

Compact spaces (App. A)

An open covering of a top. space X is a collection of open subsets $\{U_i \subseteq X : i \in I\}$ st. $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$

Def A top space X is compact if every open covering of X has a finite subcovering.

Heine-Borel Theorem

A subset $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is compact (with the subspace topology) iff. A is closed and bounded.

Ex The n -sphere $S^n \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ is compact.

Lemma The following are equivalent for a subspace $A \subseteq X$.
(i) A is compact in the subspace topology.
(ii) Given a collection of open subsets $\{U_i \subseteq X : i \in J\}$ st. $A \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in J} U_i$.
Then $A \subseteq U_{j_1} \cup \dots \cup U_{j_n}$ for a finite subset $\{j_1, \dots, j_n\} \subseteq J$.

Prop If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is cont. and X is compact, then also $f(X) \subseteq Y$ is compact.

Proof Suppose $f(X) \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} V_i$, where $V_i \subseteq Y$ is open.

$$\text{Then } X = \bigcup_{i \in I} f^{-1}(V_i) \Rightarrow X = f^{-1}(V_{i_1}) \cup \dots \cup f^{-1}(V_{i_n})$$

$$\Rightarrow f(X) \subseteq V_{i_1} \cup \dots \cup V_{i_n} \quad \square$$

Prop

- (i) A closed subspace of a compact space is compact
- (ii) A compact subspace of a Hausdorff is closed.

Proof (See App. A).

Theorem Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a bijective cont. map. Suppose that X is compact and Y is Hausdorff.

Then f is a homeomorphism.

proof of Theorem

It suffices to show that $A \subseteq X$ is closed, then $f(A) \subseteq Y$ is also closed.

A closed $\Rightarrow A$ is compact $\Rightarrow f(A)$ compact $\Rightarrow f(A)$ closed \square

Ex $f: (0, 2\pi] \rightarrow S^1, f(t) = (\cos t, \sin t)$



This is a continuous bijection, but not a homeomorphism.

- since $(0, 2\pi]$ is not compact.

Quotient spaces

Let X be a topological space with an equivalence relation \sim .

For $x \in X$, let $[x] = \{y \in X : y \sim x\}$, equivalence class of x .

X is the disjoint union of the equivalence classes.

Let X/\sim be the set of equivalence classes.

Let $p: X \rightarrow X/\sim$ be the quotient map $p(x) = [x]$.

Def The quotient topology on X/\sim is defined by

$$U \subseteq X/\sim \text{ is open } \iff p^{-1}(U) \subseteq X \text{ is open.}$$

Then $p: X \rightarrow X/\sim$ is continuous by definition.

Let X be a top. space with an equivalence relation \sim and let $p: X \rightarrow X/\sim$ be the quotient map.

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a function such that

$$x \sim x' \implies f(x) = f(x'),$$

then there is an induced function

$\tilde{f}: X/\sim \rightarrow Y$ such that the diagram

is commutative

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ p \downarrow & \nearrow \tilde{f} & \\ X/\sim & & \end{array}$$

Lemma (Universal mapping property)

In this situation, f is continuous iff \tilde{f} is continuous.

Proof Easy exercise (see top. A)

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Ex $X = [0, 2\pi]$ with the equivalence relation that identifies 0 and 2π , $0 \sim 2\pi$.

Then $X/\sim = [0, 2\pi]/_{0 \sim 2\pi}$ is a compact top. space.

(since $p: [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow [0, 2\pi]/_{0 \sim 2\pi}$ is cont.).

$f = (\cos t, \sin t): [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow S^1$ induces a continuous function $\tilde{f}: [0, 2\pi]/_{0 \sim 2\pi} \rightarrow S^1$ by

the lemma:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} [0, 2\pi] & \xrightarrow{f} & S^1 \\ \downarrow p & \nearrow \tilde{f} & \\ [0, 2\pi]/_{\sim} & & \end{array}$$

This is a continuous bijection, hence a homeomorphism.



Def. $X = \mathbb{R}^{n+1} - \{0\}$. Define an equivalence relation:

$$x \sim y \text{ if } x = \pi y \text{ for some } \pi \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}.$$

The n -dimensional projective space is the quotient space $\mathbb{RP}^n := \mathbb{R}^{n+1} - \{0\} / \sim$

We can think of \mathbb{RP}^n as the space of lines through 0 in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} .

