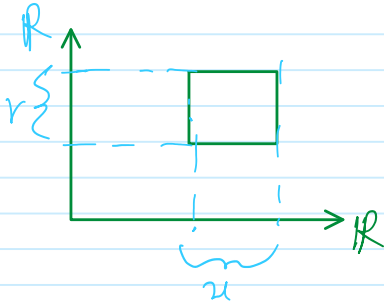


# 5-§the product topology

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The standard topology on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is the product topology induced by the standard topology (order topology) on  $\mathbb{R}$



the basis element for the stand. top. on  $\mathbb{R}^2$

Recall: this generates the same topology as the one generated by interiors of circles.

Let  $U \times V$  be open in  $X \times Y \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_x(U \times V) = U \text{ open in } X$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_y(U \times V) = V \text{ open in } Y$$

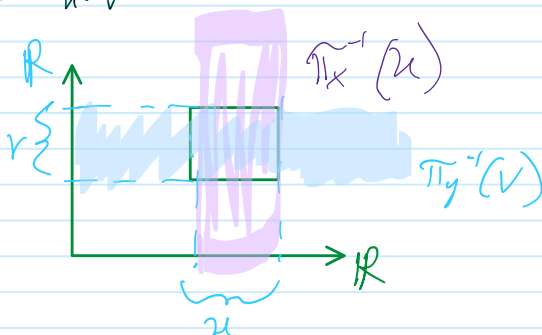
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$$U \subseteq X \text{ is open} \Rightarrow \pi_x^{-1}(U) = U \times Y \text{ is open}$$

$$V \subseteq Y \text{ is open} \Rightarrow \pi_y^{-1}(V) = X \times V \text{ is open}$$

Note that  $\pi_x^{-1}(U) \cap \pi_y^{-1}(V) =$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (U \times Y) \cap (X \times V) \\ &= (U \cap X) \times (Y \cap V) \\ &= U \times V \end{aligned}$$



## Theorem 15.2 the collection

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$$\mathcal{B} = \{ \pi_x^{-1}(U) \mid U \text{ open in } X \} \cup \\ \cup \{ \pi_y^{-1}(V) \mid V \text{ is open in } Y \}$$

is a sub basis for the product topology on  $X \times Y$

**Proof:** Let  $\tau$  be the product topology on  $X \times Y$  and let  $\tau'$  be the topology generated by  $\mathcal{B}$ .

$\tau' \subseteq \tau$ : Because every element of  $\mathcal{B}$  is open in  $\tau$ , the arbitrary union of finite intersections of elements of  $\mathcal{B}$  are open in  $\tau$ .

$\tau' \supseteq \tau$ : Every basis element  $u \times v = \pi_x^{-1}(U) \cap \pi_y^{-1}(V)$  for the topology  $\tau$  is a finite intersection of elements in  $\mathcal{B}$ .  
Thus  $u \times v \in \tau'$   $\square$

## § 16 - Subspace topology

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Def<sup>n</sup>: We define a basis  $\mathcal{T}_Y$

$$\mathcal{T}_Y = \{ Y \cap U \mid U \text{ is open in } X \}$$

$\mathcal{T}_Y$  is a topology on  $Y \subseteq X$  topological space called a subspace topology.

Show  $\mathcal{T}_Y$  is a topology.

1.)  $\emptyset, Y \in \mathcal{T}_Y$

$$\emptyset = Y \cap \emptyset \quad \& \quad Y = Y \cap X$$

2.)

$$(Y \cap U_1) \cap \dots \cap (Y \cap U_n) = Y \cap (U_1 \cap \dots \cap U_n)$$

open

3.)  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} (Y \cap U_\alpha) = Y \cap \left( \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} U_\alpha \right)$

open

# Lemma 16.1

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If  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for the topology on  $X$   
then  $\mathcal{B}_Y = \{B \cap Y \mid B \in \mathcal{B}\}$   
is a basis for the subspace topology  
on  $Y$ .

Proof:

Given  $U$  is open in  $X$  and  $y \in U \cap Y$   
we can choose a basis element  
 $B \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $y \in B \subseteq U$   
 $\Rightarrow$  then  $y \in B \cap Y \subseteq U \cap Y$   
Thus by **lemma 13.2**  $\mathcal{B}_Y$  is a  
basis for the **subspace topology** on  $Y$ .

