

Qu: In a metric space, how to define an open set G ?

① $G =$ a union of balls

② $G = \overset{\circ}{G}$, this involves interior points

how \uparrow is it defined

Qu: Can we define open sets without a metric ?

① Ball obviously needs a metric

② Interior point $x \in \overset{\circ}{A}$ ——— needs $B(x, \varepsilon) \subset A$
 $x \in N \subset A$ where N is a nbhd of x
 i.e. $x \in \overset{\circ}{N}$

cyclic argument

Qu: Why is an open set important ?

There is a reason about taking limit

However, one single open set alone can

have very little information

A system of open sets is important
topology

To define a topology, we start with
open sets (interior) or neighborhoods

Definition Let X be a nonempty set

A set $\mathcal{J} \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$ is a topology for X if

- (T1) Any union of sets in \mathcal{J} is still in \mathcal{J}
- (T2) Any finite intersection of sets in \mathcal{J} is still in \mathcal{J}
- (T3) $\emptyset \in \mathcal{J}$, $X \in \mathcal{J}$

Simply put: A topology is closed under
arbitrary union and finite intersection.

Notation

$$\textcircled{T1} \quad \bigcup A \in \mathcal{J} \text{ for all } A \subset \mathcal{J} \quad \text{or}$$

$$\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} G_{\alpha} \in \mathcal{J} \text{ for all } \{G_{\alpha} : \alpha \in I\} \subset \mathcal{J}$$

$$\textcircled{T2} \quad \bigcap \mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{J} \text{ for all finite } \mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{J}$$

$$G_1 \cap \dots \cap G_n \in \mathcal{J} \text{ for all } G_1, \dots, G_n \in \mathcal{J}$$

$$\textcircled{T3} \quad \bigcup \emptyset = \emptyset, \quad \bigcap \emptyset = X$$

logical consequence of $\textcircled{T1}$ and $\textcircled{T2}$

Qu. Think of Examples and Non-examples
of topologies

Discrete Topology for $X \neq \emptyset$

$\mathcal{J} = \mathcal{P}(X)$. Clearly, T_1, T_2 are satisfied

Indiscrete Topology for $X \neq \emptyset$

$\mathcal{J} = \{\emptyset, X\}$

Cofinite Topology for $X \neq \emptyset$

$\mathcal{J} = \{G \subset X : X \setminus G \text{ is finite}\}$

Verify T_1 and T_2

Think about cases that X is finite/infinite

Standard Euclidean Topology

$X = \mathbb{R}$, $\mathcal{J} = \{(a-\varepsilon, a+\varepsilon) : a \in \mathbb{R}, \varepsilon > 0\} \cup \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}\}$

Not this one because a union of intervals
may not be an interval

Metric Topology Let (X, d) be a metric space

Define $\overset{\circ}{A} = \{x \in A : \exists \varepsilon > 0 \ B(x, \varepsilon) \subset A\}$

$\mathcal{J} = \{G \subset X : G = \overset{\circ}{G}\}$

Discrete metric $d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & x = y \\ 1 & x \neq y \end{cases}$

Its metric topology is $\mathcal{P}(X)$

Why?

How to prove it?

(b) l_p -metric on \mathbb{R}^n , $p \geq 1$

$$d(x, y) = \left[\sum_{k=1}^n |x_k - y_k|^p \right]^{1/p} \quad \text{or}$$

$$d_\infty(x, y) = \max_{k=1, \dots, n} |x_k - y_k|$$

All these metrics give the **standard topology**

Qu: Will $0 < p < 1$ define a topology?

Qu: Is indiscrete topology a metric topology?

The answer depends on $\#X$

Related Concept Hausdorff or T_2

A topological space (X, \mathcal{J}) is Hausdorff if
 $\forall x, y \in X$ with $x \neq y \quad \exists U, V \in \mathcal{J}$ such that
 $x \in U, y \in V, U \cap V = \emptyset$

Obviously, a metric space is T_2 ; while
 an indiscrete space X with
 $\#X \geq 2$ is not T_2

Qu: Is cofinite topology Hausdorff?

Neighborhoods Given (X, \mathcal{J}) , $x \in X$

$N \subset X$ is a nbhd of x if

$\exists U \in \mathcal{J}$ s.t. $x \in U \subset N$

Prove that the following is satisfied.

For each $x \in X$, there exists

$\mathcal{N}_x \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$, called nbhd system at x

(N1) $\forall N \in \mathcal{N}_x$, $x \in N$

(N2) $\forall M, N \in \mathcal{N}_x$, $M \cap N \in \mathcal{N}_x$

(N3) If $N \in \mathcal{N}_x$ and $N \subset U$ then $U \in \mathcal{N}_x$

(N4) For $N \in \mathcal{N}_x$, denote $\overset{\circ}{N} = \{y \in N : N \in \mathcal{N}_y\}$
then $\overset{\circ}{N} \in \mathcal{N}_x$

Note (N2) $\Rightarrow \mathcal{N}_x$ is closed under finite \cap

(N3) $\Rightarrow \mathcal{N}_x$ is closed under arbitrary U

In the lecture, we will show (N4). That involves

① $x \in \overset{\circ}{N}$

② Can find $U \in \mathcal{J}$ where $x \in U \subset \overset{\circ}{N}$

Theorem Suppose a set X has $x \mapsto \mathcal{N}_x \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$

satisfying (N1) to (N4). Then there is a

topology \mathcal{J} for X such that \mathcal{N}_x contains

exactly all nbhds of x . *need some more thoughts*