

Warmup

recall:

R^ω = all seq's (a_1, a_2, \dots)

R^∞ = seq's eventually zero

[why do we use R^∞ to refer to the latter?]

for all n , an injective map

R^n to R^ω (extend by zero's past n)

what is the union of their images? R^∞

moreover:

there is a metric $\rho : R^\infty \times R^\infty$ to $[0, \infty)$ def by

$$\rho(x, y) = \max_{\{i = 1, 2, \dots\}} |x_i - y_i|$$

that restricts to the square metric on R^n for all n

ρ is not well-defined on R^ω

Df the uniform metric on R^ω is defined by

$$u(x, y) = \sup_i \min\{1, |x_i - y_i|\}$$

[is that the same as $\min\{1, \sup_i |x_i - y_i|\}$? no]

is this a metric?

1) $u(x, y) = 0$ implies $x = y$? [yes]

2) $u(x, y) = u(y, x)$? [yes]

3) $u(x, y) + u(y, z) \geq u(x, z)$?

$$\sup_i \min\{1, |x_i - y_i|\} + \sup_i \min\{1, |y_i - z_i|\}$$

$$\geq \sup_i (\min\{1, |x_i - y_i|\} + \min\{1, |y_i - z_i|\})$$

$$\geq \sup_i \min\{1, |x_i - z_i|\}$$

[thus far, topologies gen'd by metrics]
[now, topologies gen'd by collections of subsets]

(Munkres §13, 19)

X any set,
 $\{B_i\}_i$ any collection of subsets of X

Df $\{B_i\}_i$ is a subbasis for a topology on X
iff
 $X = \bigcup_i B_i$

$\{B_i\}_i$ is a basis for a topology on X
iff
 $X = \bigcup_i B_i$ and
for all i, j , can find $B_k \subset B_i \cap B_j$

a subbasis $\{C_j\}_j$ gives rise to a basis $\{B_i\}_i$:

$\{B_i\}_i = \{\text{finite intersections of the } C_j\text{'s, including } \emptyset\}$

a basis $\{B_i\}_i$ gives rise to a topology T :

$T = \{\text{arbitrary unions of the } B_i\text{'s, incl. } \emptyset\}$
 $= \{U \subset X \mid \text{for all } x \text{ in } U, \text{ have } x \text{ in } B_i \subset U \text{ for some } i\}$
[why are the two defn's of T equivalent?]

Rem different bases can induce
the same topology

[just like different metrics inducing the same top]

Ex bases in \mathbb{R}^n :

$\{\text{balls } B(x, \delta) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ and } \delta > 0\}$

but also, $\{(a_1, b_1) \times \dots \times (a_n, b_n) \mid a_i, b_i\}$

Lem suppose T is a topology on X ,
 $\{C_i\}_i$ any subcollection of T
s.t. for all U in T , and x in U ,
there is some i s.t. $x \in C_i \subset U$

then $\{C_i\}_i$ is a basis, and it gives rise to T

Pf $X \in T$, so $X = \bigcup_i C_i$
 C_i 's in T , so $C_i \cap C_j \in T$
whence $C_k \subset C_i \cap C_j$
immediate by hypothesis that $\{C_i\}_i$ induces T

Warning a subbasis is not a special kind of basis
[prefix “sub-” is misleading]
a subbasis generates a basis,
and forms a subset of that basis

Warning bases for topologies T
have nothing to do with
bases for vector spaces V

if we fix a basis for T , then an open set in T can
be a union of basis open sets in many ways

if we fix a basis for V , then a vector in V can be a
linear combo of basis vectors in only one way

[return to R^ω :]

Df the box topology on R^ω is gen'd by the basis of “boxes”

$(a_1, b_1) \times (a_2, b_2) \times \dots$ [and so on forever]

[is this really a basis?]

Df the product topology on R^ω is gen'd by the subbasis of sets

$C_{\{i, a, b\}} = \{x = (x_1, x_2, \dots) \mid a < x_i < b\}$
as we run over $i > 0$ and $a < b$

Q how do these topologies compare?

the basis generated by the product subbasis:

$\{\text{finite intersections of the } C_{\{i, a, b\}}\}$

these intersections look like

$B_{\{J, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}\}} = \{x = (x_1, x_2, \dots) \mid a_i < x_i < b_i$
for i in $J\}$

as we run over

finite sets $J \text{ sub } \{1, 2, \dots\}$

$\mathbf{a} = (a_i)_{\{i \text{ in } J\}}, \mathbf{b} = (b_i)_{\{i \text{ in } J\}}$

conclude:

each product basis open set is a union of some box basis open sets

Lem suppose S is gen'd by a basis $\{B_i\}_i$,
 T is gen'd by a basis $\{C_j\}_j$,
 and each B_i is a union of C_j 's

then T is finer than S

Pf exercise

Cor the box topology is finer than
 the product topology [but not the same?]

why care? [surprisingly, the product topology is
"better behaved"] we will discuss later:

the product topology is the coarsest topology
that makes $\text{pr}_i: R^\omega \rightarrow R$ continuous for all i

what about the uniform topology gen'd by

$$u(x, y) = \sup_i \min\{1, |x_i - y_i|\} ?$$

Q1 what's a basis for the uniform topology?

Q2 how does it compare to box, product?

A1 take the collection of balls

$$B_u(x, \delta) = \{y = (y_1, y_2, \dots) \mid u(x, y) < \delta\}$$

A2 suffices to compare bases

box supset uniform supset product

[do any of them coincide?]