Language note:

Since  $U \subseteq Y \subseteq X$ ,

does this imply necessarily  
mean  $U$  is open in  $Y$  or  $X$ ?

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ (.25, .5) \subseteq [0, 1] \subseteq \mathbb{R} \end{array} \quad [0, .5)$$

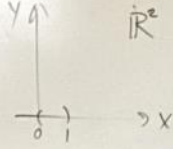
$$\longleftarrow \longrightarrow (-.5, .5) \cap$$





Ex:

- 1)  $X = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $Y = \{0\}$ ,  $\{0\}$  is open in  $Y$ , but not in  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- 2)  $X = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $Y = [0, 1]$ ,  $[0, 1]$  is open in  $Y$  but not in  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- 3)  $X = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $Y = X$ -axis,  $(0, 1) \times \{0\} \subset X$   
 $(\frac{1}{2}, 2)$  open in  $\mathbb{R} \Rightarrow (\frac{1}{2}, 2) \cap [0, 1] = (\frac{1}{2}, 1]$  open in  $Y$  but not in  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- 4)  $X$  top space,  $Y$  is not open in  $X$ ,  $U = Y$ .



## Lemma 16.2

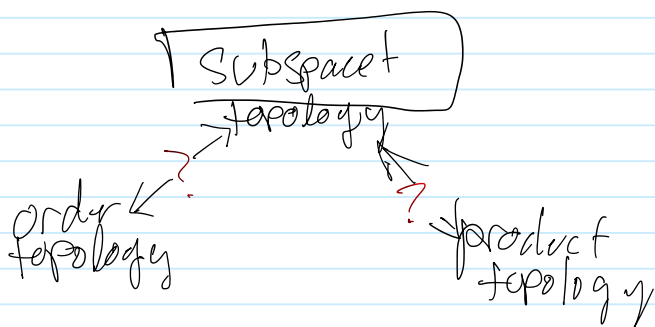
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Let  $Y$  be a subspace of  $X$   
if  $U$  is open in  $Y$  and  $Y$  is open in  $X$   
then  $U$  is open in  $X$

*Proof*

Since  $U$  is open in  $Y$  then  
 $U = Y \cap V$  for some  $V$  open in  $X$

Since  $Y$  and  $V$  are both open in  $X$   
then  $U$  is open in  $X$ .  $\square$



## Theorem 16.3

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If  $A$  is a subspace of  $X$  and  $B$  is a subspace of  $Y$ ,

then the product topology on  $A \times B$  is the same as the topology  $A \times B$  inherits as a subspace  $X \times Y$ .

$$A \times B \subseteq X \times Y \quad \text{subset}$$



$$A, B \text{ have topologies} \rightarrow A \times B \subseteq X \times Y$$

Proof: The set  $U \times V$  is the general basis element for  $X \times Y$  where  $U$  is open in  $X$  and  $V$  is open in  $Y$ .

Thus  $(U \times V) \cap (A \times B)$  is a general basis element for the subspace topology on  $A \times B$ .

Note:

$$(U \times V) \cap (A \times B) = (U \cap A) \times (V \cap B)$$

Since  $U \cap A$  and  $V \cap B$  are the general basis elements for the subspace topologies on  $A$  and  $B$  respectively,

then the set  $(U \cap A) \times (V \cap B)$  is the general basis element for the product topology on  $A \times B$ .

Since the bases are the same, the topologies are the same.  $\blacksquare$

## 6-§16 subspace topology

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Does the order topology and the subspace topology coincide?

