

Discussion

(1) Assessment & self-assessment

Goal: assess competence w/ learning objectives

- required
- weekly HW + revisions
 - take-home midterm + revision
 - final oral exam

(2) Joint expectations

Make space + to contribute

3 differences

Listen

Compassionate communication
Checking in w/ partners

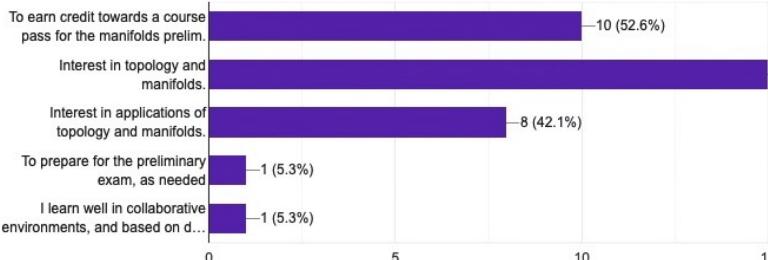
- Alternative / supplemental :
 - paper / presentation (potentially collaborative)
 - presenting HW solns
- Q Weighting of objectives?

Respect

Be present & ready
collaborate

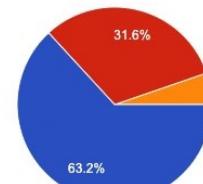
Encourage mathematical
risk-taking / vulnerability
Celebrate mistakes

Welcome Survey



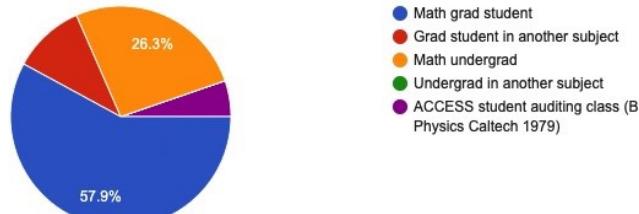
Have you taken a point-set topology course previously?

19 responses



What kind of student are you?

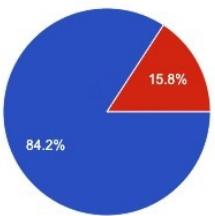
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Have you previously seen the definition of a topology (in terms of a set and open subsets satisfying axioms) in a course setting?

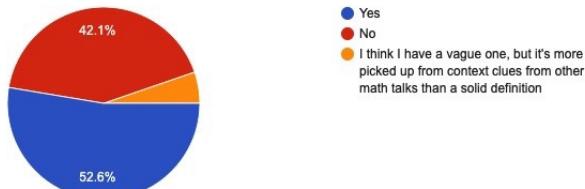
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Yes
No



Do you feel like you have an intuitive sense of what a (topological or smooth) manifold is?

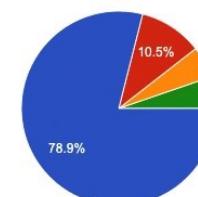
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Have you taken an algebra course that included the study of abstract groups (including normal subgroups, quotients, and group actions)?

19 responses

Yes
No
We just barely touched on it but I don't feel confident about it
No, but I have learned about all of those things from independent reading.



Problem session Tuesdays 13:00 - 14:00

Kyle's drop-in hours Thursdays 15:00 - 16:00

Q & A

Internet: Don't hunt for solns; no Internet on the midterm

Final: Converse with me about topology problems

Differential geometry: Riemannian metrics start in 546

Topological Spaces

X a set, $2^X := \{A \mid A \subseteq X\}$ its power set

A topology on X is $T \subseteq 2^X$ s.t.

(i) $X, \emptyset \in T$

(ii) T is closed under pairwise (and hence finite) intersections :
 $U, V \in T \Rightarrow U \cap V \in T$.

(iii) T is closed under arbitrary unions :

$$\{U_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S\} \subseteq T \Rightarrow \bigcup_{\alpha \in S} U_\alpha \in T.$$

• (X, T) is a topological space

• $U \in T$ called open subsets of X

• $x \in X$ a point of X

• For $U \in T$, $X \setminus U$ called

closed

• $p \in U \in T$ neighborhood of p

E.g.

(1) $(X, 2^X) =: \underline{\text{discrete topology}}$

(2) $(X, \{\emptyset, X\}) =: \underline{\text{trivial topology}}$

(3) For (M, d) a metric space, unions of open balls $B(x, \varepsilon) = \{y \in M \mid d(x, y) < \varepsilon\}$ form the metric topology on M .

