



Introduction to Metric and Topological Spaces

Mathematics Bachelor's Degree - LMD - 3rd Semester

Solution of Series 5 (Topological Spaces)

Indication 1: $\text{Int}(A)$ is the largest open set contained in A .

Indication 2: $\text{Cl}(A)$ is the smallest closed set containing A .

Exercise 1:

Let $\mathbb{X} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, $\mathcal{T} = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{X}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{3, 4\}, \{1, 3, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}\}$ and $A = \{1, 3\}$, $B = \{2, 4\} \subset \mathbb{X}$.

- ① We have $\mathbb{X}, \emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$ by definition.

② It is clear that any union of elements of \mathcal{T} is an element of \mathcal{T}

③ It is clear that any finite intersection of elements of \mathcal{T} is an element of \mathcal{T}

From ①, ② and ③ we conclude that $(\mathbb{X}, \mathcal{T})$ is a topological space.

- $\mathcal{N}(1) = \{\mathbb{X}, \{1, 3, 4\}\}$.
 - $\mathcal{N}(2) = \{\mathbb{X}, \{2, 3, 4\}\}$.
 - $\mathcal{N}(3) = \{\mathbb{X}, \{3\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{3, 4\}, \{1, 3, 4\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, \{2, 3, 4\}\}$.
 - $\mathcal{N}(4) = \{\mathbb{X}, \{4\}, \{1, 4\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 4\}, \{1, 3, 4\}, \{1, 2, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}\}$.
- $\text{Cl}(A) = \text{Cl}(\{1, 3\}) = \{1, 2, 3\}$.
 - $\text{Cl}(B) = \text{Cl}(\{2, 4\}) = \{1, 2, 4\}$.
 - $\text{Int}(A) = \text{Int}(\{1, 3\}) = \{3\}$.
 - $\text{Int}(B) = \text{Int}(\{2, 4\}) = \{4\}$.
 - $A' = \{1, 3\}' = \{1, 2\}$.
 - $B' = \{2, 4\}' = \{1, 2\}$.

4. • $\partial(A) = Cl(A) \setminus Int(A) = \{1, 2, 3\} \setminus \{3\} = \{1, 2\}$.
 • $\partial(B) = Cl(B) \setminus Int(B) = \{1, 2, 4\} \setminus \{4\} = \{1, 2\}$.
 • $Ext(A) = \mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}Cl(A) = \{4\}$.
 • $Ext(B) = \mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}Cl(B) = \{3\}$.
5. • $Is(A) = \{3\}$ and • $Is(B) = \{4\}$.
6. • $\mathcal{T}_A = \{A \cap O : O \in \mathcal{T}\} = \{\emptyset, A, \{3\}\}$.
 • $\mathcal{T}_B = \{B \cap O : O \in \mathcal{T}\} = \{\emptyset, B, \{4\}\}$.
7. For all $N \in \mathcal{N}(1)$ and $W \in \mathcal{N}(2)$ we have $N \cap W \neq \emptyset$. Then, $(\mathbb{X}, \mathcal{T})$ is not a Hausdorff (separated) topological space.

Exercise 2:

$$\mathcal{T}_{Cof} = \{O \subset \mathbb{X} : \mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}O \text{ is finite}\} \cup \{\emptyset\}.$$

1. Let us show that the family \mathcal{T}_{Cof} is a topology on \mathbb{X} .

Ⓒ₁ By definition, $\emptyset \in \mathcal{T}_{Cof}$. Moreover, since $\mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}\mathbb{X} = \emptyset$ (a finite set), we conclude that $\mathbb{X} \in \mathcal{T}_{Cof}$.

Ⓒ₂ Let $\{O_i : i \in I\}$ be a family of subsets in \mathcal{T}_{Cof} . Then, for each $i \in I$, $\mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}O_i$ is a finite set. Thus,

$$\mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}} \left(\bigcup_{i \in I} O_i \right) = \bigcap_{i \in I} (\mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}O_i),$$

is finite, as it is the intersection of finite sets. Therefore, $\bigcup_{i \in I} O_i \in \mathcal{T}_{Cof}$.

Ⓒ₃ Let $\{O_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ be a finite family of subsets in \mathcal{T}_{Cof} . Then, for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, $\mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}O_i$ is finite. Thus,

$$\mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}} \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n O_i \right) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n (\mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}O_i)$$

is finite, as it is the finite union of finite sets. Therefore, $\bigcap_{i=1}^n O_i \in \mathcal{T}_{Cof}$.

From Ⓒ₁, Ⓒ₂ and Ⓒ₃ we conclude that $(\mathbb{X}, \mathcal{T}_{Cof})$ is a topological space.

