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Motivation

Q: when are two spaces the same? e.g.  

find (algebraic) invariants - if they're different the spaces are different.

e.g. # connected components

S^0 : 

2 components

S^1 : 

1 component

S^2 : 

1-component

higher dimensional connectedness:

simply connected: every map $S^1 \rightarrow X$ can be shrunk to a point, e.g. ~~disc~~ S^2 .

not simply connected: e.g. S^1 .

two versions: homotopy groups (non-abelian)

homology groups (abelian) $\leftarrow$ computable

Plan: 1. Review of general topology
2. Fundamental group
3. Homology

1. General topology

Motivation: $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous (at x)

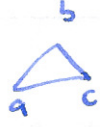
Def: If for all $\epsilon > 0$ there is a $\delta > 0$ s.t. for all y $|x - y| < \delta$ then $|f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$

this definition works in any metric space

Def: (X, d) is a metric space if there is $d: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

• $d(a, b) \geq 0$ and $d(a, a) = 0$

• $d(a, b) = d(b, a)$ (symmetry)

• $d(a, b) + d(b, c) \geq d(a, c)$ (triangle inequality) 

• $d(a, b) = 0 \Rightarrow a = b$ (uniqueness?)

Examples • $(\mathbb{R}, 1.1)$ $d(a,b) = |a-b|$

• $(\mathbb{R}^2, 1.1)$ $d((a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2)) = \sqrt{(a_1 - b_1)^2 + (a_2 - b_2)^2}$
 $= \max\{|a_1 - b_1|, |a_2 - b_2|\}$

• trivial metric $d(a,b) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } a=b \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

• restriction metric on subset $Y \subset X$, $d_Y(a,b) = d_X(a,b)$
 warning not induced path metric!

• $C([0,1])$ of functions on $[0,1]$ $d(f,g) = \int_0^1 |f(x) - g(x)| dx$
 $\approx d(f,g) = \sup |f(x) - g(x)|$

Continuous function, better definition

$f: X \rightarrow Y$ cb if for every open set $A \subset Y$, $f^{-1}(A)$ is open in X .

open sets (metric space version)

$B(x,r)$ = open ball of radius r about x , i.e. $\{y \in X \mid d(x,y) < r\}$
 in $\mathbb{R}$, there are just open intervals. (a,b)

Defn A set $U \subset X$ is open if for every $x \in U$ there is an r s.t. $B(x,r) \subset U$.



Example • $B(x,r)$ is open

check: $y \in B(x,r)$, choose $B(y,s)$ with $s = \frac{r - d(x,y)}{2}$

show $B(y,s) \subset B(x,r)$: suppose $z \in B(y,s)$ then

$$d(x,z) \leq d(x,y) + d(y,z) = d(x,y) + \frac{r - d(x,y)}{2} = \frac{r + d(x,y)}{2} < r \quad \square$$

• empty set $\emptyset \subset X$ is open, $X \subset X$ is open.

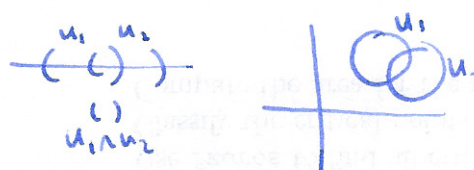
• in $\mathbb{R}$: (a,b) open as are $(0,\infty), \mathbb{R}$
 not open: $[0,1], (0,1], [0,\infty), \{0\}$.

key properties

Thm 1) the union of any collection of open sets is open
 2) the intersection of any finite number of open sets is open

Example $\bigcap (-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}) = \{0\}$ not open in $\mathbb{R}$

Pf 1) Pf $x \in \{U_i\}_{i \in I}$ then $x \in U_i$ for some i , so $\exists B(x,r) \subset U_i \subset \bigcup U_i$ $\square$.

2) Examples  $B(x,r) \cap B(y,s)$ not a ball in general.

Pf $x \in U_1 \cap U_2$, then $\exists r_1, r_2$ s.t. $B(x, r_1) \subset U_1$ so $B(x, \min(r_1, r_2)) \subset U_1 \cap U_2$ $\square$
 $B(x, r_2) \subset U_2$

Exercise $f: (X, d_X) \rightarrow (Y, d_Y)$, show $f^{-1}(\text{open})$ open equivalent to ϵ, δ version of cts.

General case (X not metric space)

Defn X set ($\neq \emptyset$). A topology on X is a collection of subsets T s.t.

- 1) $\emptyset, X \in T$
- 2) an arbitrary union of elements of T lies in T
- 3) finite intersection of elements of T lie in T

Examples ($\mathbb{R}$, standard topology)

($\mathbb{R}$, trivial topology) $T = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}\}$ (aka indiscrete topology)

($\mathbb{R}$, discrete topology) $T = \text{all subsets}$.

(X , cofinite topology) $T = \text{sets w/ finite complement, } \cup \emptyset$.

(X, T_1), (X, T_2) topologies, then ($X, T_1 \cup T_2$) is a topology.

Remark $T_1 \cup T_2$ not nec. a topology Example $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$

[Zariski topology, Gamma-Hausdorff topology] $T_1 = \emptyset, \{1\}, X$ $T_2 = \emptyset, \{2\}, X$.