

I Constructions of topological spaces

1.1. Notation: If X, Y are (topological) spaces, we will denote by $\text{Set}(X, Y)$ the set of all maps of (underlying) sets, and $\text{Top}(X, Y) = \{f \in \text{Set}(X, Y); f \text{ continuous}\}$.

1.2 Examples: (a) For X a space, $\text{Top}(X, X)$ contains at least 1 element: $\text{id}_X : X \rightarrow X$.

(2) For any space Z , $\text{Top}(\emptyset, Z)$ and $\text{Top}(Z, \{*\})$, where $\{*\}$ is a 1-point space, contain exactly 1 element.

1.3 Remark: In example (2), \emptyset and $\{*\}$ are essentially characterized by the given condition (up to homeo for $\{*\}$).

Goal of this chapter: define constructions of a new topological space T , out of previously constructed spaces (or

maps) such that certain properties of $\text{Top}(Z, T)$ or $\text{Top}(T, Z)$ (as sets), when Z is any space, characterize T (up to homeo).

The Subspace topology

1.4 Proposition Let X be a space, and $A \subset X$ be a subset (of the underlying set of X). Denote $i : A \rightarrow X$ the inclusion. Then there exists on A a unique topology \mathcal{T}_A such that i is continuous, and for any space Z , the following map is bijective:

$$\phi: \text{Top}(Z, A) \xrightarrow{\text{with } \mathcal{T}_A} \{f \in \text{Set}(Z, A); i \circ f \in \text{Top}(Z, X)\}$$

$f \mapsto f$

Picture:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & X \\ & \nearrow i \circ f & \\ Z & \xrightarrow{f} & A \\ & & \uparrow i \end{array}$$

proof: let τ_X be the topology of X . Existence:

let $\tau_A = \{V \in \mathcal{P}(A) ; \exists U \in \tau_X, V = U \cap A\}$.

Then it is easy to check that τ_A is a topology for which $i: A \rightarrow X$ is continuous. Now let Z be any space, and

$f: Z \rightarrow A$ a map of sets

(1) f continuous \Rightarrow $i \circ f$ continuous (known: composition of continuous maps is continuous).

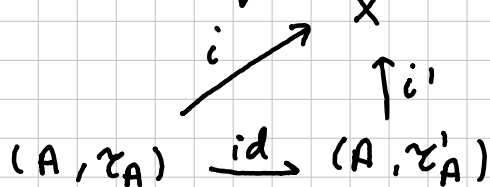
(2) $i \circ f$ continuous \Rightarrow f continuous: let $V \subset A$ open.

Then $\exists U \subset X$ open with $U \cap A = V$. We have

$f^{-1}(V) = (i \circ f)^{-1}(U)$ open in Z since $i \circ f$ is continuous. Thus f is continuous.

Unicity: let τ'_A be another topology on A satisfying

that ϕ is bijective.



since i is continuous, so is

$$id_A: (A, \tau_A) \rightarrow (A, \tau'_A).$$

since i' is continuous, so is

$$id_A: (A, \tau'_A) \rightarrow (A, \tau_A).$$

Thus $id_A: (A, \tau_A) \rightarrow (A, \tau'_A)$ is a homeomorphism, which means $\tau_A = \tau'_A$. \square

1.5 Definition: If X is a space, $A \subset X$, then the top.

τ_A given by Prop 1.4 is called the subspace topology on A (relative to the inclusion $i: A \hookrightarrow X$).

We also say: $A \hookrightarrow X$ is a subspace of X .

1.6 Examples If X is a space, $A \subset X$ a subspace, an open subset $V \subset A$ is also a subset of X , but

need not be open in X ! $\triangle!$

For example: $A = \{0\} \subset \mathbb{R}$ (usual topology).

Then of course A is open in A (eg $A = A \cap \mathbb{R}$)
but not in \mathbb{R} . \uparrow open
in \mathbb{R}

If $A \subset X$ open, the notions agree!

1.7 Lemma. Let X be a space, $A \subset X$ a subspace, and $B \subset A$. Then subspace topologies of B relative to A and relative to X agree! (Exercise).

1.8 Definition Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and \mathbb{R}^{n+1} endowed with the Euclidean metric. We call the subspace

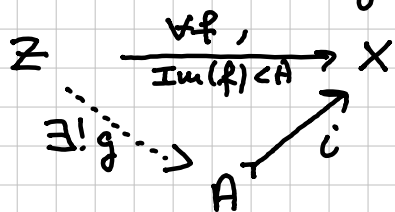
$$S^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}; \|x\|_2 = 1\} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}.$$

the n -th dimensional sphere.

1.9 Remark If X is a space, B a set, and $i: B \rightarrow X$ is an injective map, by the same procedure as in Prop 1.4 produces a topology on B , such that $\phi: \text{Top}(Z, B) \xrightarrow{\text{inj}}$ $\{f \in \text{Set}(Z, B); f \circ i \in \text{Top}(Z, X)\}$.

It is the coarsest topology making i continuous.

We can also characterize it as follows:



For any $f \in \text{Top}(Z, X)$ such that $\text{Im}(f) \subset A$,

$\exists! g \in \text{Top}(Z, A)$ with $i \circ g = f$.