2. The closed sets of \mathbb{X} are the complements of the open sets. Therefore, the closed sets in \mathcal{T}_{Cof} are the finite subsets of \mathbb{X} or \mathbb{X} itself.

3. If A is finite.

- $Cl(A) = A$ because A is closed.
- $Int(A) = \emptyset$ Because it is the only open set contained in A (the other open sets are infinite).
- $\partial(A) = Cl(A) \setminus Int(A) = A \setminus \emptyset = A$.

4. If A is infinite.

- $Cl(A) = X$ Because it is the smallest closed set containing A .
- $Int(A) = A$ if $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathbb{X}}A$ is finite and $Int(A) = \emptyset$ if $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathbb{X}}A$ is infinite(Indeed, if $Int(A) \neq \emptyset$, then there exists some $x \in Int(A)$, which implies the existence of an open set $O_x \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{C}of}$ such that $x \in O_x \subset A$. Consequently, we would have $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathbb{X}}A \subset \mathfrak{C}_{\mathbb{X}}O_x$, contradicting the fact that $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathbb{X}}A$ is infinite (since $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathbb{X}}O_x$ is finite by the definition)
- $\partial(A) = Cl(A) \setminus Int(A) = \mathbb{X} \setminus A$ if $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathbb{X}}A$ is finite.
- $\partial(A) = Cl(A) \setminus Int(A) = \mathbb{X} \setminus \emptyset = \mathbb{X}$ if $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathbb{X}}A$ is infinite.

Exercise 3:

$$\mathcal{T} = \{f^{-1}(G) : G \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{Y}}\}.$$

Let us show that \mathcal{T} is a topology on \mathbb{X} .

(C₁) Since $\emptyset, \mathbb{Y} \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{Y}}$, we deduce that $\emptyset = f^{-1}(\emptyset)$, $\mathbb{X} = f^{-1}(\mathbb{Y}) \in \mathcal{T}$.

(C₂) Let $\{O_i : i \in I\}$ be a family of subsets in \mathcal{T} . Then, for each $i \in I$ there exists $G_i \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{Y}}$ such that $O_i = f^{-1}(G_i)$. Thus,

$$\bigcup_{i \in I} O_i = \bigcup_{i \in I} f^{-1}(G_i) = f^{-1} \left(\bigcup_{i \in I} G_i \right).$$

Since $\mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{Y}}$ is topology on \mathbb{Y} , we obtain $\bigcup_{i \in I} G_i \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{Y}}$. Therefore, $\bigcup_{i \in I} O_i \in \mathcal{T}$.

(C₃) Let $\{O_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ be a family of subsets in \mathcal{T} . Then, for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ there exists $G_i \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{Y}}$ such that $O_i = f^{-1}(G_i)$. Thus,

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^n O_i = \bigcap_{i=1}^n f^{-1}(G_i) = f^{-1} \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n G_i \right).$$

Since $\mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{Y}}$ is topology on \mathbb{Y} , we obtain $\bigcap_{i=1}^n G_i \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{Y}}$. Therefore, $\bigcap_{i=1}^n O_i \in \mathcal{T}$.

From (C₁), (C₂) and (C₃) we conclude that $(\mathbb{X}, \mathcal{T})$ is a topological space.

Exercise 4:

Let $(\mathbb{X}, \mathcal{T})$ be a topological space and A, B two subsets of \mathbb{X} . Prove that:

1. Let A be an open subset of \mathbb{X} with $A \subseteq B$. If $x \in A$, then $A \in \mathcal{N}(x)$. Since $A \subset B$, it follows that $B \in \mathcal{N}(x)$ which implies $x \in Int(B)$. Therefore, $A \subseteq Int(B)$.

2. Let $A \subseteq B$. If $x \in \text{Int}(A)$, then $A \in \mathcal{N}(x)$. Since $A \subseteq B$, it follows that $B \in \mathcal{N}(x)$ which implies $x \in \text{Int}(B)$. Therefore, $\text{Int}(A) \subseteq \text{Int}(B)$.

3. On one hand, if $x \in \text{Int}(A)$, then $\text{Int}(A) \in \mathcal{N}(x)$ which implies that $x \in \text{Int}(\text{Int}(A))$. Therefore,

$$\text{Int}(A) \subseteq \text{Int}(\text{Int}(A)). \quad (i)$$

On the other hand

$$\text{Int}(\text{Int}(A)) \subseteq \text{Int}(A). \quad (\text{by definition}). \quad (ii)$$

From (i) and (ii) we conclude that $\text{Int}(A) = \text{Int}(\text{Int}(A))$.

