

Let \mathcal{J} be a topology for X , the space is denoted (X, \mathcal{J}) . Any set $G \in \mathcal{J}$ is open.

For $x \in X$ and $N \subset X$, if $\exists U \in \mathcal{J}$ such that $x \in U \subset N$

N is called a neighborhood of x , while x is an interior point of N , denoted $x \in \overset{\circ}{N}$

Let $A \subset X$. The set $\overset{\circ}{A}$ or $\text{Int}(A)$ is called the interior of A , containing all interior points of A

Theorem $\overset{\circ}{A}$ is the largest open subset of A .

The essential fact,

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

1. each $G \subset A$, \therefore union $\subset A$

2. each $G \in \mathcal{J}$, \therefore union is open

3. Any open subset of A is used,
 \therefore union is the largest

Theorem. A set $G \subset X$ is open

\iff by above

Every $x \in G$ is an interior point of G

$$\iff G \subset \overset{\circ}{G} \iff G = \overset{\circ}{G}$$

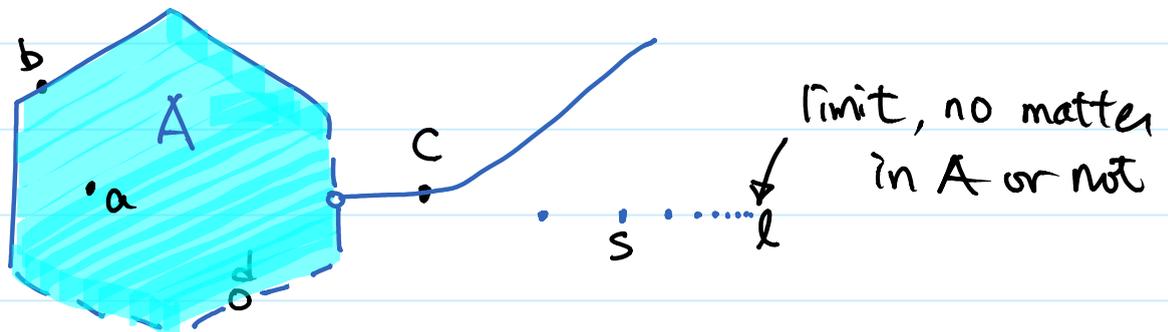
by def of interior

$G \supset \overset{\circ}{G}$ is known

Qu. What is the purpose of discussing open sets towards the aim of limits, convergence, and approximation?

Targets of topology

Let us draw a set A in \mathbb{R}^2



There are different types of point
 $a, b, c, s \in A, d \notin A, l \in X = \mathbb{R}^2$

For any $x \in X$, it is called a cluster point or accumulation point (or limit point) if for each $U \in \mathcal{J}$ with $x \in U$, $U \cap A \setminus \{x\} \neq \emptyset$ or nbhd of x , i.e., $x \in \overset{\circ}{U}$

Qu. In the above picture of \mathbb{R}^2 , which points are cluster points of A ?

Answer. a, b, c, d, l are, s is not.

Definition. $A' = \{\text{all cluster points of } A\}$ is called the derived set of A . Moreover, \bar{A} or $\text{cl}(A) = A \cup A'$ is called the closure of A .

Exercise. Convince yourself that

$$x \in \bar{A} \iff \forall U \in \mathcal{J} \text{ with } x \in U, U \cap A \neq \emptyset$$

In layman's words, \bar{A} contains points in A and points "stick to" A .

Then, the points "separating" A and its outside is defined below.

A point $x \in A$ is called a **Frontier** (or **boundary**) point of A if $x \in \bar{A} \cap \overline{(X \setminus A)}$. The frontier is denoted $\text{Frt}(A)$. Obviously, $x \in \text{Frt}(A) \iff \forall U \in \mathcal{J}$ with $x \in U$,

$$U \cap A \neq \emptyset \text{ and } U \cap (X \setminus A) \neq \emptyset$$

We do not use "boundary" here because it causes confusion when manifold is involved.

For example, $S^1 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \|x\| = 1\}$ and

$$D^2 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \|x\| \leq 1\}$$

In $X = \mathbb{R}^2$, $\text{Frt}(S^1) = S^1$ and $\text{Frt}(D^2) = S^1$

But, as manifolds,

S^1 has no boundary (notation $\partial S^1 = \emptyset$)
and D^2 has boundary S^1 (notation $\partial D^2 = S^1$)

A subset $A \subset X$ is **closed** if its complement $X \setminus A$ is open, i.e. $X \setminus A \in \mathcal{J}$

The first observation:

\emptyset, X are closed as $X = X \setminus \emptyset, \emptyset = X \setminus X \in \mathcal{J}$

Thus, open and closed are **not negation** to each other. In fact, there are other both open and closed subsets.

