

A Bit of Point Set Topology.

Def: (Topology)

A topology on a set, X , is a collection, $\tau \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$, of subsets of X having the following properties:

a.) $\emptyset \in \tau$, $X \in \tau$

b.) $\forall \mathcal{F} \subset \tau$, $\bigcup_{G \in \mathcal{F}} G \in \tau$

c.) For any $\{G_1, \dots, G_n\}$, $\bigcap_{i=1}^n G_i \in \tau$

The pair (X, τ) is called a topological space

Def: (Basis of a Topology)

If X is a set, a basis for a topology on X is a collection, \mathcal{B} , of subsets of X (called basis elements) such that

a.) For each $x \in X$, $\exists B \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $x \in B$

b.) IF $x \in B_1 \cap B_2$, For $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$ then $\exists B_3 \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $x \in B_3 \subset B_1 \cap B_2$.

Def: (Topology generated by a Basis)

Given a basis, \mathcal{B} , of X . The topology, τ , generated by \mathcal{B} is defined by

$U \in \tau \Leftrightarrow$ For each $x \in U$, $\exists B \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $x \in B \subset U$.

Example: Very weak/coarse topology

$$\tau = \{\emptyset, X\}.$$

Example: Very strong/fine topology

$$\tau = \mathcal{P}(X)$$

Example: Given a normed space, $(X, \|\cdot\|)$,
define the basis

$$\mathcal{B} = \{ B(x, r) \mid x \in X, r > 0 \}.$$

then the topology generated by \mathcal{B} is
the norm/strong topology.

Terminology

- Consider two topologies, τ and τ' .
If $\tau \subset \tau'$ then τ is said to be weaker than τ' and τ' is said to be stronger than τ .

• Weak Topologies.

Consider a collection of continuous real-valued functions,

$$\mathcal{F} \subset \{ f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ continuous} \}.$$

on a topological space, X . We define the \mathcal{F} -weak topology as the weakest topology for which every function in \mathcal{F} is continuous.

Lemma: Let $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset X$, \mathcal{F} a collection of continuous real-valued functions.

Then

$$x_n \rightarrow x \text{ in the } \mathcal{F}\text{-weak topology} \Leftrightarrow f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x) \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F}.$$

Def: (The Weak Topology)

Let $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed linear space.

The weak topology of $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is defined as the

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Def: (The Weak-* Topology)

Let $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed linear space.

The weak-* topology on X^* is defined as the

\hat{X} -weak topology of $(X, \|\cdot\|)$.

Lemma:

weak-* topology on X^*

\subset weak topology on X^*

\subset strong topology on X^*

Baire Category Theorem and Applications.

Def: (Nowhere dense)

IF (X, τ) is a top. space, $A \subset X$ is
nowhere dense if $\text{int}(\bar{A}) = \emptyset$.

Ex: Sets of isolated points

Ex: Cantor sets.

Lemma: E nowhere dense

$(\bar{E})^c \iff$ is open and dense.

Def: (Meager / First Category)

$A \subset X$ is meager (First category) in X if A is a countable union of nowhere dense sets

Def: (Second Category)

If A is not meager then it is of second category

Def: (Generic sets)

The complement of a meager set is a generic set (residual set).

Thm (Baire Category Thm)

Let X be a complete metric space.

① If $\{U_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is a sequence of open dense subsets of X , then

$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n$ is dense in X

② X is not a countable union of nowhere dense sets.

Proof:

① Goal: Show that for every open set $V \subset X$,

$$\underline{\quad \quad \quad} \quad \quad \quad \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n \neq \emptyset$$

Let $\{U_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of open dense subsets of X . Then U_1 is dense in X , which implies that for every V open, $V \cap U_1$ is open and

$$V \cap U_1 \neq \emptyset.$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists B(x_1, r_1) \subset \overline{B(x_1, r_1)} \subset V \cap U_1$$

such that $r_1 < 1/2$.

Furthermore, $U_2 \cap \overline{B(x_1, r_1)} \neq \emptyset$ and is open.

$$\text{Thus, } \exists B(x_2, r_2) \subset \overline{B(x_2, r_2)} \subset U_2 \cap \overline{B(x_1, r_1)} \\ \subset V \cap (U_1 \cap U_2)$$

Inductively define

$$B(x_k, r_k) \subset \overline{B(x_k, r_k)} \subset V \cap \left(\bigcap_{n=1}^k U_n \right)$$

$\Rightarrow \{x_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ is Cauchy

X complete $\Rightarrow x_k \rightarrow x \in \overline{B(x_n, r_n)} \quad \forall n.$

$\Rightarrow x \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n$

② Let E_n be nowhere dense for all $n \geq 1$.

It suffices to show that

$$\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{E_n} \right)^c \neq \emptyset.$$

Thus, $\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{E_n} \right)^c = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{E_n}^c$

Note, $(\overline{E_n})^c$ is open and dense.

part ① $\Rightarrow \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (\overline{E_n}^c) \neq \emptyset \quad \square.$