

MATH 142: Elementary Algebraic Topology

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Chapter 1

Topology

1.1 August 24

1.1.1 What is Algebraic Topology

Recall Metric Spaces: (X, d) , X is a set, d is a metric on X (ie. $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$)

1. $d(x, y) = 0$ exactly if $x = y$
2. $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$
3. $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$

Let V be a vector space, let $\|\cdot\|$ be a norm on V , let $d(v, w) = \|v - w\|$

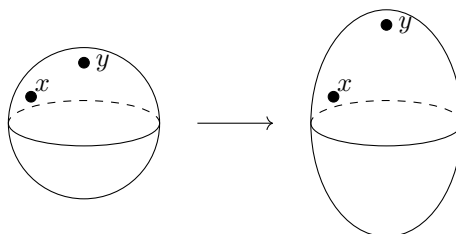
- \mathbb{R}^n : $\|(r_j)\|_2 = (\sum |r_j|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ - Euclidean Norm, $\|(r_j)\|_1 = \sum |r_j|$, $\|(r_j)\|_\infty = \max |r_j|$

If (X, d) is a metric space and if $Y \subseteq X$, let d^Y be the restriction of d to $Y \times Y$. Then (Y, d^Y) is a metric space.

Metric spaces \leftrightarrow geometry: length, area, size of angles.

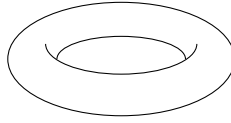
Let X be a balloon on \mathbb{R}^3

- Two natural metrics: inherited metric from \mathbb{R}^3 , path-length metric (eg. length of shortest path on surface between two points)
- Consider a deformation:



the shapes have different Euclidean distances but still have an underlying commonality

- We also observe that the balloon cannot be continuously deformed into the shape below:



We want to be able to prove such things without embedding into a metric space. This is done by attaching algebraic objects to topological spaces such that their isomorphism classes don't change under continuous deformation.

1.1.2 Continuity

Let (X, d^X) and (Y, d^Y) be two metric spaces. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function. Let $x_0 \in X$. We say f is continuous at x_0 if for all $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that if $d^X(x, x_0) < \delta$ then $d^Y(f(x), f(x_0)) < \varepsilon$.

- Let (X, d) be a metric space. By the open ball of radius r about x_0 , we mean $B(x_0, r) = \{x \in X : d(x, x_0) < r\}$ (closed ball is $\{x \in X : d(x, x_0) \leq r\}$)
- the above definition can be rephrased as: for any $B(f(x_0), \varepsilon)$ there is an open ball $B(x_0, \delta)$ such that if $x \in B(x_0, \delta)$ then $f(x) \in B(f(x_0), \varepsilon)$.
eg. For every open ball B_1 about $f(x_0)$ there is an open ball B_2 about x_0 such that if $x \in B_2$ then $f(x) \in B_1$

Definition 1.1.1. For (X, d) a metric space, by a neighborhood of a point $x \in X$, we mean any subset of X that contains an open ball about x .

- rephrasing the definition again we get: For any neighborhood $N_{f(x_0)}$ of $f(x_0)$ there is a neighborhood N_{x_0} of x_0 such that if $x \in N_{x_0}$ then $f(x) \in N_{f(x_0)}$

Definition 1.1.2. $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous if it is continuous at each point of X .

1.2 August 26

1.2.1 Continuity

Recall: Given (X, d^X) , (Y, d^Y) and $f : X \rightarrow Y$, f is continuous at x_0 if for any open ball B_1 about $f(x_0)$ there is an open ball B_2 about x_0 such that if $x \in B_2$ then $f(x) \in B_1$, ie. $B_2 \subseteq f^{-1}(B_1)$

Definition 1.2.1. Let (X, d) be a metric space. Let $U \subseteq X$. We say that U is open if for every $x \in U$ there is an open ball B about x such that $B \subseteq U$, ie. U is a neighborhood of each point it contains.

We say $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous if it is continuous at each point of X .

Let U be an open set in Y , $x \in X$ with $f(x) \in U$. For each ball B_1 in U about $f(x)$, there is an open ball about x $B_2 \subseteq X$ such that if $x' \in B_2$ then $f(x') \in B_1$, ie. $B_2 \subseteq f^{-1}(B_1) \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$
ie. if $x \in f^{-1}(U)$ then there is an open ball B_2 about x with $B_2 \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$

ie. $f^{-1}(U)$ is open

Conversely, if the preimage $f^{-1}(U)$ of every open set U in Y is open, then f is continuous. This is because if $x_0 \in X$, B_1 an open ball about $f(x_0)$, then $f^{-1}(B_1)$ is open in X . $f(x_0) \in B_1$ so we have an open ball $B_2 \subseteq X$ about x_0 such that $B_2 \subseteq f^{-1}(B_1)$ so f is continuous at x_0 .

Thus, $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous exactly if for any open U in Y , $f^{-1}(U)$ is open in X .

1.2.2 Topology

Let (X, d) be a metric space. Let J be the collection of open subsets in X of d . J has the following properties:

1. $X \in J$, $\emptyset \in J$
2. an arbitrary, maybe infinite, union of open sets is open
3. a finite intersection of open sets is open.

