

$= f^{-1}(U \cap V)$ is open.

Hence f is continuous.

THE PRODUCT TOPOLOGY.

Defn - Let J be an index set. Given a set X , we define a J -tuple of elements of X to be a function $(x_\alpha) : J \rightarrow X$. If α is an element of J , we often denote the value of (x_α) at α by x_α . We call it the α th coordinate of $(x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in J}$.

We denote the set of all J -tuples of elements of X by X^J .

Defn: Let $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$ be an indexed family of sets. Let $X = \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha$. The cartesian product of this indexed family, denoted by

$\prod_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha$, is defined to be the set of

all J -tuples $(x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in J}$ of elements of X such that $x_\alpha \in A_\alpha$ for each $\alpha \in J$.

That is, it is the set of all functions

$x : J \rightarrow \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha$ such that $x(\alpha) \in A_\alpha$ for each $\alpha \in J$.

Box topology:-

Let $\{X_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$ be an indexed family of topological spaces.

Let us take as a basis for a topology on the product space $\prod_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha$, the collection of all sets of the form $\prod_{\alpha \in J} U_\alpha$ where U_α is open in X_α , for each $\alpha \in J$.

The topology generated by this basis is called the box topology.

Result:- This collection forms a basis:

Since $\prod_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha$ itself is a basis element, the

• first condition for basis follows.

Since, the intersection of two basis elements is again a basis element,

$$(i) \left(\prod_{\alpha \in J} U_\alpha \right) \cap \left(\prod_{\alpha \in J} V_\alpha \right) = \prod_{\alpha \in J} (U_\alpha \cap V_\alpha)$$

the second condition for basis follows.

Defn: Projection Mapping

Let $\pi_\beta : \prod_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha \rightarrow X_\beta$ be the function assigning to each element of the product space, its β th coordinate. $\pi_\beta \left((x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in J} \right) = x_\beta$. It is called the projection mapping associated with the index β .

Product Topology:-

Let \mathcal{S}_β denote the collection

$$\mathcal{S}_\beta = \{ \pi_\beta^{-1}(U_\beta) \mid U_\beta \text{ is open in } X_\beta \},$$

and let \mathcal{S} denote the union of these collections

$$\mathcal{S} = \bigcup_{\beta \in J} \mathcal{S}_\beta.$$

The topology generated by the subbasis \mathcal{S} is called the product topology.

In this topology $\prod_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha$ is called a product space.

Comparison of Box and Product topologies:

The box topology on $\prod X_\alpha$ has as basis of all sets of the form $\prod U_\alpha$, where U_α is open in X_α for each α .

The product topology on $\prod X_\alpha$ has as basis all sets of the form $\prod U_\alpha$, where U_α is open in X_α for each α and U_α equals X_α except for finitely many values of α .

Proof:-

Let \mathcal{B} be the basis for the box topology on $\prod_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha$.

By the definition of box topology, \mathcal{B} consists of all sets of the form $\prod U_\alpha$, where U_α is open in X_α for each α .

Let \mathcal{B}' be the basis that \mathcal{L} generates. Clearly, \mathcal{B}' consists of all finite intersections of elements of \mathcal{L} .

If we intersect elements belonging to the same δ_β , that is

$$\prod_{\beta}^{-1}(U_\beta) \cap \prod_{\beta}^{-1}(V_\beta) = \prod_{\beta}^{-1}(U_\beta \cap V_\beta)$$

again an element of δ_β .

If we intersect elements from different sets δ_β ,

The typical element of the basis \mathcal{B} can be described as follows:

Let $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n$ be a finite set of distinct indices from the index set J , and let U_{β_i} be an open set in X_{β_i} for $i=1, 2, \dots, n$.

Then $B = \prod_{\beta_1}^{-1}(U_{\beta_1}) \cap \prod_{\beta_2}^{-1}(U_{\beta_2}) \cap \dots \cap \prod_{\beta_n}^{-1}(U_{\beta_n})$
 is the typical element of B .

