

Products & Quotients

Let $\{\mathbb{X}_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ be a set of top. spaces. The cartesian product of the

sets is $\mathbb{X} = \prod_{\alpha \in I} \mathbb{X}_\alpha = \{f: f \text{ is a function w/ } \text{dom}(f) = I \text{ and } \forall \alpha \in I, f(\alpha) \in \mathbb{X}_\alpha\}$

[for finite collections, these are ordered tuples. For countable collections, sequences, etc.]

AC is equiv. to the statement: An arbitrary product of nonempty sets is nonempty. For $\alpha \in I$, define the α th projection map $\pi_\alpha: \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_\alpha$ by

$$\pi_\alpha(f) = f_\alpha.$$

Defⁿ: A base for the (Tychonoff) product topology on $\mathbb{X} = \prod_{\alpha \in I} \mathbb{X}_\alpha$ is

given by $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \bigcap_{i=1}^n \pi_{\alpha_i}^{-1}(U_{\alpha_i}) : n \in \mathbb{N}, U_{\alpha_i} \in \mathcal{T}_{\alpha_i} \text{ for each } \alpha_i, i=1, \dots, n \right\}$

pf this is a base: for any $\alpha \in I$, $\mathbb{X}_\alpha \in \mathcal{T}_\alpha$. Thus, $\pi_\alpha^{-1}(\mathbb{X}_\alpha)$

$= \{f: f(\alpha) \in \mathbb{X}_\alpha\} = \mathbb{X}$. so $\bigcup \mathcal{B} = \mathbb{X}$. Less stupidly, $\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2 \in \mathcal{B}$.

Then $\mathcal{B}_1 = \pi_{\alpha_1}^{-1}(U_{\alpha_1}) \cap \dots \cap \pi_{\alpha_n}^{-1}(U_{\alpha_n})$, $\mathcal{B}_2 = \pi_{\beta_1}^{-1}(V_{\beta_1}) \cap \dots \cap \pi_{\beta_m}^{-1}(V_{\beta_m})$

Note that by reindexing, [wlog] we can write

$$\mathcal{B}_1 = \pi_{\sigma_1}^{-1}(U_{\sigma_1}) \cap \pi_{\sigma_2}^{-1}(U_{\sigma_2}) \cap \dots \cap \pi_{\sigma_n}^{-1}(U_{\sigma_n})$$

$$\mathcal{B}_2 = \pi_{\sigma_1}^{-1}(V_{\sigma_1}) \cap \dots \cap \pi_{\sigma_m}^{-1}(V_{\sigma_m}). \quad [\text{Since if } \beta_i \neq \sigma_j \text{ for some } i, j,$$

$$\mathcal{B}_1 = \mathcal{B}_1 \cap \pi_{\beta_i}^{-1}(\mathbb{X}_{\beta_i})]. \quad \text{Then } \mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_2 = \pi_{\sigma_1}^{-1}(U_{\sigma_1} \cap V_{\sigma_1}) \cap \dots \cap \pi_{\sigma_m}^{-1}(U_{\sigma_m} \cap V_{\sigma_m})$$

$\in \mathcal{B}$. So \mathcal{B} is a base. \square

Alternatively: the product topology can be defined by a subbase

$$\mathcal{S} = \{ \pi_\alpha^{-1}(U_\alpha) : \alpha \in I, U_\alpha \in \mathcal{T}_\alpha \}. \quad \text{Compare this to the box topology$$

which has as a base $\mathcal{B}_{\text{box}} = \left\{ \prod_{\alpha \in I} U_\alpha : U_\alpha \in \mathcal{T}_\alpha \text{ for each } \alpha \in I \right\}$

In general, the box topology is finer than the product topology.

If $|I| < \omega$, then the box topology equals the product topology.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{since } U \in \mathcal{B}_{\text{box}} & \text{ iff } U = \prod_{i=1}^n U_i = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) : x_i \in U_i, i=1, \dots, n\} \\ & = \bigcap_{i=1}^n \{\vec{x} : x_i \in U_i\} = \bigcap_{i=1}^n \{\vec{x} : \pi_i(\vec{x}) \in U_i\} = \bigcap_{i=1}^n \pi_i^{-1}(U_i) \in \mathcal{B}_{\text{product}}. \end{aligned}$$

Examples/Specific Facts:

• The product topology $\mathbb{R}_{\text{std}} \times \mathbb{R}_{\text{std}}$ is homeomorphic to $\mathbb{R}_{\text{std}}^2$

In fact, they're the same topology. If $U = B_{\text{std}}(x, \epsilon_x) \times B_{\text{std}}(y, \epsilon_y)$,

then letting $\epsilon = \min\{\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2\}$, $B_{\text{std}}((x, y), \epsilon) \subseteq U$. So $\tau_{\text{std}} \subseteq \tau_{\text{product}}$.

