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Primitive Terms and Axioms

1.1 Primitive Terms

Let there be sets. We write A: Set for: A is a set.

For any set A, let there be *elements* of A. We write a : El(A) for: a is an element of A.

For any sets A and B, let there be functions from A to B. We write $f:A\to B$ iff f is a function from A to B.

For any function $f: A \to B$ and element a: El(A), let there be an element f(a): El(B), the value of the function f at the argument a.

1.2 Axioms

Axiom Schema 1.1 (Choice). Let P[X, Y, x, y] be a formula where X and Y are set variables, x : El(X) and y : El(Y). Then the following is an axiom.

Let A and B be sets. Assume that, for all a : El(A), there exists b : El(B) such that P[A, B, a, b]. Then there exists a function $f : A \to B$ such that $\forall a : El(A) . P[A, B, a, f(a)]$.

Axiom 1.2 (Pairing). For any sets A and B, there exists a set $A \times B$, the Cartesian product of A and B, and functions $\pi_1 : A \times B \to A$ and $\pi_2 : A \times B \to B$ such that, for all a : El(A) and b : El(B), there exists a unique $(a,b) : \text{El}(A \times B)$ such that $\pi_1(a,b) = a$ and $\pi_2(a,b) = b$.

Definition 1.3 (Injective). A function $f: A \to B$ is injective or an injection iff, for all x, y: El(A), if f(x) = f(y) then x = y.

Axiom Schema 1.4 (Separation). For every property P[X,x] where X is a set variable and x : El(X), the following is an axiom:

For every set A, there exists a set $S = \{x : \text{El}(A) \mid P[A, x]\}$ and an injection $i: S \to A$ such that, for all x : El(A), we have

$$(\exists y : S.i(y) = x) \Leftrightarrow P[A, x]$$
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Axiom 1.5 (Infinity). There exists a set \mathbb{N} , an element $0 : \text{El}(\mathbb{N})$, and a function $s : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$ such that:

- $\forall n : \text{El}(\mathbb{N}) . s(n) \neq 0$
- $\forall m, n : \text{El}(\mathbb{N}) . s(m) = s(n) \Rightarrow m = n.$

1.3 Consequences of the Axioms

1.3.1 Definitions

Definition 1.6. Let $f, g : A \to B$. We say f and g are equal, f = g, iff $\forall x : \text{El}(A) . f(x) = g(x)$.

Definition 1.7 (Surjective). A function $f: A \to B$ is *surjective* iff, for all y: El(B), there exists x: El(A) such that f(x) = y.

Definition 1.8 (Bijective). A function $f: A \to B$ is bijective or a bijection iff it is injective and surjective.

Sets A and B are equinumerous, $A \approx B$, iff there exists a bijection between them.

If we prove there exists a set X such that P(X), and that any two sets that satisfy P are bijective, then we may introduce a constant C and define "Let C be the set such that P(C)".

1.3.2 The Empty Set

Theorem 1.9. There exists a set which has no elements.

Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$. Pick a set A

PROOF: By the Axiom of Infinity, a set exists.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 2$. Let: $S = \{x : \text{El}(A) \mid \bot\}$ with injection $i : S \to A$ Proof: Axiom of Separation.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 3$. S has no elements.

Theorem 1.10. If E and E' have no elements then $E \approx E'$.

Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$. Let: E and E' have no elements.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$. PICK a function $F: E \to E'$.

PROOF: Axiom of Choice since vacuously $\forall x : \text{El}(E) . \exists y : \text{El}(E') . \top$.

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\langle 1 \rangle3. F is injective. PROOF: Vacuously, for all x,y: \operatorname{El}(E), if F(x)=F(y) then x=y. \langle 1 \rangle4. F is surjective. PROOF: Vacuously, for all y: \operatorname{El}(E), there exists x: \operatorname{El}(E) such that F(x)=y.
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Definition 1.11 (Empty Set). The *empty set* \emptyset is the set with no elements.

1.3.3 The Singleton

Theorem 1.12. There exists a set that has exactly one element.

Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$. PICK a set A that has an element.

PROOF: By the Axiom of Infinity, there exists a set that has an element.

- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$. Pick a : El(A)
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3$. PICK a set S and injection $i: S \rightarrow A$ such that, for all x: El(A), there exists s: El(S) such that s=x if and only if x=a
- $\langle 1 \rangle 4$. S has exactly one element.

Theorem 1.13. If A and B both have exactly one element then $A \approx B$.

Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$. Let: A and B both have exactly one element a and b respectively.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$. LET: $F: A \to B$ be the function such that, for all x: El(A), we have $(x = a \land F(x) = b)$

 $\langle 1 \rangle 3$. F is a bijection.

Definition 1.14 (Singleton). Let 1 be the set that has exactly one element. Let * be its element.

1.3.4 Subsets

Definition 1.15 (Subset). A *subset* of a set A is a relation $1 \hookrightarrow S$. Given $S: 1 \hookrightarrow S$ and a: El(A), we write $a \in S$ for *Sa.

Theorem Schema 1.16. For any property P[X, x] where X is a set variable and x : El(X), the following is a theorem:

For any set A, there exists a set B and injection $i: B \to A$ such that, for all x: El(A), we have P[A, x] if and only if there exists b: El(B) such that i(b) = x.

Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$. Let: $S: 1 \hookrightarrow A$ be the relation such that, for all e: El(1) and a: El(A), we have eSa if and only if P[A, a].

PROOF: Axiom of Comprehension.