Proof (of (3)). If U_1, \dots, U_n are open sets and $x \in U_1 \cap \dots \cap U_n$ then there are $r_1, \dots, r_n \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $B(x, r_j) \subseteq U_j$ for $j = 1, \dots, n$. Let $r = \min\{r_1, \dots, r_n\}$, then $B(x, r) \subseteq U_j$ for each j so $B(x, r) \subseteq U_1 \cap \dots \cap U_n$. Thus, $U_1 \cap \dots \cap U_n$ is open.

Note: This does not hold for infinite intersections, consider $\bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}} B(x, \frac{1}{n}) = \{x\}$ in the plane.

This motivates the following definition:

Definition 1.2.2. Let X be a set. By a topology on X we mean a collection, \mathcal{T} , of subsets of X (called the open sets of the topology) satisfying **1**, **2**, and **3** above.

Definition 1.2.3. If (X, \mathcal{T}^X) , (Y, \mathcal{T}^Y) are topological spaces, $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous if for every $U \in \mathcal{T}^Y$, $f^{-1}(U) \in \mathcal{T}^X$.

Example 1.2.4. Given X , let \mathcal{T}_X be all subsets of X . This is called the discrete topology on X .

- This topology can also be given by the metric $d(x, y) = 1$ if $x \neq y$

Definition 1.2.5. If $\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2$ are topologies on X , we say \mathcal{T}_1 is bigger, or finer, than \mathcal{T}_2 if $\mathcal{T}_1 \supseteq \mathcal{T}_2$.

- the discrete topology is the biggest topology on X .

Example 1.2.6. $\mathcal{T} = \{X, \emptyset\}$, called the indiscrete topology on X .

Note: this topology can not be given by a metric if X has 2 or more points.

1.3 August 29

1.3.1 Bases and Subbases

Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be a topological space.

Definition 1.3.1. A subset A of X is said to be closed if $A' (X - A)$ is open.

Let \mathcal{C} be the collection of closed subsets

1. $X, \emptyset \in \mathcal{C}$
2. any (maybe infinite) intersection of closed sets is closed
3. A finite union of closed sets is closed

Let X be a set, any (maybe infinite) intersection of topologies on X is a topology on X .

Thus, for any \mathcal{S} , a subset of X , there is a smallest topology that contains \mathcal{S} , namely the intersection of all topologies that contain \mathcal{S} . We say that \mathcal{S} generates this topology.

Definition 1.3.2. If \mathcal{S} has the property that $\bigcup(U \in \mathcal{S}) = X$, then \mathcal{S} is called a subbasis of the topology it generates.

Let $\mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{S}}$ be the collection of all finite intersection of elements of \mathcal{S} , then the intersection of a finite number of elements of $\mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{S}}$ is in $\mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{S}}$.

Let \mathcal{I} be a collection of subsets of X (union of elements of \mathcal{I} is X) with the property that the intersection of a finite number of elements of \mathcal{I} is in \mathcal{I} . Then the collection, \mathcal{T} , of arbitrary unions of elements of \mathcal{I} is a topology (the smallest topology containing \mathcal{I})

Why is a finite intersection of elements of \mathcal{T} in \mathcal{T} ?

Suppose $\mathcal{O}_1 = \bigcup_{\alpha} U_{\alpha}^1$, $\mathcal{O}_2 = \bigcup_{\beta} U_{\beta}^2$ with $U_{\alpha}^1, U_{\beta}^2 \in \mathcal{I}$, then $\mathcal{O}_1 \cap \mathcal{O}_2 = (\bigcup U_{\alpha}^1) \cap (\bigcup U_{\beta}^2) = \bigcup_{\alpha, \beta} (U_{\alpha}^1 \cap U_{\beta}^2)$.

Definition 1.3.3. Given a topological space (X, \mathcal{T}) , a base for it is a set of subsets, \mathcal{B} , of \mathcal{T} , with the property that every element of \mathcal{T} is a (maybe infinite) union of elements of \mathcal{B} .

If \mathcal{S} is a subbase for \mathcal{T} , then $\mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{S}}$ is a base for \mathcal{T} .

Note: definition does not require \mathcal{B} to be closed under finite intersection

(X, d) is a metric space, let \mathcal{B} be the set of open balls. Then \mathcal{B} is a base for the metric topology but usually the intersection of two open balls is not an open ball.

The intersection of finitely many elements of \mathcal{B} is the union of elements of \mathcal{B} .

Let $(X, \mathcal{T}^X), (Y, \mathcal{T}^Y)$ be topological spaces, and \mathcal{S} a subbase of \mathcal{T}^Y . Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$, then f is continuous if for every $U \in \mathcal{S}$, $f^{-1}(U) \in \mathcal{T}^X$.

Example 1.3.4. For $X = \mathbb{R}$, $\mathcal{S} = \{(-\infty, a), (b, +\infty) : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ generates the usual topology.

1.4 August 31

1.4.1 Initial Topologies

Definition 1.4.1. Let X be a set. Suppose we have a collection of topologies $(Y_{\alpha}, \mathcal{T}_{\alpha})$, and for each α a function $f_{\alpha} : X \rightarrow Y_{\alpha}$. The smallest topology \mathcal{T} such that each f_{α} is continuous is called the initial topology.

For each α , $U \in \mathcal{T}_{\alpha}$, must have $f_{\alpha}^{-1}(U) \in \mathcal{T}$ so a subbase of \mathcal{T} is $\{f_{\alpha}^{-1}(U) : \text{for all } \alpha, U \in \mathcal{T}_{\alpha}\}$

Example 1.4.2. Have (Y, \mathcal{T}^Y) , let X be a subset of Y . $f : X \hookrightarrow Y$ by $f(x) = x$.