4. On one hand, we have

$$\begin{cases} A \cap B \subseteq A \\ A \cap B \subseteq B \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{Int}(A \cap B) \subseteq \text{Int}(A) \\ \text{Int}(A \cap B) \subseteq \text{Int}(B) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{Int}(A \cap B) \subseteq \text{Int}(A) \cap \text{Int}(B). \quad (i)$$

On the other hand we have

$$\begin{cases} \text{Int}(A) \cap \text{Int}(B) \subseteq \text{Int}(A) \subseteq A \\ \text{Int}(A) \cap \text{Int}(B) \subseteq \text{Int}(B) \subseteq B \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{Int}(A) \cap \text{Int}(B) \subseteq A \cap B,$$

from which we conclude that

$$\text{Int}(A) \cap \text{Int}(B) \subseteq \text{Int}(A \cap B) \quad (ii)$$

From (i) and (ii) we conclude that $\text{Int}(A \cap B) = \text{Int}(A) \cap \text{Int}(B)$.

5. We have,

$$\begin{cases} \text{Int}(A) \subseteq A \\ \text{Int}(B) \subseteq B \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{Int}(A) \cup \text{Int}(B) \subseteq A \cup B \Rightarrow \text{Int}(A) \cup \text{Int}(B) \subseteq \text{Int}(A \cup B).$$

6. We have,

$$\begin{aligned} A \in \mathcal{N}(B) &\iff \exists O \in \mathcal{T}, B \subseteq O \subseteq A \\ &\iff B \subseteq \text{Int}(A). \end{aligned}$$

7. We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
x \in \text{Int}(\mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}A) &\iff \mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}A \in \mathcal{N}(x) \\
&\iff \exists O_x \in \mathcal{T}, x \in O_x \subset \mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}A \\
&\iff \exists O_x \in \mathcal{T}, O_x \cap A = \emptyset \\
&\iff x \notin \text{Cl}(A) \\
&\iff x \in \mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}\text{Cl}(A)
\end{aligned}$$

8. According to (7), we have $\text{Int}(\mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}\mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}A) = \mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}\text{Cl}(\mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}A)$. Then, $\text{Int}(A) = \mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}\text{Cl}(\mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}A)$ which shows that $\mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}\text{Int}(A) = \text{Cl}(\mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}A)$.

9. We have, $\partial(A) = \text{Cl}(A) \cap \text{Cl}(\mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}A)$. Then, $\partial(A)$ is closed because it is the intersection of two closed sets.

10. \implies) A is clopen set $\implies \partial(A) = \text{Cl}(A) \setminus \text{Int}(A) = A \setminus A = \emptyset$.
 \iff)

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial(A) = \emptyset &\implies \partial(A) = \text{Cl}(A) \setminus \text{Int}(A) = \emptyset \\
&\implies \text{Cl}(A) = \text{Int}(A) \\
&\implies A \text{ is a clopen set.}
\end{aligned}$$

11. \implies)

$$\begin{aligned}
A \text{ is open} &\implies \partial(A) = \text{Cl}(A) \setminus \text{Int}(A) = \text{Cl}(A) \setminus A \\
&\implies \partial(A) \cap A = \emptyset.
\end{aligned}$$

\iff)

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial(A) \cap A = \emptyset &\implies (\text{Cl}(A) \cap \mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}(\text{Int}A)) \cap A = \emptyset \\
&\implies \mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}(\text{Int}A) \cap A = \emptyset. \quad (\text{because } \text{Cl}(A) \cap A \neq \emptyset) \\
&\implies A \subseteq \mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}\mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{X}}\text{Int}A \\
&\implies A \subseteq \text{Int}A \\
&\implies A = \text{Int}(A) \\
&\implies A \text{ is an open set.}
\end{aligned}$$

12. \implies)

$$\begin{aligned}
A \text{ is closed} &\implies \partial(A) = \text{Cl}(A) \setminus \text{Int}(A) = A \setminus \text{Int}(A) \\
&\implies \partial A \subseteq A.
\end{aligned}$$

\Leftarrow)

$$\begin{aligned}\partial A \subseteq A &\implies Cl(A) \setminus Int(A) \subseteq A \\ &\implies Cl(A) \subseteq A \quad (\text{because } Int(A) \subseteq A) \\ &\implies Cl(A) = A \\ &\implies Cl(A) \text{ is a closed set.}\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 5:

\implies) Suppose that $\mathcal{T} \subset \mathcal{T}'$. Let $x \in B \in \mathfrak{B} \subset \mathcal{T}$. Then $x \in B \in \mathcal{T}'$ because $\mathcal{T} \subset \mathcal{T}'$, hence $x \in B = \bigcup_{B' \in \mathfrak{B}'} B'$. Therefore, there exists $B' \in \mathfrak{B}'$ such that $B' \subset B$.