Similarly, if $B_{\text{std}}((x, y), \epsilon)$ is an open ball in $\mathbb{R}_{\text{std}}^2$, then $\exists \epsilon_{\text{square}} > 0$

st $B_{\text{std}}(x, \epsilon_{\text{square}}) \times B_{\text{std}}(y, \epsilon_{\text{square}}) \subseteq B_{\text{std}}((x, y), \epsilon)$, so $\tau_{\text{product}} \subseteq \tau_{\text{std}}$.

• Let $\mathbb{X} = \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$. Then the product top. on \mathbb{X} is a topology \mathcal{T} on the set of real valued functions $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

[Note that if the \mathcal{B}_α are restricted to being basic open sets in \mathbb{X}_α , then $\mathcal{B} = \{\bigcap_{i=1}^n \pi_{\alpha_i}^{-1}(B_{\alpha_i}) : n \in \omega, B_{\alpha_i} \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{X}_{\alpha_i}}\}$ is still a basis for the same topology, since any $U_\alpha \in \tau_\alpha$ can be written $\bigcup_{\beta \in J} B_\beta = U_\alpha$

so $\pi_{\alpha_i}^{-1}(U_{\alpha_i}) = \pi_{\alpha_i}^{-1}(\bigcup_{\beta \in J} B_\beta) = \bigcup_{\beta \in J} \pi_{\alpha_i}^{-1}(B_\beta)$, a union of basic open sets

in \mathcal{B} .] Thus, basic open sets in $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ can be written in the form

$$U = \pi_{\alpha_1}^{-1}(B_{\text{std}}(x_1, \epsilon_1)) \cap \dots \cap \pi_{\alpha_n}^{-1}(B_{\text{std}}(x_n, \epsilon_n))$$

$$= \{g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : |g(x_i) - f(x_i)| < \epsilon_i \text{ for each } i=1, \dots, n\}$$

Thus, functions belonging to open sets in $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ only need to look

similar at a finite # of pts.

[In the box topology, we can define open sets consisting of functions which are uniformly similar]

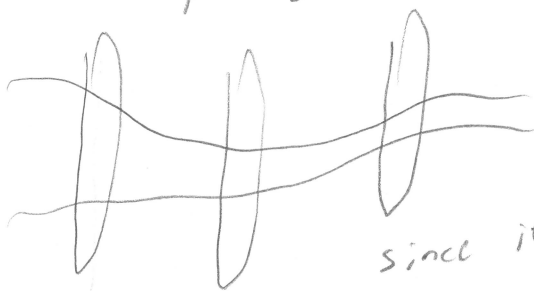
• Let S^1 denote the unit circle as a subspace of \mathbb{R}_{std}^2 .
 and $I = [0, 1]_{std}$. Then $S^1 \times I$ is called a cylinder,
 and $S^1 \times S^1$ is called a torus.

Thm: For $\beta \in I$, $\pi_\beta: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_\beta$ is a cts open mapping, but not necessarily closed and certainly not injective. (but certainly is surjective)

Pf: That π_β is cts follows from the defn: If $U_\alpha \in \mathcal{U}_\alpha$, then $\pi_\beta^{-1}(U_\alpha)$ is by defn a basic open set in \mathcal{X} . If B is basic open in \mathcal{X} , then $B = \pi_{\alpha_1}^{-1}(U_{\alpha_1}) \cap \dots \cap \pi_{\alpha_n}^{-1}(U_{\alpha_n})$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \pi_\beta(B) &= \pi_\beta(\pi_{\alpha_1}^{-1}(U_{\alpha_1}) \cap \dots \cap \pi_{\alpha_n}^{-1}(U_{\alpha_n})) \\ &= \pi_\beta(\pi_{\alpha_1}^{-1}(U_{\alpha_1})) \cap \dots \cap \pi_\beta(\pi_{\alpha_n}^{-1}(U_{\alpha_n})) \end{aligned}$$