Qu. Give an easy example of neither open nor closed subsets.

Theorem. A set $F \subset X$ is closed

$$\Leftrightarrow F = \bar{F} \Leftrightarrow F \supset \bar{F} \Leftrightarrow F \supset F'$$

easy because $\bar{F} \supset F, \bar{F} = F \cup F'$

Since $\bar{F} \supset F$ is known, the issue lies at $x \notin \bar{F}$.

Logically, $x \notin \bar{F} \Leftrightarrow \exists \mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{J}$ with $x \in \mathcal{U}, \underbrace{\mathcal{U} \cap F = \emptyset}_{\mathcal{U} \subset X \setminus F}$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \in \mathcal{U} \subset X \setminus F \text{ and } \mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{J}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \in (X \setminus F)^\circ$$

Thus, $X \setminus \bar{F} = (X \setminus F)^\circ, \therefore \bar{F} = X \setminus (X \setminus F)^\circ$

F is closed $\Leftrightarrow X \setminus F$ is open

$$\Leftrightarrow X \setminus F = (X \setminus F)^\circ$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \bar{F} = X \setminus (X \setminus F) = F \text{ Done.}$$

Theorem. \bar{F} is the smallest closed set containing F .

Obviously, due to $(X \setminus F)^\circ$ is the largest open subset of $X \setminus F$.

Think about the possible topology for X

The largest: $\mathcal{P}(X)$ Discrete

The smallest: $\{\emptyset, X\}$ Indiscrete

There may be others in between

① Suppose there is $\emptyset \neq A \subsetneq X$, then

$\{\emptyset, A, X\}$ clearly satisfies the conditions

② Assume we have $\emptyset \neq A \neq B \subsetneq X$, then

$\{\emptyset, A, B, X\}$ is not enough, we need

$\{\emptyset, A \cap B, A, B, A \cup B, X\}$

Qu. Given a subset $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$, how to get a topology $\mathcal{J} \supset \mathcal{S}$?

minimal, otherwise $\mathcal{P}(X) \supset \mathcal{S}$ always.

Naturally, by brute force, try all combinations of arbitrary union and finite intersection.

Qu. Is there a simple and systematic way?

Answer. Step 1 \rightarrow Get finite intersections of \mathcal{S}

Step 2 \rightarrow Get all unions of step 1 DONE

Theorem. Given any $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$, let

$$\mathcal{B} = \{ \bigcap \mathcal{F} : \text{finite } \mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{S} \} = \{ S_1 \cap \dots \cap S_n : S_k \in \mathcal{S} \}$$

$$\mathcal{J} = \{ \bigcup \mathcal{A} : \mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{B} \} = \{ \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} B_\alpha : B_\alpha \in \mathcal{B} \}$$

Then \mathcal{J} is the smallest topology containing \mathcal{S} ;

or \mathcal{J} is generated by \mathcal{S} or

\mathcal{S} is a subbase (subbasis) of \mathcal{J} .

Example. For $\mathcal{S} = \{(-\infty, b) : b \in \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{(a, \infty) : a \in \mathbb{R}\}$

After taking finite intersections,

$$\mathcal{B} = \{\emptyset\} \cup \{(a, b) : a < b\} \cup \mathcal{S} \text{ and}$$

the \mathcal{J} generated by \mathcal{S} is exactly the standard topology \mathcal{J}_{std} of \mathbb{R}

Lower Limit Topology \mathcal{J}_{ll} is the topology generated by $\{[a, b) : a < b \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Note that $\mathcal{J}_{\text{std}} \subsetneq \mathcal{J}_{\text{ll}}$ because

$$(a, b) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} [a + \frac{1}{n}, b)$$

Exercise. Find a sequence $x_n \in \mathbb{R}$ satisfying the following,

(a) $x_n \rightarrow x$, i.e., $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists$ integer N such that $\forall n \geq N \quad x_n \in (x - \varepsilon, x + \varepsilon)$, but

(b) $\exists \delta > 0$ such that \forall integer $N \exists n \geq N$ where $x_n \notin [x, x + \delta)$

This example shows that $x_n \rightarrow x$ in \mathcal{J}_{std} while $x_n \not\rightarrow x$ in \mathcal{J}_{ll} .