

MATH31010 TOPOLOGY AND ANALYSIS

Week 04 lecture A

Example (of a non-Hausdorff space) SEATS PIN 236145
 $X = \{1, 2\}$ with the antidiscrete topology is NOT Hausdorff. The only open set which contains 1 is $\{1, 2\}$ and so it is for 2. Hence 1 and 2 have no disjoint open nbhds.

Def (stronger topology, weaker topology)

Suppose that \mathcal{T} and \mathcal{T}' are two topologies on the same set X . We

stronger means more open sets


say that the topology \mathcal{T}' is stronger than \mathcal{T} if every set open in \mathcal{T} is also open in \mathcal{T}' .

In other words, $\mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{T}'$. In this case, \mathcal{T} is weaker than \mathcal{T}' .

Prop If (X, \mathcal{T}) is Hausdorff and \mathcal{T}' is stronger than \mathcal{T} , then (X, \mathcal{T}') is Hausdorff.

Pf To prove that (X, \mathcal{T}') is Hausdorff, take any two points $x, y \in X$, $x \neq y$. Using the assumption that \mathcal{T} is Hausdorff, find the open nbhds $U \ni x$, $V \ni y$, $U \cap V = \emptyset$,

U, V open in topology \mathcal{T} . [$U, V \in \mathcal{T}$]

Since \mathcal{T}' is stronger than \mathcal{T} , U, V are open in \mathcal{T}' and so we have verified the def. of Hausdorff for \mathcal{T}' . 

Q What is the weakest topology on a given set X ?

A. $(X, \text{antidiscrete})$
 $= (X, \{\emptyset, X\})$

Strongest? $(X, \text{discrete}) = (X, \mathcal{P}(X)) = (X, 2^X)$
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notation

Is $(X, \text{discrete})$ always Hausdorff?

Yes. Can verify the def'n of Hausdorff directly:

$x, y \in X, x \neq y$, put $U = \{x\}, V = \{y\}$, open.

ALSO Can introduce metric: $d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & x = y \\ 1, & x \neq y \end{cases}$
(the discrete metric on X)
 $\tau_{d^*} = \text{the discrete topology.}$

Must $(X, \text{antidiscrete})$ be non-Hausdorff?

No: if $X = \emptyset$ or $|X| = 1$, then X is Hausdorff

Rem Non-Hausdorff spaces are standard in algebraic geometry [the Zariski topology]

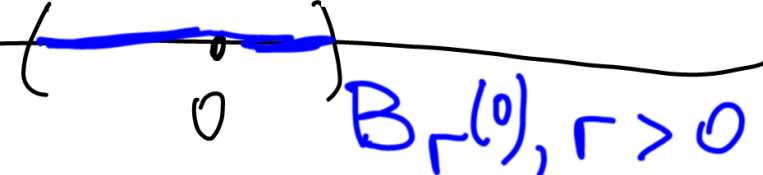
Compactness

Reminder An open cover of a top-space X is a collection and $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$ where $U_\alpha \subseteq X$ ($\forall \alpha$)
 $\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} U_\alpha = X$.

A Subcover of an open cover \mathcal{F} of X is a subcollection of \mathcal{F} which is an open cover of X .

DEF A top. space X is compact if every open cover of X has a FINITE subcover.

Non-example.

$(\mathbb{R}, \text{Euclidean})$  $B_r(0), r > 0$

$\{ B_r(0) : r \in \mathbb{R}_{>0} \}$ is an open cover of \mathbb{R} . $\forall r > 0, B_r(0)$ is open;

THIS OPEN COVER OF $\mathbb{R} = \bigcup_{r > 0} B_r(0)$ HAS NO FINITE subcovers.
So $(\mathbb{R}, \text{Euclidean})$ is NOT compact.

THM A continuous image of a compact is compact.

[Rem "a compact" = a compact topological space;
"compact" is also an adjective.]

Comment Meaning: let X be a compact top. space.
let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous function. Then $f(X)$, considered as a subspace of the top. space Y , is itself a compact topological space.