$$\pi_\beta(\pi_{\alpha_i}^{-1}(U_{\alpha_i})) = \mathcal{X}_\beta \text{ if } \alpha_i \neq \beta, \text{ since } \pi_{\alpha_i}^{-1}(U_{\alpha_i}) \text{ contains}$$



functions through every point in \mathcal{X}_β , and

$$= U_{\alpha_i} \text{ if } \beta = \alpha_i \text{ (Clearly } \pi_\beta \text{ is surjective)}$$

since if $x \in \mathcal{X}_\beta$, then any function f s.t. $f(\beta) = x$ will map to x . Thus $\pi_\beta(\pi_\beta^{-1}(U_{\alpha_i})) = U_{\alpha_i}$. In either

case, it's open. so $\pi(B)$ is a finite intersection of open sets, ie open. If U is open in \mathcal{X} , then $U = \bigcup_{\gamma \in K} B_\gamma$, where $B_\gamma \in \mathcal{B}$

for each γ , so $\pi(U) = \pi(\bigcup_{\gamma \in K} B_\gamma) = \bigcup_{\gamma \in K} \pi(B_\gamma)$, a union of open sets, ie open. Clearly π_β is never injective as long as

$|I| > 1$, since if $\pi_\beta(f) = x$, then define $g(s) \neq f(s)$, $g(\beta) = x$,

then $\pi_\beta(f) = \pi_\beta(g)$ but $f \neq g$.

As a counterexample to $\prod_{\beta} \tau_{\beta}$ being a closed map, consider

$$\Sigma = \mathbb{R}_{std}^2, \text{ let } F = \left\{ (x, y) : x > 0 \wedge y = \frac{1}{x} \right\}.$$

F is closed in \mathbb{R}_{std}^2 by the closed graph thm (prove)

But $\pi_1(F) = (0, \infty)$, an open set in \mathbb{R}_{std} . \square

Thm: The product topology is the weakest topology on $\prod_{\alpha \in I} X_{\alpha}$ st π_{β} is cts for each $\beta \in I$. (A₁)

[weakest in the sense that if τ is any other topology under which our hypothesis is true, then τ is finer than the product topology, i.e. $\tau_{prod} \subseteq \tau$]

Pf: τ is a topology on $\prod X_{\alpha}$ st π_{β} is cts for each $\beta \in I$.

Then if $U_{\beta} \in \tau_{\beta}$, $\pi_{\beta}^{-1}(U_{\beta}) \in \tau$. Recall that

$\mathcal{A} = \{ \pi_{\alpha}^{-1}(U_{\alpha}) : \alpha \in I, U_{\alpha} \in \tau_{\alpha} \}$ is a subbase for τ_{prod} . Thus every element of \mathcal{A} is open in τ . Thus, if $U \in \tau_{prod}$, then

U is a union of finite intersections of elts of \mathcal{A} , i.e. $U \in \tau$. So τ is finer than τ_{prod} . \square

Thm: A map $f: \Sigma \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in I} X_{\alpha}$ is cts iff $\pi_{\alpha} \circ f: \Sigma \rightarrow X_{\alpha}$ is cts for each $\alpha \in I$. (A₂)

Pf: The composition of cts functions is cts, so if $\pi_{\alpha} \circ f$ is not cts, then either π_{α} or f are not cts. But we showed that π_{α} has to be cts, so f is our culprit, revealing the \Rightarrow direction contrapositively. Conversely, if $\pi_{\alpha} \circ f$ is cts, if $\pi_{\alpha}^{-1}(U_{\alpha})$ is a subbasic open set in

$\prod X_{\alpha}$, then $f^{-1}(\pi_{\alpha}^{-1}(U_{\alpha})) = (\pi_{\alpha} \circ f)^{-1}(U_{\alpha}) \in \tau_{\Sigma}$ by hypothesis.

Since $f^{-1}(\bigcap A_n) = \bigcap f^{-1}(A_n)$ and $f^{-1}(\bigcup A_n) = \bigcup f^{-1}(A_n)$,

this is sufficient for $f^{-1}(U) \in \tau_{\Sigma} \forall$ open $U \in \prod_{\alpha \in I} X_{\alpha}$. \square

Thm: A countable product of 1st cble spaces is 1st cble.

A countable product of 2nd cble spaces is 2nd cble.

A countable product of separable spaces is separable.

A countable product of metric spaces is a metric space.