The quotient topology

1.10 Recollections: An equivalence relation on a set X is a relation $R \subset X \times X$ (with $x \sim y \Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in R$) (3)

Rat is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

We denote by X/R (or X/\sim if R is understood) the set of equivalence classes: For $x \in X$, let

$$[x] = \{ y \in X ; x \sim y \} ; \text{ let}$$

$$X/R = \{ A \in \mathcal{P}(X) ; \exists x \in X, A = [x] \}.$$

The map of sets $\pi : X \rightarrow X/R, x \mapsto [x]$ is obviously surjective, and is called the (canonical) quotient map (of sets)

1.11 Proposition. Let X be a space, R an equivalence relation on X , and $\pi : X \rightarrow X/R$ the quotient map.

Then there exist on X/R a unique topology such that the map $\pi : X \rightarrow X/R$ is continuous, and for any space Z , the following map of sets is bijective:

$$\Upsilon : \text{Top}(X/R, Z) \xrightarrow{f \mapsto f} \{ f \in \text{Set}(X/R, Z) ; f \circ \pi \in \text{Top}(X, Z) \}$$

Picture:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f \circ \pi} & Z \\ \pi \downarrow & \nearrow f & \\ X/R & & \end{array}$$

(See also lemma 1.15 and Remark 1.16)

proof let \mathcal{T}_X be the topology of X . We define

$$\mathcal{T}_{X/R} = \{ u \in \mathcal{P}(X/R) ; \pi^{-1}(u) \text{ open in } X \}.$$

It is easy to check that $\mathcal{T}_{X/R}$ is a topology on X/R , for which π is continuous.

The rest of the proof is left as an exercise: follow the same steps as the proof of Prop. 1.4. \square

1.12 Definition: let X be a space and R an equivalence relation. The topology provided by 1.11 on X/R $\textcircled{4}$

is called the quotient topology on X/R (relative to X), and the continuous map $\pi: X \rightarrow X/R$ is called the quotient (map).

1.13 Example Consider the topological vector space \mathbb{R}^n , and V a sub-vector space. Recall that the quotient vector space \mathbb{R}^n/V is the quotient by the equivalence relation $x \sim y \Leftrightarrow x - y \in V$.

We can endow \mathbb{R}^n/V with the quotient topology.

Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a supplementary subspace of V (so that $U \oplus V = \mathbb{R}^n$).

We can endow U with the subspace topology relative to \mathbb{R}^n .

Then the composition $U \xrightarrow{i} \mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbb{R}^n/V$ is a homeomorphism! We know that $\pi \circ i$ is continuous

and bijective. It remains to show that it is open.

We have the projection map $p: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow U$ along V , which is continuous (linear!).

Now, if $O \subset U$ is open, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^{-1}(\pi \circ i(O)) &= \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n; \exists a \in O, x \sim a\} \\ &= p^{-1}(O) \text{ open, which implies } \pi \circ i(O) \text{ open.} \end{aligned}$$

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1.14 Definition Let X be a space and A a subspace.

Consider the equivalence relation R_A on X given by

$$x \sim y \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = y, \text{ or} \\ x \in A \text{ and } y \in A. \end{cases}$$

(Thus $R_A = A \times A \cup \text{Diag} \subset X \times X$).

We denote the quotient $\pi: X \rightarrow X/R_A =: X/A$

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and call it the quotient of X by the subspace A .

We can reformulate slightly the (universal) property of the quotient topology:

1.15 Lemma: let X be a space, R an equivalence relation on X , and $A \subset X$ a subspace, $i: A \hookrightarrow X$ inclusion.

(a) For any space Z , and any continuous map $f: X \rightarrow Z$

such that for any $x, y \in X$, $x R y \Rightarrow f(x) = f(y)$,

there exists a unique map $\bar{f}: X/R \rightarrow Z$ with $f = \bar{f} \circ \pi$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Z \\ \pi \searrow & & \nearrow \bar{f} \\ & X/R & \end{array} \quad \exists!$$

(b) For any space Z and any continuous map $f: X \rightarrow Z$ such that $f \circ i$ is constant, there exists a unique map

$$\bar{f}: X/A \rightarrow Z \text{ such that } f = \bar{f} \circ \pi \quad \begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Z \\ \pi \searrow & & \nearrow \bar{f} \\ & X/A & \end{array} \quad \exists!$$

proof: obvious.

1.16 Remark let X be a space, and Y a set, and $\pi: X \rightarrow Y$ a surjective map. Then, using ψ as in 1.11 (replace $\pi: X \rightarrow X/R$ by $\pi: X \rightarrow Y$), endow Y with a topology, which we can call the 'quotient topology relative π '.

Exercise: In the remark above, we can define on X the relation $x \sim^R y \Leftrightarrow \pi(x) = \pi(y)$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & & \\ \pi_R \swarrow & & \searrow \pi \\ X/R & \xrightarrow{\bar{\pi}} & Y \\ \exists! \bar{\pi} & & \end{array}$$

$\exists! \bar{\pi}: X/R \rightarrow Y$ will
 $\bar{\pi} \circ \pi_R = \pi$, and $\bar{\pi}$
 is a homeomorphism!

1.17 Example

let $X = [0, 1]$ (subspace topology of $[0, 1] \subset \mathbb{R}$)

let $A = \{0, 1\}$.

Consider the map $X \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}^2$, $t \mapsto (\cos(2\pi t), \sin(2\pi t))$

Then $\text{Im}(f) \subset S^1 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, so by prop 1.4,

$\exists!$ $g: X \rightarrow S^1$.

