

# Topology vector spaces

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## 1. Topology spaces

We have seen many important example of Banach spaces, or more generally examples of vector spaces with a metric structure. However, there are also examples of important spaces whose natural structure does not follow from a complete metric.

**Example.**  $X = C_0^0(\mathbb{R}) = \{\text{compactly supported continuous function on } \mathbb{R}\}$  If we let

$$X_n = C_0^0([-n, n]) = \{f \in C_0^0(\mathbb{R}) : \text{supp}(f) \subset [-n, n]\},$$
$$\text{supp}(f) = \overline{\{x \mid f(x) \neq 0\}}$$

- $X = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$
- $X_n \subset C^0([-n, n])$  is closed. (Banach space)
- $X_n$  is nowhere dense in  $C^0(-n, n)$  (and in  $C^0([-m, m])$  for  $m \geq n$ ).

Of course any reasonable structure in  $C_0^0(\mathbb{R})$  should give the subsapce  $C_0^0([-n, n])$  natural Banach space structure.

As a consequence of the Baire category theorem, one cannot endow  $C_0^0(\mathbb{R})$  with a complete metric whose induced topology is the natural one that we are interesting.

So we need to study structures that are more general than the metric structure.

**Definition.** A topological space is a set  $X$  with a collection  $(\mathcal{F})$  of subsets of  $X$ , ( $\mathcal{F}$  is called topology, and those element in  $\mathcal{F}$  are called open sets), such that

1.  $X, \emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$
2. If  $A_\alpha \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $\bigcup_\alpha A_\alpha \in \mathcal{F}$
3. If  $A_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $A_1 \cap A_2 \in \mathcal{F}$

**Example.** •  $\mathcal{F} = \{X, \emptyset\}$  is called the weakest topology on  $X$ .

- $\mathcal{F} = \{A \mid A \subset X\}$ .

- The metric topology on  $(X, d)$  is a topology.

**Definition.** A topological space is Hausdorff if for any  $x \neq y$ , there exists neighbourhoods  $U$  of  $x$ ,  $V$  of  $y$  such that  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

**Remark.**

1. In a Hausdorff space, the limit of a convergent sequence is unique.

*Proof.* Suppose  $x_n \rightarrow x, x_n \rightarrow y, y \neq x$ , take  $U, V$  as above. then  $\forall n > N, x_n \in U$ , because  $U \cap V = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow \forall n > N, x_n \notin V$ .  $x_n \not\rightarrow y$ .  $\square$

2. Any single point set  $\{x\}$  is closed in a Hausdorff space.

*Proof.*  $\forall y \neq x$ , we can find a neighbourhood  $V_y$  of  $y$  s.t.  $x \notin V_y$ , so  $X \setminus \{x\} = \cup_{y \neq x} V_y$  is open.  $\square$

Now let  $(x, \mathcal{F})$  be a topological space.

**Definition.**

1. A subcollection  $\mathcal{F}' \subset \mathcal{F}$  is called a base for  $\mathcal{F}$  if any open set  $U \in \mathcal{F}$  is the union of some members in  $\mathcal{F}'$ .
2. A subcollection  $\mathcal{F}'_x \subset \mathcal{F}_x$  is called a base at  $x$  if every neighbourhood of  $x$  contains an element of  $\mathcal{F}'_x$ . (But not necessary union of elements in  $\mathcal{F}'$ )

**Example.**

- $\mathcal{F}' = \{B(x, r) \mid x \in X, r > 0\}$  for a base for the metric topology on  $(X, d)$ .
- $\mathcal{F}'_x = \{B(x, r) \mid r > 0\}$  is a local base at  $x$ .
- $\mathcal{F}''_x = \{B(x, \frac{1}{n}) \mid n \in (\mathbb{N})\}$  is a local base at  $x$  containing only countable many elements.

**Remark.**

- different bases may generate the same topology.
- If  $\mathcal{F}'$  is a base of  $\mathcal{F}$ , then  $\mathcal{F}$  is the topology generated by  $\mathcal{F}'$ .

Now let  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{G})$  be topology spaces. let

$$\mathcal{S} = \{U \times V \mid U \in \mathcal{F}, V \in \mathcal{G}\}$$

Then  $\mathcal{S}$  is collection of subsets in  $X \times Y$ .