Pf (Part 1): The 1st and 2nd cble cases are trivial, since if $\{B_n\}_{n \in \omega}$

is a cble base for Σ_n , i.e. $B_n = \{B_{n,k}\}_{k \in \omega}$ for each n , then

a base for $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \Sigma_n$ is $B = \{\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} B_{n,k} : n, k \in \omega\}$

Clearly, $|B| = |\omega \times \omega| = \omega$, so $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \Sigma_n$ is 2nd cble. Further, Σ_n

is 1st cble for each n , then if $f \in \prod \Sigma_n$ then

$\pi_n(f)$ has a nbhd base $B_n = \{B_{n,k}\}_{k \in \omega}$ for each n . We claim

again that $B_f = \{\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} B_{n,k} : n, k \in \omega\}$ is a nbhd

base for f . Since $\pi_n(f) \in B_{n,k}$ for each n, k , we "clearly" have

that $f \in \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} B_{n,k}$. Further, if U is

an open set in $\prod \Sigma_n$ containing f , then $\exists \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n$

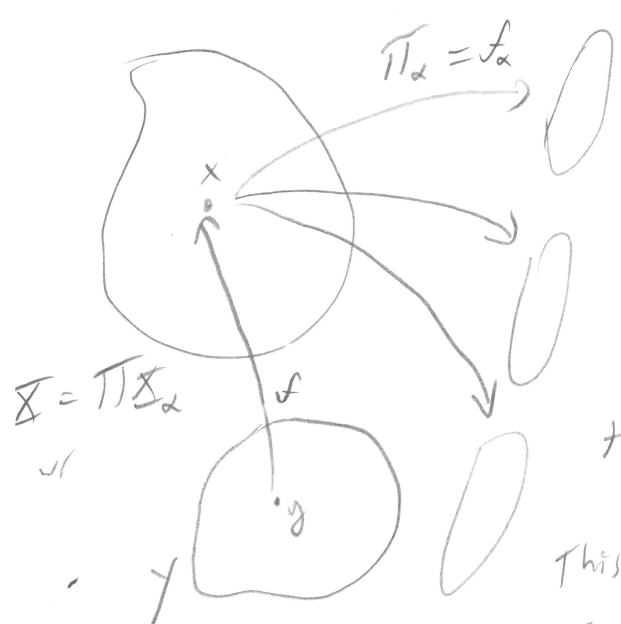
st $f \in \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n \subseteq U$, i.e. $\pi_n(f) \in U_n$ for each

$n \in \omega$. Thus, since B_n is a nbhd base of $\pi_n(f)$, $\exists B_{n,k_n} \in B_n$

st $\pi_n(f) \in B_{n,k_n} \subseteq U_n \Rightarrow f \in \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} B_{n,k_n} \subseteq U$.

So $\prod \Sigma_n$ is 1st cble.

Separable and metric space pfs forthcoming \square



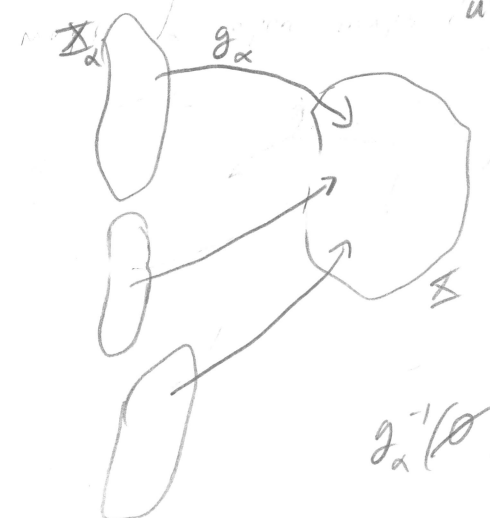
Thinking of X as just an arbitrary set and the f_α 's as arbitrary functions $f_\alpha: X \rightarrow X_\alpha$.

(A1) says that τ_{prod} is the weakest topology τ st if $V_\alpha \in \tau_\alpha$, then $f_\alpha^{-1}(V_\alpha) \in \tau_{\text{prod}}$ on X .

This can be done naturally by simply defining

all sets of the form $\{f_\alpha^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I, V_\alpha \in \tau_\alpha\}$ to be a subbase. It is reasonable to assume this would be weakest, and it is. Further, if $f: Y \rightarrow X$ is some function from some space Y to X , then checking f is cts equates by (A2) to checking that each $f_\alpha \circ f: Y \rightarrow X_\alpha$ is cts for each α .

