

1. TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

1.1 TOPOLOGIES

DEFINITION 1.1 (Topology). For a set X , a *topology on X* is a collection τ of subsets of X which satisfies,

1. $\emptyset, X \in \tau$.
2. $U_1, \dots, U_n \in \tau \implies U_1 \cap \dots \cap U_n \in \tau$.
3. $(U_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A} \in \tau \implies \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} U_\alpha \in \tau$.

The pair (X, τ) is called a *topological space*.

DEFINITION 1.2 (Neighbourhood). Given a topological space X , a *neighbourhood* of a point $p \in X$ is any open set $U_p \in \tau$ containing p .

A *neighbourhood of the subset $K \subseteq X$* is an open set containing K .

PROPOSITION 1.3 (Metric topology). Let (M, d) be a metric space and let τ be the collection of sets which are open in the sense of metric spaces. Then, (M, τ) is a topological space.

Proof. Proof of the statement amounts to showing that each of the defining properties of a topological space are true in the metric space.

1. \emptyset is vacuously open in M , and M is clearly also open. Hence $\emptyset, M \in \tau$.
2. Take $U_1, \dots, U_n \in \tau$, and consider a point $p \in U_1 \cap \dots \cap U_n$. Since each of the sets U_i are open, there exist values r_i such that $B(p; r_i) \subseteq U_i$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$. Taking $r = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{r_i\}$, we have that $B(p; r) \subseteq U_1 \cap \dots \cap U_n$, and hence this intersection is open.
3. For every point in the union, there is at least one open set U_α containing the point, and an open ball around the point. Hence the union is open.

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NOTATION. We have the following standard notations for common sets.

- The open unit n -ball:

$$\mathbb{B}^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| < 1\}$$

- The closed unit n -ball:

$$\overline{\mathbb{B}}^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| \leq 1\}$$

- The unit n -sphere:

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

DEFINITION 1.4 (Metrisable). A topological space (X, τ) is said to be *metrisable* if its topology is the same as that generated by some metric on X .

1.1.1 CLOSED SUBSETS

DEFINITION 1.5 (Closed sets). A subset F of a topological space X is said to be *closed* if its complement $X \setminus F$ is open.

For the proceeding four definitions, let A be any subset of a topological space X .

DEFINITION 1.6 (Closure). The *closure* of A in X is defined to be,

$$\overline{A} = \bigcap \{B \subseteq X : B \supseteq A \text{ and } B \text{ is closed in } X\}$$

DEFINITION 1.7 (Interior). The *interior* of A is defined to be,

$$\text{Int } A = \bigcup \{C \subseteq X : C \subseteq A \text{ and } C \text{ is open in } X\}$$

DEFINITION 1.8 (Exterior). The *exterior* of A is defined to be,

$$\text{Ext } A = X \setminus \overline{A}$$

DEFINITION 1.9 (Boundary). The *boundary* of A is defined to be,

$$\partial A = X \setminus (\text{Int } A \cup \text{Ext } A)$$

PROPOSITION 1.10. Let X be a topological space and let $A \subseteq X$ be any subset.

1. A point is in $\text{Int } A$ if and only if it has a neighbourhood contained in A .
2. A point is in $\text{Ext } A$ if and only if it has a neighbourhood contained in $X \setminus A$.
3. A point is in ∂A if and only if every neighbourhood of it contains both a point of A and a point of $X \setminus A$.
4. A point is in \overline{A} if and only if every neighbourhood of it contains a point of A .
5. $\overline{A} = A \cup \partial A = \text{Int } A \cup \partial A$.
6. $\text{Int } A$ and $\text{Ext } A$ are open in X , while \overline{A} and ∂A are closed in X .
7. The following are equivalent:
 - A is open in X .
 - $A = \text{Int } A$.
 - A contains none of its boundary points.
 - Every point of A has a neighbourhood contained in A .

8. The following are equivalent:

- A is closed in X .
- $A = \overline{A}$.
- A contains all of its boundary points.
- Every point of $X \setminus A$ has a neighbourhood contained in $X \setminus A$.

Proof. We will work through each statement in turn.

