

21. Monday, August 5th. Compactness

Proposition 20.4 If X is Hausdorff and $Y \subseteq X$ is a compact subspace, Then Y is closed in X .

Proof: Let us show that $X \setminus Y$ is open, i.e., $X \setminus Y$ is a neighborhood of each of its points.

Fix $x_0 \in X \setminus Y$. WTS: $\exists V$ open with $x_0 \in V \subseteq X \setminus Y$.

Now, since X is Hausdorff, for each $y \in Y$ we have $x_0 \neq y$, Therefore there exist open sets V_y, U_y with $x_0 \in V_y, y \in U_y$ and $V_y \cap U_y = \emptyset$.

Note that $Y \subseteq \bigcup_{y \in Y} U_y$. Since Y is compact, This cover admits a finite subcover.

Thus there are $y_1, \dots, y_n \in Y$ such that $Y \subseteq U_{y_1} \cup \dots \cup U_{y_n}$.

Now we take $V = V_{y_1} \cap \dots \cap V_{y_n}$. We verify it satisfies the required properties:

- 1) V is open, because it is the intersection of finitely many open sets in X .
- 2) V contains x_0 , because each V_y does for any $y \in Y$.
- 3) $V \cap Y = \emptyset$, Thus $V \subseteq X \setminus Y$

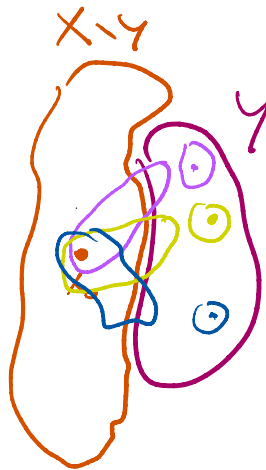
In fact, if $z \in Y$, since $Y \subseteq U_{y_1} \cup \dots \cup U_{y_n}$, we have $z \in U_{y_j}$ for some j

therefore $z \notin V_{y_j}$ because $U_{y_j} \cap V_{y_j} = \emptyset$. Hence $z \notin V$

This proves that $X \setminus Y$ is a nbhd of every $x_0 \in X \setminus Y$.

therefore $X \setminus Y$ is open.

Sketch of The proof



Corollary Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a bijective continuous map.

If X is compact and Y is Hausdorff, Then f is a homeomorphism.

Proof: Only need to prove That f is open, which is equivalent to f being closed. Take $C \subseteq X$ closed. Since X is compact, by prop 20.3, C is compact. Hence, by Prop 20.2, $f(C) \subseteq Y$ is compact. By prop 20.4, since Y is Hausdorff, C is closed in Y . \square

Examples. Let $\exp: [0,1] \rightarrow S^1$, $\exp(t) = (\cos 2\pi t, \sin 2\pi t)$

- 1) We proved $\exp: [0,1] \rightarrow S^1$ is continuous bijection but not open. Here S^1 is Hausdorff, however $[0,1]$ is not compact.
- 2) We proved $\exp: [0,1] / \sim_{0,1} \rightarrow S^1$ is a continuous bijection and claimed that hence it is a homeomorphism. Now we know that's true, because $[0,1] / \sim_{0,1}$ is compact and S^1 is Hausdorff.
- 3) Same argument applies e.g. To HW 5.5. Your maps are homeomorphism

So for example $S^1 \simeq \mathbb{RP}^1$ and $\mathbb{RP}^2 \simeq D^2 / \{x \sim -x \text{ for } x \in S^1\}$

Theorem 2: A product $X \times Y$ is compact if and only if X and Y are compact

To prove it, we will need the following:

The Tube Lemma: Consider $X \times Y$ where Y is compact. Fix $x_0 \in X$

If $N \subseteq X \times Y$ is an open set containing $\{x_0\} \times Y$, Then There exists an open set U of X containing x_0 such that $U \times Y \subseteq N$

Proof: Since $N \subseteq X \times Y$ is open and contains $\{x_0\} \times Y$, for each $y \in Y$ There exist open sets $U_y \subseteq X$ and $V_y \subseteq Y$ with $(x_0, y) \in U_y \times V_y \subseteq N$.

Since $Y = \bigcup_{y \in Y} V_y$ and Y is compact, we have $Y = V_{y_1} \cup \dots \cup V_{y_n}$ for some y_i 's.

Consider $U = U_{y_1} \cap \dots \cap U_{y_n}$. We prove it satisfies the desired properties

1) $U \subseteq X$ is open, because intersection of finitely many open sets in X .

2) U contains x_0 because each U_j does.

3) $U \times Y \subseteq N$

Given $(u, y) \in U \times Y$, we have $y \in Y = V_{j_1} \cup \dots \cup V_{j_n}$, so $y \in V_{j_i}$ for some j_i .

Also, since $u \in U$, we have $u \in U_{j_i}$. Hence $(u, y) \in U_{j_i} \times V_{j_i} \subseteq N$.

Hence U satisfies the desired properties.

Sketch:

