

Warmup  $\mathbb{R}$  analytic,  $[0, 1]$  subspace

Q what subsets of  $[0, 1]$  are  
open in  $[0, 1]$  but closed in  $\mathbb{R}$ ?

[tricky, given only the tools developed so far]

suppose  $U \subset [0, 1]$  works  
since  $U$  is closed in  $\mathbb{R}$ , know  $\mathbb{R} - U$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}$   
let  $V = [0, 1] \cap (\mathbb{R} - U) = [0, 1] - U$   
then  $V$  is open in  $[0, 1]$   
so  $[0, 1]$  is the union of disjoint opens  $U$  and  $V$

[how can this happen?]

it turns out: must have either  $U = \emptyset$  or  $V = \emptyset$

(Munkres §23) let  $X$  be any topological space

Df a separation of  $X$  is  
a pair of disjoint nonempty opens  $U, V$   
s.t.  $X = U \cup V$

we say that  $X$  is connected iff it has no separation  
i.e.

whenever  $X = U \cup V$  for disjoint open  $U, V$ ,  
we require either  $U = \emptyset$  or  $V = \emptyset$

Rem if  $U, V$  form a separation  
then  $U, V$  are not just open, but closed

“clopen” = “both open and closed”

[a limit-pt criterion for connectedness:]

Thm      suppose  $Y \subset X$  and  $A, B \subset Y$  s.t.  
               $A, B$  disjoint nonempty and  $Y = A \cup B$

then         $A, B$  is a separation of  $Y$  (in subsp. top)  
              iff  
              neither contains limit pt of the other  
              [i.e., limit cond. implies  $A, B$  open in  $Y$ ]

Pf        suppose  $A, B$  is a separation of  $Y$

know  $\text{Cl}_Y(A) = A \cup \{\text{limit pts of } A\}$   
but  $A$  closed in  $Y$ , so  $\text{Cl}_Y(A) = A$   
so  $\{\text{limit pts of } A\} \subset A$  disj from  $B$   
analogously,  $\{\text{limit pts of } B\}$  disj from  $A$

suppose neither  $A, B$  contains limit pt of other

then  $\text{Cl}_Y(A) \cap B = \emptyset$  and  $\text{Cl}_Y(B) \cap A = \emptyset$   
but  $A = Y - B$  and  $B = Y - A$   
so  $\text{Cl}_Y(A) \subset A$  and  $\text{Cl}_Y(B) \subset B$   
so  $\text{Cl}_Y(A) = A$  and  $\text{Cl}_Y(B) = B$   
so  $A, B$  closed (hence also open)

Ex         $X = \text{analytic } \mathbb{R}, Y = [0, 1/2) \cup (1/2, 1]$   
               $A = [0, 1/2), B = (1/2, 1]$  separates  $Y$

Ex         $X = \text{analytic } \mathbb{R}^2, Y = A \cup B$  where  
               $A = \{(x, 0) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}, B = \{(x, 1/x) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$   
              [picture]

Ex        is the empty set connected? yes!

Ex  $X = \text{analytic } \mathbb{R}, Y = \mathbb{Q}$  [set of rationals]

claim: for all  $a, b$  in  $\mathbb{Q}$  s.t.  $a \neq b$ ,  
have a separation  $\mathbb{Q} = A \cup B$  s.t.  
 $a$  in  $A$  and  $b$  in  $B$   
[even though  $\mathbb{Q}$  is not discrete]

pick irrational  $\alpha$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $a < \alpha < b$   
 $A = \{x \text{ in } \mathbb{Q} \mid x < \alpha\}, B = \{x \text{ in } \mathbb{Q} \mid x > \alpha\}$

[if  $Y = \mathbb{R}$ , then is the analogous claim still true? no]

Rem in general, if  $Y \subset X$ :

can have  $X$  connected but  $Y$  disconnected  
can also have  $Y$  disconnected but  $X$  connected

Ex is  $\mathbb{R}^\omega$  connected? [need: in which top?]

in box topology: no!

let  $U = \{\text{bounded sequences } x\}$   
[i.e., there is  $M$  s.t.  $|x_i| \leq M$  for all  $i$ ]  
 $V = \{\text{unbounded sequences } x\}$

$U, V$  disjoint nonempty and  $\mathbb{R}^\omega = U \cup V$

$U$  is open: if  $x$  in  $U$  and  $B$  is a box around  $x$ ,  
then  $B \subset U$

$V$  is open: if  $x$  in  $V$  and  $B$  is a box around  $x$ ,  
then  $B \subset V$

by contrast:

it turns out  $\mathbb{R}^\omega$  is connected in the product top

[difficult, so first let's prove smthg easier:]

Thm any finite product of connected spaces  
is connected

Pf Munkres 118, #4:  
 $X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$  homeo to  
 $(X_1 \times \dots \times X_{n-1}) \times X_n$

so by induction,  
suffices to show:  $X, Y$  conn implies  
 $X \times Y$  conn

[draw picture]

if  $X \times Y = \emptyset$  then done, so can assume  $X, Y \neq \emptyset$

idea: use a "slice"  $X \times \{b\}$

[draw slice inside  $X \times Y$ ]

$$\begin{aligned} X \times Y &= \bigcup_{x \in X} \{x\} \times Y \\ &= \bigcup_{x \in X} (X \times \{b\}) \cup (\{x\} \times Y) \end{aligned}$$

note:  $X$  conn implies  $X \times \{b\}$  conn,  
 $Y$  conn implies  $\{x\} \times Y$  conn  
 $\bigcup_x (X \times \{b\}) \cup (\{x\} \times Y) \neq \emptyset$

[so it remains to show:]

Lem 1 if  $\{Z_i\}_i$  is a collection of sub's of  $Z$ ,  
 $Z_i$  connected for all  $i$ ,  
 $\bigcap_i Z_i \neq \emptyset$ ,  
then  $\bigcup_i Z_i$  is also connected

Pf pick  $p$  in  $\bigcup_i Z_i$

suppose  $\bigcup_i Z_i = C \cup D$

where  $C, D$  are disjoint

either  $p$  in  $C$  or  $p$  in  $D$

WLOG assume  $p$  in  $C$

want to show that  $Z_i \subset C$  for all  $i$

because then,  $D = \emptyset$

meaning  $C, D$  is not a separation

Lem 2 if  $C, D$  is a separation of  $X$ ,  
 $Y \subset X$  is connected,  
then  $Y \subset C$  or  $Y \subset D$

Pf otherwise,  $C \cap Y$  and  $C \cap D$   
form a separation of  $Y$

## Sorites

- finite product of conn. spaces is conn.
- union of conn.'s w/ point in common is conn.

also:

- image of conn. under cts map is conn.
- if  $A$  conn. and  $A \subset B \subset \text{Cl}_X(A) \subset X$ ,  
then  $B$  conn.

next time: is  $\mathbb{R}$  connected? yes but why?