1. Consider the following logical equivalence

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \in \text{Int } A & \\
 \iff & \\
 x \in \bigcup \{B \subseteq A : B \in \tau_X\} & \\
 \iff & \\
 \exists B \subseteq A \text{ s.t. } (x \in B \wedge B \in \tau_X). &
 \end{aligned}$$

This is exactly the statement that there exists an open neighbourhood of $x \in \text{Int } A$ contained in $\text{Int } A$.

2. Assume first that $x \in \text{Ext } A$. Then, by definition, we have that $x \in X \setminus \overline{A}$. Since \overline{A} is an intersection of closed sets, it is closed, and hence $X \setminus \overline{A}$ is open. Furthermore, $A \subseteq \overline{A}$, and equivalently, $X \setminus \overline{A} \subseteq X \setminus A$. Therefore, $X \setminus \overline{A}$ is a neighbourhood of x satisfying the desired property.

For the reverse implication, assume that x has an open neighbourhood $U \subseteq X \setminus A$. Since U is open, $X \setminus U$ is closed, and furthermore, $X \setminus U \supseteq A$. From the definition of \overline{A} , it must be the case that $x \notin \overline{A}$, hence $x \in \text{Ext } A$.

3. Given the previous two results, and the definition of ∂A , the statement is clear.

4. Given the second result, and the definition of $\text{Ext } A$, the statement is clear.

5. We first aim to show that $A \cup \partial A \subseteq \overline{A}$. Considering each of the LHS components in turn, we will consider neighbourhoods of points. Firstly, for $x \in A$, any neighbourhood of x will contain x itself, and hence $x \in \overline{A}$. Secondly, for $x \in \partial A$, we know by the third result that every neighbourhood contains a point of A (and $X \setminus A$), therefore $x \in \overline{A}$ also.

By the definition of $\text{Int } A$ we also have that $\text{Int } A \subseteq A$ – the interior is a union of open sets contained by A . Therefore, so far we have,

$$\text{Int } A \cup \partial A \subseteq A \cup \partial A \subseteq \overline{A}$$

We can also show by elementary set operations that,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Int } A \cup \partial A &= \text{Int } A \cup (X \setminus (\text{Int } A \cup \text{Ext } A)) \\
 &= X \setminus \text{Ext } A \\
 &= \overline{A}
 \end{aligned}$$

And hence the chain of inclusions is a chain of equalities, as needed.

6. Clearly $\text{Int } A$ is open, as a union of open sets. The same follows for the closedness of \overline{A} as an intersection of closed sets. As $\text{Ext } A$ is the X -complement of \overline{A} , it is open. As ∂A is the X -complement of a union of open sets, it is closed.
7. We first assume that A is open. Then clearly, every point $x \in A$ has an open neighbourhood contained in A , since $A \subseteq A$. From this we know that $\partial A = \emptyset$ from the third result. From this we know that, $A = \text{Int } A$ since,

$$\begin{aligned} (A \cup \partial A = \text{Int } A \cup \partial A) \wedge (A \cap \partial A = \emptyset) \\ \iff \\ A = \text{Int } A \end{aligned}$$

also relying on the disjointness of $\text{Int } A$ and ∂A .

If $A = \text{Int } A$, then A is open, since $\text{Int } A$ is open. From this we have a full circle of equivalences.

8. These equivalences are easily validated, in a similar way as to the previous result.

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DEFINITION 1.11 (Limit and isolated points). Given a topological space X , and a set $A \subseteq X$, we say that a point $p \in X$ is a *limit point* of A if every neighbourhood of p contains a point of A other than p .

On the other hand, a point $p \in A$ is called an *isolated point* of A if there exists a neighbourhood U of p such that $U \cap A = \{p\}$.

PROBLEM 1.1. Show that a subset is closed if and only if it contains all of its limit points.

SOLUTION 1.1. We can make a neat argument using the previous proposition. Since every neighbourhood of every limit point x of A contains a point of A other than the point x itself, the point x must be contained by the closure \overline{A} . Furthermore since, A is closed if and only if $A = \overline{A}$, every limit point is contained by A if and only if $A = \overline{A}$ if and only if A is closed.

DEFINITION 1.12 (Dense). A subset A of a topological space X is said to be *dense in X* if $\overline{A} = X$.

PROBLEM 1.2. Show that a subset $A \subseteq X$ is dense in X if and only if every nonempty open subset of X contains a point in A .