Now a point $x = (x_\alpha)$ is in B iff its β_1 th coordinate is in U_{β_1} , its β_2 th coordinate is in U_{β_2} , and so on.

There is no restriction whatever on the α th coordinate of x if $\alpha \neq \beta_i, i=1, 2, \dots, n$.

Hence B as the product,

$$B = \prod_{\alpha \in J} U_\alpha, \text{ where } U_\alpha \text{ denotes}$$

the entire space X_α if $\alpha \neq \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n$.

Theorem:- Let $\{X_\alpha\}$ be an indexed family of spaces. Let $A_\alpha \subset X_\alpha$ for each α . If $\prod X_\alpha$ is given either the box ~~to~~ or product topology

then $\prod \bar{A}_\alpha = \overline{\prod A_\alpha}$.

Proof:-

To prove $\prod \bar{A}_\alpha \subset \overline{\prod A_\alpha}$,

Let $x = (x_\alpha)$ be a point of $\prod \bar{A}_\alpha$.

We shall prove that $x = (x_\alpha) \in \overline{\prod A_\alpha}$.

Let $U = \prod U_\alpha$ be a basis element for either the box or product topology that contains $x = (x_\alpha)$.

Since $x_\alpha \in \overline{A_\alpha}$ for each α , we can choose a point $y_\alpha \in U_\alpha \cap A_\alpha$ for each α .

Then $y = (y_\alpha) \in U$ and $y = (y_\alpha) \in \prod A_\alpha$.

Since U is an arbitrary neighbourhood of $x = (x_\alpha)$, and $U \cap \prod A_\alpha \neq \emptyset$, we have

$$x = (x_\alpha) \in \overline{\prod A_\alpha}.$$

Hence $\prod \overline{A_\alpha} \subset \overline{\prod A_\alpha}$ ——— (1).

Conversely,

Suppose $x = (x_\alpha) \in \overline{\prod A_\alpha}$, in either topology.

To prove $x = (x_\alpha) \in \prod \overline{A_\alpha}$, we shall prove that for any given index β ,

$$x_\beta \in \overline{A_\beta}$$

Let V_β be an arbitrary open set of X_β containing x_β .

Since $\prod \beta^{-1}(V_\beta)$ is open in $\prod X_\alpha$ in either topology,

and $x = (x_\alpha) \in \prod_{\beta}^{-1}(V_{\beta})$,

$\prod_{\beta}^{-1}(V_{\beta})$ is an open set containing $x = (x_\alpha)$ in $\prod X_\alpha$.

But since $x = (x_\alpha) \in \overline{\prod A_\alpha}$,

There exists $y = (y_\alpha) \in \prod_{\beta}^{-1}(V_{\beta}) \cap \prod A_\alpha$.

This implies $y_\beta \in V_{\beta} \cap A_\beta$.

Hence $x_\beta \in \overline{A_\beta}$, for each β .

$\Rightarrow x = (x_\alpha) \in \prod \overline{A_\alpha}$.

Thus $\overline{\prod A_\alpha} \subset \prod \overline{A_\alpha}$ — (2)

From (1) & (2) $\overline{\prod A_\alpha} = \prod \overline{A_\alpha}$.

Theorem:-

Let $f: A \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha$ be given by the equation $f(a) = (f_\alpha(a))_{\alpha \in J}$,

where $f_\alpha: A \rightarrow X_\alpha$ for each α . Let $\prod X_\alpha$ have the product topology. Then the function f is continuous iff each f_α is continuous.

Proof:- Let π_β be the projection of the product onto its β th factor.

$$(a) \pi_\beta : \prod X_\alpha \rightarrow X_\beta.$$

Then π_β is continuous, for if U_β is open in X_β then $\pi_\beta^{-1}(U_\beta)$ is a subbasis element for the product topology on $\prod X_\alpha$.

Now, suppose that $f: A \rightarrow \prod X_\alpha$ is continuous

since $f_\beta: A \rightarrow X_\beta$, and $\pi_\beta: \prod X_\alpha \rightarrow X_\beta$,

$$\text{we have } f_\beta = \pi_\beta \circ f.$$

Since both π_β & f are continuous, and the composition of two continuous functions is continuous, we have

f_β is continuous for each β .