For $n=2$, this is the projective plane $\mathbb{RP}^2 = \mathbb{R}^3 - \{0\} / \sim$ of lines through 0 in \mathbb{R}^3 .

Ex. Let $X = S^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : \|x\| = 1\}$

Define an equivalence relation on S^n :

$$x \sim y \iff x = y \text{ or } x = -y.$$



Claim S^n/\sim is homeomorphic to $\mathbb{R}P^n$.

Define $S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1} - \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1} - \{0\} / \sim$

By the lemma this gives a continuous map $S^n/\sim \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1} - \{0\} / \sim$

Define $\mathbb{R}^{n+1} - \{0\} \rightarrow S^n \rightarrow S^n/\sim$, $x \mapsto \frac{x}{\|x\|}$

By the lemma this gives a continuous map $\mathbb{R}^{n+1} - \{0\} / \sim \rightarrow S^n/\sim$

These are inverse maps:

$$\mathbb{R}^{n+1} - \{0\} / \sim \rightarrow S^n/\sim \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1} - \{0\} / \sim, \quad x \mapsto \frac{x}{\|x\|} \sim x$$

Similarly, the other composition is the identity.

consequence: $\mathbb{R}P^n$ is compact, since S^n is compact.

Let $p: X \rightarrow X/\sim$ be a quotient map, and let $B \subseteq X/\sim$. Then $p^{-1}(B)$ is a union of equivalence classes.

Lemma Let $B \subseteq X/\sim$ be an open subset and let $Y = p^{-1}(B) \subseteq X$. Then the subspace topology on B is the same as the quotient topology on $B = Y/\sim$.

Proof

$U \subseteq B$ open in the subspace topology
 \Updownarrow
 $U \subseteq X/\sim$ is open
 \Updownarrow
 $p^{-1}(U) \subseteq X$ is open
 \Updownarrow
 $p^{-1}(U) \subseteq Y$ is open in subspace topology.

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Lemma \mathbb{RP}^n is locally Euclidean of dimension n .

Proof Let $U_i = \{ [a^0, \dots, a^n] \in \mathbb{RP}^n : a^i \neq 0 \}$ ($\mathbb{RP}^n = \mathbb{R}^{n+1} - \{0\} / \sim$)

Then $\mathbb{RP}^n = \bigcup_{i=0}^n U_i$ and each U_i is open since

$p^{-1}(U_i) = \{ (a^0, \dots, a^n) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} - \{0\} : a^i \neq 0 \}$ is open.

Define $\phi_i : U_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $\phi_i([a^0, \dots, a^n]) = \frac{1}{a^i} (a^0, \dots, \hat{a}^i, \dots, a^n)$.

Well-defined : $(a^0, \dots, a^n) \sim (\pi a^0, \dots, \pi a^n)$, $\pi \neq 0$, then

$$\frac{1}{a^i} (a^0, \dots, \hat{a}^i, \dots, a^n) = \frac{1}{\pi a^i} (\pi a^0, \dots, \pi \hat{a}^i, \dots, \pi a^n)$$

Therefore ϕ_i is continuous by the lemma, since

$p^{-1}(U_i) \rightarrow U_i \xrightarrow{\phi_i} \mathbb{R}^n$ is continuous.

The inverse $\phi_i^{-1} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow U_i$, $(x^1, \dots, x^n) \mapsto [x^1, \dots, x^i, 1, x^{i+1}, \dots, x^n]$ is also continuous.

$\downarrow \uparrow$
 $p^{-1}(U_i)$

Check inverse functions:

$$U_i \xrightarrow{\phi_i} \mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{\phi_i^{-1}} U_i$$

$$[a^0, \dots, a^n] \xrightarrow{\phi} \frac{1}{a^i} (a^0, \dots, \hat{a}^i, \dots, a^n) = \left(\frac{a^0}{a^i}, \dots, \frac{\hat{a}^i}{a^i}, \dots, \frac{a^n}{a^i} \right)$$

$$\xrightarrow[\cdot a^i]{\phi^{-1}} \left[\frac{a^0}{a^i}, \dots, \frac{a^{i-1}}{a^i}, 1, \frac{a^{i+1}}{a^i}, \dots, \frac{a^n}{a^i} \right]$$

$$= [a^0, \dots, a^{i-1}, a^i, \dots, a^n]$$

Similarly for the other composition

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