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\langle 1 \rangle 2. Let: B be the tabulation of S with projections p: B \to 1 and i: B \to A.
   Proof: Axiom of Tabulations.
\langle 1 \rangle 3. i is injective.
   \langle 2 \rangle 1. Let: r, s : \text{El}(B)
   \langle 2 \rangle 2. Assume: i(r) = i(s)
   \langle 2 \rangle 3. \ p(r) = p(s)
      Proof: Since 1 has only one element.
   \langle 2 \rangle 4. r = s
      Proof: Axiom of Tabulations.
\langle 1 \rangle 4. For all x : \text{El}(A), we have P[A, x] if and only if there exists b : \text{El}(B)
        such that i(b) = x.
   \langle 2 \rangle 1. Let: x : \text{El}(A)
   \langle 2 \rangle 2. If P[A, x] then there exists b : \text{El}(B) such that i(b) = x
      \langle 3 \rangle 1. Assume: P[A, x]
      \langle 3 \rangle 2. *Sx
          Proof: \langle 1 \rangle 1
      \langle 3 \rangle 3. There exists b : \text{El}(B) such that p(b) = * and i(b) = x
          Proof: Axiom of Tabulations.
   \langle 2 \rangle 3. For all b : \text{El}(B) we have P[A, i(b)]
      \langle 3 \rangle 1. Let: b : \text{El}(B)
      \langle 3 \rangle 2. p(b)Si(b)
          Proof: Axiom of Tabulations.
      \langle 3 \rangle 3. \ P[A, i(b)]
          Proof: \langle 1 \rangle 1
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1.4 Composition

Definition 1.17 (Composite). Let $\phi: A \hookrightarrow B$ and $\psi: B \hookrightarrow C$. The *composite* $\psi \circ \phi: A \hookrightarrow C$ is the relation such that $a(\psi \circ \phi)c$ iff there exists b such that $a\phi b$ and $b\psi c$.

Definition 1.18 (Identity). For any set A, the *identity* function $id_A : A \to A$ is the function defined by $id_A(a) = a$.

Theorem 1.19. Composition of relations is associative, and the identity function is an identity for composition. The composite of functions is a function. The composite of injective functions is injective. The composite of surjective functions is surjective. The composite of bijections is a bijection. A function $f: A \to B$ is a bijection iff there exists a function $f^{-1}: B \to A$ such that $f^{-1}f = \mathrm{id}_A$ and $ff^{-1} = \mathrm{id}_B$, in which case f^{-1} is unique.

1.5 Axioms Part Two

Axiom 1.20 (Power Set). For any set A, there exists a set $\mathcal{P}A$, the power set of A, and a relation \in : $A \hookrightarrow \mathcal{P}A$, called membership, such that, for any subset

S of A, there exists a unique $\overline{S} \in \mathcal{P}A$ such that, for all $x \in A$, we have $x \in \overline{S}$ if and only if $x \in S$.

We usually write just S for \overline{S} .

Axiom Schema 1.21 (Collection). Let P[X, Y, x] be a formula with set variables X and Y and an element variable $x \in X$. Then the following is an axiom.

For any set A, there exists a set B, a function $p: B \to A$, a set Y and a relation $M: B \hookrightarrow Y$ such that:

- $\forall b \in B.P[A, \{y \in Y : bMy\}, p(b)]$
- For all $a \in A$, if $\exists Y.P[A, Y, a]$, then there exists $b \in B$ such that a = p(b).

Definition 1.22 (Universe). Let $E: U \hookrightarrow X$ be a relation. Let us say that a set A is *small* iff there exists $u \in U$ such that $A \approx \{x \in X : uEx\}$.

Then (U, X, E) form a *universe* if and only if:

- \mathbb{N} is U-small.
- For any *U*-small sets *A* and *B* and relation $R: A \hookrightarrow B$, the tabulation of *R* is *U*-small.
- If A is U-small then so is $\mathcal{P}A$
- Let $f:A\to B$ be a function. If B is U-small and $f^{-1}(b)$ is U-small for all $b\in B$, then A is U-small.
- If $p: B \to A$ is a surjective function such that A is U-small, then there exists a U-small set C, a surjection $q: C \to A$, and a function $f: C \to B$ such that q = pf.

Axiom 1.23 (Universe). There exists a universe.

Let $E:U \hookrightarrow X$ be a universe. We shall say a set is *small* iff it is *U*-small, and *large* otherwise.

1.6 Cartesian Product

Definition 1.24 (Cartesian Product). Let A and B be sets. The Cartesian product of A and B, $A \times B$, is the tabulation of the relation $A \hookrightarrow B$ that holds for all $a \in A$ and $b \in B$. The associated functions $\pi_1 : A \times B \to A$ and $\pi_2 : A \times B \to B$ are called the projections.

Given $a \in A$ and $b \in B$, we write (a, b) for the unique element of $A \times B$ such that $\pi_1(a, b) = a$ and $\pi_2(a, b) = b$.

1.7 Quotient Sets

Proposition 1.25. Let \sim be an equivalence relation on X. Then there exists a set X/\sim , the quotient set of X with respect to \sim , and a surjective function $\pi: X \twoheadrightarrow X/\sim$, the canonical projection, such that, for all $x,y: \mathrm{El}(X)$, we have $x \sim y$ if and only if $\pi(x) = \pi(y)$.

Further, if $p: X \to Q$ is another quotient with respect to \sim , then there exists a unique bijection $\phi: X/\sim \approx Q$ such that $\phi \circ \pi = p$.

1.8 Partitions

Definition 1.26 (Partition). A partition of a set X is a set of pairwise disjoint subsets of X whose union is X.

Category Theory

2.1 Categories

Definition 2.1. A category C consists of:

- a set Ob(C) of objects
- for any objects X and Y, a set Mor(X,Y) of morphisms from X to Y. We write $f: X \to Y$ for f: El(Mor(X,Y)).
- for any objects X, Y and Z, a function $\circ : \operatorname{Mor}(Y, Z) \times \operatorname{Mor}(X, Y) \to \operatorname{Mor}(X, Z)$, called *composition*.

such that:

- Given $f: X \to Y$, $g: Y \to Z$ and $h: Z \to W$, we have $h \circ (g \circ f) = (h \circ g) \circ f$
- For any object X, there exists a morphism $id_X : X \to X$, the *identity morphism* on X, such that:
 - for any object Y and morphism $f: Y \to X$ we have $id_X \circ f = f$
 - for any object Y and morphism $f: X \to Y$ we have $f \circ id_X = f$

Definition 2.2. Let **Set** be the category of small sets and functions.

Define the opposite category.