Dual to the weak topology induced on X by the f_α , we can define the strong topology in the following way. If $g_\alpha: X_\alpha \rightarrow X$ is a collection of functions from spaces X_α onto X (so now we're assuming that X is already a space and the X_α are just sets) then the strong topology induced on X by g_α is the finest topology on X st each g_α is cts. A somewhat natural way to attempt to construct such a topology on X is to define $\tau = \{U \subseteq X : g_\alpha^{-1}(U) \in \tau_\alpha \forall \alpha \in I\}$ i.e. U is open in τ iff $g_\alpha^{-1}(U)$ is open in each X_α .



Showing τ is a topology:

$g_\alpha^{-1}(\emptyset) = \emptyset \in \tau_\alpha \forall \alpha \in I$ so \checkmark , $g_\alpha^{-1}(X) = X_\alpha \in \tau_\alpha \forall \alpha \in I$ \checkmark

Let $\{U_\beta\}_{\beta \in J} \subseteq \tau$. Let $U = \bigcup_{\beta \in J} U_\beta$. Then $g_\alpha^{-1}(U) = g_\alpha^{-1}(\bigcup_{\beta \in J} U_\beta)$

$= \bigcup_{\beta \in J} g_\alpha^{-1}(U_\beta)$, a union of open sets in α since $g_\alpha^{-1}(U_\beta) \in \tau_\alpha$

$\forall \alpha \in I$. Thus $U \in \tau$. Finally, $U, V \in \tau \Rightarrow g_\alpha^{-1}(U \cap V) = g_\alpha^{-1}(U) \cap g_\alpha^{-1}(V)$ which is in τ_α . So τ is a topology.

Claim: τ is the strongest topology st each $g_\alpha: \Sigma_\alpha \rightarrow \Sigma$ is cts $\forall \alpha \in I$.

Pf: Clearly by construction, g_α is cts wrt τ . Let τ' be another topology st g_α is cts for each α , and let $U \in \tau'$.

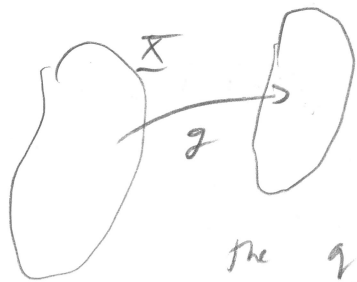
wts $U \in \tau$. $U \in \tau' \Rightarrow g_\alpha^{-1}(U) \in \tau_\alpha$ for each $\alpha \in I$

$\Rightarrow U \in \tau \Rightarrow \tau' \subseteq \tau$. [However, if $U \in \tau$ is $g_\alpha^{-1}(U) \in \tau_\alpha$

$\forall \alpha \in I$, but there's nothing to suggest this is a sufficient condition for $U \in \tau'$. So U might not be in τ' , so τ is definitely finer than τ' but τ' is not necessarily finer than τ].

Now let X be a space, Y be a set, and $g: X \rightarrow Y$ be an onto map.

Then the quotient topology induced on Y by g



(τ_g) is the strongest topology st g st $g^{-1}(U) \in \tau_X$ for each $U \in \tau_g$. The space (Y, τ_g) is called

the quotient space induced by X , and g itself is called

a quotient map. I.e. g is a quotient map $\forall U \subseteq Y$,

$U \in \tau_g$ iff $g^{-1}(U) \in \tau_X$. Some authors say g is "strongly cts"

Note $U \in \tau_g$ iff $g^{-1}(U) \in \tau_X$ iff $X - g^{-1}(U) \in \tau_X$ iff

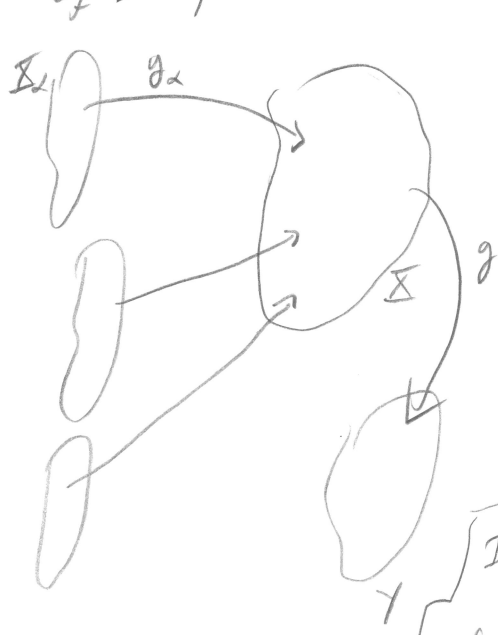
iff $g^{-1}(Y - U) \in \tau_X$ iff $Y - U \in \tau_Y$