SOLUTION 1.2. $\overline{A} = X$ if and only if every neighbourhood of every point in X has nonempty intersection with A . In particular, the statement ‘every neighbourhood of every point in X ’ is exhaustive of nonempty open sets in the topology of X , and hence the statement follows.

1.2 CONVERGENCE AND CONTINUITY

DEFINITION 1.13 (Sequence convergence). For a topological space X and a sequence $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ of points in X , we say that the *sequence converges* to x if for every neighbourhood U of x , there exists some $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x_n \in U$ for all $n \geq N$.

PROBLEM 1.3. Show that in a metric space, the topological definition of convergence is equivalent to the metric space definition.

SOLUTION 1.3. To solve this exercise, we want to show that a sequence converges in a metric space if and only if the sequence converges in the respective topological space with the induced metric topology. Consider the following equivalences, starting with the definition of convergence in a metric space.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } d(x_n, x) < \epsilon \forall n \geq N \\
& \iff \\
& \forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } x_n \in B^{(d)}(x; \epsilon) \forall n \geq N \\
& \iff \\
& \text{for every neighbourhood } U \text{ of } x \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } x_n \in U \forall n \geq N
\end{aligned}$$

PROBLEM 1.4. For a topological space X , a subset A and a sequence $(x_i) \in A$, show that $x = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_i \in \overline{A}$.

SOLUTION 1.4. Suppose for the sake of contradiction that this wasn't the case, and the limit x of a convergent sequence (x_i) was such that $x \in \text{Ext } A$. Then, by a previous result, there exists an open subset $U \subseteq X \setminus A$ such that $x \in U$. Since $x_i \in A$ for all i , $x_i \notin U$ for all i , and hence the sequence cannot be convergent; the desired contradiction.

DEFINITION 1.14 (Continuity). If X and Y are topological spaces, a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be *continuous* if for every open subset $U \subseteq Y$, its preimage $f^{-1}(U)$ is open in X .

PROPOSITION 1.15. A map between topological spaces is continuous if and only if the preimage of every closed subset is closed.

Proof. Consider the following equivalences.

$$\begin{aligned}
& f \text{ is continuous} \\
& \iff \\
& f^{-1}(B) \text{ is open, for all } B \text{ open} \\
& \iff \\
& f^{-1}(Y \setminus A) \text{ is open, for all } A \text{ closed} \\
& \iff \\
& f^{-1}(Y) \setminus f^{-1}(A) \text{ is open, for all } A \text{ closed} \\
& \iff \\
& X \setminus f^{-1}(A) \text{ is open, for all } A \text{ closed} \\
& \iff \\
& f^{-1}(A) \text{ is closed, for all } A \text{ closed.}
\end{aligned}$$

□

PROPOSITION 1.16. Let X, Y and Z be topological spaces.

1. Every constant map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous.
2. The identity map $\text{Id}_X : X \rightarrow X$ is continuous.
3. If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous, so is the restriction of f to any open subset of X .
4. If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ are continuous, then so is their composition $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$.

Proof. We deal with each of the statements in turn.

1. Suppose that $f : X \rightarrow Y : x \mapsto a \in Y$. Then, an open set $U \subseteq Y$ is either $U \supseteq \{a\}$ or $U \not\supseteq \{a\}$. In the first case, $f^{-1}(U) = X$ which is open, and in the second case $f^{-1}(U) = \emptyset$, which is also open.
2. Let U be an open set in X . Then $f^{-1}(U) = U$, open by hypothesis.
3. This is clear.
4. Consider an open set $U \subseteq Z$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}(g \circ f)^{-1}(U) &= (f^{-1} \circ g^{-1})(U) \\ &= f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))\end{aligned}$$

where the continuity of each of these functions ensures that the composition is continuous.

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PROPOSITION 1.17 (Local criterion for continuity). A map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous if and only if each point of X has a neighbourhood on which the restriction of f is continuous.

Proof. If the function f is continuous, then we can simply take X to be the open neighbourhood of every point.