Initial topology on X has subbase $f^{-1}(U) = U \cap X \subseteq X$ for $U \in \mathcal{T}^Y$. Further, $\{U \cap X : U \in \mathcal{T}^Y\}$ is a topology. This topology is called the relative topology on X .

Example 1.4.3. $Y = \mathbb{R}$, $X = [0, 1]$, relative topology contains $[0, \frac{1}{2})$, not in the original topology

Example 1.4.4. Let $(X, \mathcal{T}^X), (Y, \mathcal{T}^Y)$ be topological spaces. Form set $X \times Y = \{(x, y) \mid x \in X, y \in Y\}$.

We have projections $p^X : X \times Y \rightarrow X$ and $p^Y : X \times Y \rightarrow Y$. The initial topology has basis $(p^X)^{-1}(U) = U \times Y$ for $U \in \mathcal{T}^X$, $(p^Y)^{-1}(V) = X \times V$ for $V \in \mathcal{T}^Y$.

Further, $(U \times Y) \cap (X \times V) = U \times V$ (rectangle) so the open sets of the initial topology consist of all arbitrary unions of rectangles $U \times V$ for $U \in \mathcal{T}^X, V \in \mathcal{T}^Y$, called the product topology on $X \times Y$.

Example 1.4.5. $\mathbb{R}^2 = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$. The product topology contains rectangles $(a, b) \times (c, d)$

Gives same topology as the euclidean metric

- Given $(X_1, \mathcal{T}^{X_1}), (X_2, \mathcal{T}^{X_2}), \dots, (X_n, \mathcal{T}^{X_n})$ can form $X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n$ with projections $p_i : X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n \rightarrow X_i$. The product topology is generated by “rectangles” $U_1 \times U_2 \times \dots \times U_n$ with $U_i \in \mathcal{T}^{X_i}$
- Suppose for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have (X_n, \mathcal{T}^n) , can form $\prod X_n$ with $p_j : \prod X_n \rightarrow X_j, \forall j$.
Only needs to contain finite intersections so we have a base of $U_1 \times U_2 \times \dots \times U_m \times X_{m+1} \times X_{m+2} \times \dots$ with $U_j \in \mathcal{T}^j$.

Example 1.4.6. $X_j = \{0, 1\}$ with discrete topology. $\prod_{j=1}^{\infty} X_j$ not discrete, also compact.

Example 1.4.7. $C([0, 1])$, set of continuous functions on $[0, 1]$, $\|f\|_{\infty} = \sup\{f(t) : t \in [0, 1]\} \rightarrow$ metric $d(f, g) = \|f - g\|_{\infty}$

Given an normed vector space $(V, \|\cdot\|)$, let $V' =$ all continuous linear functionals on V .

eg. for $g \in C([0, 1])$ we have $\varphi_g(f) = \int_0^1 f(t)g(t)dt$

For $C([0, 1]) \xrightarrow{\varphi_g} \mathbb{R}$, given topology not the smallest that makes each φ_g continuous.

1.5 September 2

1.5.1 Quotient Topologies

Definition 1.5.1. Let Y be a set. Let $(X_{\alpha}, \mathcal{T}_{\alpha})$ be a topology with, for each α , a function $f_{\alpha} : Y_{\alpha} \rightarrow Y$. The final topology is the largest topology that makes each f_{α} continuous.

So for $A \subset Y$, in order for A to be in \mathcal{T} need $f_{\alpha}^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{T}_{\alpha}$ for all α .

For fixed α , we want $\{A \in Y : f_{\alpha}^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{T}_{\alpha}\}$. This is a topology, denote it \mathcal{T}_{α}^Y . It follows that $T = \bigcap_{\alpha} \mathcal{T}_{\alpha}^Y$

Let Y be a set (X, \mathcal{T}^X) , $f : X \rightarrow Y$, we require f is onto Y . Then $\{A \subseteq Y : f^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{T}^X\}$ is the smallest topology that makes f continuous. It is called the quotient topology.

Other view: Let X, Y be sets, $f : X \rightarrow Y$ onto. Then f defines an equivalence relation on X by $x_1 \sim x_2$ if $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$.

If we have an equivalence relation on a set, it defines a partition of the set.

If you have a partition, P , of a set X , then a set P is a set where the elements are nonempty subsets of X . Then define $f : X \rightarrow P$, where $f(x)$ is the element, A , of P such that $x \in A$. Then $f : X \rightarrow P$ onto.

Definition 1.5.2. (X, \mathcal{T}^X) and (Y, \mathcal{T}^Y) are homeomorphic if their $f : X \rightarrow Y$, one to one, onto such that f and f^{-1} are continuous.

Example 1.5.3. $\mathbb{R}_d = (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T})$ with discrete topology.

Consider $\mathbb{R}_d \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}$ by $f(t) = t$. f is one to one, onto, and continuous but f^{-1} not continuous so it is not a homeomorphism.

