

Equivalences of Continuity, $f: (X, \mathcal{J}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{J}_Y)$

- ① f is continuous at $x, \forall x \in X$
 ② $\forall V \in \mathcal{J}_Y, f^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{J}_X$
 ③ $\forall V \in \mathcal{B}_Y, f^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{J}_X$
 ④ $\forall A \subset X, f(\overline{A}) \subset \overline{f(A)}$
 ⑤ $\forall B \subset Y, \overline{f^{-1}(B)} \subset f^{-1}(\overline{B})$
 ⑥ \forall closed $H \subset Y, f^{-1}(H)$ closed in X
- $\textcircled{1} \Leftrightarrow \textcircled{2} \Leftrightarrow \textcircled{3}$ trivial
 $\textcircled{6} \Rightarrow \textcircled{2}$ $V = Y \setminus H$
 Need to prove
 $A = f^{-1}(B)$
 $H = B = \overline{B}$

$\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \textcircled{4}$

Let $A \subset X$, want $f(\overline{A}) \subset \overline{f(A)}$

i.e. $\forall x \in \overline{A} \quad \underbrace{f(x) \in \overline{f(A)}}$

$\forall V \in \mathcal{J}_Y$ with $f(x) \in V$

$V \cap f(A) \neq \emptyset$

Let $x \in \overline{A}$ and $V \in \mathcal{J}_Y$ with $f(x) \in V$

Then by ②, $f^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{J}_X$

Also, $x \in f^{-1}(V)$

So, $f^{-1}(V)$ is a nbhd of $x \in \overline{A}$.

$\therefore f^{-1}(V) \cap A \neq \emptyset$

$\exists a \in f^{-1}(V) \cap A$

$\therefore f(a) \in V \cap f(A) \neq \emptyset$ Done.

Subspace. Let (X, \mathcal{J}) be a topological space and $A \subset X$. Define

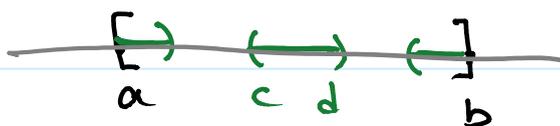
$$\mathcal{J}|_A = \{ G \cap A : G \in \mathcal{J} \}$$

Easy Exercise. $\mathcal{J}|_A$ is a topology of A .

It is called the **subspace topology** or **induced topology** or **relative topology** of A in X

Example. On $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{J}_{std})$ and $A = [a, b]$.

Then (c, d) is open in A , $a \leq c < d \leq b$



Also $[a, a+\epsilon)$ and $(b-\epsilon, b]$ are in $\mathcal{J}|_A$
 open in $[a, b]$ but not in \mathbb{R}

Qu. Can a continuous function on a subspace determine a continuous function on X ?

Let us deal with the question in easy cases.

Proposition. Let (X, \mathcal{J}) be a topological space;

$f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $X = \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} G_\alpha$, each $G_\alpha \in \mathcal{J}$.

If each $f_\alpha = f|_{G_\alpha} : G_\alpha \rightarrow Y$ is continuous

on the subspace G_α of X

then f is continuous on X .

The essence of the result: continuity on open subspaces forming the space will guarantee continuity on the whole

Equivalent Proposition. Let (X, \mathcal{J}) and G_α be as before having the subspace topology. If $f_\alpha: G_\alpha \rightarrow Y$ are continuous mappings such that $f_\alpha = f_\beta$ on $G_\alpha \cap G_\beta$ then $\exists f: X \rightarrow Y$ which is continuous and $f|_{G_\alpha} = f_\alpha$ for each α .

Clearly, for this version, we simply define

$$f(x) = f_\alpha(x) \text{ if } x \in G_\alpha$$

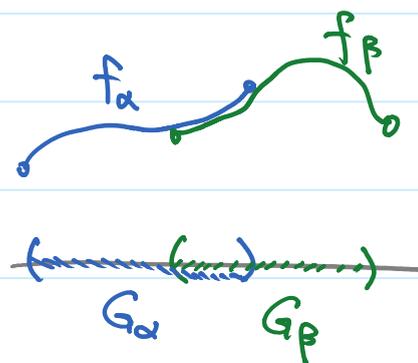
Then it is well-defined for $x \in G_\alpha \cap G_\beta$.