2.2 Functors

Definition 2.3 (Functor). Let \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} be categories. A functor $F:\mathcal{C}\to\mathcal{D}$ consists of:

- a function $F: \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C}) \to \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{D})$
- for every morphism $f: A \to B$ in \mathcal{C} , a morphism $Ff: FA \to FB$ in \mathcal{D}

such that:

- for all A : El(Ob(C)) we have $Fid_A = id_{FA}$
- \bullet for any morphism $f:A\to B$ and $g:B\to C$ in $\mathcal C,$ we have $F(g\circ f)=Fg\circ Ff$

Define the identity functor, constant functors. Functors preserve isomorphisms.

Group Theory

Definition 3.1. Let \mathbf{Grp} be the category of small groups and group homomorphisms.

Definition 3.2. We identify any group G with the category with one object whose morphisms are the elements of G with composition given by the multiplication in G.

Linear Algebra

Definition 4.1. For any field K, let \mathbf{Vect}_K be the category of small vector spaces over K and linear transformations.

Dual space functor $\mathbf{Vect}_K^{\mathrm{op}} \to \mathbf{Vect}_K$.

Topology

5.1 Topological Spaces

Definition 5.1 (Topological Space). Let X be a set and $\mathcal{O} \subseteq \mathcal{P}X$. Then we say (X, \mathcal{O}) is a *topological space* iff:

- For any $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{O}$ we have $\bigcup \mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{O}$.
- For any $U, V \in \mathcal{O}$ we have $U \cap V \in \mathcal{O}$.
- $X \in \mathcal{O}$

We call \mathcal{O} the *topology* of the topological space, and call its elements *open* sets. We shall often write X for the topological space (X, \mathcal{O}) .

Definition 5.2 (Closed Set). Let X be a topological space and $A \subseteq X$. Then A is *closed* iff X - A is open.

Proposition 5.3. A set B is open if and only if X - B is closed.

Proposition 5.4. Let X be a set and $C \subseteq \mathcal{P}X$. Then there exists a topology \mathcal{O} on X such that C is the set of closed sets if and only if:

- For any $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ we have $\bigcap \mathcal{D} \in \mathcal{C}$
- For any $C, D \in \mathcal{C}$ we have $C \cup D \in \mathcal{C}$.
- $\emptyset \in \mathcal{C}$

In this case, \mathcal{O} is unique and is given by $\mathcal{O} = \{X - C : C \in \mathcal{C}\}.$

Definition 5.5 (Neighbourhood). Let X be a topological space, $Sx \in X$ and $U \subseteq X$. Then U is a *neighbourhood* of x, and x is an *interior* point of U, iff there exists an open set V such that $x \in V \subseteq U$.

Proposition 5.6. A set B is open if and only if it is a neighbourhood of each of its points.

Proposition 5.7. Let X be a set and $\mathcal{N}: X \to \mathcal{P}X$. Then there exists a topology \mathcal{O} on X such that, for all $x \in X$, we have \mathcal{N}_x is the set of neighbourhoods of x, if and only if:

- For all $x \in X$ and $N \in \mathcal{N}_x$ we have $x \in N$
- For all $x \in X$ we have $X \in \mathcal{N}_x$
- For all $x \in X$, $N \in \mathcal{N}_x$ and $V \subseteq \mathcal{P}X$, if $N \subseteq V$ then $V \in \mathcal{N}_x$
- For all $x \in X$ and $M, N \in \mathcal{N}_x$ we have $M \cap N \in \mathcal{N}_x$
- For all $x \in X$ and $N \in \mathcal{N}_x$, there exists $M \in \mathcal{N}_x$ such that $M \subseteq N$ and $\forall y \in M.M \in \mathcal{N}_y$.

In this case, \mathcal{O} is unique and is given by $\mathcal{O} = \{U : \forall x \in U.U \in \mathcal{N}_x\}.$

Definition 5.8 (Exterior Point). Let X be a topological space, $x \in X$ and $B \subseteq X$. Then x is an *exterior point* of B iff B - X is a neighbourhood of x.

Definition 5.9 (Boundary Point). Let X be a topological space, $x \in X$ and $B \subseteq X$. Then x is a boundary point of B iff it is neither an interior point nor an exterior point of B.

Definition 5.10 (Interior). Let X be a topological space and $B \subseteq X$. The *interior* of B, B° , is the set of all interior points of B.

Proposition 5.11. The interior of B is the union of all the open sets included in B.

Definition 5.12 (Closure). Let X be a topological space and $B \subseteq X$. The *closure* of B, \overline{B} , is the set of all points that are not exterior points of B.

Proposition 5.13. The closure of B is the intersection of all the closed sets that include B.

Proposition 5.14. A set B is open iff $X - B = \overline{X - B}$.

Proposition 5.15 (Kuratowski Closure Axioms). Let X be a set and $\neg: \mathcal{P}X \to \mathcal{P}X$. Then there exists a topology \mathcal{O} such that, for all $B \subseteq X$, \overline{B} is the closure of B, if and only if:

- $\overline{\varnothing} = \varnothing$
- For all $A \subseteq X$ we have $A \subseteq \overline{A}$
- For all $A \subseteq X$ we have $\overline{\overline{A}} = \overline{A}$
- For all $A, B \subseteq X$ we have $\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$

In this case, \mathcal{O} is unique and is defined by $\mathcal{O} = \{U : X - U = \overline{X - U}\}.$

5.1.1 Subspaces

Definition 5.16 (Subspace). Let X be a topological space and $X_0 \subseteq X$. The subspace topology on X_0 is $\{U \cap X_0 : U \text{ is open in } X\}$.

Example 5.17. The unit sphere S^2 is $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : ||x|| = 1\}$ as a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 .

5.1.2 Topological Disjoint Union

Definition 5.18. Let X and Y be topological spaces. The *disjoint union* is X + Y where $U \subseteq X + Y$ is open if and only if $\kappa_1^{-1}(U)$ is open in X and $\kappa_2^{-1}(U)$ is open in Y.

5.1.3 Product Topology

Definition 5.19 (Product Topology). Let $\{X_{\lambda}\}_{{\lambda}\in\Lambda}$ be a family of topological spaces. The *product topology* on $\prod_{{\lambda}\in\Lambda} X_{\lambda}$ is the coarsest topology such that every projection onto X_{λ} is continuous.