Example 1.5.4. Let $X = [0, 1]$, define an equivalence relation $0 \sim 1$ and $r \not\sim s$ if $r \neq s$ and $0 < r < 1$. $[0, 1]/\sim$ homeomorphic to the circle. Let $f(t) = e^{2\pi it}$, we see $f(0) = f(1)$, f is a homeomorphism.
(Insert Figure)

Example 1.5.5. $X = [0, 1] \times [0, 2]$

(Insert Figure) equivalence relation defined by $(0, r) \sim (2, r)$ for $0 \leq r \leq 1$

Quotient space is homeomorphic to a cylinder.

Suppose we define $(0, 1) \sim (2, 1 - r)$ $0 \leq r \leq 1$

(Insert Figure) Quotient space homeomorphic to the mobius strip.

Example 1.5.6. Let X be the unit sphere $\mathbb{R}^3 = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \|v\| = 1\}$.

Put an equivalence relation: for $v \in X$, $v \sim -v$

X/\sim is called a projective space.

1.6 September 7

1.6.1 Group Actions on Topological Spaces

For a topological spaces (X, \mathcal{T}) the set of homeomorphisms of X to X forms a group under composition, auto-homeomorphisms, $\text{Aut}((X, \mathcal{T}))$

Then if G is a group, then of an action of G on a topological space is a group homomorphism $\alpha, \alpha : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}((X, \mathcal{T}))$, so for each $g \in G$, α_g is a homeomorphism if (X, \mathcal{T})

$$\alpha_{g_1} \circ \alpha_{g_2} = \alpha_{g_1 g_2}, \alpha_{g_1^{-1}} = (\alpha_{g_1})^{-1}$$

Definition 1.6.1. For an action α , of G on some set X , given $x_0 \in X$, the orbit of x_0 for the action α is $\{\alpha_g(x_0) : g \in G\}$. The orbits form a partition of X . (orbits of $\alpha_g(x_0)$ same as x_0 , $\alpha_{g_1^{-1}}(\alpha_g(x_0)) = x_0$)

Let X/α be the set of orbits. Have “quotient map” $X \rightarrow X/\alpha$ by $x \mapsto \text{orbit of } x$.

If X has a topology and α acts by homeomorphism, puts quotient topology on X/α

Example 1.6.2. Symmetry of letters:

$X = A$ given $Z_2 = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ act by reflection. $X/\alpha =$ (Insert Figure)

$X = H$, $Z_2 \times Z_2$, $X/\alpha =$ (Insert Figure)

Example 1.6.3. Let $G = \mathbb{Z}$, let $X = \mathbb{R}$, let α be an action of \mathbb{Z} on \mathbb{R} by translation, $\alpha_n(t) = t + n$

each of $\{\dots, t_0 - 1, t_0, t_0 + 1, \dots\}$. What is \mathbb{R}/α

Example 1.6.4. A fundamental domain for α is a subset of X that contains exactly one element of each orbit.

- For the above example, fundamental domain $[0, 1)$ with open subsets “wrapped around edges” so \mathbb{R}/α is homeomorphic to the circle. Homeomorphism given by $t = e^{2\pi it}$, constant on equivalence classes.

Example 1.6.5. The antipodal relation on the unit sphere with $v \sim -v$ acted on by $Z_2 = (0, 1)$ by $\alpha_1(v) = -v$

Let Y be set of all lines in \mathbb{R}^3 through 0. Let $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$, have an action on \mathbb{R}^3 by $\alpha_t(r, s, v) = (tr, ts, tv)$

Orbits in $\mathbb{R}^3 - \{0\}$, set of all lines through 0, (with 0 removed). Each line intersects the unit sphere in 2 antipodal points. Quotient topology gives a topology on the set of lines.

1.6.2 Connectedness

Definition 1.6.6. A topological space (X, \mathcal{T}) is connect if it does have two, nonempty, disjoint open sets A, B with $A \cup B = X$

- If this is the acse, A, B also closed - called “clopen”

Theorem 1.6.7. If (X, \mathcal{T}) is connected, $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous, $f(X) = \text{range}(f)$ with the inherited topology is connected.

1.7 September 9

1.7.1 Connectedness

(X, \mathcal{T}) is connected if the only clopen sets are X, \emptyset

Proposition 1.7.1. If (X, \mathcal{T}) , $A \subseteq X$, give A the relative topology, then if A is connected then so is \bar{A}

Proof. Suppose that C is a clopen subset of \bar{A} , then $C \cap A$ is a clopen subset of A so either $C \cap A = A$ or $C \cap A = \emptyset$. If $C \cap A = \emptyset$, $C \cap \bar{A} = \emptyset$ since C is open. If $C \cap A = A$, $C \supseteq A$ so $C \supseteq \bar{A}$ since C is closed. So $C = \emptyset$ or \bar{A}

Proposition 1.7.2. Given (X, \mathcal{T}) a collection of $\{F_\alpha\}$ of subsets of X , let $Y = \bigcup_\alpha F_\alpha$. Suppose that each F_α is connected. If $\exists p \in \bigcap F_\alpha$ then Y is connected.

Proof. Let C be a clopen subset of Y . We can assume that $p \in C$, then for each α , $C \cap F_\alpha \neq \emptyset$, $C \cap F_\alpha$ is clopen so $C \cap F_\alpha = F_\alpha$ so $F_\alpha \subseteq C$. Thus $C \supseteq \bigcup F_\alpha = Y$, so $C = Y$.

Proposition 1.7.3. Let $(X, \mathcal{T}^X), (Y, \mathcal{T}^Y)$ be topological spaces and suppose that each is connected. Then $X \times Y$ with the product topology is connected.

