

Recall that for a nonempty X , a topology $\mathcal{J} \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$ is a set satisfying that it is closed under arbitrary union and finite intersection. Also, a set $G \subset X$ is open if $G \in \mathcal{J}$.

In a way, "open" is an undefined concept. What matters is the "system" that these sets form.

Three examples were given, Discrete, Indiscrete, and Cofinite topologies

Qu. What about this? Is it a topology?

Let $X = \mathbb{R}$ and

$$\mathcal{J} = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}\} \cup \underbrace{\{(a-\varepsilon, a+\varepsilon) : a \in \mathbb{R}, \varepsilon > 0\}}_{\text{open intervals}}$$

Answer is **NO**. because $(1, 2) \cup (5, 6) \neq (a-\varepsilon, a+\varepsilon)$

Though it is closed under finite intersection.

Example $X = \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathcal{J} = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}, [1, 3], [2, 4], [2, 3], [1, 4]\}$

Now, \mathcal{J} is a topology for \mathbb{R} .

$[1, 3]$ is open, though it is closed in the normal topology

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

For $A \subset X$, define

$$\overset{\circ}{A} = \{ a \in A : \exists \delta > 0 \ B(a, \delta) \subset A \}$$

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

exercise $\{ \text{all possible unions of balls} \}$

Recall that on \mathbb{R}^n , we have metrics

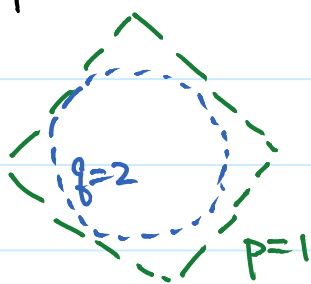
$$\|x - y\|_p = \left[\sum_{k=1}^n |x_k - y_k|^p \right]^{1/p}, \quad p \geq 1 \text{ and}$$

$$\|x - y\|_\infty = \max \{ |x_k - y_k| : k=1, \dots, n \}$$

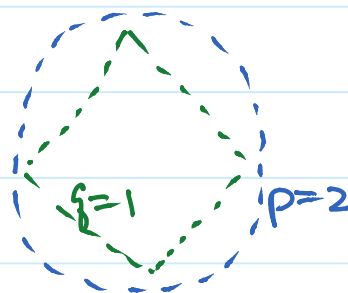
The balls defined by these metrics are **convex**.
Fact. Their metric topologies are **the same**.

Crucial step to prove this fact: given any ε -Ball of p -metric, it contains a δ -Ball of q -metric for some $\delta > 0$.

The pictures are



and



Now you see that this argument still works if the balls are **non-convex** !!

We mentioned that the Discrete Topology $\mathcal{J} = \mathcal{P}(X)$ actually comes from the discrete metric. Also, the Indiscrete Topology $\{\emptyset, X\}$ does not come from any!!

Qn. How to conclude such a result?

Obviously, one cannot try all possible metric.

Standard logical argument:

Metric topology is "beautiful" and Indiscrete Topology is "ugly", so it does not come from any metric.

Qn. What sort of "beauty" we are talking?

Given a metric d and any $x \neq y \in X$, we have $d(x, y) = r > 0$.

Then the balls $B(x, \frac{r}{3})$, $B(y, \frac{r}{3})$ are disjoint (Exercise. Needs Δ -inequality).

Writing $U \in B(x, \frac{r}{3})$, $V = B(y, \frac{r}{3})$, we have the Hausdorff property (or called T_2):

For $x \neq y \in X$, $\exists U, V \in \mathcal{J}$ such that

$$x \in U, y \in V, \text{ and } U \cap V = \emptyset$$

Fact. Every metric topology is Hausdorff

Exercise (a) Indiscrete topology is not Hausdorff.

(b) Is cofinite topology Hausdorff?

Given a topology \mathcal{J} for X , written (X, \mathcal{J}) ,

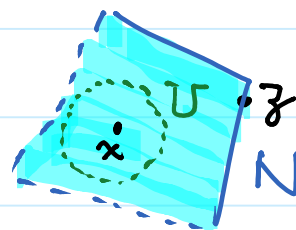
$x \in X$ and $N \subset X$. We say that N is a neighborhood of x if $\exists U \in \mathcal{J}, x \in U \subset N$.

In this situation, we

also say that x is

an interior point of N ,

denoted $x \in \overset{\circ}{N}$ or $\text{Int}(N)$



In the picture, $x \in \overset{\circ}{N}$, $z \in N$ but $z \notin \overset{\circ}{N}$

For each $x \in X$, we may define $\mathcal{N}_x \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$

by $\mathcal{N}_x = \{N \subset X : N \text{ is a nbhd of } x\}$

There may be many sets containing x and form \mathcal{N}_x . The collection \mathcal{N}_x satisfies

- (N1) $\forall N \in \mathcal{N}_x, x \in N$ (Obvious)
- (N2) $\forall M, N \in \mathcal{N}_x, M \cap N \in \mathcal{N}_x$ (semi-obvious)
- (N3) If $N \in \mathcal{N}_x$ and $N \subset M$ then $M \in \mathcal{N}_x$ (obvious)
- (N4) For $N \in \mathcal{N}_x$, temporarily let $\overset{\circ}{N} = \{y \in N : N \in \mathcal{N}_y\}$ then $\overset{\circ}{N} \in \mathcal{N}_x$ (Exercise)

In the history of "topology", mathematicians tried different ways to develop the concept. Nowadays, we settle on $\mathcal{J} \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$ which is closed under arbitrary union and finite intersection. Neighborhood System is another approach.

A Neighborhood System of X is a mapping $x \mapsto \mathcal{U}_x : X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$ such that the sets \mathcal{U}_x satisfy (N1) to (N4).

Theorem. Each neighborhood System defines a topology \mathcal{J} such that for each $x \in X$, if we define \mathcal{N}_x as before, then

$$\mathcal{N}_x \stackrel{\uparrow}{=} \mathcal{U}_x$$

we will clarify more later

Qu. Let $X = \mathbb{R}$

$$\mathcal{U}_x = \left\{ \left(x - \frac{1}{n}, x + \frac{1}{n} \right) : 1 \leq n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

Does \mathcal{U}_x satisfy (N1) to (N4)?

Do you think that a topology is determined?