

# Topology Day 12

## Outline

- Uniform metric  
Uniform convergence
- Connectedness

## Uniform metric

See day 11 notes

## Connectedness

Let  $X$  be a top space.

Def | A separation of  $X$  is a pair of non-empty, disjoint, open sets  $U$  and  $V$  s.t.  $X = U \cup V$ .  
We write it as  $X = U | V$ .  $X$  is connected if it has no separation.

Note | Connectedness is a topological property (i.e. preserved under homeomorphism)

Given a separation  $X = U | V$ ,  $U = X - V$  and  $V = X - U$ ,  
So the sets  $U$  and  $V$  are both closed and open.  
Hence,  $X$  is connected iff the only clopen sets are  $X$  and  $\emptyset$ .

Pf  $\Rightarrow$  If  $X$  is connected and  $A \subset X$  is clopen, then  $X-A$  is clopen. Since  $X = A \cup X-A$ ,  $A$ , and  $X-A$  are open and  $A \cap (X-A) = \emptyset$ , it must be that  $A$  or  $X-A$  is  $\emptyset$ . Hence  $A = \emptyset$  or  $A = X$ .

$\Leftarrow$  (contrapositive) If  $X = U \cup V$ , then  $U$  is a non-empty clopen set and  $V$  is a non empty clopen set. Hence  $U \neq \emptyset$  and  $U \neq X$ .

### Examples

$X$  with the indiscrete top. is connected

$X$  with discrete top. is not connected (if  $|X| \geq 2$ )

Lemma | Let  $X$  be a top. space and  $Y \subset X$  be a subspace.

Given  $A, B \subset Y$  non-empty disjoint sub sets <sup>s.t.  $Y = A \cup B$</sup>   $Y = A \cup B$  iff  $\bar{A} \cap B = \emptyset$  and  $A \cap \bar{B} = \emptyset$ . (these closures are in  $X$ ).

Pf  $\Rightarrow$  Suppose  $Y = A \cup B$ . Then both  $A$  and  $B$  are clopen in  $Y$ .

$A = \bar{A} \cap Y$  closure of  $A$  in  $Y = \bar{A} \cap Y$   
 $\uparrow$  since  $A$  is closed in  $Y$   $\uparrow$  by 17.4

$$\text{So } A = \bar{A} \cap Y$$

$$A \cap B = (\bar{A} \cap Y) \cap B$$

$$A \cap B = \bar{A} \cap B$$

(A and B are disjoint)  $\emptyset = \bar{A} \cap B$

Swap roles of A and B to get  $\emptyset = \bar{B} \cap A$ .

$\Leftarrow$  | Suppose  $\bar{A} \cap B = \emptyset$  and  $\bar{B} \cap A = \emptyset$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The closure of } A \text{ in } Y &= \bar{A} \cap Y = \bar{A} \cap (A \cup B) \\ &\stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ 17.4}}{=} (\bar{A} \cap A) \cup (\bar{A} \cap B) \\ &= A \cup \emptyset \\ &= A \end{aligned}$$

Hence A is closed in Y, so B is open.

By a symmetric argument B is closed in Y, so A is open.

Thus  $Y = A \cup B$ .  $\square$

# Topology Day 13

## Outline - Connectedness

Last time:

Lemma Let  $Y \subset X$  be a subspace. Then non-empty disjoint subsets  $A, B \subset Y$  with  $A \cup B = Y$  form a separation of  $Y$  iff  $\bar{A} \cap B = \emptyset$  and  $\bar{B} \cap A = \emptyset$ . (closures in  $X$ ).

Recall |  $A, B \subset X$  form a separation if

- ①  $A$  and  $B$  are open
- ②  $A \cap B = \emptyset$
- ③  $A \cup B = X$
- ④  $A \neq \emptyset$  and  $B \neq \emptyset$ .

Ex |  $X = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $Y = [0, 1) \cup (1, 2]$

Let  $A = [0, 1)$ ,  $B = (1, 2]$

$$A \cup B = Y \quad A \cap B = \emptyset$$

$$\bar{A} \cap B = \emptyset \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{B} \cap A = \emptyset.$$

So, by the lemma  $Y = A \cup B$ .

Ex |  $X = \mathbb{R}^2$   $A =$  graph of  $f(x) = 1/x$  on domain  $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$

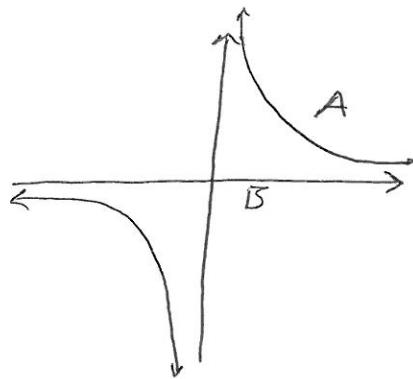
$B =$  x-axis

$$Y = A \cup B$$

$$A \cap B = \emptyset$$

$$\bar{A} \cap B = \emptyset$$

$$\bar{B} \cap A = \emptyset$$



By lemma,  $Y = A|B$

Thm | The image of a connected space under a continuous map is connected.

Pf | Let  $X$  be a connected top. space and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous map. Let  $Z = f(X)$ .

Hence,  $f: X \rightarrow Z$  is continuous and onto.

Suppose to form a contradiction  $Z = U \cup V$ .

By continuity  $f^{-1}(U)$  is open,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open

Since  $U$  and  $V$  are non empty and  $f$  is onto,

$f^{-1}(U)$  and  $f^{-1}(V)$  are non empty.