Proof. Choose a point $b \in Y$ (a “basepoint”). Then $E = \{b\} \times Y$ is homeomorphic to Y and so is connected. For each $y \in Y$, let $H_y = X \times \{y\}$. Homeomorphic to X so connected. For each $y \in Y$, let $T_y = H_y \cup E$, connected since (y, b) is in both. Choose a basepoint $c \in Y$ so $(b, c) \in E$ and (b, c) is in each T_y so $X \times Y = \bigcup_{y \in Y} T_y$ is connected.

Follows that if X_1, \dots, X_n are topological spaces and each is connected then $X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$ is connected.

Any open interval (a', b') in \mathbb{R} is connected. (False for (a, b) in \mathbb{Q})

Suppose $C \subseteq (a', b')$ is clopen and $\neq \emptyset$ and suppose we have $a \in C, b \in C', a < b$. Consider $A = \{r \in C : r < b\}$. $a \in A$ and b is an upper bound. Let c be its least upper bound then $c \in A$ since if $c \in C'$ then there is an open ball about c contained in C (since C is open), but $c \notin C'$ for a similar reason.

1.7.2 Connected Components

Given (X, \mathcal{T}) define an equivalence relation on X by $x \sim y$ if there is a connected subset that contains both of them.

Reflexivity, symmetry clear. If $x \sim y, y \sim z$, then $x, y \in C, y, z \in D$ so $y \in C \cap D$ so $C \cup D$ is connected.

1.8 September 12

1.8.1 Connected Components

(X, \mathcal{T}) a topological space. Define an equivalence relation on X by $x \sim y$ if there is a connected subset of X containing both x and y .

Transitivity: If $x \sim y$ and $y \sim z$, there is connected A with $x, y \in A$ and connected B with $y, z \in B$ then $A \cup B$ is connected since $y \in A, y \in B, x, z \in A \cup B$.

The equivalence classes for this equivalence relation are called the connected components of X . Given $x \in X$, the equivalence class of x is the union of all connected sets containing x . So the equivalence class is the largest connected set containing x .

Since the closure of a connected set is connected, the equivalence classes are closed subsets of X .

Example 1.8.1. $X = \mathbb{Q}$, the connected components we get are the one point subsets.

(\mathbb{Q} is totally disconnected, as is $\prod_{m=1}^{\infty} \{0, 1\}$, “0 dimensional”)

Definition 1.8.2. By a parametrized path in X we mean a continuous function, f , from some interval $[a, b] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. This path connects $f(a)$ to $f(b)$.

Define an equivalence relation on (X, \mathcal{T}) by $x \sim y$ if there is a path in X connecting x to y .

Reflexive: Assume $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow X, f(0) = x, f(1) = y$ set $g(t) = f(1 - t)$, then $g(0) = y, g(1) = x$

Transitive: If $f : [a, b] \rightarrow X, f(a) = x, f(b) = y$ and $g : [c, d] \rightarrow X, g(c) = y, g(d) = z$ change interval such that

$$g : [b, e] \text{ with } g(b) = y, g(e) = z. [a, e] = [a, b] \cup [b, e] \text{ so define } h : [a, e] \rightarrow X \text{ by } h(t) = \begin{cases} f(t) & t \in [a, b] \\ g(t) & t \in [b, e] \end{cases}$$

The equivalence classes are called path components of (X, \mathcal{T})

Note: path connected \rightarrow connected.

Example 1.8.3. Let $f : (0, 1] \rightarrow X, f(t) = (t, \sin(\frac{1}{t}))$, graph of $\sin(\frac{1}{t})$.

Subset is path connected but not closed. Closure is graph $\cup \{0\} \times [0, 1]$. Closure consists of 2 path connected components but only 1 connected component. In closure, 1 path connected component is not closed, while the other is closed but not open.

Definition 1.8.4. (X, \mathcal{T}) is locally connected if $\forall x \in X \forall$ open \mathcal{O} if $x \in \mathcal{O}$ there is an open $U, x \in U \subseteq \mathcal{O}$ with U connected.

- If (X, \mathcal{T}) is locally connected then all connected components are open, and hence clopen.

Definition 1.8.5. (X, \mathcal{T}) is locally path connected if $\forall x \in X \forall$ open \mathcal{O} if $x \in \mathcal{O}$ there is an open $U, x \in U \subseteq \mathcal{O}$ with U path connected.

- If (X, \mathcal{T}) is locally path connected, then all path connected components are clopen. path components = connected components.

Definition 1.8.6. A topological manifold of dimension n is a topological space (X, \mathcal{T}) with the property that every $x \in X$ has an open set \mathcal{O} such that $x \in \mathcal{O}$ with \mathcal{O} homeomorphic to an open set in \mathbb{R}^n (open ball in \mathbb{R}^n , all of \mathbb{R}^n).

1.9 September 14

1.9.1 Compactness

Definition 1.9.1. Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be a topological space. By an open cover of X we mean a subset \mathcal{C} of \mathcal{T} , ie. a family of open sets such that $\bigcup\{\mathcal{O} \in \mathcal{C}\} = X$. By a subcover of \mathcal{C} we mean a subset \mathcal{D} of \mathcal{C} such that \mathcal{D} is a cover of X .