Main Idea: Let $V \in \mathcal{J}_Y$

$$\text{Then } f^{-1}(V) \\ \parallel$$

$$\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} [f^{-1}(V) \cap G_\alpha]$$

$$\parallel \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} f_\alpha^{-1}(V) \text{ each in } \mathcal{J}$$



From this, one sees that the situation for closed subspaces is different.

Proposition. Let (X, \mathcal{J}) be topological space and $A, B \subset X$ be closed; $f: X \rightarrow Y$.
 If $f|_A: A \rightarrow Y$ and $f|_B: B \rightarrow Y$ are continuous under the subspace topologies then f is continuous.

Exercise. (a) Formulate an equivalent version
 (b) Prove it.

(c) Give an example of closed A_α such that $f|_{A_\alpha}$ are continuous but not f .

Previous cases, we know continuity of $f|_{\text{subspace}}$ and they form the whole X .

Qu Give an example of $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $f|_{\mathbb{Q}} \equiv 0$.

(1) Dirichlet Function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 1 & x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

(2) A continuous function ??

$$f(x) \equiv 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{Q}$$

Qu Is there another continuous example?

The answer is no. **Why?**

Now, f is determined but only $f|_{\mathbb{Q}}$ is known.

Uniqueness Theorem. Let $A \subset X$ be dense; Y be Hausdorff and $f, g: X \rightarrow Y$ be continuous.

If $f|_A \equiv g|_A$ then $f \equiv g$ on X .

Qu. Can the above theorem be used to answer the following question: find a continuous $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $f(\frac{p}{q}) = \frac{1}{q} \forall \frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q}$.

No, the theorem only tells us whether two functions are the same but not whether any of them exists.

Proof of the theorem

Need to prove $f(x) = g(x)$ for arbitrary $x \in X$ in Y , which is Hausdorff

Hausdorff is usually easier to write for $y_1 \neq y_2$, so we expect proving by contradiction.

Suppose $\exists x \in X, f(x) \neq g(x)$

Then $\exists V_1, V_2 \in \mathcal{J}_Y, V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$

$f(x) \in V_1, g(x) \in V_2$

By continuity, $x \in f^{-1}(V_1) \cap g^{-1}(V_2) \in \mathcal{J}_X$

By density of $A, \exists a \in f^{-1}(V_1) \cap g^{-1}(V_2) \cap A$

$f(a) = g(a) \in V_1 \cap V_2$ contradiction

Definition. A mapping $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is called a **homeomorphism** if it is a bijection and both f and f^{-1} are continuous. In this case, (X, \mathcal{J}_X) and (Y, \mathcal{J}_Y) are having the **same topological structure**.

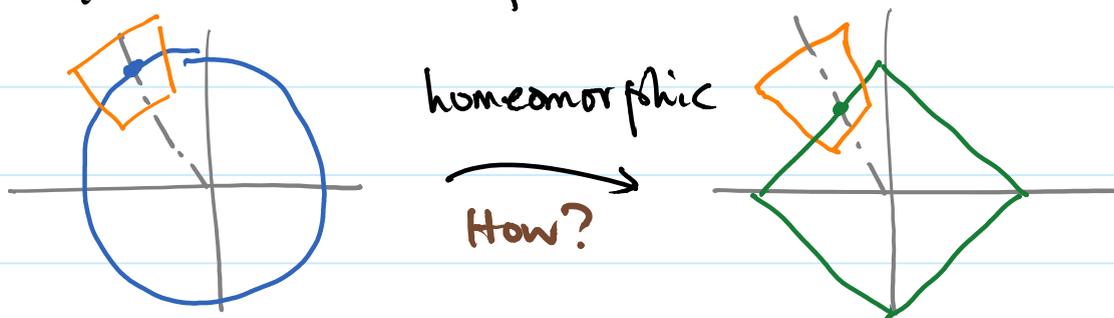
An **open mapping** $f: X \rightarrow Y$ satisfies that $\forall U \in \mathcal{J}_X, f(U) \in \mathcal{J}_Y$

Exercise. Find an example for each case

- * continuous but not open
- * open but not continuous
- * open and continuous but not homeomorphism

Example Euclidean topology of \mathbb{R}^2

$$X = S^1 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1\} \quad Y = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^2 : |y_1| + |y_2| = 1\}$$



$f(x) = y$ if $\begin{matrix} x \in S^1 \\ y \in Y \end{matrix}$ both lie on the same radial line

To show continuity (or open), take suitable open set $V \cap Y$ and consider $f^{-1}(V) \cap X$.