $A$  is open in  $X$ .

(b) If  $A$  is closed in  $Y$ , and  $Y$  is closed in  $X$ , show that  $A$  is closed in  $X$ .

(a) Since  $A$  is open in  $Y$ ,  $A = B \cap Y$  for some open set  $B \subseteq X$ .

Since  $B$  and  $Y$  are both open in  $X$ ,  $B \cap Y$  is open in  $X$ .

Thus,  $A$  is open in  $X$ .

□

(b)  $A$  is closed in  $Y$ , so  $A = B \cap Y$  for a closed set  $B \subseteq X$  by Theorem 3.4.

Since  $B$  and  $Y$  are both closed in  $X$ ,  $B \cap Y$  is closed in  $X$ .

Thus,  $A$  is closed in  $X$ .

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**EXERCISE 3.9**

(a) Let  $K = \{\frac{1}{n} \in \mathbb{R} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}_+\}$ . Show that the standard topology on  $K$  is the discrete topology.

(b) Let  $K^* = K \cup \{0\}$ . Show that the standard topology on  $K^*$  is not the discrete topology.

(a) Consider a singleton set  $\{\frac{1}{n}\} \subseteq K$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$\text{Let } a_n = \text{avg}(\frac{1}{n+1}, \frac{1}{n}) = \frac{n+1/2}{n(n+1)}.$$

$$\text{Let } b_n = \text{avg}(\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n-1}) = \frac{n-1/2}{n(n-1)}.$$

$$(a_n, b_n) \cap K = \{\frac{1}{n}\}.$$

So  $\{\frac{1}{n}\}$  is an open set in the standard topology on  $K$ .

So every singleton set in  $K$  is an open set.

Consider a set  $U \subset K$ .

By the Union lemma,  $U = \bigcup_{x \in U} \{x\}$ .

Since  $U$  is a union of open sets,  $U$  is an open set.

So all subsets of  $K$  are open sets.

$\therefore$  The standard topology on  $K$  is the discrete topology.

□

(b) Consider  $\{0\} \subseteq K^*$ .

Consider a neighborhood of  $(a, b) \subseteq K^*$  such that  $0 \in (a, b)$ .

Thus, we have  $a < 0 < b$ .

Between any two real numbers is a rational number.

Thus,  $\exists m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \ni a < \frac{m}{n} < 0$ .

So  $\exists n, \in \mathbb{Z} \ni a < \frac{1}{n} < 0$ .

So  $\frac{1}{n} \in (a, b)$ .

Thus, all open sets containing 0 have more than one element.

So  $\{0\}$  is not an open set in  $K^*$ .

$\therefore$  The standard topology on  $K^*$  is not the discrete topology.

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**EXERCISE 3.10** Show that the standard topology on  $\mathbb{Q}$ , the set of rational numbers is not the discrete topology.

Let  $(a, b)$  be an open set containing 0.

Between any two real numbers is a rational number.

Thus,  $\exists m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \ni a < \frac{m}{n} < 0$ .

So  $\exists n, \in \mathbb{Z} \ni a < \frac{1}{n} < 0$ .

So  $\frac{1}{n} \in (a, b)$ .

Thus, all open sets containing 0 have more than one element.

So  $\{0\}$  is not an open set in  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

$\therefore$  The standard topology on  $\mathbb{Q}$  is not the discrete topology.

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**EXERCISE 3.12** Is the finite complement topology on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  the same as the product topology on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  that results from taking the product  $\mathbb{R}_{fc} \times \mathbb{R}_{fc}$ , where  $\mathbb{R}_{fc}$  is  $\mathbb{R}$  in the finite complement topology? Justify your answer.

Those two topologies are not the same.

Consider the set  $U = \mathbb{R} - \{0\} \times \mathbb{R}$ .  $U$  is open in the product topology on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  that results from taking the product  $\mathbb{R}_{fc} \times \mathbb{R}_{fc}$  by Definition 3.6.

It is easy to see that  $U$  does not have a finite complement and thus is not open in the finite complement topology on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Since the topologies do not share all elements, they are not the same.

**EXERCISE 3.13** Let  $X = PP\mathbb{R}_{(0,0)}^2$ , the particular point topology on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the origin serving as the particular point. Is  $X$  the same as the topology that results from taking the product of  $\mathbb{R}$  with itself, where each  $\mathbb{R}$  has the particular point topology  $PP\mathbb{R}_0$ ? Justify your answer.

$X$  is the same topology.

Consider an open set  $U \times V$  in the product topology formed by  $PP\mathbb{R}_0$  crossed with itself.

