

2.16.2) If  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{T}'$  are on  $X$  and  $\mathcal{T}'$  is strictly finer than  $\mathcal{T}$ , what can you say about the corresponding subspace on the subset  $Y$  of  $X$ ?

We have that  $\mathcal{T} \subsetneq \mathcal{T}'$ . Let  $Y \subset X$ . The corresponding subspace topologies are

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{T}_Y &= \{Y \cap U \mid U \in \mathcal{T}\} \\ \mathcal{T}'_Y &= \{Y \cap U' \mid U' \in \mathcal{T}'\}\end{aligned}$$

We'll show that  $\mathcal{T}_Y$  is at least contained in  $\mathcal{T}'_Y$ . But containment in the other direction depends on  $Y$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O} \in \mathcal{T}_Y$ . We have that  $\mathcal{O} = Y \cap U$  for some  $U \in \mathcal{T}$ .

But  $\mathcal{T} \subset \mathcal{T}'$  implies  $\mathcal{O} = Y \cap U \in \mathcal{T}'_Y \Rightarrow$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{T}_Y \subset \mathcal{T}'_Y.}$$

Now consider,

$$X = \{a, b, c, d, e\},$$

and the following two topologies on  $X$ . We write them without braces for simplicity.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{T} &= \{\emptyset, abcde, abc, cde, c\} \\ \mathcal{T}' &= \{\emptyset, abcde, abc, cde, c, bc, bcde\}.\end{aligned}$$

The two examples show choices of  $Y$  that the strictly finer condition doesn't necessarily carry over to subspace topologies.

ex1)  $Y = \{bcde\}$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{T}_Y &= \{\emptyset, bcde, bc, cde, c\} \\ \mathcal{T}'_Y &= \{\emptyset, bcde, bc, cde, c\}\end{aligned}$$

ex2)  $Y = \{ab\}$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{T}_Y &= \{\emptyset, ab\} \\ \mathcal{T}'_Y &= \{\emptyset, ab, b\}\end{aligned}$$

2.16.3) Consider  $Y = [-1, 1]$  as a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(a)  $A = \{x \mid \frac{1}{2} < |x| < 1\}$ . **Open in  $[-1, 1]$  and  $\mathbb{R}$ .**

$$\begin{aligned}A &= \left(-1, -\frac{1}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right) \\ &= \left\{\left(-1, -\frac{1}{2}\right) \cap [-1, 1]\right\} \cup \left\{\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right) \cap [-1, 1]\right\}\end{aligned}$$

(b)  $B = \{x \mid \frac{1}{2} < |x| \leq 1\}$ . **Open in  $[-1, 1]$ .**

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \left[-1, -\frac{1}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right] \\ &= \left\{\left(-2, -\frac{1}{2}\right) \cap [-1, 1]\right\} \cup \left\{\left(\frac{1}{2}, 2\right) \cap [-1, 1]\right\} \end{aligned}$$

(c)  $C = \{x \mid \frac{1}{2} \leq |x| < 1\}$ . **Not open in either.**

(d)  $D = \{x \mid \frac{1}{2} \leq |x| \leq 1\}$ . **Not open in either.**

(e)  $E = \{x \mid 0 < |x| < 1, \frac{1}{x} \notin \mathbb{Z}_+\}$ . **Open in  $[-1, 1]$  and  $\mathbb{R}$ .**

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{k+1}, \frac{1}{k}\right) \\ &= \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{k+1}, \frac{1}{k}\right) \cap [-1, 1] \end{aligned}$$

2.16.4) Show  $\pi_1 : X \times Y \rightarrow X$  and  $\pi_2 : X \times Y \rightarrow Y$  are open maps.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $\mathcal{O} \subset_o X \times Y$  ( $\subset_o$  denotes open set). Then  $\mathcal{O}$  is the union of some basis elements

$$\mathcal{O} = \bigcup_{\alpha} (U_{\alpha} \times V_{\alpha}), \quad U_{\alpha} \subset_o X, V_{\alpha} \subset_o Y.$$

$\pi_1(\mathcal{O}) = \bigcup_{\alpha} U_{\alpha}$  is a union of open sets of  $X$  and is therefore open. Similarly,

$\pi_2(\mathcal{O}) = \bigcup_{\alpha} V_{\alpha}$  is a union of open sets of  $Y$  and is therefore open.

2.17.3) Let  $A \subset_c X$  and  $B \subset_c Y$ . Show that  $A \times B \subset_c X \times Y$ . ( $\subset_c$  closed set)

( $\Rightarrow$ )

$$A \times B = (A \times Y) \cap (X \times B) \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} (X \times Y) - (A \times B) &= (X \times Y) - \{(A \times Y) \cap (X \times B)\} \\ &= \{(X \times Y) - (A \times Y)\} \cup \{(X \times Y) - (X \times B)\} \\ &= \{(X - A) \times Y\} \cup \{X \times (Y - B)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(X - A)$  and  $(Y - B)$  are open in their respective spaces,  $A \times B$  is open in  $X \times Y$ .

2.17.6 Let  $A, B, A_{\alpha}$  be subsets of a space  $X$ .

(a) Show  $A \subset B \rightarrow \bar{A} \subset \bar{B}$ .