5.1.4 Bases

Definition 5.20 (Basis). Let X be a topological space. A *basis* for the topology on X is a set of open sets \mathcal{B} such that every open set is the union of a subset of \mathcal{B}

5.1.5 Subbases

Definition 5.21 (Subbasis). Let X be a topological space. A *subbasis* for the topology on X is a subset $S \subseteq \mathcal{P}X$ such that every open set is a union of finite intersections of S.

Definition 5.22 (Space with Basepoint). A space with basepoint is a pair (X, x) where X is a topological space and x : El(X).

5.1.6 Countability Axioms

Definition 5.23 (Neighbourhood Basis). Let X be a topological space and $x_0 : \text{El}(X)$. A *neighbourhood basis* of x_0 is a set \mathcal{U} of neighbourhoods of x_0 such that every neighbourhood of x_0 includes an element of \mathcal{U} .

Definition 5.24 (First Countable). A topological space is *first countable* iff every point has a countable neighbourhood basis.

Definition 5.25 (Second Countable). A topological space is *second countable* iff it has a countable basis.

Every second countable space is first countable.

A subspace of a first countable space is first countable.

A subspace of a second countable space is second countable.

 \mathbb{R}^n is second countable.

An uncountable discrete space is first countable but not second countable.

Proposition 5.26. Let $\{X_{\lambda}\}_{{\lambda}\in\Lambda}$ be a family of topological spaces such that no X_{λ} is indiscrete. If Λ is uncountable, then $\prod_{{\lambda}\in\Lambda} X_{\lambda}$ is not first countable.

Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$. For all $\lambda : \text{El}(\Lambda)$, Pick U_{λ} open in X_{λ} such that $\emptyset \neq U_{\lambda} \neq X_{\lambda}$.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$. For all $\lambda : \text{El}(\lambda)$, PICK $x_{\lambda} \in U_{\lambda}$.
- $\langle 1 \rangle$ 3. Assume: for a contradiction B is a countable neighbourhood basis for $(x_{\lambda})_{{\lambda} \in {\Lambda}}$.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 4$. PICK $\lambda \in \Lambda$ such that, for all $U \in B$, we have $\pi_{\lambda}(U) = X_{\lambda}$
- $\langle 1 \rangle$ 5. There is no $U \in \lambda$ such that $U \subseteq \pi_{\lambda}^{-1}(U_{\lambda})$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 6$. Q.E.D.

PROOF: This is a contradiction.

5.2 Continuous Functions

Definition 5.27 (Continuous). Let X and Y be topological spaces. A function $f: X \to Y$ is *continuous* iff, for every open set V in Y, the inverse image $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in X.

Proposition 5.28. 1. id_X is continuous

- 2. The composite of two continuous functions is continuous.
- 3. If $f: X \to Y$ is continuous and $X_0 \subseteq X$ then $f \upharpoonright X_0 : X_0 \to Y$ is continuous.
- 4. If $f: X + Y \to Z$, then f is continuous iff $f \circ \kappa_1 : X \to Z$ and $f \circ \kappa_2 : Y \to Z$ are continuous.
- 5. If $f: Z \to X \times Y$, then f is continuous iff $\pi_1 \circ f$ and $\pi_2 \circ f$ are continuous.

Definition 5.29 (Homeomorphism). Let X and Y be topological spaces. A homeomorphism between X and Y is a bijection $f: X \approx Y$ such that f and f^{-1} are continuous.

Definition 5.30 (Retraction). Let X be a topological space and A a subspace of X. A continuous function $\rho: X \to A$ is a *retraction* iff $\rho \upharpoonright A = \mathrm{id}_A$. We say A is a *retract* of X iff there exists a retraction.

Definition 5.31. Let **Top** be the category of small topological spaces and continuous functions.

Forgetful functor $\mathbf{Top} \to \mathbf{Set}$.

Basepoint preserving continuous functor.

5.3 Convergence

Definition 5.32 (Convergence). Let X be a topological space. Let (x_n) be a sequence in X. A point a : El(X) is a *limit* of the sequence iff, for every neighbourhood U of a, there exists n_0 such that $\forall n \ge n_0.x_n \in U$.

Convergence in a product space is pointwise convergence.

If $f: X \to Y$ is continuous and $x_n \to l$ in X then $f(x_n) \to f(l)$ in Y.

Example 5.33. The converse does not hold.

Let X be the set of all continuous functions $[0,1] \to [-1,1]$ under the product topology. Let $i: X \to L^2([0,1])$ be the inclusion.

If $f_n \to f$ then $i(f_n) \to i(f)$ — Lebesgue convergence theorem.

We prove that i is not continuous.

Assume for a contradiction i is continuous. Choose a neighbourhood K of 0 in X such that $\forall \phi \in K_{\epsilon}$. $\int \phi^2 < 1/2$. Let $K = \prod_{\lambda \in [0,1]} U_{\lambda}$ where $U_{\lambda} = [-1,1]$ except for $\lambda = \lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n$. Let ϕ be the function that is 0 at $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n$ and 1 everywhere else. Then $\phi \in K$ but $\int \phi^2 = 1$.

Proposition 5.34. The converse does hold for first countable spaces. If $f: X \to Y$ where X is first countable, and Y is a topological space, and whenever $x_n \to x$ then $f(x_n) \to f(x)$, then f is continuous.

5.4 Connected Spaces

Definition 5.35 (Connected). A topological space is *connected* iff it is not the union of two nonempty open disjoint subsets.

Proposition 5.36. The continuous image of a connected space is connected.

Proposition 5.37. Let X be a topological space and $A, B \subseteq X$. If $X = A \cup B$, $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$, and A and B are connected, then X is connected.

Proposition 5.38. If X and Y are nonempty topological spaces, then $X \times Y$ is connected if and only if X and Y are connected.

Definition 5.39 (Path-connected). A topological space X is path-connected iff, for any points $a, b \in X$, there exists a continuous function $\alpha : [0, 1] \to X$, called a path, such that $\alpha(0) = a$ and $\alpha(1) = b$.

Proposition 5.40. The continuous image of a path connected space is path connected.