On the contrary, let $U \subseteq Y$, where we aim to show that $f^{-1}(U)$ is open in X . Taking some $x \in f^{-1}(U)$, we know that there exists neighbourhood V_x of x such that $f|_{V_x}$ is continuous. In particular, $f|_{V_x}^{-1}(U)$ is open. Also,

$$f|_{V_x}^{-1}(U) = \{x \in V_x : f(x) \in U\} = V_x \cap f^{-1}(U)$$

and in particular, $f|_{V_x}^{-1}(U) \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$, is an open neighbourhood of x . The arbitrary choice of $x \in f^{-1}(U)$ then determines that $f^{-1}(U)$ is open. □

DEFINITION 1.18 (Homeomorphism). A *homeomorphism* from X to Y is a bijective map $\phi : X \rightarrow Y$ such that ϕ and ϕ^{-1} are continuous.

If there exists a homeomorphism between X and Y , we say that X and Y are *topologically equivalent*, or *homeomorphic*. We denote this relation by $X \approx Y$.

PROBLEM 1.5. Show that homeomorphisms provide an equivalence relation on topological spaces.

SOLUTION 1.5. We aim to show that homeomorphisms are reflexive, transitive and symmetric.

1. Reflexive: taking $\text{Id}_X : X \rightarrow X$, we see that this map is bijective, continuous, and has continuous inverse. Hence $X \approx X$.
2. Transitive: consider the homeomorphisms $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$. Then, $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$ is continuous, bijective from X to Z , and has continuous inverse $f^{-1} \circ g^{-1} : Z \rightarrow X$. Hence $X \approx Z$.
3. Symmetric: taking f^{-1} as the homeomorphism between Y and X is sufficient. Hence $Y \approx X$.

PROBLEM 1.6. Let (X_1, τ_1) and (X_2, τ_2) be topological spaces and let $f : X_1 \rightarrow X_2$ be a bijective map. Show that f is a homeomorphism if and only if $f(\tau_1) = \tau_2$ in the sense that $U \in \tau_1$ if and only if $f(U) \in \tau_2$.

SOLUTION 1.6. First, assume that $f(\tau_1) = \tau_2$, in the sense described. Then $V \in \tau_2$ if and only if there exists some $U \in \tau_1$ such that $f(U) = V$. Since f is bijective by assumption,

$$f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(f(U)) = U$$

is open, and therefore f is continuous. A similar argument follows for the continuity of f^{-1} .

On the contrary, suppose that f is a homeomorphism. Then, f and f^{-1} are continuous, and,

$$\begin{aligned} U \in \tau_1 & \\ \implies & \\ (f^{-1})^{-1}(U) = f(U) \in \tau_2 & \\ \implies & \\ f^{-1}(f(U)) = U \in \tau_1 & \end{aligned}$$

which is the statement we wanted.

DEFINITION 1.19 (Finer and coarser). Given two topologies τ_1, τ_2 on X , we say that τ_1 is *finer* than τ_2 if $\tau_1 \supseteq \tau_2$ and *coarser* than τ_2 if $\tau_1 \subseteq \tau_2$.

PROBLEM 1.7. Show that the identity map of X is continuous as a map from (X, τ_1) to (X, τ_2) if and only if τ_1 is finer than τ_2 , and is a homeomorphism if and only if $\tau_1 = \tau_2$.

SOLUTION 1.7. Considering the map $\text{Id}_X : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (X, \tau_2)$, we have the following equivalences,

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_2 &\subseteq \tau_1 \\ \iff & \\ U \in \tau_2 &\implies U \in \tau_1 \\ \iff & \\ U \in \tau_2 &\implies \text{Id}_X^{-1}(U) \in \tau_1 \\ \iff & \\ \text{Id}_X &\text{ is continuous .} \end{aligned}$$

The identity is bijective, so is a homeomorphism if and only if it is continuous with continuous

inverse. This is the case if and only if $\tau_1 \subseteq \tau_2$ and $\tau_2 \subseteq \tau_1$, that is if and only if $\tau_1 = \tau_2$.

DEFINITION 1.20 (Open and closed maps). A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be an *open map* if it takes open subsets of X to open subsets of Y .

A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be a *closed map* if it takes closed subsets of X to closed subsets of Y .

PROBLEM 1.8. Suppose that $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a bijective continuous map. Show that the following are equivalent.

1. f is a homeomorphism.
2. f is an open map.
3. f is a closed map.

SOLUTION 1.8. Given the assumptions that f is continuous and bijective,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & f \text{ is a homeomorphism} \\
 & \iff \\
 & f^{-1} \text{ is continuous} \\
 & \iff \\
 & U \in \tau_X \implies f(U) \in \tau_Y \\
 & \iff \\
 & f \text{ is open.}
 \end{aligned}$$

PROPOSITION 1.21. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a map of topological spaces.

