

# Constructing new topological spaces.

The ordering of subsets of  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  induces an ordering of topologies on a set  $X$ .

A topology  $\mathcal{C}$  is smaller than a topology  $\mathcal{U}$  if  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{U}$ .

Ex. The indiscrete topology is smaller than any topology on  $X$ .

Any topology on  $X$  is smaller than the discrete topology.

Thm  $X \neq \emptyset, \mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ .

Then there exists a unique minimal topology  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{C}}$  on  $X$  such that  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{C}}$ .

$\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{C}}$  consists of unions of finite intersections of sets in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Proof Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the family of unions of fin. intersections of sets in  $\mathcal{C}$ : if  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  then  $A = \bigcup_{j \in J} A_j$ ,

and for each  $j$  there is  $k_j \in \mathbb{N}$  and sets  $A_{j,1}, \dots, A_{j,k_j} \in \mathcal{C}$ , such that  $A_j = \bigcap_{i=1}^{k_j} A_{j,i}$ .

If  $\mathcal{U}$  is a topology on  $X$  and  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{U}$ , then clearly  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{U}$ .

If we show that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a topology, then  $\mathcal{A}$  is the minimal topology containing  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Unions of sets in  $\mathcal{A}$  clearly belong to  $\mathcal{A}$ .

We show that the intersection of two sets in  $\mathcal{A}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Then we can extend by induction to any finite intersection.

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Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ .  $A = \bigcup_j A_j$ ,  $A_j = \bigcap_{i=1}^{k_j} A_{ji}$   
 $B = \bigcup_s B_s$ ,  $B_s = \bigcap_{t=1}^{m_s} B_{st}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} A \cap B &= \left( \bigcup_j A_j \right) \cap \left( \bigcup_s B_s \right) \\ &= \bigcup_j \bigcup_s (A_j \cap B_s) \\ &= \bigcup_j \bigcup_s \left( \left( \bigcap_{i=1}^{k_j} A_{ji} \right) \cap \left( \bigcap_{t=1}^{m_s} B_{st} \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

which is a union of finite intersections of sets in  $\mathcal{C}$ . //

We say that  $\mathcal{C}$  is a subbase of the topology  $\tau_{\mathcal{C}}$ .

A set  $\mathcal{B}$  of subsets of  $X$  is a base of the topology  $\mathcal{C}$  if every set in  $\mathcal{C}$  is the union of sets in  $\mathcal{B}$ .

Ex. The open half lines form a subbase of the topology of  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
 The open intervals form a base of the topology of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Lemma If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a subbase of the topology of  $Y$ ,

$f: X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous if  $f^{-1}(B)$  is open in  $X$  for every  $B \in \mathcal{C}$ .

Consider a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and a topology  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $Y$ .

The smallest topology on  $X$  with which  $f$  is continuous has as a subbase the set  $\{f^{-1}(B) : B \in \mathcal{U}\}$ . We symbolize this topology by  $\mathcal{U}^f$ .

Ex. The relative topology on  $V \subseteq Y$  is the smallest topology on  $V$  such that  $\iota: V \hookrightarrow Y$  is continuous.

Topological product.

On the cartesian product of two sets we define the projections

$$\pi_1: X \times Y \rightarrow X : (x, y) \mapsto x$$

$$\pi_2: X \times Y \rightarrow Y : (x, y) \mapsto y$$

If  $X, Y$  are topological spaces, the product topology on  $X \times Y$  is the smallest topology with which  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  are continuous.

If  $A$  is open in  $X$ ,  $\pi_1^{-1}(A) = A \times Y$ , and

if  $B$  is open in  $Y$ ,  $\pi_2^{-1}(B) = X \times B$ .

Hence a subbase of the product topology is

$$\{ A \times Y : A \text{ open in } X \} \cup \{ X \times B : B \text{ open in } Y \}.$$

Lemma Every open set in  $X \times Y$  is the union of sets  $A \times B$ , where  $A$  is open in  $X$  and  $B$  is open in  $Y$ .

The proof is an application of properties of union and intersection. See notes.

Ex.  $\mathbb{R}^2 = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ . The usual topology (basis: open discs) is the same as the product topology (basis: open rectangles): any open disc is the union of open rectangles, and any open rectangle is the union of open discs.

Proposition  $X \times Y$  top product,  $Z$  top space.

A mapping  $f: Z \rightarrow X \times Y$  is continuous iff  $\pi_1 \circ f$  and  $\pi_2 \circ f$  are continuous.

Proof  $\Rightarrow$  obvious

$\Leftarrow$  Subbase of product topology:  $A \times Y$ ,  $X \times B$  for  $A$  open in  $X$  and  $B$  open in  $Y$ .

Since  $f^{-1}(A \times Y) = f^{-1}(\pi_1^{-1}(A)) = (\pi_1 \circ f)^{-1}(A)$ ,

if  $\pi_1 \circ f$  is cts, then  $f^{-1}(A \times Y)$  is open.