consider

$$[0, 1] \subseteq \mathbb{R} \quad \& \quad [0, 1) \cup \{2\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$$

open sets for the subspace topology on  $[0, 1]$

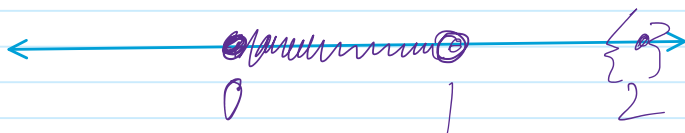
$$(a, b) \cap [0, 1] = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } a, b \notin [0, 1] \Rightarrow \emptyset \\ (a, b) & \text{if } a, b \in [0, 1] \Rightarrow (a, b) \\ [0, b) & \text{if } b \in [0, 1], a \notin [0, 1] \Rightarrow [0, b) \\ (a, 1] & \text{if } a \in [0, 1], b \notin [0, 1] \Rightarrow (a, 1] \\ \emptyset, [0, 1] & \text{if } a, b \notin [0, 1] \Rightarrow \emptyset, [0, 1] \end{cases}$$

This set give a basis for the order topology on  $[0, 1]$

$$[0, 1) \cup \{2\} = Y$$

$$\{2\} = \left(\frac{3}{2}, 4\right) \cap ([0, 1) \cup \{2\})$$

open in the subspace top.



$\{2\}$  is not open in the order topology

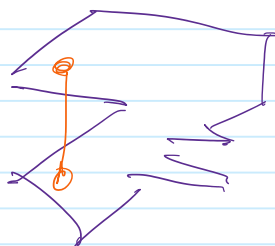
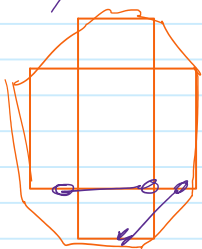
$\{x \mid x \in Y \text{ and } a < x \leq 2\}$  for any  $a \in Y$

BECAUSE

$[0, 1) \cup \{2\}$  IS not

convex.

Convex



not convex

Defn: Given an ordered set  $X$ ,  $Y \subseteq X$

is convex in  $X$ ,

if for any pair of points  $a < b$  in  $Y$  we have that  $(a, b) \subseteq Y$

Intervals and rays in  $X$  are convex sets in  $X$

# Theorem 16.4

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Let  $X$  be an ordered set w/ the order topology

Let  $Y$  be a subset of  $X$  that is convex in  $X$

Then the order topology on  $Y$  is the same as the subspace topology on  $Y$

Proof: Consider the ray  $(a, +\infty)$  in  $X$

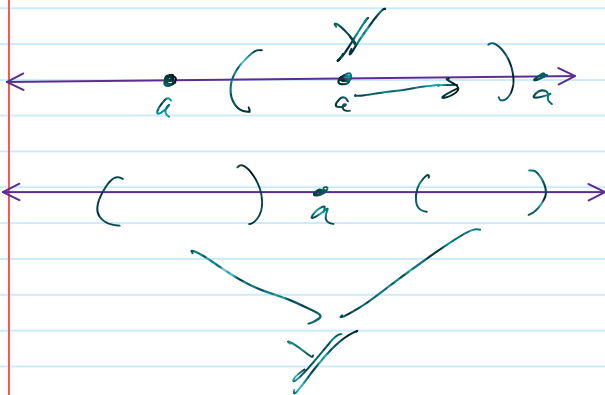
Note that if  $a \in Y$  then

$$(a, +\infty) \cap Y = \{x \mid x \in Y \text{ and } x > a\}$$

This is an open ray of the ordered set  $Y$ .

If  $a \notin Y$

then  $a$  is either an upper bound or lower bound on  $Y$  because  $Y$  is convex



If  $a$  is a lower bound on  $Y$  then  $(a, +\infty) \cap Y = Y$

If  $a$  is an upper bound on  $Y$  then  $(a, +\infty) \cap Y = \emptyset$

Similarly this shows that if

Similarly this shows that if  $a$  is an upper/lower bound on  $Y$  then  $(-\infty, a) \cap Y \neq \emptyset$  or  $Y$

$\Rightarrow$

Since the sets  $(a, +\infty) \cap Y$  and  $(-\infty, a) \cap Y$  form a subbasis for the subspace topology on  $Y$

and each is open in the order topology on  $Y$

then the order topology is contained in the subspace topology

$\Leftarrow$  any open ray in  $Y$  is the intersection of an open ray in  $X$  with  $Y$

so, it is open in the subspace topology

Since the open rays of  $Y$  are a subbasis of the order topology on  $Y$

then the subspace topology is contained in the order topology

Default assumption:

Given an ordered set  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$  we will assume  $Y$  is equipped with the subspace topology unless otherwise noted

# motivation

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we want open sets as a way  
of measuring "proximity" or "closeness"

What is separation / distance?

