

Topology

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Topological Spaces

2-1

“ \Rightarrow ”: Let $f : X_1 \longrightarrow X_2$ be a homeomorphism and fix a subset (not necessarily open) $U \in \mathcal{T}_1$.

1. Assume U is open in X_1 . Because f is continuous, the image of open subsets are again open, thus $f(U)$ lies in \mathcal{T}_2 .
2. On the other hand, if $f(U)$ is open in X_2 , then since f is bijective we have

$$f^{-1}(f(U)) = U.$$

Because f is continuous, the preimage of open subsets under f is open. We may therefore conclude U is open in X_1 .

We have shown that if f is a homeomorphism, then $f(\mathcal{T}_1) = \mathcal{T}_2$.

“ \Leftarrow ”: Let $f : X_1 \longrightarrow X_2$ be a bijective map such that $f(\mathcal{T}_1) = \mathcal{T}_2$. Consider the inverse map f^{-1} . We want to show f^{-1} is continuous. Fix an open subset $U \in \mathcal{T}_1$. It is

$$(f^{-1})^{-1}(U) = f(U)$$

because f is bijective. Since $f(\mathcal{T}_1) = \mathcal{T}_2$ and U is open, $f(U)$ is open as well. Hence the preimage of U under f^{-1} is open and f^{-1} is continuous.

Now we show that f is also continuous. Again, fix an open subset $V \in \mathcal{T}_2$. The preimage of V under f is just the image of the inverse function. We have already shown that the inverse is continuous. Thus, $f^{-1}(V)$ is open and f is continuous. Since f and f^{-1} exist and are continuous, f is a homeomorphism as desired.

2-2

a)

We show that \mathcal{T} is a topology by verifying the axioms of a topology.

1. Since \mathcal{T} is the collection of all unions of finite intersections of elements of \mathcal{B} , it contains the union of all elements of \mathcal{B} which is just X . The union of empty collection generates the emptyset so $\emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$ as well.
2. Let $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{T}$ be any subset. The elements of \mathcal{U} are unions of finite intersections of elements of \mathcal{B} . Thus, $\bigcup_{U \in \mathcal{U}} U$ is again a union of finite intersections of elements of \mathcal{B} . In other words, \mathcal{T} is closed under union.
3. \mathcal{T} is stable under finite intersections due to distributive property of sets.

b)

2-3**1.**

The collection of subset $\mathcal{T}_1 = \{U \subset X \mid X \setminus U \text{ is finite or is all of } X\}$ forms a topology. We show this by verifying the axioms of a topology.

1. It is $X \setminus \emptyset = X$ and $X \setminus X = \emptyset$ which is finite. Thus, $X \in \mathcal{T}_1$ and $\emptyset \in \mathcal{T}_1$.
2. Let $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{T}$ be a subset. By De Morgan's laws we have

$$X \setminus \left(\bigcup_{U \in \mathcal{U}} U \right) = \bigcap_{U \in \mathcal{U}} (X \setminus U).$$

Since each $U \in \mathcal{U}$ lies in \mathcal{T} , the complement $X \setminus U$ is finite or is all of X . Therefore, the intersection of all $X \setminus U$ is again finite or all of X , and we may conclude that \mathcal{T} is stable under arbitrary unions.

3. Use De Morgan's law again.

2.

The collection of subsets $\mathcal{T}_2 = \{U \subset X \mid X \setminus U \text{ is infinite or is empty}\}$ is not a topology. Take $X = \mathbb{Z}$ for example and consider $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ and $B = \{-1, -2, -3, \dots\}$. A and B are open because their complements are the non-positive and the non-negative integers respectively. If \mathcal{T}_2 is a topology, it should contain their union $A \cup B = \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$. However,

$$\mathbb{Z} \setminus (A \cup B) = \mathbb{Z} \setminus (\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}) = \{0\}$$

which is not infinite and thus doesn't lie in \mathcal{T}_2 .

3.

The collection of subsets $\mathcal{T}_3 = \{U \subset X \mid X \setminus U \text{ is countable or all of } X\}$ is a topology PROBABLY.