Similarly, if  $\pi_2 \circ f$  is cts,  $f^{-1}(X \times B)$  is open.  $\parallel$

Note. The product topology can be defined on the cartesian product of any finite or infinite family of top. spaces. In each case a subbasis of the topology consists of the sets  $\pi_i^{-1}(A_j)$  for  $A_j$  open in  $X_j$ . A basis of the topology consists of sets  $\prod_{j \in J} A_j$ , where  $A_j$  is open in  $X_j$  and  $A_j = X_j$  for all but a finite set of  $j$ 's.

### Topological Quotient.

let  $X$  be a topological space, and  $p: X \rightarrow Y$  a surjective mapping onto a set  $Y$ .

Then the quotient topology on  $Y$  is the biggest topology with which  $p$  is continuous:

$B \subseteq Y$  is open iff  $p^{-1}(B)$  is open in  $X$ .

We use this to define a topology on the set of equivalence classes of an equivalence relation: if  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $X$ , and  $X/\sim$  is the set of equiv. classes,

the natural mapping  $p: X \rightarrow X/\sim$  is a surjection



Ex. On the interval  $I = [0, 1]$ , we define the equivalence relation  $0 \sim 1$ .

The equivalence classes are  $\{t\}$ ,  $0 < t < 1$ , and  $\{0, 1\}$ .

Intuitively, we glue together the two ends of the interval.

The quotient space  $I/\sim$  is homeomorphic to the circle  $S^1$ .

We consider  $S^1$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ :  $S^1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$ , and define

$$g: I/\sim \rightarrow S^1$$

$$\text{by } g(\{t\}) = e^{2\pi i t}, \quad g(\{0, 1\}) = 1.$$

$g$  is bijective. (check!)

Let  $h = g^{-1}: S^1 \rightarrow I/\sim$ . We show  $h$  is cts:

Let  $A$  be open in  $I/\sim$ . Then  $p^{-1}(A)$  is open in  $I$ .

If  $\{t\} \in A$ , then there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  s.t.  $(t-\varepsilon, t+\varepsilon) \subseteq p^{-1}(A)$ .

If  $\{0, 1\} \in A$ , then there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  s.t.  $[0, \varepsilon) \cup (1-\varepsilon, 1] \subseteq p^{-1}(A)$ .

In any case, the arc  $\{e^{2\pi i s} : s \in (t-\varepsilon, t+\varepsilon)\}$

or the arc  $\{e^{2\pi i s} : s \in [0, \varepsilon) \cup (1-\varepsilon, 1]\}$  belongs to  $h^{-1}(A)$ .

Hence  $h^{-1}(A)$  is open and  $g^{-1}$  is cts.

For the continuity of  $g$  we apply the following proposition.

Proposition  $X$  topological space,  $\sim$  equiv. relation on  $X$ ,

$p: X \rightarrow X/\sim$  the projection onto the quotient space,

$Z$  topological space.

A mapping  $g: X/\sim \rightarrow Z$  is cts iff  $g \circ p: X \rightarrow Z$  is cts.

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Proof.  $\Rightarrow$  Since the projection  $p$  is cts, if  $g$  is cts, so is  $g \circ p$ .

$\Leftarrow$  If  $g \circ p$  is cts, for every  $A$  open in  $Z$ ,  $(g \circ p)^{-1}(A)$  is open.

But  $(g \circ p)^{-1}(A) = p^{-1}(g^{-1}(A))$ , hence  $g^{-1}(A)$  is open in the quotient topology.  $\parallel$

A mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is open, if for every open  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $f(A)$  is open in  $Y$ .

A mapping  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  is closed, if for every closed  $F \subseteq X$ ,  $g(F)$  is closed in  $Y$ .

Ex.  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow S^1: t \mapsto e^{2\pi it}$  is cts and closed, but not open:  $[0, \frac{1}{2})$  is open, but  $f([0, \frac{1}{2}))$  is not open.

$g = (f|_{[0, 1)})^{-1}: S^1 \rightarrow [0, 1)$  is open: any open arc in  $S^1$  is mapped to an open subset of  $[0, 1)$ . It is also closed: since it is bijective,  $g(S^1 \setminus F) = [0, 1) \setminus g(F)$ , and if  $F$  is closed then  $g(F)$  is closed. But  $g$  is not cts.

Proposition.  $X, Y$  top. spaces. If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a cts surjection and  $f$  is either open or closed, then  $Y$  has the quotient topology.

Proof. We must show that  $A$  is open in  $Y$  iff  $f^{-1}(A)$  is open in  $X$ .

$\Rightarrow$  follows from continuity.

$\Leftarrow$  Assume  $A \subseteq Y$  and  $f^{-1}(A)$  open in  $X$ . If  $f$  is open, since  $f$  is a surjection,  $A = f(f^{-1}(A))$  and is open.