How do we separate two points?



# §17 closed sets and limit

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Working up for separation axioms  $\Rightarrow$  Hausdorff (manifolds)

Defn: Given a topological space  $X$   
a set  $U$  is **closed** if its complement  
 $X \setminus U$  is open

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1.)  $[a, b] \in \mathbb{R}$  is closed in the standard topology

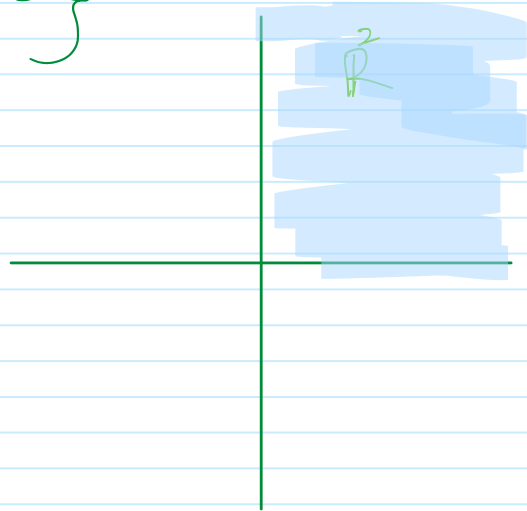
$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{R} - [a, b] = (-\infty, a) \cup (b, +\infty)$$

open

2.)  $\{(x, y) \mid x \geq 0 \text{ and } y \geq 0\}$   
Closed

because

$$(-\infty, 0) \times \mathbb{R} \cup (\mathbb{R} \times (-\infty, 0))$$



finite complement topology

$$\tau_c = \{U \subseteq X \mid X - U \text{ is finite or } X - U = X\}$$

• if  $U$  is finite  $\Rightarrow U$  is closed  
 $\Rightarrow X$  is closed

• if  $X$  is finite  $\Rightarrow \tau_c = \text{discrete}$

• if  $X$  not finite

$$X - U = \text{not finite}$$

recall  $(X - U)^c = \text{finite}$   
 $\emptyset$  is open

recall  $(x-a)^- = \text{finite}$   
 $\mathbb{Q}$  is open

discrete topology  $\tau_d = \{2^{\mathbb{N}}\}$

Every set is closed

# Theorem 17.1 & 17.2 & 17.3

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Let  $X$  be a topological space

Then.

- 1.)  $\emptyset, X$  are closed
- 2.) Finite union of closed sets are closed
- 3.) Arbitrary intersection of closed is closed

Let  $Y$  be a subspace of a topological space  $X$ .

Then a set  $A$  is closed in  $Y$  if and only if it is equal to the intersection of  $Y$  w/ a closed set of  $X$

Proof Assume that  $A = C \cap Y$  where  $C$  is closed in  $X$ .

Then  $X - C$  is open in  $X$   
so  $(X - C) \cap Y$  is open in  $Y$  (by def<sup>n</sup> of <sup>subspace</sup> topology)

$$\text{But } (X - C) \cap Y = Y - A$$

Thus,  $Y - A$  is open in  $Y$  and  
hence  $A$  is closed in  $Y$ .

Conversely, assume that  $A$  is closed in  $Y$ .

Then  $Y - A$  is open in  $Y$ .

So, by definition of subspace topology

$$Y - A = U \cap Y \text{ where } U \text{ is open in } X$$

The set  $X - U$  is closed in  $X$  and  $A = Y \cap (X - U)$

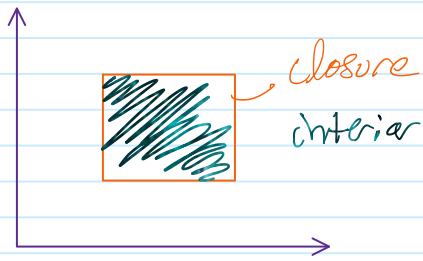
$\therefore$   $A$  is equal to the intersection of a closed set of  $X$  w/  $Y$   $\square$

## Theorem 17.3

Let  $Y$  be a subspace of a top. space  $X$ .