\Leftarrow) Let $O \in \mathcal{T}$. On the one hand, for all $x \in O$, there exists $B \in \mathfrak{B}$ such that $x \in B \subset O$. But by hypothesis, there exists $B' \in \mathfrak{B}'$ such that $x \in B' \subset B$. Hence, for all $x \in O$, there exists $B' \in \mathfrak{B}'$ such that $x \in B' \subset O$, which implies

$$\bigcup_{B' \in \mathfrak{B}'} B' \subseteq O. \quad (i)$$

On the other hand,

$$O = \bigcup_{x \in O} \{x\} \subseteq \bigcup_{B' \in \mathfrak{B}'} B'. \quad (ii)$$

Finally, from (i) and (ii), we conclude that $O = \bigcup_{B' \in \mathfrak{B}'} B'$, and therefore $O \in \mathcal{T}'$.

Exercise 6:

1. Let $(\mathbb{X}, \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{X}}) = (\mathbb{Y}, \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{Y}})$ and $f(x) = x$. Then, for any open set $O \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{Y}} = \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{X}}$, we have $f^{-1}(O) = O \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{X}}$, since $f^{-1}(O) = O$ by definition of f . Therefore, the preimage of an open set is an open set, implying that f is continuous.

2. Let f be a constant function. Then, for each $x \in \mathbb{X}$, we have $f(x) = k \in \mathbb{Y}$. This implies that

$$\begin{cases} f^{-1}(O) = \emptyset, & \text{if } k \notin O, \\ f^{-1}(O) = \mathbb{X}, & \text{if } k \in O, \end{cases}$$

for each $O \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{Y}}$. Therefore, $f^{-1}(O) \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{X}}$, implying that f is continuous.

3. Let $\mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{X}} = \mathcal{T}_{\text{Disc}}$. Then, $f^{-1}(O) \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{X}}$ for each $O \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{Y}}$, since every subset in the discrete topology is open. Thus, f is continuous.

4. Let $\mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{Y}} = \mathcal{T}_{\text{Ind}} = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{Y}\}$. Then we have $f^{-1}(\emptyset) = \emptyset \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{X}}$ and $f^{-1}(\mathbb{Y}) = \mathbb{X} \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{X}}$.
Therefore, f is continuous.

Exercise 7:

1. It suffices to show that $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{X}}A$ is open in \mathbb{X} .

Let $b \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{X}}A$. Then $f(b) \neq g(b)$, and since \mathbb{Y} is Hausdorff, there exist two open sets $O_1, O_2 \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{Y}}$ such that $f(b) \in O_1$, $g(b) \in O_2$, and $O_1 \cap O_2 = \emptyset$. Thus, $b \in f^{-1}(O_1) \cap g^{-1}(O_2) \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{X}}$ because f and g are continuous and $O_1, O_2 \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{Y}}$. Furthermore, $f^{-1}(O_1) \cap g^{-1}(O_2) \subset \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{X}}A$, which shows that $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{X}}A$ is open. Therefore, A is closed.

2. It suffices to show that $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}}\Gamma_f$ is open in $\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}$.

Let $(x, y) \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}}\Gamma_f$. Then $(x, y) \notin \Gamma_f$, and thus $y \neq f(x)$. Since \mathbb{Y} is Hausdorff, there exist two open sets $O_1, O_2 \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{Y}}$ such that $f(x) \in O_1$, $y \in O_2$, and $O_1 \cap O_2 = \emptyset$. Since f is continuous, $x \in O_3 = f^{-1}(O_1) \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{X}}$. Hence, $(x, y) \in O_3 \times O_2 \subseteq \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}}\Gamma_f$, which shows that $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}}\Gamma_f$ is open. Therefore, Γ_f is closed.

Exercise 8:

Let $f : (\mathbb{X}, \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{X}}) \longrightarrow (\mathbb{Y}, \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{Y}})$ an homeomorphism

1. Is f open?

Let $O \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{X}}$ and $g = f^{-1}$. Then $g^{-1}(O) = f(O)$, which is open since $g = f^{-1}$ is continuous. Therefore, f is an open map.

2. Is f closed?

Let $F \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{X}}$ and $g = f^{-1}$. Then $g^{-1}(F) = f(F)$, which is closed since $g = f^{-1}$ is continuous. Therefore, f is a closed map.