$0 \in U$  and  $0 \in V$ , so  $(0, 0) \in U \times V$ .

Thus, the product topology with  $PP\mathbb{R}_0$  is a subset of  $PP\mathbb{R}_{(0,0)}$ .

Consider an open set  $U$  in  $X$ .

For every point  $(x, y) \in U$  let  $V_{(x,y)} = \{x, 0\} \times \{y, 0\}$ .

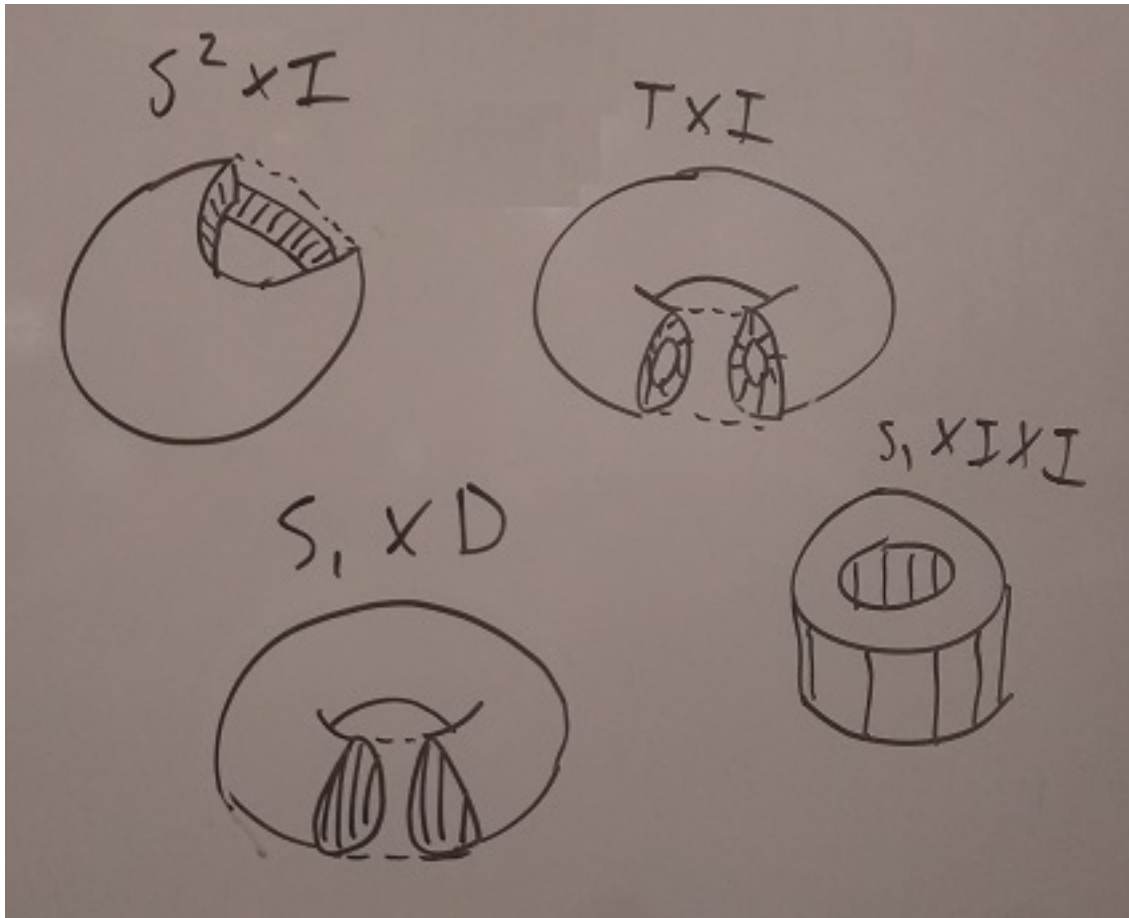
By the union lemma,  $U = \bigcup_{(x,y) \in W} V_{(x,y)}$ .

This is also a union of open sets in the product topology formed by  $PP\mathbb{R}_0$  crossed with itself, which is an open set in said topology.

Thus,  $X$  is a subset of the product topology with  $PP\mathbb{R}_0$ .

Therefore, the product topology with  $PP\mathbb{R}_0$  is the same as  $X$ .

**EXERCISE 3.16** Let  $S^2$  be the sphere,  $D$  be the disk,  $T$  be the torus,  $S^1$  be the circle, and  $I = [0, 1]$  with the standard topology. Draw pictures of the product spaces  $S^2 \times I$ ,  $T \times I$ ,  $S^1 \times I \times I$ , and  $S^1 \times D$ .