1. f is continuous if and only if $f(\overline{A}) \subseteq \overline{f(A)}$ for all $A \subseteq X$.
2. f is closed if and only if $f(\overline{A}) \supseteq \overline{f(A)}$ for all $A \subseteq X$.
3. f is continuous if and only if $f^{-1}(\text{Int } B) \subseteq \text{Int } f^{-1}(B)$ for all $B \subseteq Y$.
4. f is open if and only if $f^{-1}(\text{Int } B) \supseteq \text{Int } f^{-1}(B)$ for all $B \subseteq Y$.

Proof. 1. If f is closed, then $f(\overline{A})$ is closed. Since $A \subseteq \overline{A}$, $f(A) \subseteq f(\overline{A})$. The closure of $f(A)$ is defined as,

$$\overline{f(A)} = \bigcap_{B \supseteq f(A)} \{B : X \setminus B \in \tau_X\}.$$

We know that $f(\overline{A})$ is a closed set containing $f(A)$, and the result follows. □

DEFINITION 1.22 (Local homeomorphism). A map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called a *local homeomorphism* if every point $x \in X$ has a neighbourhood $U \subseteq X$ such that $f(U)$ is an open subset of Y and $f|_U : U \rightarrow f(U)$ is a homeomorphism.

PROPOSITION 1.23 (Properties of local homeomorphisms). We have the following properties,

1. Every homeomorphism is a local homeomorphism.
2. Every local homeomorphism is continuous and open.
3. Every bijective local homeomorphism is a homeomorphism.

Proof. We work through the statements in turn.

1. This is clear. Since X is open, and $f(X) = Y$, f is a valid local homeomorphism for all points $x \in X$.
2. We know from the local criterion for continuity that a function f is continuous if and only if each point $x \in X$ has a neighbourhood U such that $f|_U$ is continuous. If we consider a local homeomorphism f , we know that this function is a homeomorphism on open neighbourhoods of every points $x \in X$, and therefore is continuous. We also know that every restriction of f is open, and therefore f is open also.
3. Using a previous result, we know that a continuous, open bijection is a homeomorphism.

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1.3 HAUSDORFF SPACES

DEFINITION 1.24 (Hausdorff). A topological space X is said to be *Hausdorff* if given any two points $p \neq q \in X$, there exist neighbourhoods U, V of p and q respectively such that $U \cap V = \emptyset$.

PROBLEM 1.9. Suppose that for every $p \in X$ there exists a continuous function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $f^{-1}(0) = \{p\}$. Show that X is Hausdorff.

SOLUTION 1.9. TODO

PROPOSITION 1.25. Let X be a Hausdorff space.

1. Every finite subset of X is closed.
2. If a sequence $(p_i) \in X$ converges to a limit $p \in X$, the limit is unique.

Proof. TODO

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PROBLEM 1.10. Show that the only Hausdorff topology on a finite set is the discrete topology.

SOLUTION 1.10. TODO

PROPOSITION 1.26. Suppose X is a Hausdorff space and $A \subseteq X$. If $p \in X$ is a limit point of A , then every neighbourhood of p contains infinitely many points of A .

Proof. TODO

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1.4 BASES AND COUNTABILITY

DEFINITION 1.27 (Basis). A collection \mathcal{B} of subsets of X is a *basis for the topology* of X if,

1. Every element of \mathcal{B} is an open set of X . That is $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \tau$.
2. Every open subset of X is the union of some collection of the elements of \mathcal{B} .

PROBLEM 1.11. Suppose that \mathcal{B} is a basis for X . Show that a subset $U \subseteq X$ is open if and only if for each $p \in U$, there exists $B \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $p \in B \subseteq U$.

SOLUTION 1.11. TODO

PROPOSITION 1.28. Let X and Y be topological spaces and \mathcal{B} a basis for Y . A map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous if and only if for every basis subset $B \in \mathcal{B}$, the subset $f^{-1}(B)$ is open in X .

Proof. TODO □

1.4.1 DEFINING A TOPOLOGY FROM A BASIS

PROPOSITION 1.29. A collection \mathcal{B} of open subsets of X is a basis if and only if the following two conditions hold,

1. $\bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} B = X$.
2. If $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$ and $x \in B_1 \cap B_2$, there exists an element $B_3 \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $x \in B_3 \subseteq B_1 \cap B_2$.