Then $g(A) = (1, 0) \in S^1$, so by lemma 1.15,

$\exists!$ $\bar{g}: X/A \rightarrow S^1$ with $\bar{g} \circ \pi = g$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{g} & S^1 \\ \pi \searrow & & \nearrow \exists! \bar{g} \\ & X/A & \end{array}$$

claim: \bar{g} is a homeomorphism.

Obviously (?) \bar{g} is continuous and bijective. Compact to Hausdorff (but not yet seen).

The product topology

Recall that the cartesian product of sets $X \times Y$, together with the "canonical" projections $X \xleftarrow{p_x} X \times Y \xrightarrow{p_y} Y$.

A map (of sets) $Z \xrightarrow{f} X \times Y$ corresponds precisely to a pair of maps (of sets) $Z \xrightarrow{f_x} X$, $Z \xrightarrow{f_y} Y$, such

that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & f_y \\ & \swarrow & \searrow \\ f_x & Z & \\ & \downarrow f & \\ X & \xleftarrow{p_x} X \times Y \xrightarrow{p_y} & Y \end{array}$$

commutes.

In other words, $f(z) = (f_x(z), f_y(z)) \quad \forall z \in Z$.

The same holds for the product of topological spaces and continuous maps.

1.18 Proposition let X and Y be topological space. Then there exists on $X \times Y$ a unique topology $\textcircled{7}$

$\tau_{x \times y}$, such that P_x and P_y are continuous, and such that for any space Z , there is a bijection of sets

$$P: \text{Top}(Z, X \times Y) \rightarrow \text{Top}(Z, X) \times \text{Top}(Z, Y)$$

$$f \mapsto (P_x \circ f, P_y \circ f)$$

proof: Existence: We define the topology $\tau_{x \times y}$ by saying that it admits $\mathcal{B} = \{u \times v \in \mathcal{P}(X \times Y); u \in \tau_x, v \in \tau_y\}$ as a basis^(*), where τ_x, τ_y are the topologies of X and Y , respectively. Obviously this makes P_x and P_y continuous, so that P is well defined.

Since P is the restriction of a bijection, it is obviously injective. It is also surjective: For $f_x \in \text{Top}(Z, X)$ and $f_y \in \text{Top}(Z, Y)$, let $f: Z \rightarrow X \times Y$

(*) check 2 conditions $z \mapsto (f_x(z), f_y(z))$

Assume $u \times v$ is a basis element of $\tau_{x \times y}$.

Then $f^{-1}(u \times v) = f_x^{-1}(u) \cap f_y^{-1}(v)$ open in Z .

1.19 Example The Euclidean Topology on \mathbb{R}^2 ▣

is equal to the product topology.

Indeed, we know that all norms are equivalent, obviously the basis elements (open balls) for $\|\cdot\|_{\infty}$ are products of basis elements for \mathbb{R} (open intervals)

Conclude with the following exercise:

If $\mathcal{B}_x, \mathcal{B}_y$ are basis for topologies for X and Y , then $\mathcal{B}' = \{(u \times v) \in \mathcal{P}(X \times Y); u \in \mathcal{B}_x, v \in \mathcal{B}_y\}$ is also a basis for the product topology.

We now generalize to arbitrary products.

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1.20 Proposition: let I be a set and $\{X_i\}_{i \in I}$ a family of topological spaces indexed by I . Then there exists on the product $X = \prod_{i \in I} X_i$ a unique topology such that:

(i) $\forall i \in I$, the projection $p_i: \prod_{i \in I} X_i \rightarrow X_i$ is continuous.

(ii) The map $\text{Top}(Z, \prod_{i \in I} X_i) \xrightarrow{\cong} \prod_{i \in I} \text{Top}(Z, X_i)$
 $f \mapsto \{p_i \circ f\}_{i \in I}$

is a bijection for any space Z .

proof (sketch): Take $S = \{A \in \mathcal{P}(\prod_{i \in I} X_i) ; \exists J \subset I$ finite, such that $A = \prod_{i \in J} A_i$, where $A_i \subset X_i$ and $i \notin J \Rightarrow A_i = X_i\}$. This is a subbasis of a topology on X , and if τ_X is the corresponding topology on X , then (i) holds! The proof that τ_X is a bijection is the same as in 1.18. We now prove the uniqueness.

Suppose τ' is another topology on X such that (i) and (ii) hold; let $X' = (X, \tau')$. Then $\text{id}: X' \rightarrow X$ is continuous since $\forall i \in I$, $p_i \circ \text{id}: X' \rightarrow X \rightarrow X_i$ is continuous (ii). Similarly, $\text{id}: X \rightarrow X'$ is continuous. So $\tau = \tau'$. \square .

1.21 Remark: \triangle The product topology is quite coarse; for example, an (infinite) product of discrete spaces need not be discrete. Famous example: $\{0,1\}$ discrete space: Then $\prod_{\mathbb{N}} \{0,1\}$ is not discrete. In fact, it is homeomorphic to the Cantor set (as a subspace of $[0,1]$). See exercises.

We now see the "dual" notion: coproduct. Treated in the Exercises. We treat directly the coproduct indexed over an arbitrary set.