Proposition 5.41. Let X be a topological space and $A, B \subseteq X$. If $X = A \cup B$, $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$, and A and B are path connected, then X is path connected.

Proposition 5.42. If X and Y are nonempty topological spaces, then $X \times Y$ is path connected if and only if X and Y are path connected.

5.5 Hausdorff Spaces

Definition 5.43 (Hausdorff). A topological space is a *Hausdorff* space or a T_2 space iff any two distinct points have disjoint neighbourhoods.

Proposition 5.44. In a Hausdorff space, a sequence has at most one limit.

Proposition 5.45. 1. Every subspace of a Hausdorff space is Hausdorff.

- 2. The disjoint union of two Hausdorff spaces is Hausdorff.
- 3. The product of two Hausdorff spaces is Hausdorff.

Proposition 5.46. Let A be a topological space and B a Hausdorff space. Let $f, g: A \to B$ be continuous. Let $X \subseteq A$ be dense. If f and g agree on X, then f = g.

Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$. Assume: for a contradiction $a \in A$ and $f(a) \neq g(a)$.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$. PICK disjoint neighbourhoods U and V of f(a) and g(a) respectively.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3$. Pick $x \in f^{-1}(U) \cap g^{-1}(V)$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 4. \ f(x) = g(x) \in U \cap V$
- $\langle 1 \rangle$ 5. Q.E.D.

Proof: This is a contradiction.

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Proposition 5.47. Let X and Y be metric spaces. Let $f: X \to Y$ be uniformly continuous. Let \hat{X} and \hat{Y} be the completions of X and Y. Then f extends uniquely to a continuous map $\hat{X} \to \hat{Y}$.

PROOF: The extension maps $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n$ to $\lim_{n\to\infty} f(x_n)$. \square

5.6 Separable Spaces

Definition 5.48 (Separable). A topological space is *separable* iff it has a countable dense subset.

Every second countable space is separable.

5.7 Sequential Compactness

Definition 5.49 (Sequentially Compact). A topological space is *sequentially compact* iff every sequence has a convergent subsequence.

5.8 Compactness

Definition 5.50 (Compact). A topological space is *compact* iff every open cover has a finite subcover.

Proposition 5.51. Let X be a compact topological space. Let P be a set of open sets such that, for all $U, V \in P$, we have $U \cup V \in P$. Assume that every point has an open neighbourhood in P. Then $X \in P$.

Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$. P is an open cover of X $\langle 1 \rangle 2$. PICK a finite subcover $U_1, \dots, U_n \in P$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3. \ X = U_1 \cup \cdots \cup U_n \in P$

Corollary 5.51.1. Let f be a compact space and $f: X \to \mathbb{R}$ be locally bounded. Then f is bounded.

PROOF: Take $P = \{U \text{ open in } X : f \text{ is bounded on } U\}$. \square

Proposition 5.52. The continuous image of a compact space is compact.

Proposition 5.53. A closed subspace of a compact space is compact.

Proposition 5.54. Let X and Y be nonempty spaces. Then the following are equivalent.

- 1. X and Y are compact.
- 2. X + Y is compact.
- 3. $X \times Y$ is compact.

Proposition 5.55. A compact subspace of a Hausdorff space is closed.

Proposition 5.56. A continuous bijection from a compact space to a Hausdorff space is a homeomorphism.

Proposition 5.57. A first countable compact space is sequentially compact.

5.9 Quotient Spaces

Definition 5.58 (Quotient Space). Let X be a topological space and \sim an equivalence relation on X. The *quotient topology* on X/\sim is defined by: U: $\mathrm{El}(\mathcal{P}X)$ is open in X/\sim if and only if $\pi^{-1}(U)$ is open in X.

Proposition 5.59. Let X and Y be topological spaces. Let \sim be an equivalence relation on X. Let $f: X/\sim \to Y$. Then f is continuous if and only if $f\circ \pi$ is continuous.

Proposition 5.60. Let X and Y be topological spaces. Let \sim be an equivalence relation on X. Let $\phi: Y \to X/\sim$.

Assume that, for all $y \in Y$, there exists a neighbourhood U of y and a continuous function $\Phi: U \to X$ such that $\pi \circ \Phi = \phi \upharpoonright U$. Then ϕ is continuous.

Proposition 5.61. A quotient of a connected space is connected.

Proposition 5.62. A quotient of a path connected space is path connected.

Proposition 5.63. Let X be a topological space and \sim an equivalence relation on X. If X/\sim is Hausdorff then every equivalence class of \sim is closed in X.

Definition 5.64. Let X be a topological space and $A_1, \ldots, A_r \subseteq X$. Then $X/A_1, \ldots, A_r$ is the quotient space of X with respect to \sim where $x \sim y$ iff x = y or $\exists i (x \in A_i \land y \in A_i)$.

Definition 5.65 (Cone). Let X be a topological space. The *cone over* X is the space $(X \times [0,1])/(X \times \{1\})$.

Definition 5.66 (Suspension). Let X be a topological space. The *suspension* of X is the space

$$\Sigma X := (X \times [-1,1])/(X \times \{-1\}), (X \times \{1\})$$

Definition 5.67 (Wedge Product). Let $x_0 \in X$ and $y_0 \in Y$. The wedge product $X \vee Y$ is $(X \times \{y_0\}) \cup (\{x_0\} \times Y)$ as a subspace of $X \times Y$.

Definition 5.68 (Smash Product). Let $x_0 \in X$ and $y_0 \in Y$. The *smash product* $X \wedge Y$ is $(X \times Y)/(X \vee Y)$.

Example 5.69. $D^n/S^{n-1} \cong S^n$

Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$. Let: $\phi: D^n/S^{n-1} \to S^n$ be the function induced by the map $D^n \to S^n$ that maps the radii of D^n onto the meridians of S^n from the north to the south pole.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 2$. ϕ is a bijection.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 3$. ϕ is a homeomorphism.

PROOF: Since D^n/S^{n-1} is compact and S^n is Hausdorff.