Conversely,

Suppose that each coordinate function f_α is continuous.

To prove $f: A \rightarrow \prod X_\alpha$ is continuous, it suffices to P.T. the inverse image under f for each subbasis element of $\prod X_\alpha$ is open in A .

A typical subbasis element for the product topology on $\prod X_\alpha$ is a set of the form $\pi_\beta^{-1}(U_\beta)$, where U_β is open in X_β , for some index β .

Now, $f^{-1}(\pi_\beta^{-1}(U_\beta)) = f_\beta^{-1}(U_\beta)$, because $f_\beta = \pi_\beta \circ f$.

Since f_β is continuous, $f_\beta^{-1}(U_\beta)$ is open in A .

Hence $f^{-1}(\pi_\beta^{-1}(U_\beta))$ is open in A .

This implies $f: A \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha$ is continuous.

Note:- This theorem fails if we use the box topology.

THE METRIC TOPOLOGY

Defn:- A metric on a set X is a fun $d: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ having the following properties

- (1) $d(x, y) \geq 0$ for all $x, y \in X$, equality holds iff $x = y$.
- (2) $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ for all $x, y \in X$
- (3) $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$, for all $x, y, z \in X$.

Note:- 1. Given a metric d on X , the number $d(x, y)$ is called the distance b/w x and y in the metric d .

2. Given $\epsilon > 0$, consider the set

$B_d(x; \epsilon) = \{y / d(x, y) < \epsilon\}$ of all points y whose distance from x is less than ϵ .
It is called the ϵ -ball centered at x .

Defn:- If d is a metric on the set X , then the collection of all ϵ -balls $B_d(x; \epsilon)$ for $x \in X$ and $\epsilon > 0$, is a basis for a topology on X , called the metric topology induced by d .

Result:- If d is a metric on the set X , then the collection of all ϵ -balls $B_d(x; \epsilon)$ form a basis for a topology on X .

Soln:

The first condition for a basis is closed,
since $x \in B(x; \epsilon)$, for any $\epsilon > 0$.

To prove the second condition,

Let $y \in B(x; \epsilon)$.

Let $\delta = \epsilon - d(x, y) > 0$.

Then $B(y, \delta) \subset B(x, \epsilon)$.

Let $z \in B(y, \delta)$, then

$$d(y, z) < \delta = \epsilon - d(x, y).$$

By triangle inequality,

$$d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$$

$$< \cancel{\epsilon} + \epsilon - d(x, y) \\ = \epsilon.$$

$$\Rightarrow z \in B(x, \epsilon)$$

$\therefore B(y, \delta) \subset B(x, \epsilon)$.

Let B_1 & B_2 two elements in that collection,
and $y \in B_1 \cap B_2$.

By the result just we have proved,
we can choose positive numbers δ_1 and δ_2

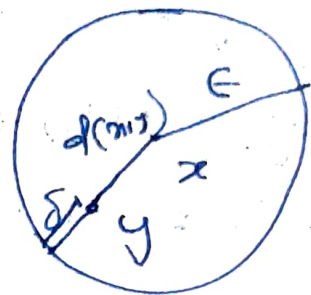
so that

$$B(y, \delta_1) \subset B_1 \quad \& \\ B(y, \delta_2) \subset B_2$$

$$\text{Let } \delta = \min(\delta_1, \delta_2)$$

Then $B(y, \delta) \subset B_1 \cap B_2$.

$$\text{Let } B_3 = B(y, \delta),$$



This implies $y \in B_3 \subset B_1 \cap B_2$.

Hence the condition (ii).

Defn:- A set U is open in the metric topology induced by a metric d iff for each $y \in U$, there is $\delta > 0$ such that $B(y, \delta) \subset U$.

Ex:1 Given a set X , define $d: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

$$\text{by } d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \neq y \\ 0 & \text{if } x = y \end{cases}$$

clearly d is a metric on X .