Definition 1.9.2. (X, \mathcal{T}) is said to be compact if every open cover of X has a finite subcover.

- $[0, 1] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is compact
- Heine - Borel Property: any bounded closed subset of \mathbb{R}^n is compact.

Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be a topological space. Let A be a subset of X , give A the relative topology. Then A is compact iff for any $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$ such that $\bigcup\{\mathcal{O} \in \mathcal{C}\} = A$ there is a finite subcover \mathcal{D} of \mathcal{C} such that $\bigcup\{\mathcal{O} \in \mathcal{D}\} \supseteq A$

Proposition 1.9.3. Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be compact. If $A \subseteq X$ is closed, then A is compact.

Proof. If $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$ such that $\bigcup\{\mathcal{O} \in \mathcal{C}\} \supseteq A$, since A closed, A' open so $\mathcal{C} \cup \{A'\}$ is an open cover of X . Since X is compact, there is a finite subcover, \mathcal{D} . If we remove A' from \mathcal{D} (if $A' \in \mathcal{D}$) we get a finite subcover \mathcal{C} covering A .

Any set with the indiscrete topology is compact and any subset of it is compact but not necessarily closed.

Proposition 1.9.4. Given (X, \mathcal{T}) and $A \subseteq X$ compact. If (X, \mathcal{T}) is Hausdorff then for any $x \in X$, $x \notin A$ there are disjoint open sets U, V with $A \subseteq U$, $x \in V$

Proof. For any $a \in A$, by Hausdorff, there are open sets U_a, V_a disjoint with $a \in U_a$, $x \in V_a$. The collection of sets $\{U_a : a \in A\}$ covers A . Since A is compact there is a finite subcover U_{a_1}, \dots, U_{a_n} . Let $U = U_{a_1} \cup \dots \cup U_{a_n} \supseteq A$, let $V = V_{a_1} \cap \dots \cap V_{a_n}$ so we get $x \in V$, U, V disjoint.

Corollary 1.9.5. Given (X, \mathcal{T}) Hausdorff, $A \subseteq X$ compact, then A is closed.

Proof. A' open since for $x \in A'$ can find open set containing x , disjoint from A .

Theorem 1.9.6. Given (X, \mathcal{T}) compact, and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ continuous, then $f(X)$ is compact.

Proof. Let \mathcal{C} be an open cover of $f(X)$. Since for $\mathcal{O} \in \mathcal{T}^Y$, $f^{-1}(\mathcal{O}) \in \mathcal{T}^X$, then $\{f^{-1}(\mathcal{O}) : \mathcal{O} \in \mathcal{C}\}$ is an open cover of X . Since X is compact, there is a finite subcover $f^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_1), \dots, f^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_n)$. Then $\mathcal{O}_1, \dots, \mathcal{O}_n$ is an open cover of $f(X)$

Example 1.9.7. Given $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous, $f([0, 1])$ is connected, compact so is some $[a, b]$. So f attains its supremum = $\text{lub}\{f(t) : t \in [a, b]\}$

Theorem 1.9.8. Given (X, \mathcal{T}) , (Y, \mathcal{T}) , $f : X \rightarrow Y$ continuous, assume f is continuous, one to one, onto, X is compact, Y is Hausdorff. Then f is homeomorphism.

Proof. Need to show f^{-1} continuous, so need $f(\mathcal{O}) \in \mathcal{T}^Y$ for $\mathcal{O} \in \mathcal{T}^X$, equivalently, if A is closed in X , then $f(A)$ is closed in Y . If A closed, A compact so $f(A)$ is compact, but Y is Hausdorff so $f(A)$ is closed. \square

1.10 September 16

1.10.1 Compactness

Proposition 1.10.1 (The Tube Lemma). Given (X, \mathcal{T}^X) , (Y, \mathcal{T}^Y) and assume Y is compact. Given $x_0 \in X$ and some \mathcal{O} open set in $X \times Y$ such that $\{x_0\} \times Y$ is contained in \mathcal{O} . Then there is an open neighborhood, U , of x_0 such that $U \times Y \subseteq \mathcal{O}$, called the tube about $\{x_0\} \times Y$

Proof. Note that $\{x_0\} \times Y$ is homeomorphic to Y so $\{x_0\} \times Y$ is compact. For $y \in Y$, $(x_0, y) \in \mathcal{O}$ so there is some $U_y \subseteq X, V_y \subseteq Y$ such that $(x_0, y) \in U_y \times V_y$. The V_y 's cover Y so since Y is compact there is a finite subcover, $V_{y_1}, V_{y_2}, \dots, V_{y_n}$. Then, let $U = \bigcap_{i=1}^n U_{y_i}$, U is open and we claim $U \times Y \subseteq \mathcal{O}$. Given $(x, y) \in U \times Y$, $\exists j$ such that $y \in V_j$ and $U_j \times V_j \subseteq \mathcal{O}$ so $U \times V_j \subseteq \mathcal{O}$ so $U \times Y \subseteq \mathcal{O}$.

Theorem 1.10.2. If (X, \mathcal{T}^X) and (Y, \mathcal{T}^Y) are both compact then $X \times Y$ is compact.