5.10 Gluing

Definition 5.70 (Gluing). Let X and Y be topological spaces, $X_0 \subseteq X$ and $\phi: X_0 \to Y$ a continuous map. Then $Y \cup_{\phi} X$ is the quotient space $(X+Y)/\sim$, where \sim is the equivalence relation generated by $x \sim \phi(x)$ for all x : El(X).

Proposition 5.71. *Y* is a subspace of $Y \cup_{\phi} X$.

Definition 5.72. Let X be a topological space and $\alpha: X \cong X$ a homeomorphism. Then $(X \times [0,1])/\alpha$ is the quotient space of $X \times [0,1]$ by the equivalence relation generated by $(x,0) \sim (\alpha(x),1)$ for all $x: \mathrm{El}(X)$.

Definition 5.73 (Möbius Strip). The *Möbius strip* is $([-1,1] \times [0,1])/\alpha$ where $\alpha(x) = -x$.

Definition 5.74 (Klein Bottle). The *Klein bottle* is $(S^1 \times [0,1])/\alpha$ where $\alpha(z) = \overline{z}$.

Proposition 5.75. Let M be the Möbius strip and K the Klein bottle. Then $M \cup_{\mathrm{id}_{\partial M}} M \cong K$.

Proof:

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\langle 1 \rangle 1. Let: f: ([-1,1] \times [0,1]) + ([-1,1] \times [0,1]) \rightarrow S^1 \times [0,1] be the function that maps \kappa_1(\theta,t) to (e^{\pi i \theta/2},t) and \kappa_2(\theta,t) to (-e^{-\pi i \theta/2},t). \langle 1 \rangle 2. f induces a bijection M \cup_{\mathrm{id}_{\partial M}} M \approx K \langle 1 \rangle 3. f is a homeomorphism.
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5.11 Metric Spaces

Definition 5.76 (Metric Space). Let X be a set and $d: X^2 \to \mathbb{R}$. We say (X, d) is a *metric space* iff:

- For all $x, y \in X$ we have $d(x, y) \ge 0$
- For all $x, y \in X$ we have d(x, y) = 0 iff x = y
- For all $x, y \in X$ we have d(x, y) = d(y, x)
- (Triangle Inequality) For all $x, y, z \in X$ we have $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$

We call d the *metric* of the metric space (X, d). We often write X for the metric space (X, d).

Definition 5.77 (Topology of a Metric Space). Let (X,d) be a metric space. The topology *induced* by the metric d is defined by: for $V \subseteq X$, we have V is open if and only if, for all $x \in V$, there exists $\epsilon > 0$ such that $\{y \in X : d(x,y) < \epsilon\} \subseteq V$.

Definition 5.78 (Metrizable). A topological space is *metrizable* iff there exists a metric that induces its topology.

Proposition 5.79. Every metrizable space is Hausdorff.

Every metrizable space is first countable.

A metric space is compact if and only if it is sequentially compact.

A metric space is separable if and only if it is second countable.

5.12 Complete Metric Spaces

Definition 5.80 (Complete). A metric space is *complete* iff every Cauchy sequence converges.

Example 5.81. \mathbb{R} is complete.

Proposition 5.82. The product of two complete metric spaces is complete.

Proposition 5.83. Every compact metric space is complete.

Proposition 5.84. Let X be a complete metric space and $A \subseteq X$. Then A is complete if and only if A is closed.

Definition 5.85 (Completion). Let X be a metric space. A *completion* of X is a complete metric space \hat{X} and injection $i: X \rightarrow \hat{X}$ such that:

- The metric on X is the restriction of the metric on \hat{X}
- X is dense in \hat{X} .

Proposition 5.86. Let $i_1: X \to Y_1$ and $i_2: X \to Y_2$ be completions of X. Then there exists a unique isometry $\phi: Y_1 \cong Y_2$ such that $\phi \circ i_1 = i_2$.

PROOF: Define $\phi(\lim_{n\to\infty} i_1(x_n)) = \lim_{n\to\infty} i_2(x_n)$. \square

Theorem 5.87. Every metric space has a completion.

PROOF: Let \hat{X} be the set of Cauchy sequences in X quotiented by \sim where $(x_n) \sim (y_n)$ if and only if $d(x_n, y_n) \to 0$. \square

5.13 Manifolds

Definition 5.88 (Manifold). An *n*-dimensional manifold is a second countable Hausdorff space locally homeomorphic to \mathbb{R}^n .

Homotopy Theory

6.1 Homotopies

Definition 6.1 (Homotopy). Let X and Y be topological spaces. Let $f,g:X\to Y$ be continuous. A homotopy between f and g is a continuous function $h:X\times [0,1]\to Y$ such that

- $\forall x : \text{El}(X) . h(x, 0) = f(x)$
- $\forall x : \text{El}(X) . h(x, 1) = g(x)$

We say f and g are *homotopic*, $f \simeq g$, iff there exists a homotopy between them. Let [X,Y] be the set of all homotopy classes of functions $X \to Y$.

Proposition 6.2. Let $f, f': X \to Y$ and $g, g': Y \to Z$ be continuous. If $f \simeq f'$ and $g \simeq g'$ then $g \circ f \simeq g' \circ f'$.

Definition 6.3. Let **HTop** be the category whose objects are the small topological spaces and whose morphisms are the homotopy classes of continuous functions.

Definition 6.4. A functor $F: \mathbf{Top} \to \mathcal{C}$ is homotopy invariant iff, for any topological spaces X, Y and continuous functions $f, g: X \to Y$, if $f \simeq g$ then Hf = Hg.

Basepoint-preserving homotopy.

6.2 Homotopy Equivalence

Definition 6.5 (Homotopy Equivalence). Let X and Y be topological spaces. A homotopy equivalence between X and Y, $f: X \simeq Y$, is a continuous function $f: X \to Y$ such that there exists a continuous function $g: Y \to X$, the homotopy inverse to f, such that $g \circ f \simeq \operatorname{id}_X$ and $f \circ g \simeq \operatorname{id}_Y$.

Definition 6.6 (Contractible). A topological space X is *contractible* iff $X \simeq 1$.

Example 6.7. \mathbb{R}^n is contractible.

Example 6.8. D^n is contractible.