The topology it induces is the discrete topology.

For, if $x \in X$, then $\{x\} = B(x, r)$ which is a basis element.

Hence every singleton set is open, so that every subset of X is open.

Ex:2 The standard metric on the ~~to~~ real numbers \mathbb{R} is defined by

$$d(x, y) = |x - y|.$$

The topology it induces is the order topology.

Because, each basis element (a, b) for the order topology is a basis element for the metric topology.

For, $(a, b) = B(x, \epsilon)$ where $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$ and $\epsilon = b - a/2$.

Conversely, each ϵ -ball $B(x, \epsilon)$ equals an open interval $(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon)$.

Defn:- If X is a topological space, X is said to be metrizable if there exists a metric d on the set X that induces the topology of X .

A metric space is a metrizable space, together with a specific metric d that gives the topology of X .

Defn:- Let X be a metric space with metric d . A subset A of X is said to be bounded if there is some number M such that

$$d(a_1, a_2) \leq M \text{ for every pair } a_1, a_2 \text{ of points of } A.$$

If A is bounded and nonempty, the diameter of A is defined to be the number

$$\text{diam } A = \sup \{ d(a_1, a_2) \mid a_1, a_2 \in A \}$$

Theorem:- Let X be a M.S with metric d .

Define $\bar{d}: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by the equation

$$\bar{d}(x, y) = \min \{ d(x, y), 1 \}.$$

Then \bar{d} is a metric that induces the same topology as d .

The metric \bar{d} is called the standard bounded metric corresponding to d .

Proof:-

First we shall prove \bar{d} is a metric.

(i) Since $d(x, y) \geq 0$ and $d(x, y) = 0$ iff $x = y$, we have $\bar{d}(x, y) \geq 0$ and

$$\bar{d}(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y.$$

(ii) Since $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$,

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{d}(x, y) &= \min\{d(x, y), 1\} = \min\{d(y, x), 1\} \\ &= \bar{d}(y, x)\end{aligned}$$

(iii) Triangle inequality.

~~Prove~~, $\bar{d}(x, z) \leq \bar{d}(x, y) + \bar{d}(y, z)$ for all $x, y, z \in X$,

consider the case, if either $d(x, y) \geq 1$ (or)

$$d(y, z) \geq 1.$$

Then $\bar{d}(x, y) + \bar{d}(y, z) \geq 1$ and

$$\bar{d}(x, z) \leq 1, \text{ by definition.}$$

$\therefore \bar{d}(x, z) \leq \bar{d}(x, y) + \bar{d}(y, z)$ holds.

If $d(x, y) < 1$ and $d(y, z) < 1$.

Then $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z) = \bar{d}(x, y) + \bar{d}(y, z)$

Since $\bar{d}(x, z) \leq d(x, z)$ by definition,

$\bar{d}(x, z) \leq \bar{d}(x, y) + \bar{d}(y, z)$ holds.

Hence \bar{d} is a metric on X .

Now consider the collection of all ϵ -balls with $\epsilon < 1$.

This is a basis for the metric topology.

For, if for every $x \in X$, $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists$
 $x \in B_d(x; \epsilon)$.

$\Rightarrow x \in B_d(x; \epsilon < 1) \subseteq B_d(x; \epsilon)$ and

if $x \in B_d(x; \epsilon_1 < 1) \cap B_d(x; \epsilon_2 < 1)$, then

$x \in B_d(x; \epsilon < 1) \subset B_d(x; \epsilon_1 < 1) \cap B_d(x; \epsilon_2 < 1)$

where $\epsilon = \min\{\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2\}$.

Since $B_d(x; \epsilon < 1) = \{y \in X \mid d(x, y) < \epsilon < 1\}$

$= \{y \in X \mid \bar{d}(x, y) < \epsilon\}$

$= B_{\bar{d}}(x; \epsilon)$.

This implies, the collection of ϵ -balls with $\epsilon < 1$ under \bar{d} and d are the same collection.

d and \bar{d} induce the same topology on X .