Proof. If \mathcal{C} is an open cover of $X \times Y$, for each x , \mathcal{C} covers $\{x\} \times Y$ so there is a finite cover \mathcal{C}_x , take the union to get an open set \mathcal{O}_x containing $\{x\} \times Y$, so there is an open neighborhood $U_x \times Y$ such that $U_x \times Y \subseteq \mathcal{O}$. The U_x 's form an open cover of X , since X is compact there is a finite subcover U_{x_1}, \dots, U_{x_n} . The $(U_{x_j} \times Y)$ cover $X \times Y$. \mathcal{C}_{x_j} is a cover of $(U_{x_j} \times Y)$ so $\bigcup_{j=1}^n \{\mathcal{O} \in \mathcal{C}_{x_j}\}$ cover $X \times Y$.

By induction, given $(X_1, \mathcal{T}_1), (X_2, \mathcal{T}_2), \dots, (X_n, \mathcal{T}_n)$ all compact, then $X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n$ is compact. Let \mathcal{F} is an infinite collection of topologies such that $(X_\alpha, \mathcal{T}_\alpha)$ each compact, then is $\prod X_\alpha$ compact?

1.11 September 19

1.11.1 Compactness

If X is any set, and if \mathcal{C} is a collection of closed subsets of X , then $\bigcup\{A \in \mathcal{C}\} = X$ iff $\bigcap\{A' : A \in \mathcal{C}\} = \emptyset$. So (X, \mathcal{T}) is compact if whenever \mathcal{C} is a collection of subsets such that $\bigcap\{C \in \mathcal{C}\} = \emptyset$ then there is a finite subset $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ such that $\bigcap\{A \in \mathcal{F}\} \neq \emptyset$

Definition 1.11.1. A collection \mathcal{C} of subsets of a set X has the finite intersection property (FIP), if for any finite $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ we have $\bigcap \{A \in \mathcal{F}\} \neq \emptyset$

Then (X, \mathcal{T}) is compact if for any collection \mathcal{C} of closed subsets with FIP, $\bigcap \{A \in \mathcal{C}\} \neq \emptyset$

Definition 1.11.2. (X, \mathcal{T}) is locally compact if each point $x \in X$ has a compact neighborhood, ie. $\mathcal{O}, x \in \mathcal{O}$ and $\overline{\mathcal{O}}$ compact.

- \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^n locally compact

Proposition 1.11.3. Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be locally compact and Hausdorff. Then for any $x \in X$ and $\mathcal{O} \in \mathcal{T}$ with $x \in \mathcal{O}$ there is $U \in \mathcal{T}$, $x \in U$, $\overline{U} \subseteq \mathcal{O}$ is compact.

Proof. By local compactness, there is open V , $x \in V$, \overline{V} compact. Then $V \cap \mathcal{O}$ is open, $x \in V \cap \mathcal{O}$ so we can replace \mathcal{O} with $V \cap \mathcal{O}$, $\overline{V \cap \mathcal{O}}$ is compact. Thus we can assume that $\overline{\mathcal{O}}$ is compact. Let $C = \overline{\mathcal{O}} \setminus \mathcal{O}$, closed, compact, $x \notin C$. By Hausdorff, $\exists U, V \in \mathcal{T}$ disjoint $x \in U$, $C \subseteq V$, $U \subseteq \mathcal{O}$, $C' \supseteq V'$, $U \subseteq V'$ closed so $\overline{U} \subseteq V'$ so $\overline{U} \cap V = \emptyset$ so $\overline{U} \cap C = \emptyset$ so $\overline{U} \subseteq \mathcal{O}$

Chapter 2

Algebraic Topology

2.1 September 19

2.1.1 Homotopy

Definition 2.1.1. Let $(X, \mathcal{T}^X), (Y, \mathcal{T}^Y)$. Let $f_0, f_1 : X \rightarrow Y$ continuous, then f_0 and f_1 are homotopic if $F : X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Y$ continuous such that $F(x, 0) = f_0(x), F(x, 1) = f_1(x)$. F is called a homotopy from f_0 to f_1 .

Proposition 2.1.2. Homotopy is an equivalence relation on the set of continuous functions from X to Y

Proof. 1. $f \sim f$ by constant homotopy

2. If $f_0 \sim f_1$, set $F'(x, t) = F(x, 1 - t)$, $f_1 \sim f_0$

3. $f \sim g$ and $g \sim h$ with homotopies F, G . Define $H : X \times [0, 2] \rightarrow Y$. $H(x, t) = \begin{cases} F(x, t) & t \in [0, 1] \\ G(x, t - 1) & t \in [1, 2] \end{cases}$.
If $t = 1$, $F(x, 1) = g(x), G(x, 1 - 1) = g(x)$

Lemma 2.1.3 (Pasting Lemma). If (X, \mathcal{T}) , $X = A \cup B$, A, B closed and if $\varphi : X \rightarrow Y$ and if $\varphi|_A$ is continuous and if $\varphi|_B$ is continuous then φ on X is continuous.

Proof. If $C \subseteq Y$ closed $\varphi^{-1}(C) = (\varphi|_A)^{-1}(C) \cup (\varphi|_B)^{-1}(C)$. $(\varphi|_B)^{-1}(C)$ closed in B so closed in X . Similarly, for $(\varphi|_A)^{-1}(C)$ so $\varphi^{-1}(C)$ is closed.

2.2 September 21

2.2.1 Path Homotopy

Definition 2.2.1. (X, T) (usually path connected). Two paths $f, g : [0, 1] \rightarrow X$ are path homotopic if $f(0) = g(0), f(1) = g(1)$ and if they are homotopic via a homotopy $F : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$ with $F(t, 0) = f(0), F(t, 1) = f(1)$ for all t .