It is based on the coproduct of sets:

If I is a set and $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$ a collection of sets indexed by I . The coproduct is a set A , denoted $\coprod_{i \in I} A_i$, together with maps $\{j_i: A_i \rightarrow A\}$, such that for any set B ,

$$\text{Set} \left(\coprod_{i \in I} A_i, B \right) \rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} \text{Set} (A_i, B)$$

$$f \mapsto \{f \circ j_i\}_{i \in I}$$

is a bijection.

It exists and is unique up to canonical bijections compatible with the j_i 's. A model for it

$$\coprod_{i \in I} A_i = \left\{ (k, x) \in I \times \left(\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i \right); x \in A_k \right\}$$

with $j_i: A_i \rightarrow \coprod_{i \in I} A_i \subset I \times \left(\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i \right)$

$$x \mapsto (i, x).$$

Note that each of the j_i is injective, also, if $i \neq k$, then $j_i(A_i) \cap j_k(A_k) = \emptyset$ (even if $A_i \cap A_k \neq \emptyset$).

However, if $\forall i, j \in I, A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$, then we

have a canonical iso $\coprod_{i \in I} A_i \rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$

Thus \coprod is sometimes \hookrightarrow disjoint union.

called the disjoint union. This can be confusing.

Example: take $I = \mathbb{R}$, and $\forall i \in I$, take $A_i = \mathbb{R}$. Then we have a bijection

$$\coprod_{i \in I} A_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \quad \left(\neq \bigcup_{i \in I} \mathbb{R} \text{ since not disjoint} \right)$$

$$(k, x) \mapsto (k, x).$$

1.22 Proposition: Let I be a set, $\{X_i\}_{i \in I}$ a family of topological spaces index by I . Then there $\textcircled{10}$

exists on $\coprod_{i \in I} X_i$ a unique topology such that:

(i) $\forall i \in I, j_i : X_i \rightarrow \coprod_{i \in I} X_i$ is continuous;

(ii) The map $\text{Top}(\coprod_{i \in I} X_i, Z) \rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} \text{Top}(X_i, Z)$ is bijective for any space Z . $f \mapsto \{f \circ j_i\}_{i \in I}$

proof: exercise

1.23 Lemma: In the above situation, $\forall i \in I$, the map

$j_i : X_i \rightarrow \coprod_{i \in I} X_i$ is open; In particular, it is a

homeomorphism onto its image: we can identify X_i with a

subspace of $\coprod_{i \in I} X_i$. As such, X_i is both an open and closed subspace.

proof: exercise.

1.24 Lemma: Let X be a topological space, let I

be a set, and let $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a family of disjoint subspaces of X . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

(1) $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$, with the subspace topology relative X , and the inclusion $j_i : A_i \hookrightarrow \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$, is the coproduct $\coprod_{i \in I} A_i$.

(2) $\forall k \in I, \exists U_k \subset X$ open, $(\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i) \cap U_k = A_k$

proof: Since A_i open in $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$, (1) \Rightarrow (2) by def of the subspace topology.

(2) \Rightarrow (1) $j_i : A_i \rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$ is continuous: both have the subspace topology, and if $U \subset X$, then $j_i^{-1}(U) = U \cap A_i$.

This implies that we have a map, \forall space Z

$\text{Top}(\bigcup_I A_i, Z) \rightarrow \prod_I \text{Top}(A_i, Z)$, injective (rest. of an i.o).

It is also surjective: given $\{f_i : A_i \rightarrow Z\}_{i \in I}$ collection of continuous maps, $f : \bigcup_i A_i \rightarrow Z$ is defined since the A_i are disjoint, and if $V \subset Z$ is open, then for each $i \in I$, $\exists W_i$ open in X , $f_i^{-1}(V) = A_i \cap W_i$ (open in A_i). The condition on $\exists U_i$ implies that $f_i^{-1}(V) = (\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i) \cap (W_i \cap U_i)$ is open in $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$; Thus $f^{-1}(V) = \bigcup_{i \in I} f_i^{-1}(V)$ is open in $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$. \square

For example, as set, $\mathbb{R} =]-\infty, 0[\sqcup [0, \infty[$, but not as subspace of spaces, of course!

We have continuous maps $f_0 : A_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $t \mapsto 0$ and $f_1 : A_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $t \mapsto 1$, but the resulting map $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous bijection that is not open! $A_0 \sqcup A_1$

1.25 Example: For any space X and any set I , for the constant family $\{X_i\}_{i \in I}$ with $X = X_i \forall i$, we have a homeo $\bigsqcup_I X \rightarrow I \times X$ (product top for I discrete).

We recall:

1.26 Definition: a space X is called connected if it is not the disjoint union of two open, non-empty subspaces.

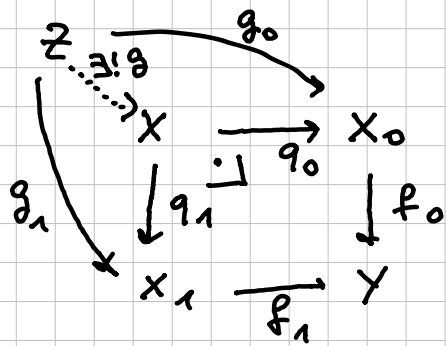
The connected component of $x \in X$ is the equivalence class of x for the relation $x \sim y \Leftrightarrow \exists$ a connected subspace A of X with $x \in A$ and $y \in A$.

We have examples in the exercises.

