

Topology Day 10

Outline

- Infinite Products
- Metric Spaces

Recall: Let $\{X_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$ be a collection of top. spaces. There are two important topologies

on $\prod_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha = \{ \vec{x} : J \rightarrow \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha \mid \vec{x}(\beta) \in X_\beta \text{ for all } \beta \in J \}$

given by basis $\mathcal{B}_{\text{box}} = \{ \prod_{\alpha \in J} U_\alpha \mid U_\alpha \text{ is open in } X_\alpha \}$

$\mathcal{B}_{\text{prod}} = \{ \prod_{\alpha \in J} U_\alpha \mid U_\alpha \text{ is open in } X_\alpha \text{ and } U_\alpha = X_\alpha \text{ for all but finitely many } \alpha. \}$

We saw last time that there exists products such that the box top. is strictly finer than the product top.

Prop | Let $f: Y \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha$ where $\prod X_\alpha$ has the prod. top.

Then f is cont. iff each component $f_\beta = \pi_\beta \circ f$ is continuous as a map $f_\beta: Y \rightarrow X_\beta$.

(Recall $\pi_\beta: \prod_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha \rightarrow X_\beta$ is a projection map

$$\pi_\beta(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}(\beta).$$

Pf \Rightarrow Claim $\prod_{\alpha \in J} X_{\alpha} \rightarrow X_{\beta}$ is continuous.

Let $U_{\beta} \subset X_{\beta}$ be open.

$\prod_{\beta}^{-1}(U_{\beta})$ is a sub-basis element of the prod. top.
Hence, $\prod_{\beta}^{-1}(U_{\beta})$ is open.

Since \prod_{β} is cont. and f is cont. by hyp., then

$f_{\beta} = \prod_{\beta} \circ f$ is cont. since composition of continuous maps is cont. \square

\Leftarrow Suppose each $f_{\beta}: \prod_{\alpha \in J} X_{\alpha} \rightarrow X_{\beta}$ is cont.

~~W.T.S.~~ ~~f^{-1}~~ WTS f is cont.

As noted in class, it suffices to show f^{-1} of every subbasis element is open.

Recall $S = \{ \prod_{\beta}^{-1}(U_{\beta}) \mid \beta \in J \text{ and } U_{\beta} \subset X_{\beta} \text{ an open set} \}$
is a sub basis.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Examine } f^{-1}(\prod_{\beta}^{-1}(U_{\beta})) &= (\prod_{\beta} \circ f)^{-1}(U_{\beta}) \\ &= f_{\beta}^{-1}(U_{\beta}) \text{ open by hyp.} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the inverse image of any sub basis element is open. \square

Ex Suppose $\prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{R}$ has the box top. Let $f: \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{R}$

s.t. $f(t) = (t, t, t, \dots)$.

Since $f_i: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the identity, then it is continuous.

Note $B = \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{i}, \frac{1}{i}\right)$ is open in $\prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{R}$ with the box topology.

Examine $f^{-1}(B) = \left\{ t \in \mathbb{R} \mid t \in (-1, 1) \text{ and } t \in \left(-\frac{1}{i}, \frac{1}{i}\right) \text{ and } t \in \left(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right) \text{ and } \dots \right\}$.

Hence $f^{-1}(B) = \{0\}$. So, f is not cont.

This is a counter example to the previous prop. in the case where $\prod_{\alpha \in J} X_{\alpha}$ has the box top.

Metric Spaces

Def] A metric on a set X is a function $d: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

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

The pair (X, d) is a metric space.

Def] The metric topology on a metric space X is given by the following basis

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ B_{\epsilon}(x) \mid \text{for all } \epsilon > 0 \text{ and } x \in X \right\}$$

$$\left(B_{\epsilon}(x) = \left\{ y \in X \mid d(x, y) \leq \epsilon \right\} \right)$$

Exercise: Prove this is a basis.

As a consequence of our lemmas regarding bases

$U \subset X$ is open iff $\forall x \in U \exists \epsilon > 0$ s.t. $B_\epsilon(x) \subset U$.

Ex | $X = \mathbb{R}$ with $d: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ is a metric space. The corresponding metric topology is identical to the standard topology.

Ex | Let X be any set, $d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \neq y \\ 0 & x = y \end{cases}$ is a metric.

The resulting metric topology is the discrete topology.

Def | A top. space (X, \mathcal{T}) is metrizable if \exists a metric d on X s.t. the metric topology equals \mathcal{T} .

Def | A metric space (X, d) is bounded if there exists $M > 0$ s.t. $d(x, y) \leq M$ for all $x, y \in X$.

Prop | Given a metric space (X, d) define $\bar{d}(x, y) = \min(d(x, y), 1)$. Then (X, \bar{d}) is a bounded metric space and the metric topologies for (X, \bar{d}) and (X, d) are the same.

Pf | Claim: \bar{d} is a metric

Pf | Exercise.

Note that $\mathcal{B}_1 = \{ B_\epsilon(x) \mid 1 > \epsilon > 0 \text{ and } x \in X \}$ is a basis for the metric topology on (X, d)

Similarly \mathcal{B}_i is a basis for the metric topology on (X, \bar{d}) .

Hence, the metric topology on (X, d) is identical to the metric topology on (X, \bar{d}) .

Motivating Question

How do we define a metric on $\prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{R}$?

- can't use $\sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + \dots}$ (sum may not converge)
- can't use $\sup_{n \geq 1} \{ |x_n - y_n| \}$ (since may be infinite).

Let \bar{d} be the metric on \mathbb{R} s.t. $\bar{d}(x, y) = \min\{|x - y|, 1\}$

Define d a metric on $\prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\bar{d}(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \sup_{n \geq 1} \{ \bar{d}(x_n, y_n) \}$$

This is the uniform metric on $\prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{R}$. (or $\prod_{\alpha \in J} \mathbb{R}$)

Th^m On $\prod_{\alpha \in J} \mathbb{R}$ the box topology is finer than the uniform topology and the uniform topology is finer than the box top. and all are different if J is infinite.

Pf We will show that if J is infinite, then the box top. is strictly finer than the uniform top. (See Th^m 20.4 for rest). Let $B_\varepsilon(\vec{x})$ be a basis element for the uniform top.

Let $\vec{y} \in B_\varepsilon(\vec{x})$ and let $\delta = \varepsilon - \bar{d}(x_\alpha, y_\alpha) > 0$.

Define $U = \prod_{\alpha \in J} (y_\alpha - \frac{1}{2}\delta, y_\alpha + \frac{1}{2}\delta)$

- Note that U is a basis element of the box topology and $\vec{y} \in U$.
- If we show that $U \subset B_\epsilon(\vec{x})$, then by 13.3 we have showed the box top. is finer than the uniform top.
- Let $z \in U$, then $\bar{d}(\vec{y}, \vec{z}) < \frac{\delta}{2}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } \bar{d}(\vec{x}, \vec{z}) &\leq \bar{d}(x, y) + d(\vec{y}, \vec{z}) \\ &\leq \epsilon - \delta + \frac{1}{2}\delta \\ &\leq \epsilon - \frac{\delta}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

So $\vec{z} \in B_\epsilon(\vec{x})$. Hence $U \subset B_\epsilon(\vec{x})$. \square

So, box is finer than uniform.

To show strictly finer examine

$\prod_{i=1}^{\infty} (\frac{1}{i}, \frac{-1}{i})$ open in $\prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{R}$ with box top.