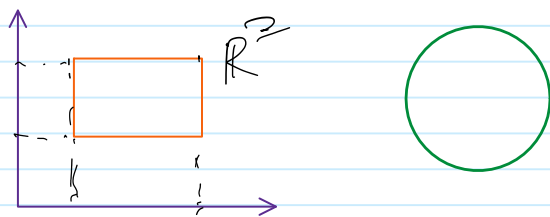
iff  $A$  is closed in  $Y$  and  $Y$  is closed in  $X$

then,  $A$  is closed in  $X$



## 7-§ 17 - closed sets and limit points

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### Closures and Interiors of Sets

Given a subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$ , the interior of  $A$ ,  $\text{Int}(A)$ , is defined to be the union of all open sets which are contained in  $A$ ;

the closure of  $A$ ,  $\bar{A}$ , is defined as the intersection of all closed sets which contain  $A$ .

### Observations

- 1.) the interior of a set is always open
- 2.) the closure of a set is always closed
- 3.) if  $A$  is open,  $A = \text{Int}(A)$
- 4.) if  $A$  is closed,  $A = \bar{A}$

$$\text{Ex: } A = (\frac{1}{2}, 1), Y = (0, 1), X = \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{Note: } A \subseteq Y \subseteq X$$

We will always take  $\bar{A}$  to mean its closure in  $X$ .

So the closure of  $(\frac{1}{2}, 1)$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  is  $[\frac{1}{2}, 1]$

$\Rightarrow$  the closure of  $(\frac{1}{2}, 1)$  in  $(0, 1)$  is  $[\frac{1}{2}, 1)$

## Theorem 17.4

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Let  $\mathcal{Y}$  be a subspace of  $X$ , let  $A \subseteq \mathcal{Y}$ .  
Then the closure of  $A$  in  $\mathcal{Y}$  is equal to  $\bar{A} \cap \mathcal{Y}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $B$  denote the closure of  $A$  in  $\mathcal{Y}$ . (Thm 17.2)

The set  $\bar{A}$  is closed in  $X$ , so  $\bar{A} \cap \mathcal{Y}$  is closed in  $\mathcal{Y}$ .

Since  $\bar{A} \cap \mathcal{Y}$  contains  $A$ , and since by definition  $B$  is the intersection of all closed subsets of  $\mathcal{Y}$  containing  $A$ ,

then  $B \subseteq (\bar{A} \cap \mathcal{Y})$ .

On the other hand, we know that  $B$  is closed in  $\mathcal{Y}$ .

Hence, by Theorem 17.2

$B = C \cap \mathcal{Y}$  for some closed set  $C$  in  $X$ .

Then  $C$  is a closed set of  $X$  which contains  $A$ ;

b/c  $\bar{A}$  is the intersection of all closed sets of  $X$  containing  $A$ .

We have  $\bar{A} \subseteq C$ , thus  $(\bar{A} \cap \mathcal{Y}) \subseteq (C \cap \mathcal{Y}) = B$ .  $\blacksquare$

# Theorem 17.5

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Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $X$ .

(a) <sup>then:</sup>  $x \in \bar{A}$  iff every open set containing  $x$  intersects  $A$

a set  $A$  intersects a set  $B$  if  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$

(b) Supposing the topology of  $X$  is given by a basis, then:

$x \in \bar{A}$  iff every basis element  $B$  containing  $x$  intersects  $A$ .

Proof (a) by Contrapositive

WTS

$x \notin \bar{A} \iff \exists$  open set  $U \ni x$  that does not intersect  $A$

( $\Rightarrow$ ) if  $x \notin \bar{A}$ , the set  $U = X - \bar{A}$  is an open set containing  $x$  that does not intersect  $A$  ✓

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Supposing there exists some open set  $U \ni x$  that does not intersect  $A$

Then  $X - U$  is closed and contains  $A$ .