We now study construction that combine the above construction. (12)

1.27 Definition: Consider continuous maps $f_0: X_0 \rightarrow Y$ and $f_1: X_1 \rightarrow Y$. A pull-back of f_0, f_1 is a space X together with cont. maps $g_0: X \rightarrow X_0$, $g_1: X \rightarrow X_1$, such that $f_0 \circ g_0 = f_1 \circ g_1$ and the map

$$\text{Top}(Z, X) \rightarrow \left\{ (g_0, g_1) \in \text{Top}(Z, X_0) \times \text{Top}(Z, X_1); \right. \\ \left. g \mapsto (g_0, g_1) \quad f_0 \circ g_0 = f_1 \circ g_1 \right\}$$



1.28 Proposition: The pull-back exists and is unique up to canonical homeomorphisms. A model is given

as $X = \{ (x_0, x_1) \in X_0 \times X_1 ; f_0(x_0) = f_1(x_1) \}$
 (with the subspace topology of the product topology)
 and $g_j: X \subset X_0 \times X_1 \xrightarrow{p_j} X_j$ for $j=0, 1$.

proof: obviously g_0, g_1 are continuous, and $f_0 \circ g_0 = f_1 \circ g_1$.

Given Z and $g_j: Z \rightarrow X_j$ with $f_0 \circ g_0 = f_1 \circ g_1$,

$\exists!$ $g': Z \rightarrow X_0 \times X_1$ with $g_j = p_j \circ g'$; its image lies in X , so this factors uniquely as $g': Z \xrightarrow{g} X \subset X_0 \times X_1$.

This proves that (g_0, g_1) is a pull-back of (f_0, f_1) , which completes the existence.

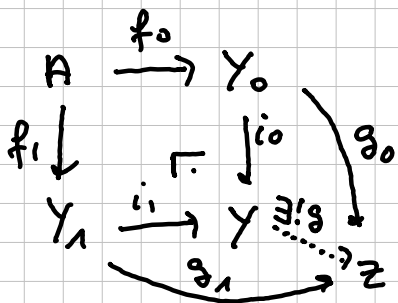
The proof of uniqueness up to homeo is a (by now) standard exercise.

1.28 Examples: (1) The pull-back of $X \rightarrow \{*\} \leftarrow Y$ is $(X \times Y, p_X, p_Y)$.

(2) The pull back of $Y \xrightarrow{f} X \xleftarrow{id} X$ is $Y \xleftarrow{id} Y \xrightarrow{f} X$.
 See the exercises for more examples.

We now consider the dual notion.

1.29 Definition: let $A \xrightarrow{f_0} Y_0$ and $A \xrightarrow{f_1} Y_1$ be continuous maps. A push-out of (f_0, f_1) is a space Y together with continuous maps $i_0: Y_0 \rightarrow Y$, $i_1: Y_1 \rightarrow Y$, such that $i_0 f_0 = i_1 f_1$ and for any space Z , $\text{Top}(Y, Z) \rightarrow \{(g_0, g_1) \in \text{Top}(Y_0, Z) \times \text{Top}(Y_1, Z); g_0 f_0 = g_1 f_1\}$ $g \mapsto (g|_{Y_0}, g|_{Y_1})$ is a bijection.



1.30 Proposition The push-out of (f_0, f_1) exists and is unique up to canonical homeomorphisms. A model is given by

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 Y_0 & \hookrightarrow & Y_0 \amalg Y_1 & \hookleftarrow & Y_1 \\
 & \searrow i_0 & \downarrow \pi & \swarrow i_1 & \\
 & & Y = (Y_0 \amalg Y_1) / \sim & &
 \end{array}$$

where $Y_0 \hookrightarrow Y_0 \amalg Y_1 \hookleftarrow Y_1$ are the canonical maps into the coproduct, and π is the quotient map in spaces, for the equivalence relation generated by

$$y_0 \sim y_1 \quad \text{if } \exists a \in A \text{ with } f_0(a) = y_0 \text{ and } f_1(a) = y_1.$$

proof: left as an exercise.

1.31 Examples: (a) The push-out of $X \leftarrow \emptyset \rightarrow Y$ is $X \hookrightarrow X \amalg Y \hookleftarrow Y$.

(b) The pushout of $X \xleftarrow{f} A \xrightarrow{id} A$ is $X \xrightarrow{id} X \xleftarrow{f} A$.

1.32 Remark an obvious example that we might wonder about is the following one: If Y is a space, $Y_1, Y_2 \subset Y$ subspaces with $Y_1 \cup Y_2 = Y$, and $A = Y_1 \cap Y_2$, is Y the push-out of $Y_0 \leftarrow A \rightarrow Y_1$?

By the universal property, we have a continuous map

$A \rightarrow Y_0 \quad g: P \rightarrow Y$ from the pushout. It is

obviously bijective, but need not be open!

Example: If $Y = \mathbb{R}$, $Y_0 =]-\infty, 0]$

and $Y_1 =]0, \infty[$, then $\mathbb{R} = Y_0 \cup Y_1$, and

$Y_0 \cap Y_1 = \emptyset$, so the pushout of $(Y_0 \leftarrow Y_0 \cap Y_1 \rightarrow Y_1)$

is $Y_0 \amalg Y_1$, not homeo to \mathbb{R} by Lemma 1.24.!