Path homotopy is an equivalence relation.

- Can compose equivalence classes. If f and g are paths, $f(1) = g(0)$ can compose them viewing g as a path on $[1, 2]$ (instead of $[0, 1]$). Define $(f * g)$ on $[0, 2]$ by $(f * g)(t) = \begin{cases} f(t) & t \in [0, 1] \\ g(t) & t \in [1, 2] \end{cases}$

Proposition 2.2.2. If $f \sim f', g \sim g'$ then $f * g \sim f' * g'$

Proof. Show first that $f * g \sim f' * g$. If F is a homotopy from f to f' , let $\tilde{F}(r, t) = \begin{cases} F(r, t) & t \in [0, 1] \\ g(r) & t \in [1, 2] \end{cases}$.

Similarly, $f' * g \sim f' * g'$

- let \mathcal{G} be the collection of path-homotopy classes of X . Then $*$ is a partially defined product. It is associative (when it makes sense). So for path-homotopic equivalence classes it is associative.
- Each $x \in X$ provides an equivalence class $e_x : [0, 1] \rightarrow X$ by $e_x(t) = x$. If F is a path from x to y then $e_x * f \sim f, f * e_y \sim f$ so have an identity element for $x \in X$
- Each element has an inverse. Given f from x to y , let $f^{-1}(t) = f(1 - t)$, $f^{-1}(0) = f(1), f^{-1}(1) = f(0)$, $f * f^{-1} \sim e_x, f^{-1} * f \sim e_y$. So equivalence classes in \mathcal{G} has inverses.
- This is an example of a groupoid. \mathcal{G} path groupoid for X . In fact, \mathcal{G} is a topological groupoid.

Given $x_0 \in X$, consider all paths from x_0 to x_0 . Path homotopic equivalence classes form a group $\pi_1(X, x_0)$. This is the fundamental group of X for the basepoint x_0 .

If we change base point from x_0 to x'_0 , f a path from x_0 to x'_0 , from a loop α based at x'_0 $f * \alpha * f^{-1}$ is a loop based at x_0 . This gives an isomorphism from $\pi_1(X, x'_0)$ to $\pi_1(X, x_0)$. Isomorphism depends on f up to homotopy.

2.3 September 23

2.3.1 The Fundamental Group

By a pointed set (or space) we mean a set together with a selected special point.

(X, x_0) path connected $x_0 \in X$, can attach to (X, x_0) the group $\pi_1(X, x_0)$ (= the set of homotopy classes of loops on X based at x_0)

Given $(X, x_0) (Y, y_0)$, $\varphi : X \rightarrow Y$ continuous. Let f be a path in X , then $f \circ \varphi$ is a path in Y . If $\varphi(x_0) = y_0$, we map loops based on x_0 to loops based at y_0

Let F be a homotopy between a path f and a path g on X , then $\varphi \circ F$ is a homotopy from $\varphi \circ f$ to $\varphi \circ g$.

So $\varphi : X \rightarrow Y$, $\varphi(x_0) = y_0$ gives a function $\tilde{\varphi}$ from homotopy classes of loops based at x_0 to homotopy classes of loops based at y_0 . $\tilde{\varphi} : \pi_1(X, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(Y, y_0)$

Theorem 2.3.1. $\tilde{\varphi}$ is a group homomorphism.

Proof. Let f and g be paths in X . $f * g$, view f as defined on $[0, 1]$, g as defined on $[1, 2]$. $(f * g)(r) = \begin{cases} f(r) & r \in [0, 1] \\ g(r-1) & r \in [1, 2] \end{cases}$, then $(\varphi \circ f) * (\varphi \circ g)(r) = \begin{cases} \varphi \circ f(r) & r \in [0, 1] \\ \varphi \circ g(r-1) & r \in [1, 2] \end{cases} = \varphi(f * g)$. Passes to homotopy classes.

Theorem 2.3.2. $(X, x_0), (Y, y_0), (Z, z_0), X \xrightarrow{\varphi} Y \xrightarrow{\psi} Z, \pi_1(X) \xrightarrow{\tilde{\varphi}} \pi_1(Y) \xrightarrow{\tilde{\psi}} \pi_1(Z)$, we have $\hat{\psi} \circ \hat{\varphi} = \widehat{\psi \circ \varphi}$

Proof. If f path on X , $(\hat{\psi} \circ \hat{\varphi})(f) = \hat{\psi}(\varphi \circ f) = \psi \circ (\varphi \circ f) = (\psi \circ \varphi) \circ f = \widehat{\psi \circ \varphi}(f)$

$(X, x_0), (Y, y_0), \varphi : X \rightarrow Y$. Assume φ is a homeomorphism. $\varphi^{-1} \circ \varphi = \text{id}_X, \varphi \circ \varphi^{-1} = \text{id}_Y$. Then $\pi_1(\varphi^{-1})\pi_1(\varphi) = \pi_1(\text{id}_X) = \text{id}_{\pi_1(X)}, \pi_1(\varphi)\pi_1(\varphi^{-1}) = \pi_1(\text{id}_Y) = \text{id}_{\pi_1(Y)}$ ie, $\pi_1(\varphi)$ is a group isomorphism of $\pi_1(X)$ and $\pi_1(Y)$.