Definition 6.9 (Deformation Retract). Let X be a topological space and A a subspace of X. A retraction $\rho: X \to A$ is a deformation retraction iff $i \circ \rho \simeq \mathrm{id}_X$, where i is the inclusion $A \to X$. We say A is a deformation retract of X iff there exists a deformation retraction.

Definition 6.10 (Strong Deformation Retract). Let X be a topological space and A a subspace of X. A strong deformation retraction $\rho: X \to A$ is a continuous function such that there exists a homotopy $h: X \times [0,1] \to X$ between $i \circ \rho$ and id_X such that, for all $a: \mathrm{El}(X)$ and $t: \mathrm{El}([0,1])$, we have h(a,t)=a.

We say A is a strong deformation retract of X iff a strong deformation retraction exists.

Example 6.11. $\{0\}$ is a strong deformation retract of \mathbb{R}^n and of D^n .

Example 6.12. S^1 is a strong deformation retract of the torus $S^1 \times D^2$.

Example 6.13. S^{n-1} is a strong deformation retract of $D^n - \{0\}$.

Example 6.14. For any topological space X, the singleton consisting of the vertex is a strong deformation retract of the cone over X.

Simplicial Complexes

Definition 7.1 (Simplex). A k-dimensional simplex or k-simplex in \mathbb{R}^n is the convex hull $s(x_0, \ldots, x_k)$ of k+1 points in general position.

Definition 7.2 (Face). A *sub-simplex* or *face* of $s(x_0, ..., x_k)$ is the convex hull of a subset of $\{x_0, ..., x_k\}$.

Definition 7.3 (Simplicial Complex). A *simplicial complex* in \mathbb{R}^n is a set K of simplices such that:

- for every simplex s in K, every face of s is in K.
- The intersection of two simplices $s_1, s_2 \in K$ is either empty or is a face of both s_1 and s_2 .
- K is locally finite, i.e. every point of \mathbb{R}^n has a neighbourhood that only intersects finitely many elements of K.

The topological space underlying K is $|K| = \bigcup K$ as a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

7.0.1 Cell Decompositions

Definition 7.4 (n-cell). An n-cell is a topological space homeomorphic to \mathbb{R}^n .

Definition 7.5 (Cell Decomposition). Let X be a topological space. A *cell decomposition* of X is a partition of X into subspaces that are n-cells.

Topological Groups

Definition 8.1 (Topological Group). A topological group is a group G with a topology such that the function $G^2 \to G$ that maps (x, y) to xy^{-1} is continuous.

Example 8.2. $GL(n,\mathbb{R})$ and $GL(n,\mathbb{C})$ are topological groups.

Proposition 8.3. Any subgroup of a topological group is a topological group under the subspace topology.

Definition 8.4 (Homogeneous Space). A homogeneous space is a topological space of the form G/H, where G is a topological group and H is a normal subgroup of G, under the quotient topology.

Proposition 8.5. Let G be a topological group and H a normal subgroup of G. Then G/H is Hausdorff if and only if H is closed.

Proof: See Bourbaki, N., General Topology. III.12

8.1 Continuous Actions

Definition 8.6 (Continuous Action). Let G be a topological group and X a topological space. A *continuous action* of G on X is a continuous function $\cdot: G \times X \to X$ such that:

- $\forall x : \text{El}(X) . ex = x$
- $\forall g, h : \text{El}(G) . \forall x : \text{El}(X) . g(hx) = (gh)x$

A G-space consists of a topological space X and a continuous action of G on X.

Definition 8.7 (Orbit). Let X be a G-space and $x \in X$. The *orbit* of x is $\{gx : g \in G\}$.

The orbit space X/G is the set of all orbits under the quotient topology.

Proposition 8.8. Define an action of SO(2) on S^2 by $g(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (g(x_1, x_2), x_3)$. Then $S^2/SO(2) \cong [-1,1]$.

Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1.$ Let: $f_3: S^2/SO(2) \rightarrow$ [-1,1] be the function induced by $\pi_3: S^2 \rightarrow$ [-1, 1]
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$. f_3 is bijective.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3. S^2/SO(2)$ is compact.

PROOF: It is the continuous image of S^2 which is compact.

- $\langle 1 \rangle 4$. [-1,1] is Hausdorff.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 5$. f_3 is a homeomorphism.

Definition 8.9 (Stabilizer). Let X be a G-space and $x \in X$. The stabilizer of $x \text{ is } G_x := \{g : \text{El}(G) \mid gx = x\}.$

Proposition 8.10. The function that maps gG_x to gx is a continuous bijection from G/G_x to Gx.

Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$. If $gG_x = hG_x$ then gx = hx.
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$. Assume: $gG_x = hG_x$

 - $\langle 2 \rangle 2.$ $g^{-1}h \in G_x$ $\langle 2 \rangle 3.$ $g^{-1}hx = x$
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 4$. gx = hx
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$. If gx = hx then $gG_x = hG_x$.

Proof: Similar.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 3$. The function is continuous.

Proof: Proposition 5.59.

Topological Vector Spaces

Definition 9.1 (Topological Vector Space). Let K be either \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} . A topological vector space over K consists of a vector space E over K and a topology on E such that:

- Substraction is a continuous function $E^2 \to E$
- Multiplication is a continuous function $K \times E \to E$

Proposition 9.2. Every topological vector space is a topological group under addition.

Proof: Immediate from the definition. \Box

Theorem 9.3. The usual topology on a finite dimensional vector space over K is the only one that makes it into a Hausdorff topological vector space.

PROOF: See Bourbaki. Elements de Mathematique, Livre V: Espaces Vectoriels Topologiques, Th. 2, p. 18 \square

Proposition 9.4. Let E be a topological vector space and E_0 a subspace of E. Then $\overline{E_0}$ is a subspace of E.

Definition 9.5. Let E be a topological vector space. The topological space associated with E is $E/\{0\}$.

9.1 Cauchy Sequences

Definition 9.6 (Cauchy Sequence). Let E be a topological vector space. A sequence (x_n) in E is a *Cauchy sequence* iff, for every neighbourhood U of 0, there exists n_0 such that $\forall m, n \ge n_0.x_n - x_m \in U$.