1.33 Proposition: If Y is a space, $Y_0, Y_1 \subset Y$ subspaces such that $Y = Y_0 \cup Y_1$. Suppose $Y_0 \cap Y_1 \rightarrow Y_0$

is the push-out. Then the canonical

map $P \xrightarrow{h} Y$ is a homeo provided:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y_0 \cap Y_1 & \rightarrow & Y_0 \\ \downarrow \Gamma & & \downarrow i_0 \\ Y_1 & \xrightarrow{i_1} & P \end{array}$$

(a) Y_0, Y_1 are both open in Y , or

(b) Y_0, Y_1 are both closed in Y .

proof. We know that h is continuous and bijective, it suffices to show it is open (or closed). Assume (a).

Denote $Y_0 \leftarrow Y_0 \amalg Y_1 \leftarrow Y_1$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ & P & \\ & \downarrow \pi & \\ & P & \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} i_0 \\ i_1 \end{array} \quad \text{Suppose } U \subset P \text{ open.}$$

Then by definition of the quotient topology, $\pi^{-1}(U)$ open

in $Y_0 \amalg Y_1$, which means $\pi^{-1}(U) \cap Y_j = i_j^{-1}(U_j)$

open in Y_j , for $j = 0, 1$. Since Y_j is open

in Y for $j = 0, 1$, $\pi^{-1}(U) \cap Y_j$ is open in Y .
 Thus $h(U) = (\pi^{-1}(U) \cap Y_0) \cup (\pi^{-1}(U) \cap Y_1)$ is open in Y .

The proof for (b) is similar and left as exo (essentially replace every occurrence of "open" by "closed"). \square

1.34 Examples: We will treat in the exercises the following examples, which follow from 1.33: let $n \geq 1$, and define $D^n := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n; \|x\|_2 \leq 1\}$ (n -disk) consider the following push-out, where $i: S^{n-1} \hookrightarrow D$. Then P is homeomorphic to S^n (see 1.35).

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^{n-1} & \longrightarrow & D^n \\ \downarrow \Gamma & & \downarrow \\ D^n & \longrightarrow & P \end{array}$$

Same example with open disks.

1.35 Proposition The product, co-product, pull-back and push-out are invariant (up to homeo) under replacement of the "universal problem" by a homeomorphic one. More precisely for push-outs:

Suppose we have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} Y_0 & \xleftarrow{f_0} & A & \xrightarrow{f_1} & Y_1 \\ \downarrow h_0 & & \downarrow h_0 & & \downarrow h_1 \\ Y'_0 & \xleftarrow{f'_0} & A' & \xrightarrow{f'_1} & Y'_1 \end{array} \quad \text{where } h_0, h_0', \text{ and } h_1 \text{ are homeomorphisms.}$$

If we denote the pushouts:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \rightarrow & Y_0 \\ \downarrow \Gamma & & \downarrow \\ Y_1 & \rightarrow & P \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} A' & \rightarrow & Y'_0 \\ \downarrow \Gamma & & \downarrow \\ Y'_1 & \rightarrow & P' \end{array}$$

then there is a (canonical)

homeomorphism $h: P \rightarrow P'$.

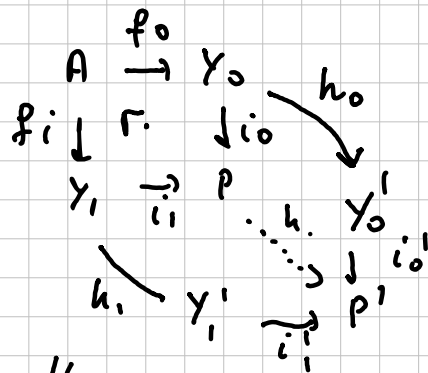
Proof: We sketch the proof for the push-out. The case of the pull-back is similar, and the case of co-product easier.

We have a commutative diagram :

indeed

$$i_0' h_0 f_0 = i_0' p_0' h_0 = i_0' p_0' h_0 = i_1' p_1' h_0 = i_1' h_1 p_1.$$

Thus $\exists!$ h making the diagram commute.



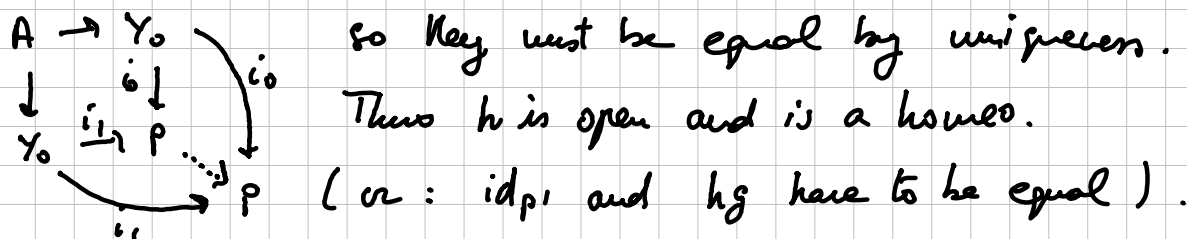
Now we can repeat the same argument with

$$Y_0' \xleftarrow{A_0'} Y_1' \quad \text{which also commutes;}$$

$$h_0' \downarrow \quad \downarrow h_0' \quad \downarrow h_1' \quad \Rightarrow \text{we obtain } g: P' \rightarrow P.$$

$$Y_0 \xleftarrow{A_0} Y_1$$

Now gh and id are both a solution to the problem



so they must be equal by uniqueness.