Alternative defn of quotient map

Thm: If X, Y are top. spaces, $f: X \rightarrow Y$ are cts and either open or closed, then the topology τ on Y is the quotient topology τ_f

Pf: Since g is already cts wrt τ_Y and τ_f is the strongest top. on Y st g is cts, already have $\tau_Y \subseteq \tau_f$. For the other direction, if $U \in \tau_f$, then by defⁿ of τ_f , $f^{-1}(U) \in \tau_X$. If f is an open map wrt τ_Y , then $f(f^{-1}(U)) \in \tau_Y$, but since [are we assuming that f is onto?] $f(f^{-1}(U)) = U$, we have that $U \in \tau_Y$, and so $\tau_f \subseteq \tau_Y$, ie $\tau_f = \tau_Y$.

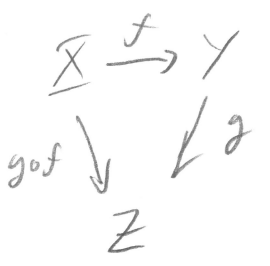
If f is a closed map, then $U \in \tau_f \Rightarrow f^{-1}(U) \in \tau_X \Rightarrow f^{-1}(Y-U) \in \tau_X \Rightarrow f(f^{-1}(Y-U)) \in \tau_Y$ since f is a closed map, but (again I guess assuming f is onto?) $f(f^{-1}(Y-U)) = Y-U \in \tau_Y$, so $U \in \tau_Y$, ie $\tau_f \subseteq \tau_Y$ ie $\tau_f = \tau_Y$. \square



Thm (The Dual of \mathcal{Q}_2): Let $g_\alpha: X_\alpha \rightarrow X$ be a collection of functions from spaces (X_α, τ_α) to a space (X, τ) , where τ is the strong topology induced on X by the g_α . Then for some other space (Y, τ_Y) , a function $g: X \rightarrow Y$ is cts iff $g \circ g_\alpha: X_\alpha \rightarrow Y$ is cts for each $\alpha \in I$.

In particular, if $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a quotient map of X onto Y with the quotient topology, and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ is some function into the space (Z, τ_Z) , then $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ is cts iff $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is cts.

Pf: If g is cts, then since f is a quotient map and thus



also cts, the composition $g \circ f$ must be cts.

Conversely, if $g \circ f$ is cts, then let $U \in \tau_Z$. Then

$(g \circ f)^{-1}(U) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) \in \tau_X$, so since f is a quotient map

$g^{-1}(U) \in \tau_Y$ iff $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) \in \tau_X \Rightarrow g^{-1}(U) \in \tau_Y$. Thus,

g is cts. \square

Next, let \mathcal{D} be a partition of X (willard calls it a decomposition)
 we can define a topology $\tau_{\mathcal{D}}$ on \mathcal{D} called the decomposition space

of X as follows: $U \subseteq \mathcal{D}$ is open iff $\bigcup \{D : D \in U\} \in \tau_X$

[Note $\bigcup \{D : D \in U\} = \bigcup \{[x] : [x] \in U\}$.

It this is a topology: $\bigcup \emptyset = \emptyset$ and $\bigcup \mathcal{D} = X$ since \mathcal{D} is a partition,

so \checkmark . If $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I} \subseteq \tau_{\mathcal{D}}$, let $U = \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} U_\alpha$. Then $\bigcup \{D : D \in U_\alpha\} = U_\alpha^* \in \tau_X$

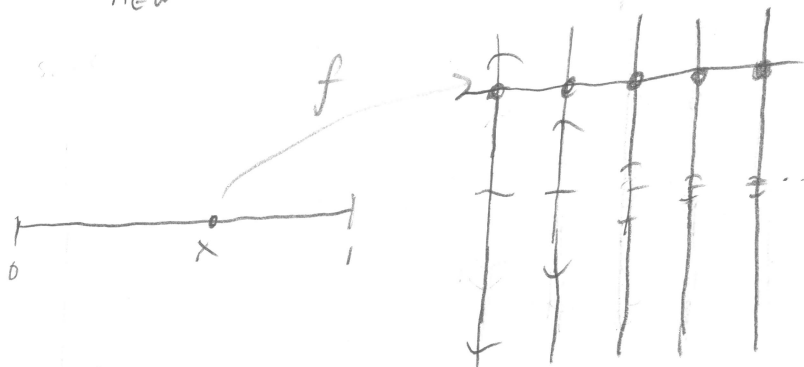
$$\begin{aligned} \text{for each } \alpha \in I \Rightarrow \bigcup \{D : D \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} U_\alpha\} &= \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} \bigcup \{D : D \in U_\alpha\} \\ &= \bigcup U_\alpha^* \in \tau_X \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