By def,  $X - U$  contains  $A$  thus  $x \in \bar{A}$  ✗

Proof (b)

( $\Rightarrow$ ) If every open set containing  $x$  intersects  $A$

so does every basis element  $B$  containing  $x$   
b/c  $B$  is an open set.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) If every basis element containing  $x$  intersects  $A$ ,  $\exists$  does every open set  $U$  containing  $x$

b/c  $U$  contains a basis element that contains  $x$  ✗

Recall: an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  is

vocab: an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  is called a neighborhood of  $x$

∴ a point  $x$  is in the neighborhood of  $A$  iff

$x \in \bar{A}$   $x$  is in the closure of  $A$ .

ex:  $A = (0, 1] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

$\bar{A} = [0, 1]$  b/c evry nbhd of 0 intersects

$(0, 1]$  and every point in  $\mathbb{R} - [0, 1]$

has a nbhd disjoint from  $(0, 1]$



# Limit points

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Def<sup>n</sup>: Let  $A \subseteq X$  and  $x \in X$   
we say that  $x$  is a limit point of  $A$   
if every nbhd of  $x$  intersects  $A$  in  
some point  $y \neq x$

In other words,

$x$  is a limit point of  $A$  if  
it belongs to the closure of  $A - \{x\}$

Vocabulary: We will often call  
limit points "accumulation points".  
interchangeable

Notice: Accumulation point  
of  $A$  need not be contained in  
 $A$ . make no assumptions

## Theorem 17.6

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Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $X$ , let  $A'$  denote the set of limit points of  $A$ .

$$\text{Then } \bar{A} = A \cup A'$$

Proof: If  $x \in A'$ , every nbhd of  $x$  intersects  $A$  (in a pt  $y \neq x$ )

$\therefore$  by Thm 17.5,  $x \in \bar{A}$

$\Leftarrow$  let  $x \in \bar{A}$ .

If  $x \in A$  then  $x \in A \cup A'$

Suppose  $x \notin A$

Since  $x \in \bar{A} \Rightarrow$  every nbhd  $U$  of  $x$  intersects  $A$ .

B/c

$x \notin A$  the set  $U$  intersects  $A$  in some point  $y \neq x$

Then  $x \in A'$   $\blacksquare$

## 8-§ 17 closed set & limit points

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Thm 17.6

Let  $A \subseteq X$  be a topological space

Let  $A'$  be the set of limit points of  $A$ .

then  $\overline{A} = A \cup A'$

Corollary 17.7

A subset of top. space is closed iff it contains all the limit points

Proof

A set  $A$  is closed iff  $A = \overline{A}$

and  $A = \overline{A}$  iff  $A' \subseteq A$

for  $\overline{A} = A \cup A'$

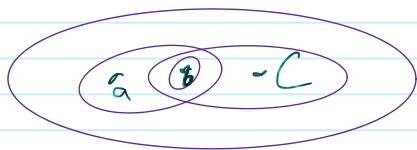
# Hausdorff spaces

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$\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^2$  useful examples

some how misleading however, because they have additional structures that a general topology doesn't have.

ex. Every one point set in  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is closed



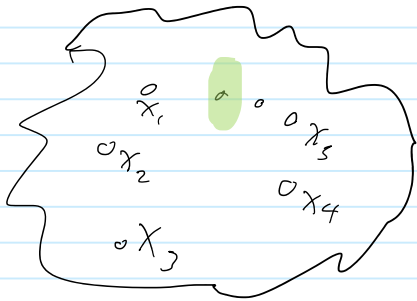
What does  $\{b\}$  converge to?  
 $\{b\} \rightarrow a$   
 $\{b\} \rightarrow b$   
 $\{b\} \rightarrow c$

In this topology  $\{b\}$  is not closed.

Ex: Unique convergence limits

Def<sup>n</sup>: a sequence of points,  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$  of a topological space  $X$  converges to the point  $x \in X$

if for every neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$ , there is a positive integer  $N$  s.t.  $x_n \in U$  for  $n \geq N$



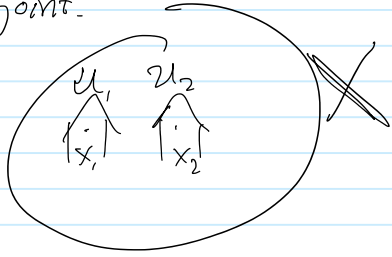
Def<sup>n</sup>: a topological space  $X$  is a

Hausdorff space if for each pair

$x_1, x_2 \in X$  w/  $x_1 \neq x_2$  there exist nbhds  $U_1, U_2$  of  $x_1, x_2$  resp. which are disjoint.



are disjoint.  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$



## Theorem 17.8

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Every finite point set in a Hausdorff space is closed.

proof Note it suffices to prove this for one point sets, since the finite union of closed sets is closed.