Since,  $Z = U \cup V$ ,  $X = f^{-1}(U) \cup f^{-1}(V)$ .

Examine  $f^{-1}(U) \cap f^{-1}(V) \stackrel{\text{set theory fact}}{=} f^{-1}(U \cap V) = f^{-1}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ .

Hence,  $X = f^{-1}(U) | f^{-1}(V)$ , a contradiction.

Hence,  $Z$  is connected.

Cor If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is onto and continuous and  $X$  is connected, then  $Y$  is connected.

Lemma If  $X = A \cup B$  and  $Y$  is a connected subspace of  $X$  then  $Y \subset A$  or  $Y \subset B$ .

Pf Suppose to form a contradiction that  $Y \cap A \neq \emptyset$  and  $Y \cap B \neq \emptyset$ .

Since  $A$  and  $B$  are open in  $X$ , then  $Y \cap A$  and  $Y \cap B$  are open in  $Y$ .

Since  $Y \subset X = A \cup B$ , then  $Y = (Y \cap A) \cup (Y \cap B)$ .

Since  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , then  $\emptyset = (Y \cap A) \cap (Y \cap B)$ .

Thus  $Y = (Y \cap A) \cup (Y \cap B)$ , a contradiction.

Hence  $Y \cap A = \emptyset$  or  $Y \cap B = \emptyset$ . Since  $X = A \cup B$ ,  $Y \subset A$  or  $Y \subset B$ .  $\square$

Prop 1 Let  $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$  be a family of connected subsets of  $X$  s.t.  $a \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha$ . Then  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha$  is connected.

Pf Suppose to form a contradiction that  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha = C \cup D$ . Since  $a \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha$ ,  $a \in C$  or  $a \in D$ . WLOG say  $a \in C$ .

By the previous lemma, since  $A_\alpha$  is connected and  $A_\alpha \cap C \neq \emptyset$ , then  $A_\alpha \subset C$  for every  $\alpha$ .

This is a contradiction to  $D \neq \emptyset$ .  $\square$ .

Prop 2 | If  $X$  and  $Y$  are connected, then  $X \times Y$  is connected.

Pf | Claim | for any  $a \in X$  and  $b \in Y$

$X \times \{b\}$  is homeomorphic to  $X$

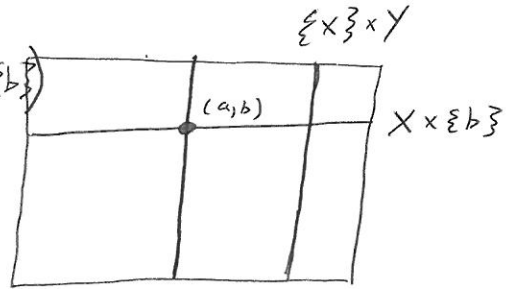
~~$\{a\} \times Y$~~  is homeomorphic to  $Y$ .

Pf | Exercise

Thus,  $X \times \{b\}$  is connected for any  $\{b\}$  and  $\{a\} \times Y$  is connected for any  $\{a\}$ .

Fix  $a \in X$  and  $b \in Y$

For  $x \in X$  define  $T_x = (\{x\} \times Y) \cup (X \times \{b\})$



Claim |  $T_x$  is connected

Pf | Since  $\{x\} \times Y$  is connected,  $X \times \{b\}$  is connected and

$(a, b) \in T_x$ , then by Prop 1  $T_x$  is connected

Notice that  $X \times Y = \bigcup_{x \in X} T_x$ , and  $(a, b) \in \bigcap_{x \in X} T_x = X \times \{b\}$

Since  $T_x$  is connected for every  $x$ , then by

Prop 1  $X \times Y$  is connected.  $\square$

Big Thm |  $\mathbb{R}$  with the standard topology is connected.

Pf | Suppose to form a contradiction  $\mathbb{R} = A \cup B$ .

Let  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ . WLOG assume  $a < b$ .

$$\text{Let } A_0 = A \cap [a, b]$$

$$B_0 = B \cap [a, b]$$

Claim |  $[a, b] = A_0 \cup B_0$

Pf |  $A_0 \neq \emptyset$  and  $B_0 \neq \emptyset$

$A_0$  and  $B_0$  are open in  $[a, b]$

$$A_0 \cup B_0 = [a, b]$$

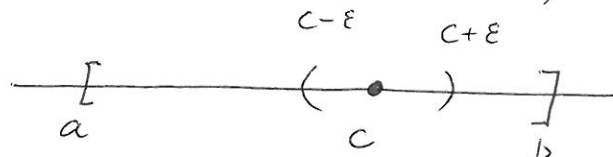
$$A_0 \cap B_0 = \emptyset.$$

Let  $c = \sup A_0$ . ( $c$  is the least element of  $\mathbb{R}$  that is greater than or equal to all elements of  $A_0$ .)

Case 1: If  $c \in B_0$ , then  $c \neq a$ .

Since  $B_0$  is open,  $\exists \varepsilon > 0$  s.t.  $(c - \varepsilon, c + \varepsilon) \cap [a, b] \subset B_0$ .

Hence,  $c - \varepsilon < c$  and  $c - \varepsilon \geq a_0$  for every  $a_0 \in A_0$  which contradicts  $c = \sup A_0$



Case 2: If  $c \in A_0$  then  $c \neq b$ .

Since  $A_0$  is open  $\exists \varepsilon > 0$  s.t.  $(c - \varepsilon, c + \varepsilon) \cap [a, b] \subset A_0$

Hence  $c + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} > c$  and  $c + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \in A_0$

which contradicts  $c = \sup A_0$ .  $\square$