If $U, V \in \tau_{\mathcal{D}}$, then $\bigcup \{D : D \in U \cap V\} = \bigcup \{D : D \in U\} \cap \bigcup \{D : D \in V\}$

An example of τ_{box} vs τ_{prod}

Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\omega}$ be given by $f(x) = (x, x, x, x, \dots)$ and consider

$U = \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left(-\frac{1}{2^n}, \frac{1}{2^n}\right) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{\omega}$. Note that $U \in \tau_{\text{box}}$ clearly, but $U \notin \tau_{\text{prod}}$, (show)



Then $f^{-1}(U) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : -\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{1}{2} \cap -\frac{1}{4} < x < \frac{1}{4} \cap \dots\}$

$= \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left(-\frac{1}{2^n}, \frac{1}{2^n}\right) = \{0\} \in \tau_{\text{std}}$

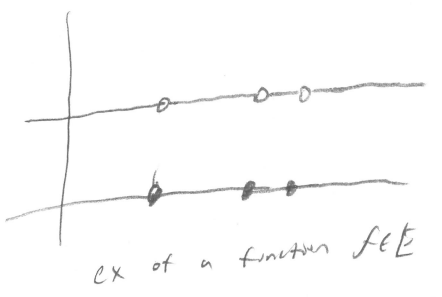
So the inverse image of the open

set U in τ_{box} is closed, so f is not cts. However, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\pi_n \circ f = \pi_n(f(x)) = x$ is clearly a cts function from \mathbb{R}_{std} to \mathbb{R}_{std} . Thus, in the box topology, functions might not be cts even if they look cts "in each coordinate".

[Why not in τ_{prod} ? If it were, then since $f(x) = (0, 0, 0, \dots) \in U$, \exists a basic open set of f $B = \pi_{n_1}^{-1}(U_{n_1}) \cap \dots \cap \pi_{n_m}^{-1}(U_{n_m})$ s.t. $f \in B \subseteq U$. Let $N = \max\{n_i\}_{i=1}^m$. Then since $B = B \cap \pi_{N+1}^{-1}(\mathbb{R}_{\text{std}})$, let $g \in \mathbb{R}^{\omega}$ be defined by letting $(\pi_{n_i}(g) \in U_{n_i})$ for each $i=1, \dots, m$ but $\pi_M(g) = \frac{1}{2^M} \forall M \geq N+1$. Then $g \in B$ but $g \notin U$, It.]

Moral: The product topology is the only topology on $\prod_{\alpha \in I} X_{\alpha}$ s.t. continuity of functions in the topology is completely determined by whether or not they are cts functions from I into each coordinate.

Ex: We will show that $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ is not 2nd ctble. Recall that if $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ is 1st ctble, then $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ is closed iff \forall sequences $\{x_n\} \subseteq F$ st $x_n \rightarrow x, x \in F$. Let $E = \{f \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}} : f(x) = 0 \text{ or } 1 \text{ and } f(x) = 0 \text{ finitely often}\}$



Let $g(x) = 0$ the constant function. Clearly, $g \notin E$. Let $U(g)$ be a basic nbhd of g . Then $U(g) = \{h \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}} : |h(y) - g(y)| < \epsilon \text{ if } y \in F\}$

[Since $U(g) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \pi_{F_n}^{-1}(B(0, \epsilon_n)) \cap \dots \cap \pi_{F_m}^{-1}(B(0, \epsilon_m))$, let $\epsilon = \min\{\epsilon_i\}$ and $F = \{n_1, \dots, n_m\}$. wlog $W = \pi_{F_1}^{-1}(B(0, \epsilon)) \cap \dots \cap \pi_{F_m}^{-1}(B(0, \epsilon))$.]

Let $h(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in F \\ 1 & \text{else} \end{cases}$. Then $h \in E$ and $h \in U$, so $E \cap U \neq \emptyset$, ie $g \in \bar{E}$.