Definition 9.7 (Complete Topological Vector Space). A topological vector space is *complete* iff every Cauchy sequence converges.

9.2 Seminorms

Definition 9.8 (Seminorm). Let E be a vector space over K. A *seminorm* on E is a function $\| \| : E \to \mathbb{R}$ such that:

- 1. $\forall x : \text{El}(E) . ||x|| \ge 0$
- 2. $\forall \alpha : \text{El}(K) . \forall x : \text{El}(E) . ||\alpha x|| = |\alpha||x||$
- 3. Triangle Inequality $\forall x, y : \text{El}(E) . ||x + y|| \le ||x|| + ||y||$

Example 9.9. The function that maps (x_1, \ldots, x_n) to $|x_i|$ is a seminorm on \mathbb{R}^n .

Definition 9.10. Let E be a vector space over K. Let Λ be a set of seminorms on E. The topology generated by Λ is the topology generated by the subbasis consisting of all sets of the form $B_{\epsilon}^{\lambda}(x) = \{y \in E : \lambda(y-x) < \epsilon\}$ for $\epsilon > 0, \ \lambda \in \Lambda$ and $x : \mathrm{El}(E)$.

Proposition 9.11. *E* is a topological vector space under this topology. It is Hausdorff iff, for all x : El(E), if $\forall \lambda \in \Lambda. \lambda(x) = 0$ then x = 0.

9.3 Fréchet Spaces

Definition 9.12 (Pre-Fréchet Space). A *pre-Fréchet space* is a Hausdorff topological vector space whose topology is generated by a countable set of seminorms.

Proposition 9.13. Let E be a pre-Fréchet space whose topology is generated by the family of seminorms $\{\| \|_n : n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \}$. Then

$$d(x,y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \frac{\|x - y\|_n}{1 + \|x - y\|_n}$$

is a metric that induces the same topology. The two definitions of Cauchy sequence agree.

Definition 9.14 (Fréchet Space). A *Fréchet space* is a complete pre-Fréchet space.

9.4 Normed Spaces

Definition 9.15 (Normed Space). Let E be a vector space over K. A norm on E is a function $\| \ \| : E \to \mathbb{R}$ is a seminorm such that, $\forall x \in E. \|x\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$. A normed space consists of a vector space with a norm.

Proposition 9.16. If E is a normed space then d(x,y) = ||x-y|| is a metric on E that makes E into a topological vector space. The two definitions of Cauchy sequence agree on E.

Proposition 9.17. Let $\| \ \|$ be a seminorm on the vector space E. Then $\| \ \|$ defines a norm on $E/\{0\}$.

Proposition 9.18. Let E and F be normed spaces. Any continuous linear map $E \to F$ is uniformly continuous.

Definition 9.19. For $p \ge 1$. let $\mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ be the vector space of all Lebesgue-measurable functions $f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ such that $|f|^p$ is Lebesgue-integrable. Then

$$||f||_p := \sqrt{p} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^p dx$$

defines a seminorm on $\mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Let

$$L^p(\mathbb{R}^n) := \mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{R}^n)/\overline{\{0\}}$$
.

9.5 Inner Product Spaces

Proposition 9.20. If E is an inner product space then $||x|| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$ is a norm on E.

9.6 Banach Spaces

Definition 9.21 (Banach Space). A Banach space is a complete normed space.

Example 9.22. For any topological space X, the set C(X) of bounded continuous functions $X \to \mathbb{R}$ is a Banach space under $||f|| = \sup_{x \in X} |f(x)|$.

Proposition 9.23. The completion of a normed space is a Banach space.

Proposition 9.24. Let E and F be normed spaces. Let $f: E \to F$ be a continuous linear map. Then the extension to the completions $\hat{E} \to \hat{F}$ is linear.

Proposition 9.25. $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is a Banach space.

Proposition 9.26. $C(\mathbb{R})$ is first countable but not second countable.

PROOF: For every sequence of 0s and 1s $s=(s_n)$, let f_s be a continuous bounded function whose value at n is s_n . Then the set of all f_s is an uncountable discrete set in $C(\mathbb{R})$. Hence $C(\mathbb{R})$ is not second countable.

It is first countable because it is metrizable. \Box

9.7 Hilbert Spaces

Definition 9.27 (Hilbert Space). A *Hilbert space* is a complete inner product space.

Example 9.28. The set of square-integrable functions is the set of Lebesgue integrable functions $[-\pi, \pi] \to \mathbb{R}$ quotiented by: $f \sim g$ iff $\{x \in [-\pi, \pi] : f(x) \neq g(x)\}$ has measure 0. This is a Hilbert space under

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi} \pi f(x) g(x) dx$$
.

Proposition 9.29. The completion of an inner product space is a Hilbert space.

An infinite dimensional Hilbert space with the weak topology is not first countable.

9.8 Locally Convex Spaces

Definition 9.30 (Locally Convex Space). A topological vector space is *locally convex* iff every neighbourhood of 0 includes a convex neighbourhood of 0.

Proposition 9.31. A topological vector space is locally convex if and only if its topology is generated by a set of seminorms.

PROOF: See Köthe, G. Topological Vector Spaces 1. Section 18.

Proposition 9.32. A locally convex topological vector space is a pre-Fréchet space if and only if it is metrizable.

Proof: See Köthe, G. Topological Vector Spaces 1. Section 18. \square

Example 9.33. Let E be an infinite dimensional Hilbert space. Let E' be the same vector space under the *weak topology*, the coarsest topology such that every continuous linear map $E \to \mathbb{R}$ is continuous as a map $E' \to \mathbb{R}$. Then E is locally convex Hausdorff but not metrizable.

Proof: See Dieudonne, J. A., Treatise on Analysis, Vol. II, New York and London: Academic Press, 1970, p. 76.

Definition 9.34 (Thom Space). Let E be a vector bundle with a Riemannian metric, $DE = \{x : \text{El}(E) \mid ||x|| \leq 1\}$ its disc bundle and $SE := \{v : \text{El}(E) \mid ||v|| = 1\}$ its sphere bundle. The *Thom space* of E is the quotient space DE/SE.