(a) Euclidean topology on \mathbb{R}^n

(b) Similarly for unit interval $I = [0, 1]$,

open unit ball $B^n := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid |x| < 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$,

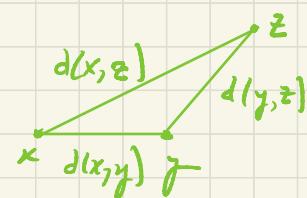
closed unit ball $\bar{B}^n := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid |x| \leq 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$,

unit circle $S^1 := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid |x| = 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$,

unit sphere $S^n := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid |x| = 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$.

$d: \mathbb{R} \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t.
 $\forall x, y, z \in M$,

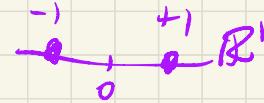
- (1) $d(x, x) = 0$
- (2) $x \neq y \Rightarrow d(x, y) > 0$
- (3) $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$
- (4) $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$



TPS (Think-Pair-Share) Describe \mathbb{R}° and \mathbb{S}^0 .

$\{0\}$

$\{-1, 1\}$



E.g. (4) $U \subseteq X$ open in the infinite topology iff $|X \setminus U| < \infty$ or $U = \emptyset$.

(5) For a commutative unital ring R , $\text{Spec } R := \{p \in R \mid p \text{ prime ideal}\}$.

Define Zariski closed subsets of R to be, for $I \subseteq R$ an ideal,

$$V(I) := \{p \in \text{Spec } R \mid p \supseteq I\}.$$

Note Can specify a topology on X by closed sets as long as

- X, \emptyset closed
- finite unions of closed sets are closed
- arbitrary intersections of closed sets are closed.

(Hint: De Morgan's Laws.)

Fix a topological space X .

Now leaving T implicit.

For $A \subseteq X$, the closure of A in X is

$$\bar{A} := \bigcap_{\substack{B \subseteq X \\ B \text{ closed}}} B = \text{smallest closed set containing } A.$$



The interior of A in X is

$$\text{Int } A = A^\circ := \bigcup_{\substack{U \subseteq A \\ U \text{ open}}} U = \text{largest open set contained by } A$$



The exterior of A is $\text{Ext } A := X \setminus \bar{A}$ and its boundary is
 $\partial A := X \setminus (A^\circ \cup \text{Ext } A)$

See Prop 2.8 for important properties of $(\bar{\top})$, (\circ) , Ext, 2.

Aside You can also specify a topology on X via a closure operator $c: 2^X \rightarrow 2^X$ satisfying

$$(1) \quad c(\emptyset) = \emptyset$$

$$(2) \quad \forall A \subseteq X, \quad A \subseteq c(A)$$

$$(3) \quad \forall A \subseteq X, \quad c(A) = c(c(A))$$

$$(4) \quad \forall A, B \subseteq X, \quad c(A \cup B) = c(A) \cup c(B).$$

c tells you what A can "see"

Logic of a topological space? Interior = necessity, closure = possibility
models "S4 modal logic".

- For $A \subseteq X$, $p \in X$ is a limit (or accumulation or cluster) point of A when every neighborhood of p contains a point of A other than p : $\forall U \subseteq X$ open with $p \in U$, $U \cap (A \setminus \{p\}) \neq \emptyset$.

E.g.-



o is a limit point of $H = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ but $\frac{1}{2}$ is not.

- A point $p \in X$ is an isolated point of A if \exists nbhd U of p s.t. $A \cap U = \{p\}$.

E.g.-



$\frac{1}{n}$ is an isolated point of $H \quad \forall n \geq 1$.

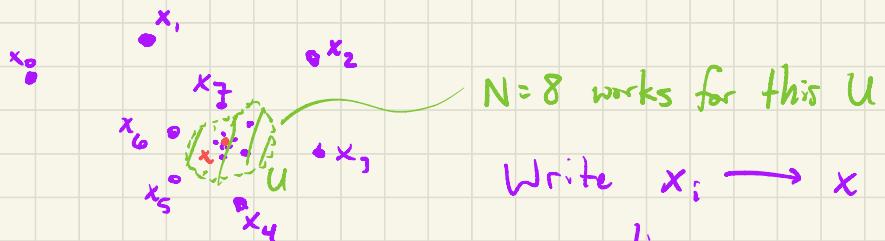
- A subset $A \subseteq X$ is dense in X when $\bar{A} = X$.

E.g. $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$.

Probing spaces with sequences and maps

A sequence $(x_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ in X converges to $x \in X$ when

\forall nbhd U of x , $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\forall i \geq N$, $x_i \in U$.



Write $x_i \rightarrow x$ or

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_i = x.$$

A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ between topological spaces is continuous when $\forall U \subseteq Y$ open, $f^{-1}U := \{x \in X \mid f(x) \in U\} \subseteq X$ is open.