Suppose  $A \subset B$  and let  $a \in \bar{A}$ . Then every neighborhood  $U_a$  of  $a$  intersects  $A$ . It follows that  $U_a \cap B \neq \emptyset$ . Therefore  $a \in \bar{B} \Rightarrow$

$$\boxed{\bar{A} \subset \bar{B}}.$$

(b)  $\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$ .

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $x \in \overline{A \cup B}$ . Then for all neighborhood  $U_x$  of  $x$ ,

$$U_x \cap (A \cup B) \neq \emptyset.$$

This tells us that  $U_x \cap A \neq \emptyset$  or  $U_x \cap B \neq \emptyset$ . Therefore,  $x \in \overline{A}$  or  $x \in \overline{B} \Rightarrow x \in \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$ .  
So that

$$\overline{A \cup B} \subset \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}.$$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $x \in \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$ . Then  $\forall$  neighborhood  $U_x$  of  $x$ ,

$$U_x \cap A \neq \emptyset \text{ or } U_x \cap B \neq \emptyset.$$

$A, B \subset A \cup B \Rightarrow U_x \cap (A \cup B) \neq \emptyset$ . Thus,

$$\overline{A} \cup \overline{B} \subset \overline{A \cup B}.$$

Therefore,

$$\boxed{\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}}.$$

(c) Show  $\overline{\bigcup A_\alpha} \supset \bigcup \overline{A_\alpha}$ . Give an example where equality fails.

Let  $x \in \overline{\bigcup A_\alpha}$  and denote  $U_x$  an open set containing  $x$ .

We have  $x \in \overline{A_\alpha}$  for some  $\alpha \Rightarrow \forall U_x, U_x \cap A_\alpha \neq \emptyset$

$$\Rightarrow U_x \cap (\bigcup A_\alpha) \neq \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \overline{\bigcup A_\alpha}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bigcup \overline{A_\alpha} \subset \overline{\bigcup A_\alpha}.$$

ex) Let  $A_\alpha = (\frac{1}{\alpha}, 1) \Rightarrow \overline{A_\alpha} = [\frac{1}{\alpha}, 1]$ .

The union  $\bigcup A_\alpha = (0, 1) \Rightarrow \overline{\bigcup A_\alpha} \ni 0$ .

But  $0 \notin \overline{A_\alpha} \forall \alpha \Rightarrow 0 \notin \bigcup \overline{A_\alpha}$ .

Thus equality fails here.

2.17.7) Criticize the proof of Problem 2.17.7.

The problem is with the assumption that every neighborhood of  $x$  intersects the union implies that, that neighborhood always intersects the same set. i.e.

$$U_x \cap \bigcup A_\alpha \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow U_x \cap A_\alpha \neq \emptyset, \quad \text{some } \alpha.$$

$\alpha$  may depend on the neighborhood,  $\alpha = \alpha(U_x)$ .

2.17.9) Let  $A \subset X, B \subset Y$ . Show that in space  $X \times Y$ ,

$$\overline{A \times B} = \overline{A} \times \overline{B}.$$

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $(x, y) \in \overline{A \times B}$ . We know that for all open sets containing  $(x, y)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_{(x,y)}$ ,

$$\mathcal{O}_{(x,y)} \cap (A \times B) \neq \emptyset.$$

Let  $x \in U_x, y \in V_y$ , both open sets in their respective spaces. We have that the product contains  $(x, y)$  and is open in  $X \times Y$

$$(x, y) \in (U_x \times V_y) \subset_o X \times Y.$$

Hypothesis implies

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (U_x \times V_y) \cap (A \times B) &\neq \emptyset \\ \Rightarrow (U_x \cap A) \times (V_y \cap B) &\neq \emptyset \\ \Rightarrow (U_x \cap A) \neq \emptyset \text{ and } (V_y \cap B) &\neq \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $U_x$  and  $V_y$  were arbitrary open sets, this implies  $x \in \overline{A}$  and  $y \in \overline{B}$ . Therefore,  $(x, y) \in \overline{A} \times \overline{B}$  and

$$\boxed{\overline{A \times B} \subset \overline{A} \times \overline{B}}$$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose  $(x, y) \in \overline{A} \times \overline{B}$ . Then  $x \in \overline{A}$  and  $y \in \overline{B}$ .

Now consider some open  $\mathcal{O} \subset X \times Y$  containing  $(x, y)$ . Then  $\exists U_x \ni x, V_y \ni y$  (open in  $X, Y$  respectively) s.t.

$$(x, y) \in (U_x \times V_y) \subset \mathcal{O}.$$

It follows from the hypotheses that

$$U_x \cap A \neq \emptyset \text{ and } V_y \cap B \neq \emptyset.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (U_x \cap A) \times (V_y \cap B) &\neq \emptyset \\ \Rightarrow (U_x \times V_y) \cap (A \times B) &\neq \emptyset \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{O} \cap (A \times B) &\neq \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mathcal{O}$  is was an arbitrary neighborhood of  $(x, y)$ , we have that

$$\boxed{\overline{A} \times \overline{B} \subset \overline{A \times B}}.$$

Finally,

$$\boxed{\overline{A \times B} = \overline{A} \times \overline{B}}.$$