Thus h is open and is a homeo.

(or: $id_{P'}$ and gh have to be equal).

We now discuss some topological properties of these constructions: connected, Hausdorff (T2) and compact.

1.36 Theorem: Let I be a set and $\{X_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a family of topological spaces, and let $X = \prod X_i$ be their product.

(a) Suppose given for all $i \in I$ a subspace $A_i \subset X_i$.

Then, with the product topology, $A = \prod_{i \in I} A_i$ is a subspace of X .

Moreover, $\prod \overline{A_i} = \overline{\prod A_i}$.

(b) If each X_i is Hausdorff, so is X .

(c) If each X_i is connected, so is X , and the converse holds.

proof: For $J \subset I$ finite, and $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$ a family of open subsets $U_i \subset X_i \forall i$, with $j \notin J \Rightarrow U_j = X_j$, the sets of the form $O(J, \{U_i\}_{i \in I}) = \prod_i U_i$ form a basis of the product topology on X . (17)

The same holds for the product topology on A , with basis open of the form $O(J, \{V\}_{i \in I})$.

But since the A_i are subspaces, for each $i \in I$, we can choose

$$u_i = \begin{cases} x_i & \text{if } i \neq J \\ \text{some open of } X_i \text{ with } u_i \cap A = V_i, & i = J. \end{cases}$$

Then $O(J, \{u_i\}_{i \in I}) \cap A = O(J, \{V_i\}_{i \in I})$, which shows that the subspace topology of A rel. X is the product topology.

For $\prod \bar{A}_i \supset \bar{A}$: we have $\prod \bar{A}_i = \prod_i \pi_i^{-1}(\bar{A}_i)$

which is closed and contains A , so $\bar{A} \subset \prod \bar{A}_i$.

conversely, suppose $x \in \prod \bar{A}_i$, and let $O = O(J, \{u_i\}_{i \in I})$ by a basis element (for X) that contains x .

Then $V_i, u_i \subset X_i$ is an open that contains $x_i \in \bar{A}_i$.

Thus there $\exists z_i \in u_i \cap A_i$, and choose such. If $z = \{z_i\}_{i \in I}$,

then $z \in O \cap A$. This shows that any nbhd of x meets A ,

hence $x \in \bar{A}$.

(b) Obvious: if $x \neq y \in X$, $\exists i \in I, x_i \neq y_i$.

Choose U, V open in X_i separating x_i and y_i .

The sub-basis elements corresponding to U and V ,

$\pi_i^{-1}(U)$ and $\pi_i^{-1}(V)$, separate x and y .

(c) Now assume each X_i connected $\neq \emptyset$. Assume $\exists U, V$ open

in X with $X = U \cup V$. Since each π_i is surjective

and open, and X_i connected, $\exists z_i \in \pi_i(U) \cap \pi_i(V)$.

But then $z = \{z_i\}_{i \in I} \in U \cap V$. This proves X connected.

If some X_i is empty so is X , so connected.

Conversely, assume $\exists i, X_i = \emptyset : X = \emptyset$. Assume $\forall j, X_j \neq \emptyset$ and $\exists i, X_i = U \cup V$ both open, $\neq \emptyset$, disjoint. Then

$\pi_i^{-1}(U) \neq \emptyset \neq \pi_i^{-1}(V)$, and both open, disjoint, and $X = \pi_i^{-1}(U) \cup \pi_i^{-1}(V)$, so X is disconnected. \square

1.37 Remark: By 1.36, if $\{A_i \xrightarrow{\delta_i} X_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a family of inclusion of subspaces, then $\prod_i \delta_i : \prod_i A_i \rightarrow \prod_i X_i$ is the inclusion of a subspace.

Note: The product of quotient maps need not be a quotient map (see sheet 3).

1.38 Theorem (Tychonoff): Any product of compact spaces is compact. \square

Remark equivalent to the Axiom of choice or Zorn's lemma.

1.39 Example Take $X = [0, 1]$, and $A = [0, 1[$.

Then $X/A = \{[0], [1]\}$, but the only open subset of $[1]$ is X/A . Thus X/A is not Hausdorff, so quotient aren't Hausdorff in general.

1.40 Theorem Let X be a space, R an equiv. relation on X , and $\pi : X \rightarrow X/R$ the quotient.

(a) If X is connected, so is X/R

(b) If X is compact, so is X/R

(c) If X/R is Hausdorff, then R is closed in $X \times X$.

If π is open and R is closed, then X/R is Hausdorff.

(d) If X is compact and Hausdorff, then X/R is Hausdorff iff π is closed.

proof (c) Suppose X/R Hausdorff. Let $(x, y) \in X \times X \setminus R$.
 $\exists u, v$ open in X/R such that $\bar{x} \in u, \bar{y} \in v, u \cap v = \emptyset$.

Then $x \in O_1 = \pi^{-1}(u), y \in O_2 = \pi^{-1}(v)$, and

$R \cap O_1 \times O_2 = \emptyset$: otherwise $u \cap v \neq \emptyset$. So R is

closed. Conversely, if R is closed and π open, and
 $\bar{x}, \bar{y} \in X/R$ with $\bar{x} \neq \bar{y}$, then $(x, y) \notin R$.