Let  $x_0 \in X$  and consider  $\{x_0\}$

if  $x \in X$  st.  $x \neq x_0$  then  
 $\Rightarrow$  nbhds  $U_0$  and  $U$  of  $x_0$  and  $x$ , resp.  
st.  $U_0 \cap U = \emptyset$

Since  $U$  does not intersect  $\{x_0\}$  the point  $x$  cannot be in the closure of  $\{x_0\}$

thus  $\{x_0\}$  is its own closure and so is closed  $\blacksquare$

Are finite point sets closed in  $\mathbb{R}$   
w/ finite complement topology?

Is  $(\mathbb{R}$  finite complement topology) Hausdorff?

Claim: No two points in the finite complement topology on  $\mathbb{R}$  have disjoint neighborhoods

proof: Let  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  any neighborhood  $U$  of  $x_1$  will contain all but finitely many points of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

The same is true for any neighborhood  $V$  of  $x_2$ .

Thus  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$

The  $T_1$ -axiom: every finite point set is closed.

## Theorem 17.9

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Let  $X$  be a topological space satisfying the  $T_1$ -axiom.

that is every finite point set is closed

let  $A \subseteq X$ .

Then, the point  $x \in X$  is a limit point of  $A$  iff every nbhd of  $x$  contains infinitely many points of  $A$ .

**Proof:** ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose every nbhd of  $x$  contains infinitely points of  $A$ .

Then, in particular, it contains some p.c. of  $A$  distinct from  $x$ .

Thus, by defn,  $x$  is a limit point of  $A$ .

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $x$  is a **limit point**.

Assume to the contrary that there is a nbhd  $U$  of  $x$  which intersects  $A$  in finitely many points.

Then  $(U - \{x\}) \cap A$  is a finite point set, call them  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ .

By the  $T_1$ -axiom  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  is closed. Thus  $X - \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  is open.

Thus  $U \cap (X - \{x_1, \dots, x_n\})$  is a nbhd of  $x$  which is disjoint from  $A \setminus \{x\}$ .

This is a contradiction since  $x$  is a limit point of  $A$ .  $\square$

**Remarks:**  $T_1$ -axiom is nice but will not be our focus b/c it does not require enough of the props. topologists want.

## Theorem 17.10

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If  $X$  is a Hausdorff space,  
then a sequence in  $X$  converges to at  
most one point.

Proof Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  converges to a  
point  $x \in X$

If  $y \neq x$ , let  $U$  and  $V$  be nbhd of  
 $x$  and  $y$  resp. s.t.  $U \cap V = \emptyset$

Since  $U$  contains  $x_n$  for all  $n$  sufficiently  
large, and contains all but finitely  
many points of  $\{x_n\}$

Then, the set  $V$  cannot

thus  $\{x_n\}$  cannot converge to  $y$   $\square$

vocab: When a sequence  $x_n$  converges  
in a Hausdorff space,  $X$ , to a point,  $x \in X$   
we call  $x$  the limit of  $\{x_n\}$   
denoted as

$$x_n \rightarrow x$$



# Theorem 17.11

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- Every simply ordered set is a Hausdorff space in the order topology.

this implies  $\mathbb{R}$  is Hausdorff in the standard topology

- The product of two Hausdorff spaces is a Hausdorff space

⇒  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is a Hausdorff

- A subspace of a Hausdorff space is Hausdorff.

# § 18 continuous functions

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- When are two mathematical objects the same?
- What does it mean to be equivalent?

Object	Equivalence
Set	bijection $\leftarrow$ surjective & injective (1) function
Group	Isomorphism $\leftarrow$ homomorphism & bijective
Vector Space	Isomorphism
Topological space	??? — (2) continuous function

Def<sup>n</sup>: Let  $X, Y$  be topological spaces.  
 A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous if for each open subset  $V \subseteq Y$ , the set  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an open subset of  $X$ .