Let $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be any sequence in E . Then for each n , there exists a finite set A_n st $f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in A_n \\ 1 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

Suppose $f_n \rightarrow f$ for some f . Then for any finite set $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, $U(f) = \{h \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}} : |h(y) - f(y)| < \frac{1}{2} \text{ if } y \in F\}$, f_n is eventually in U .

That is, if $y \in F, \exists N$ st $\forall n \geq N, |f_n(y) - f(y)| < \frac{1}{2}$. If there is even a single $m \geq n$ st $F \not\subseteq A_m$ then for that $y \in F$ which is not in $A_m, f_n(y) = 1$, so $|f_n(y) - f(y)| = |1 - f(y)| < \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow f(y) \neq 0$.

So the only way $f(y) = 0$ is if y is eventually in $\{A_n\}$.

Thus, f can only be 0 at most at ctly many pts since at best, A_n will eventually become an increasing chain (ie $\exists M$ st $A_n \subseteq A_{n+1} \subseteq \dots$) and $|A_n| \rightarrow \infty$. Thus f cannot equal g , which is 0 at unctly many

To summarize, g is an elt of $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ which is in the closure of a set E , but there is no sequence $\{f_n\} \subseteq E$ which converges to it. (13)

This proves:

- $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ is not 1st countable (contrapositively) and also not 2nd countable (also contrapositively)
- An uncountable product of 1st countable spaces need not be 1st countable
- An uncountable product of 2nd countable spaces need not be 2nd countable.
- If X is not 1st countable, it need not be the case that $x \in \bar{A} \Rightarrow \exists \{x_n\} \subseteq A$ st $x_n \rightarrow x$.

Note also that in this example, $g \in \bar{E} \Rightarrow g \in E$

Another (simpler) ex: $[0, \omega_1]$. $[0, \omega_1) \subseteq [0, \omega_1]$ and

$\overline{[0, \omega_1)} = [0, \omega_1]$ (for any open U st $\omega_1 \in U$, $\exists (\gamma, \omega_1]$ st $\omega_1 \in (\gamma, \omega_1] \subseteq U$, but $\gamma < \omega_1$ so $\delta \in [0, \omega_1) \Rightarrow (\gamma, \omega_1] \cap [0, \omega_1) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow U \cap [0, \omega_1) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \omega_1 \in \overline{[0, \omega_1)} \Rightarrow \overline{[0, \omega_1)} = [0, \omega_1]$.)

A sequence in $[0, \omega_1)$ is a sequence of countable ordinals and there does not exist a sequence of countable ordinals converging to ω_1 since the cofinality of any such sequence is ω . \square

More on Quotient Maps

Def^o: If X is a top. space, Y a set, and $g: X \rightarrow Y$ is an onto map, then the collection $\tau_g = \{G \subseteq Y : g^{-1}(G) \in \tau_X\}$ is a topology on Y called the quotient topology on Y induced by g . Y is called a quotient space of X and g is called a quotient map.

Thm: If X, Y are spaces, $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is cts and either open or closed, then the topology on Y is the quotient topology on Y induced by f .

Def^o Let \mathcal{D} be a partition of a space (X, τ) . Define $\tau_{X/\sim}$ on X/\sim by U open iff $\bigcup \{[x] : [x] \in U\} \in \tau_X$.
Then this is a topology on X .

Thm: Let (X, τ) a space, let Y be the quotient space induced by some onto map, $f: X \rightarrow Y$. Then \exists an equivalence rln \sim on X st X/\sim is homeomorphic to Y .

Thus, we may think of all quotient spaces as being defined by an equivalence rln.

Def^o: If $A \subseteq X$, we say A is saturated wrt \sim if $\forall x, y \in X, x \in A$ and $x \sim y \Rightarrow y \in A$. (so A is really a union of equivalence rlns.)

quotient maps $q: X \rightarrow X/\sim$ are always cts/onto

Let $A \subseteq X$, and $\text{sat}(A) := \{x; \exists y \in A: x \sim y\}$

(ie the union of all equivalence classes of elts of A)

Thm: $q: X \rightarrow X/\sim$ is open iff $\forall U \in \tau_X, \text{sat}(U) \in \tau_{X/\sim}$

$q: X \rightarrow X/\sim$ is closed iff $\forall F \in \tau_X, \text{sat}(F) \in \tau_{X/\sim}$.