$\exists (x, y) \in O_1 \times O_2 \subset X \times X$ open, $O_1 \times O_2 \cap R = \emptyset$.

Then $\pi(O_1)$ and $\pi(O_2)$ separate \bar{x}, \bar{y} and are open (π is).

(d) X/R Hausdorff $\Rightarrow \pi$ closed is standard!

conversely, suppose X is compact and Hausdorff, and
 π closed. We first show:

(*) Let $A \subset X$ closed and saturated ($A = \pi^{-1}(\pi(A))$).

Suppose given U open with $A \subset U$. Then there exists

there exists V open and saturated with $A \subset V \subset U$.

proof of (*) $X \setminus U$ is closed; thus $\pi(X \setminus U)$ closed in X/R
(π closed!) and $\pi^{-1}(\pi(X \setminus U))$ is closed and saturated in X .

Also, $A \cap \pi^{-1}(\pi(X \setminus U)) = \emptyset$ because

$\pi(A \cap \pi^{-1}(\pi(X \setminus U))) \subset \pi(A) \cap \pi(X \setminus U) = \emptyset$
the last: $A \cap (X \setminus U) = \emptyset$ and A saturated.

Thus can take $V = X \setminus \pi^{-1}(\pi(X \setminus U))$. \square (*)

Now suppose $[x], [y] \in X/R, [x] \neq [y]$.

Then $\pi^{-1}([x])$ and $\pi^{-1}([y])$ are disjoint and closed
(indeed, $[x]$ is closed in X/R since $[x] = \pi(\{x\})$ and
 $\{x\}$ closed in X by Hausdorff).

X Hausdorff + Compact \Rightarrow normal: can separate

$\pi^{-1}([x])$ and $\pi^{-1}([y])$ by U and V , \square (20)

which we can ensure to be saturated by (*)

Then $\pi(U)$ and $\pi(V)$ are open and separate $[x], [y]$ in X/R , which is therefore Hausdorff. \square We used:

1.41 Lemma: A compact Hausdorff space X is normal.

proof: let A, B be closed disjoint subsets of X .

For any $a \in A$, can choose U_a and V_a open in X , disjoint, with $a \in U_a$ and $B \subset V_a$: indeed,

choose $\forall b \in B$, U_b and W_b open disjoint with

$a \in U_b$ and $b \in W_b$; B compact (closed in compact)

$\Rightarrow \exists b_1, \dots, b_n$ and $B \subset W_{b_1} \cup \dots \cup W_{b_n} =: V_a$ open,

disjoint from $U_a, \cap \dots \cap U_{b_n} =: U_a \ni a$, also open. Since

A is compact, $\exists a_1, \dots, a_m \in A$, $A \subset U_{a_1} \cup \dots \cup U_{a_m}$ then,

$B \subset V_{a_1} \cap \dots \cap V_{a_m} =: V_B$ open, $U_A \cap V_B = \emptyset$. \square

1.42 Corollary: If X is compact and Hausdorff, and A is a closed subspace, then X/A is compact Hausdorff.

proof: $\pi: X \rightarrow X/A$ is closed: If $B \subset X$ is closed,

then $\pi^{-1}\pi(B) = \begin{cases} B & \text{if } B \cap A = \emptyset \\ B \cup A & \text{if } B \cap A \neq \emptyset \end{cases}$ is closed in X \square

We now mention quotients by a group action.

1.43 Def: A topological group is a space G together with a group structure, such that the multiplication $G \times G \rightarrow G, (x, y) \mapsto xy$ and the inverse $G \rightarrow G, x \mapsto x^{-1}$, are continuous.

A continuous action of a topological group G on a space X is a continuous map $G \times X \rightarrow X$ that is an action on the underlying set.

1.44 Examples (a) \mathbb{Z} is a discrete topological group, continuously acting on \mathbb{R} via $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{+} \mathbb{R}$.

(b) $S^1 \subset \mathbb{C}^\times$ is a top. group continuously acting on $\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{R}^2$: it is the rotation group. Similarly, $S^3 \subset \mathbb{H}^\times$ is acting on \mathbb{R}^4 (unit quaternions).

By restriction, (finite) subgroups of S^1 act on \mathbb{R}^2, \dots

(c) If $H < G$ with G a topological group, so is H , and it acts continuously on G by multiplication.

1.45 Definition: If G is a top group continuously acting on a space X , let R be the equivalence relation on X given by $x \sim y \Leftrightarrow \exists g \in G, y = g \cdot x$.

The quotient $X \xrightarrow{\pi} X/R$ is denoted $X \xrightarrow{\pi} X/G$: it is the quotient by the group action.

1.46 Proposition: Let G be a topological group continuously acting on a space X . Then the quotient map $\pi: X \rightarrow X/G$ is open.

Proof: Let $U \subset X$ open.

Then $\pi^{-1}(\pi(U)) = \bigcup_{g \in G} g \cdot U$ where

$g \cdot U = \{x \in X; \exists u \in U, x = g \cdot u\}$. Since

$\tilde{g}: X \rightarrow X, x \mapsto gx$ is a homeo, $g \cdot U = \tilde{g}(U)$

is open. Thus $\pi^{-1}(\pi(U))$ is open, thus $\pi(U)$ open. \square

1.47 Proposition: $H < G$ topological groups. Then G/H is Hausdorff iff H is closed in G .

proof: exercise.