

An introduction to the reconstruction of the topology on monoids of
the rationals.

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Abstract

For a set A , the set of all unary functions from A to A is denoted by $O_A^{(1)}$. Subsets of $O_A^{(1)}$ which are closed under composition and contain the identity, form monoids, called *transformation Monoids* on A . These carry a natural topology, induced by the topology of point-wise convergence. A *Topological Monoid* is an abstract monoid equipped with a topology under which the composition is continuous. The endomorphism monoids $\text{End}(\mathcal{A})$ of a relational structure \mathcal{A} are viewed abstractly as topological monoids whose topology is the natural one. We study when $\text{End}(\mathbb{Q}, <), \text{End}(\mathbb{Q}, \leq)$ have the property that every monoid isomorphism to the endomorphism monoid of another relational structure \mathcal{B} is automatically a homeomorphism, which allows to reconstruct their topology.