**Definition.** The topology generated by  $\mathcal{S}$  is called the product topology on  $X \times Y$ .

**Example.** The usual topology on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is the product topology of the usual topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ , since any open subset in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is the union of "open rectangles".

Let  $X, Y$  be topology spaces.

**Definition.**

1. A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called continuous at  $x \in X$  if the inverse image of every open neighbourhood of  $f(x)$  contains an open neighbourhood of  $x$ .
2.  $f$  is continuous on  $X$  if it is continuous at every  $x \in X$ , in other words,  $\forall V \in \mathcal{G}, \text{ one has } f^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{F}$ .

**Property.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous at  $x$ , and  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , then  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$ .

*Proof.* For any neighbourhood  $V$  of  $f(x)$ , the inverse image  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a neighbourhood of  $x$ . So for any neighbourhood  $V$ , we can find  $N$  s.t.  $\forall n > N, x_n \in f^{-1}(V)$ .  $V$  can be any neighbourhood, so it can be any small. So  $\forall n > N, f(x_n) \in V, f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$ .  $\square$

**Definition.** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a homeomorphism if it is continuous, invertible and the inverse is also continuous.

## Topological Vector Spaces

Roughly speaking, a topological vector space is a vector space endowed with a topology so that the vector space operations (vector addition, scalar multiplication) are compatible with the topological structure (i.e. are continuous).

**Definition.** Let  $X$  be a vector space endowed with a Hausdorff topology (some books do not require this)  $\mathcal{F}$ . It is said to be topological vector space if the mappings

$$X \times X \rightarrow X, (x, y) \rightarrow x + y$$

$$\mathbb{R}(\text{or } \mathbb{C}) \times X \rightarrow X, (\alpha, x) \rightarrow \alpha x$$

are continuous. (We use product topology on  $X \times X, \mathbb{R} \times X$ )

By definition, the continuity of vector addition and scalar multiplication means

- $\forall x \in X, y \in X, \forall V \in \mathcal{F}_{x+y}, \exists U_x \in \mathcal{F}_x, \exists U_y \in \mathcal{F}_y$  s.t.  $U_x + U_y \subset V$ .
- $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \forall V \in (F)_{\alpha x}, \exists \epsilon > 0, U_x \in \mathcal{F}_x$  s.t.  $(\alpha - \epsilon, \alpha + \epsilon) \cdot U_x \subset V$ .

**Remark.**

- For any  $A, B \subset X$ , we denote  $A + B = \{x + y \mid x \in A, y \in B\}$
- For any  $I \subset \mathbb{R}, A \subset X$ , we denote  $I \cdot A = \{\alpha x \mid \alpha \in I, x \in A\}$

**Example.**

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$$A = \{(x, 0) \mid -1 \leq x \leq 0\}, B = \{(1, y) \mid -1 \leq y \leq 1\}$$

$$A + B = \{(x, y) \mid 0 \leq x \leq 2, -1 \leq y \leq 1\}$$

- *example* .

$$A = \{(1, 0), (2, 0)\}$$

$$2A = \{(2, 0), (4, 0)\} \neq A + A = \{(2, 0), (3, 0), (4, 0)\}$$

- *For any  $a \in X$ , one has a translation operator*

$$T_a : X \rightarrow X, x \rightarrow T_a(x) = a + x$$

- *For any  $0 \neq \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , one has a multiplication operator.*

$$M_\alpha : X \rightarrow X, x \rightarrow M_\alpha(x) = \alpha x$$

**Property.** *For any  $a \in X$  and any  $0 \neq \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $T_a$  and  $M_\alpha$  are homeomorphisms.*

*Proof.*  $T_a$  and  $M_\alpha$  are both invertible, with inverse  $T_{-a}$  and  $M_{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$  respectively. Moreover, they are all continuous according to the continuity of vector addition and scalar multiplication.  $\square$

**Corollary.** *A subset  $A$  is open if and only if  $a + A$  is open. So  $\mathcal{F}$  is determined by any local base  $\mathcal{F}'_0$  at 0.*