**EXERCISE 3.17** If  $L$  is a line in the plane, describe the subspace topology it inherits from  $\mathbb{R}_l \times \mathbb{R}$  and from  $\mathbb{R}_l \times \mathbb{R}_l$ , where  $\mathbb{R}_l$  is the real line in the lower limit topology. Note that the result depends on the slope of the line. In all cases, it is a familiar topology.

If  $L$  is a vertical line, it inherits the standard topology on  $\mathbb{R}$  from  $\mathbb{R}_l \times \mathbb{R}$ . Otherwise, it inherits  $\mathbb{R}_l$ . Unions of open intervals as well as intervals closed at the lower limit are open sets in these non-vertical lines, all of which are open in the lower limit topology.

$L$  inherits  $\mathbb{R}_l$  from  $\mathbb{R}_l \times \mathbb{R}_l$  in all cases.

**EXERCISE 3.18** Show that if  $X$  and  $Y$  are Hausdorff spaces, then so is the product space  $X \times Y$ .

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Hausdorff spaces.

Consider two distinct points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  in the product space  $X \times Y$ .

Since the points are distinct, either  $x_1 \neq x_2$  or  $y_1 \neq y_2$ .

Without loss of generality, let  $x_1 \neq x_2$ .

Since  $X$  is Hausdorff  $\exists U, V \in \mathcal{X} \ni x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ .

Let  $U' = U \times Y$  and  $V' = V \times Y$ .

$(x_1, y_1) \in U'$  and  $(x_2, y_2) \in V'$

Since  $U$  and  $V$  are disjoint,  $U'$  and  $V'$  are disjoint.

Thus, for any two distinct points in the product space  $X \times Y$ , there exist disjoint subsets that contain those points.

Therefore, the product space  $X \times Y$  is Hausdorff.

**EXERCISE 3.19** Show that if  $A$  is closed in  $X$  and  $B$  is closed in  $Y$ , then  $A \times B$  is closed in  $X \times Y$ .

For sake of readability, let  $'$  denote the complement of a set.

Assume  $A$  and  $B$  are closed in  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively.

$A'$  and  $B'$  are both open in  $X$  and  $Y$ .

So  $A' \times Y$  and  $X' \times B$  are open in  $X \times Y$ .

This means  $(A' \times Y)'$  and  $(X' \times B)'$  are both closed in  $X \times Y$ .

Thus,  $(A' \times Y)' \cap (X' \times B)'$  is closed in  $X \times Y$ .

$$A \times B = A \times Y \cap X \times B$$

$$A \times B = (A' \times Y)' \cap (X' \times B)'$$

$\therefore A \times B$  is closed in  $X \times Y$

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**EXERCISE 3.20** Show that if  $A \subseteq X$  and  $B \subseteq Y$ , then  $\text{Cl}(A \times B) = \text{Cl}(A) \times \text{Cl}(B)$ .

In Exercise 3.19, we have shown that if  $A$  is closed in  $X$  and  $B$  is closed in  $Y$ , then  $A \times B$  is closed in  $X \times Y$ .

Since  $A \subseteq \text{Cl}(A)$  and  $B \subseteq \text{Cl}(B)$   $A \times B \subseteq \text{Cl}(A) \times \text{Cl}(B)$ .

$\text{Cl}(A)$  and  $\text{Cl}(B)$  are both closed, so  $\text{Cl}(A) \times \text{Cl}(B)$  is closed in  $X \times Y$ .

Thus,  $\text{Cl}(A \times B) \subseteq \text{Cl}(A) \times \text{Cl}(B)$ .

□

Let  $(x, y) \in \text{Cl}(A) \times \text{Cl}(B)$ .

Let  $H$  be an open set in  $X \times Y$  containing  $(x, y)$ .

Since  $H$  is open, it can be written as  $U \times V$ , where  $U$  and  $V$  are open in  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively.

Since  $x \in \text{Cl}(A)$ ,  $U$  has to intersect  $A$  at a point other than  $x$ , by Theorem 2.8. Call it  $x'$ . (Axiom of choice)

Thus,  $H$  intersects  $A \times B$  at  $(x', y)$ .

So for every open set  $H$  containing  $(x, y)$ ,  $H$  intersects  $A \times B$  at a point other than  $(x, y)$ .

That makes  $(x, y)$  a limit point of  $A \times B$ .

So, by Theorem 2.8,  $(x, y) \in \text{Cl}(A \times B)$ .

Thus,  $\text{Cl}(A) \times \text{Cl}(B) \subseteq \text{Cl}(A \times B)$ .

□

$\therefore \text{Cl}(A \times B) = \text{Cl}(A) \times \text{Cl}(B)$ .

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