If  $f$  is closed, the closed set  $X \setminus f^{-1}(A)$  is mapped to  $f(X \setminus f^{-1}(A))$  which is closed. But  $f(X \setminus f^{-1}(A)) = Y \setminus A$ , hence  $A$  is open. //

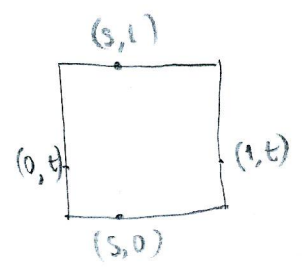
Ex. On the unit sphere,  $S^2 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : |x|=1\}$  define  $x \sim y$  if  $x = -y$ . The quotient space is the projective space. The quotient topology is homeomorphic to the top. manifold topology.

Let  $\mathbb{R}P_m^2$  be projective space with the manifold topology, and  $\mathbb{R}P^2$  with the quotient topology.

A set  $B$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}P_m^2$  if its intersections with  $V_u, V_f, V_r$  correspond to open subsets of  $U_u, U_f, U_r$ . But then  $p^{-1}(B)$  is open in  $S^2$ . So  $p: S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P_m^2$  is cts.

If  $A$  is open in  $S^2$ , then  $p^{-1}(p(A)) = A \cup (-A)$  which is open. Hence the intersections of  $p(A)$  with  $V_u, V_f, V_r$  correspond to open sets, and  $p$  is open. //

Ex.



$I \times I$  with equiv. relation:

for  $s \in [0, 1]$ ,  $(s, 0) \sim (s, 1)$

for  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $(0, t) \sim (1, t)$

equiv. classes:  $\{(s, t)\}$  if  $0 < s < 1, 0 < t < 1$ .

$\{(s, 0), (s, 1)\}$  if  $0 < s < 1$

$\{(0, t), (1, t)\}$  if  $0 < t < 1$

$\{(0, 0), (1, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1)\}$ .

$I \times I / \sim \cong S^1 \times S^1$ , the torus.

let  $p: I \times I \rightarrow I \times I / \sim$  be the projection.

$$f: I \times I \rightarrow S^1 \times S^1 : (s, t) \mapsto (e^{2\pi i s}, e^{2\pi i t}).$$

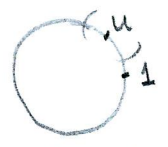
$$g: I \times I / \sim \rightarrow S^1 \times S^1 : [s, t] \mapsto (e^{2\pi i s}, e^{2\pi i t}).$$

$g$  well defined: if  $e^{2\pi i s} = e^{2\pi i s'}$  then  $s, s'$  are 0 or 1.

For the same reason,  $g$  is a bijection.

$g$  is cts, since  $f = g \circ p$  is cts.

let  $h = g^{-1}: S^1 \times S^1 \rightarrow I \times I / \sim$ . We'll show that  $h$  is cts.

$\nexists (u, v) \neq (1, 1) \in S^1 \times S^1$ , 

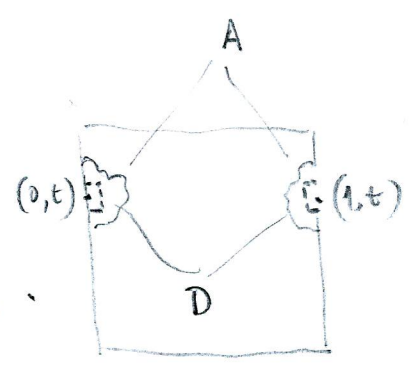
then the principal argument  $\text{Arg } u$  is cts at  $u$ ,

and  $h(u, v) = (\frac{1}{2\pi} \text{Arg } u, \frac{1}{2\pi} \text{Arg } v)$  is cts at  $u, v$ .

$\nexists (u, v) = (1, e^{2\pi i t})$   $0 < t < 1$ , then

$$h(u, v) = \{(0, t), (1, t)\}$$

let  $V$  be a nbd of  $\{(0, t), (1, t)\}$  in  $I \times I / \sim$ .



Since  $p: I \times I \rightarrow I \times I / \sim$  is cts,

$p^{-1}(V)$  contains an open subset  $A \subseteq I \times I$  s.t.  $\{(0, t), (1, t)\} \subseteq A$ .

Then  $A$  contains a set

$$D = [0, \delta) \times (t - \epsilon, t + \epsilon) \cup (1 - \delta, 1] \times (t - \epsilon, t + \epsilon)$$

such that  $f(D)$  is open in  $S^1 \times S^1$ .

Then  $f(D)$  is a nbd of  $(1, e^{2\pi i t}) \in S^1 \times S^1$ , and

$h(f(D)) = p(D) \subset V$ . Hence  $h$  is cts at  $(1, e^{2\pi i t})$ .



Similarly we show  $h$  is cts at points  $(e^{2\pi i s}, 1)$

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and  $(1, 1)$ . Hence  $h$  is cts and  $g$  is a homeomorphism.

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