

Finite Product Given topological spaces (X_k, \mathcal{J}_k)

and $P = \prod_{k=1}^n X_k$, we consider the set

$$\mathcal{S} = \left\{ X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_{k-1} \times U_k \times X_{k+1} \times \dots \times X_n : k=1, \dots, n, \right. \\ \left. U_k \in \mathcal{J}_k \right\}$$

This set \mathcal{S} generates the product topology, temporarily denoted as \mathcal{J}_{Π} .

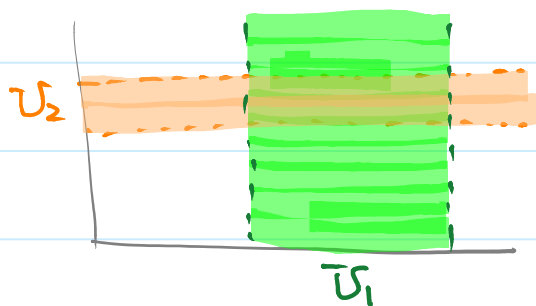
A base for \mathcal{J}_{Π} is

$$\mathcal{B} = \{ U_1 \times U_2 \times \dots \times U_n : U_k \in \mathcal{J}_k \text{ for } k=1, \dots, n \}$$

Question. How to use this as an analogue for infinite product?

Let us study $X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_{k-1} \times U_k \times X_{k+1} \times \dots \times X_n$

A picture for $n=2$



|| in fact

$\pi_k^{-1}(U_k)$ where

$$\pi_k : \prod_{j=1}^n X_j \longrightarrow X_k \text{ is}$$

the projection mapping

In this way, $\mathcal{S} = \{ \pi_k^{-1}(U_k) : k=1, \dots, n, U_k \in \mathcal{J}_k \}$

We will borrow this notion to infinite product

Question Given sets $X_\alpha, \alpha \in I$, in set language

what is $\prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha$? What is $x \in \prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha$?

Actually, x is a function, $x : I \longrightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha$
such that $x(\alpha) \in X_\alpha$

Example. If $I = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ and $X_k = \mathbb{R}$ for each k

then $x \in \prod_{k=1}^n X_k$ is really a function

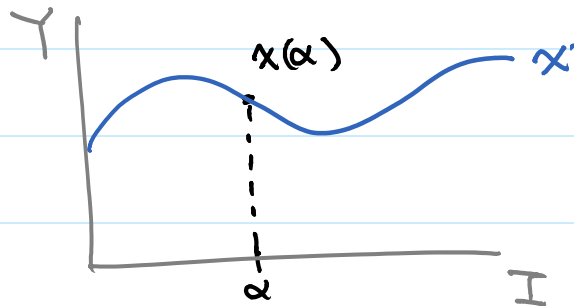
$$x: \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} = \bigcup_{k=1}^n \mathbb{R}$$

and automatically $x(k) \in \mathbb{R}$
 || write as x_k

Thus, x is determined by (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) .

Example. For general I , and $X_\alpha = Y \forall \alpha \in I$

The picture for $x \in \prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha$ can be



In this case, $\prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha = \prod_{\alpha \in I} Y = Y^I$

Infinite Product Topology

Let $(X_\alpha, \mathcal{T}_\alpha)$, $\alpha \in I$ be topological spaces

and $P = \prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha$

The product topology, \mathcal{T}_π is generated by

$$\mathcal{S} = \left\{ \pi_\alpha^{-1}(U_\alpha) : \alpha \in I, U_\alpha \in \mathcal{T}_\alpha \right\}$$

↓ after finite intersection

\mathcal{B} , a base

$$\neq \bigcap \left\{ \prod_{\alpha \in I} U_\alpha : U_\alpha \in \mathcal{T}_\alpha \right\} \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{T}_{\text{box}} \neq \mathcal{T}_\pi$$

Example. Let $I = \mathbb{N}$, $X_\alpha = \{0, 1\}$ with discrete topology, i.e., $\mathcal{J}_\alpha = \{\emptyset, \{0\}, \{1\}, \{0, 1\}\}$

What is $\left\{ \prod_{\alpha \in I} U_\alpha : U_\alpha \in \mathcal{J}_\alpha \right\}$?

$$\prod_{\alpha \in I} U_\alpha = U_1 \times U_2 \times U_3 \times \dots \times U_n \times \dots \times \dots$$

↑
can be $\emptyset, \{0\}, \{1\}, \{0, 1\} \forall \alpha$

i.e. all possibilities, \mathcal{J}_{box} is discrete

For $S = \left\{ \pi_\alpha^{-1}(U_\alpha) : \alpha \in I, U_\alpha \in \mathcal{J}_\alpha \right\}$

↓ finite intersection

$$X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times \underbrace{\{0\}} \times \dots \times \underbrace{\{1\}} \times \dots \times X_n \times X_{n+1} \times \dots$$

only finitely many singletons

→ then all will be $\{0, 1\}$

Question. Why do we take \mathcal{J}_Π but not \mathcal{J}_{box} ?