If this is the case, there is a unique topology on X for which \mathcal{B} is a basis, called the *generated topology* with respect to \mathcal{B} .

Proof. TODO □

1.4.2 COUNTABILITY PROPERTIES

DEFINITION 1.30 (Neighbourhood basis). If X is a topological space and $p \in X$, a collection \mathcal{B}_p of neighbourhoods of p is called a *neighbourhood basis* for X at p if every neighbourhood of p contains some $B \in \mathcal{B}_p$.

DEFINITION 1.31 (First countability). We say that a topological space X is *first countable* if there exists a countable neighbourhood basis at all points $x \in X$.

DEFINITION 1.32 (Nested neighbourhood basis). If X is a topological space and $p \in X$, a sequence $(U_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of neighbourhoods of p is called a *nested neighbourhood basis* if $U_{n+1} \subseteq U_n$ for each n , and the sequence, when viewed as a collection is a neighbourhood basis of X at p .

LEMMA 1.33 (Nested neighbourhood basis lemma). Let X be a first countable space. Then there exists a nested neighbourhood basis at p , for every $p \in X$.

Proof. TODO □

DEFINITION 1.34 (Eventually in). If $(x_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}$ is a sequence of points in the topological space X and $A \subseteq X$, we say that the sequence is *eventually in* A if there exists some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x_i \in A$ for all $i \geq n$.

LEMMA 1.35. Let X be first countable, A be any subset of X , and $x \in X$.

1. $x \in \overline{A}$ if and only if x is a limit of a sequence of points in A .
2. $x \in \text{Int } A$ if and only if every sequence in X converging to x is eventually in A .
3. A is closed in X if and only if A contains every limit of every convergent sequence of points in A .
4. A is open in X if and only if every sequence in X converging to a point of A is eventually in A .

Proof. TODO □

EXAMPLE 1.36 (A non-first countable space). TODO

DEFINITION 1.37 (Second countability). A topological space is said to be *second countable* if it admits a countable basis for its topology.

DEFINITION 1.38 (Covers). A collection \mathcal{U} of subsets of X is called a *cover* of X if every points $x \in X$ is contained by at least one $U \in \mathcal{U}$. The cover is called an *open cover* if every $U \in \mathcal{U}$ is open, and a *closed cover* if every $U \in \mathcal{U}$ is closed.

Given a cover \mathcal{U} , a *subcover* of \mathcal{U} is a subcollection $\mathcal{U}' \subseteq \mathcal{U}$ which covers X .

DEFINITION 1.39 (Separable). A topological space is called *separable* if it contains a countable dense subset.

DEFINITION 1.40 (Lindelöf). A topological space, X is said to be a *Lindelöf space* if every open cover of X has a countable subcover.

THEOREM 1.41 (Properties of second countable spaces). Let X be a second countable space.

1. X is first countable.
2. X is separable.
3. X is Lindelöf.

Proof. TODO □

1.5 MANIFOLDS

DEFINITION 1.42 (Locally Euclidean). A topological space M is called *locally Euclidean* of dimension n if every point of M has a neighbourhood in M that is homeomorphic to an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n .

LEMMA 1.43. A topological space M is locally Euclidean of dimension n if and only if either of the following properties hold:

1. Every points of M has a neighbourhood homeomorphic to an open ball in \mathbb{R}^n .
2. Every points of M has a neighbourhood homeomorphic to \mathbb{R}^n .

Proof. TODO

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DEFINITION 1.44 (Topological manifold). An n -dimensional *topological manifold* is a second countable Hausdorff space which is locally Euclidean of dimension n .

PROPOSITION 1.45. Every open subset of an n -manifold is an n -manifold.

Proof. TODO

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PROBLEM 1.12. Show that a topological space is a 0-manifold if and only if it is a countable discrete space.

SOLUTION 1.12. TODO

PROPOSITION 1.46. A separable metric space that is locally Euclidean of dimension n is an n -manifold.

1.5.1 MANIFOLDS WITH BOUNDARY

This content is basically the same, just slightly uglier. I will skip the sections on manifolds with boundary as they come up.

1.6 PROBLEMS