

Basis: A basis of a topology on set X is a collection \mathcal{B} of subsets of X s.t.

■ For each $x \in X$, there is $B \in \mathcal{B}$ s.t. $x \in B$ (i.e. $\bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} B = X$)

■ For all $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$ and $x \in B_1 \cap B_2$, there is $B \in \mathcal{B}$ w/ $x \in B \subset B_1 \cap B_2$.

The topology generated by a basis \mathcal{B} is the set τ s.t.

$U \in \tau$ if, for every $x \in U$ there is $B_x \in \mathcal{B}$ s.t. $x \in B_x \subset U$.

Claim: τ is a topology.

Pf: ■ $\emptyset \in \tau$ trivially.

■ For all $x \in X$ there is $B \in \mathcal{B}$ s.t. $x \in B \subset X$. Thus, $X \in \tau$.

■ Take $U_i \in \tau$ for $i \in J$.

Let $x \in \bigcup_{i \in J} U_i$, then $x \in U_j$ for some $j \in J$.

Since $U_j \in \tau$, there is $B_x \in \mathcal{B}$ s.t. $x \in B_x \subset U_j \subset \bigcup_{i \in J} U_i$

Hence, $\bigcup_{i \in J} U_i \in \tau$.

■ Let $U_1, U_2 \in \tau$.

Take $x \in U_1 \cap U_2$:

We know $x \in B_1 \subset U_1$, $x \in B_2 \subset U_2$ for $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$

Thus, $x \in B_1 \cap B_2$, so there is $B_3 \in \mathcal{B}$ s.t. $x \in B_3 \subset B_1 \cap B_2 \subset U_1 \cap U_2$

So $B_1 \cap B_2 \in \tau$.

Lemma: Let \mathcal{B} be a basis for a top. τ on X then τ is the collection of all unions of elements of \mathcal{B} .

Pf: \supseteq Take $\{B_i\}_{i \in J} \subset \mathcal{B}$. Take $x \in \bigcup_{i \in J} B_i$, then $x \in B_j \subset \bigcup_{i \in J} B_i$ for some $B_j \in \mathcal{B}$, thus $\bigcup_{i \in J} B_i \in \tau$.

\subseteq Take $U \in \tau$. We know that for all $x \in U$, there is $B_x \in \mathcal{B}$ s.t. $x \in B_x \subset U$.

Thus, $U = \bigcup_{x \in U} B_x$

Lemma: Let (X, τ) top. space, let \mathcal{C} be a collection of open sets s.t.

for each open set $U \in \tau$ and each $x \in U$, there is $C \in \mathcal{C}$ s.t. $x \in C \subset U$.

Then, \mathcal{C} is a basis and generates τ .

Pf: i) Clearly, for each $x \in X$ there is $C \in \mathcal{C}$ w/ $x \in C$.

And for $C_1, C_2 \in \mathcal{C}$, $x \in C_1 \cap C_2$

$C_1 \cap C_2$ open (since C_1, C_2 open), so we have $C \in \mathcal{C}$ w/

$x \in C \subset C_1 \cap C_2$. Proving \mathcal{C} is a basis.

ii) Let τ' be the top. generated by \mathcal{C} .

Claim: $\tau' = \tau$

Pf: \supseteq Take $U \in \tau'$. That is $U = \bigcup_{C \in \mathcal{C}'} C$ for some $\mathcal{C}' \subset \mathcal{C}$

Since all $C \in \mathcal{C}$ open, we have U open, i.e. $U \in \tau$.

\subseteq Take $U \in \tau$. Take $x \in U$, then for some $C \in \mathcal{C}$ we have $x \in C \subset U$

Thus, $U \in \tau'$.



Subbasis: If X is a set, a subbasis for X is a collection $\mathcal{S} \subset X$ s.t. for each $x \in X$, there is $S \in \mathcal{S}$ w/ $x \in S$.

$$(\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{B} = \tau)$$