For general $(X_\alpha, \mathcal{J}_\alpha)$, possible topologies

on $P = \prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha$ are

$$\mathcal{P}(P) \supset \dots \supset \mathcal{J}_{\text{box}} \supset \dots \supset \mathcal{J}_\Pi \supset \dots \supset \dots \supset \{\emptyset, P\}$$

discrete Indiscrete

Consider each $\pi_\beta: (P, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (X_\beta, \mathcal{J}_\beta)$

To check continuity, take $U_\beta \in \mathcal{J}_\beta$ and

verify if $\pi_\beta^{-1}(U_\beta) \in \mathcal{J}$.

True for \mathcal{J} chosen from discrete, $\dots, \mathcal{J}_{\text{box}}, \dots, \mathcal{J}_\Pi$

But \mathcal{J}_Π is the minimal one.

Theorem. The product topology \mathcal{J}_π is the smallest one so that $\forall \beta \in I$,

$$\pi_\beta = \prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha \longrightarrow X_\beta \text{ is continuous}$$

In other words, if $\pi_\beta: (\prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha, \mathcal{J}) \longrightarrow X_\beta$ is continuous $\forall \beta \in I$, then $\mathcal{J} \supset \mathcal{J}_\pi$.

This is in fact by construction, \mathcal{J}_π is the smallest containing $\mathcal{S} = \{ \pi_\beta^{-1}(U_\beta) : \beta \in I, U_\beta \in \mathcal{J}_\beta \}$

Question. Given a function $\mathbb{R}^3 \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\text{defined by } (x, y, z) \xrightarrow{f} (x+y+z, \sin(xyz))$$

how do you verify its continuity?

Answer: check $x+y+z$ and $\sin(xyz)$ separately.

1st coord.

"
" π_1 of

2nd coord.

"
" π_2 of

Theorem.

Let $P = \prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha$ be given \mathcal{J}_π .

A mapping $f: W \longrightarrow P$ is continuous

$\iff \forall \beta \in I, \pi_\beta \circ f: W \longrightarrow X_\beta$ is continuous

" \implies " is easy; simply because of composition.

" \impliedby " Let $V \in \mathcal{B}_\pi$ and we hope to prove $f^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{J}_W$

$$\text{Then } V = \pi_{\beta_1}^{-1}(U_1) \cap \pi_{\beta_2}^{-1}(U_2) \cap \dots \cap \pi_{\beta_n}^{-1}(U_n)$$

where $U_k \in \mathcal{J}_{\beta_k}$

Consequently,
$$f^{-1}(V) = \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} f^{-1}(\pi_{\beta_k}^{-1}(U_k))$$

$$= \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} (\pi_{\beta_k} \circ f)^{-1}(U_k)$$

Since each $\pi_{\beta_k} \circ f$ is continuous & $U_k \in \mathcal{J}_{\beta_k}$
 $(\pi_{\beta_k} \circ f)^{-1}(U_k) \in \mathcal{J}_W$

and so is V . □

Now, we examine the possible $\mathcal{J}_?$ on $P = \prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha$.
 to have the fact:

If each $\pi_{\beta} \circ f$ is continuous then

$$f: W \rightarrow (P, \mathcal{J}_?) \text{ is continuous}$$

Obviously, if $\mathcal{J}_? = \{\emptyset, P\}$, i.e., Indiscrete

then f is certainly continuous disregard
 of $\pi_{\beta} \circ f$. When more and more sets

are put into $\mathcal{J}_?$, we may need to use
 the continuity of $\pi_{\beta} \circ f$

Fact. \mathcal{J}_π is actually the maximal topology to
 have the continuity of f from $\pi_{\beta} \circ f$.

Exercise. Consider $\prod_{\alpha \in [a,b]} \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R}^{[a,b]}$, which contains

functions $\chi: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Given a sequence

$(\chi_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in $\mathbb{R}^{[a,b]}$, what is the meaning of

$\chi_n \rightarrow \chi$ in terms of functions?