

# Topology Day 22

## Outline

- Separation axioms  
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- Announcements

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- Recall! A top. space  $X$  is  $T_1$  if for any  $x, y \in X$  s.t.  $x \neq y$ , there exists  $U_x$  a nbh of  $x$  and  $U_y$  a nbh of  $y$  s.t.  $x \notin U_y$  and  $y \notin U_x$ .

A top. space is  $T_2$  (Hausdorff) if for any  $x, y \in X$  s.t.  $x \neq y$ , there exists  $U_x$  a nbh of  $x$  and  $U_y$  a nbh of  $y$  s.t.  $U_x \cap U_y = \emptyset$ .

Note: ①  $X$  is  $T_2$  implies  $X$  is  $T_1$ .

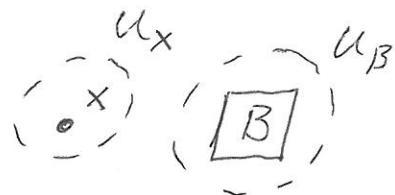
②  $X$  is  $T_1$  iff all one point sets are closed.

Def |  $X$  is  $T_3$  (regular) if  $X$  is  $T_1$  and  
for any  $x \in X$  and  $B \subset X$  s.t.  $B$  is closed,  
there exists a nbh  $U_x$  of  $x$  and an open set  $U_B$  s.t.  
 $B \subset U_B$  with  $U_x \cap U_B = \emptyset$ .

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terminology.

and does not  
contain  $x$

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Case 1:  $B = (a, b)$  for  $a < c < b$ .

But  $(a, b) \cap K \neq \emptyset$ , so  $U_a \cap U_k \neq \emptyset$ . \*

Case 2:  $B = (a, b) - K$  for  $a < c < b$ .

Let  $k \in K$  s.t.  $k < b$  and let  $B_k \in \mathcal{B}$  s.t.

$$k \in B_k \subset U_k$$

Case 2a:  $B_k = (a, b) - (c, d)$

$$(a, b) - (c, d) \neq \emptyset \text{ so } *$$

Case 2b:  $B_k = (c, d) - K$ .

Since  $(a, b) \cap (c, d) \neq \emptyset$  and intervals are uncountable

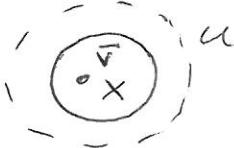
$$(a, b) - K \cap (c, d) - K \neq \emptyset. *$$

Thus  $U_a$  and  $U_k$  do not exist, so  $\mathbb{R}_k$  is not  $T_3$ .

Lemma] Assume  $X$  is  $T_1$ .

a)  $X$  is  $T_3 \Leftrightarrow$  given  $x \in X$  and a nbh  $U$  of  $x$ ,  $\exists$  a nbh  $V$  of  $x$  s.t.  $\bar{V} \subset U$ .

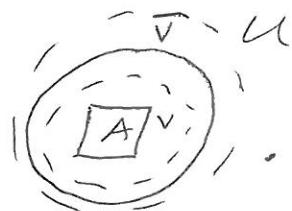
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b)  $X$  is  $T_4 \Leftrightarrow$  given  $A \subset X$

s.t.  $A$  is closed and  $U_A$  a nbh of  $A$ , there exists an open set  $V$  s.t.  $A \subset V \subset \bar{V} \subset U_A$ .

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Mathematicians  
are bad at naming

Def |  $X$  is  $T_4$  (normal) if  $X$  is  $T_1$  and given any disjoint closed sets  $A$  and  $B$ , there exist open sets  $U_A$  and  $U_B$  s.t.  $A \subset U_A$ ,  $B \subset U_B$  and  $U_A \cap U_B = \emptyset$ .

Note |  $T_4 \Rightarrow T_3 \Rightarrow T_2 \Rightarrow T_1$ .

- Previously we showed  $\mathbb{R}$  with the finite complement topology is  $T_1$ , but not  $T_2$ .

Claim |  $\mathbb{R}_k$  is  $T_2$  but not  $T_3$ .

Pf | Recall  $\mathbb{R}_k$  has basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{(a, b) \mid a < b\} \cup \{(a, b) - K \mid a < b\}$  where  $K = \{\frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$ .

First, wts  $\mathbb{R}_k$  is  $T_2$ . Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}_k$  s.t.  $x \neq y$ .

Then Assume  $x < y$ .  $U_x = (x-1, x + \frac{y-x}{2})$   
 $U_y = (y - \frac{y-x}{2}, y+1)$

$$U_x \cap U_y = \emptyset.$$

Second, wts  $\mathbb{R}_k$  is not  $T_3$ .

$K$  is closed since  $\mathbb{R} - K$  is open.

Let  $U_0$  be a nbh of  $0$  and  $U_K$  be a nbh of  $K$ .

s.t.  $U_0 \cap U_K = \emptyset$ . We want to derive a contradiction.

$\exists B \in \mathcal{B}$  s.t.  $x \in B \subset U_0$ .

a)  $\Rightarrow$  Suppose  $X$  is  $T_3$ . Let  $x \in X$  and  $U$  be a nbh of  $x$ . Let  $A = X - U$ , a closed set. Since  $x \in U$  then  $\{x\} \cap A = \emptyset$ . By def of  $T_3$   $\exists U_x$  a nbh of  $x$  and  $U_A$  a nbh of  $A$  s.t.  $U_x \cap U_A = \emptyset$ .

Claim:  $\overline{U_x} \subset U$ .

Pf) Let  $y \in U_A$ . ~~Since~~ Since  $y \in U_A$  and  $U_A \cap U_x = \emptyset$  then  $y \notin \overline{U_x}$ . Thus,

$$\overline{U_x} \subset X - U_A \subset X - A = U. \quad \square$$

Hence  ~~$\nabla$~~

$\Leftarrow$  Let  $x \in X$  and  $B$  be a closed set in  $X$  s.t.  $x \notin B$ . Since  $\bar{B}$  is closed  $U = X - \bar{B}$  is a nbh of  $x$ . By assumption  $\exists V$  a nbh of  $x$  s.t.  $x \in V$  and  $\overline{V} \subset X - B$ . Since  $\overline{V}$  is closed then  $X - \overline{V}$  is a nbh of  $B$ .

Hence  $V$  is a nbh of  $x$

$X - \overline{V}$  is a nbh of  $B$

and  $V \cap (X - \overline{V}) = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

So,  $X$  is  $T_3$ .

b) Very similar argument.

# Topology Day 23

- More separation Axioms

Recall |  $X$  is  $T_3$  if

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ x \end{array} \in \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ U_A \end{array}$$

$X$  is  $T_4$  if

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ U_A \end{array} \cap \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ U_B \end{array} = \emptyset$$

Thm | A subspace of a  $T_3$  space is  $T_3$  and  
a product of  $T_3$  spaces is  $T_3$ .  
(not true for  $T_4$ ).

Pf | Suppose  $X$  is  $T_3$ . WTS  $A \subset X$  with the subspace top is  $T_3$ .

First show  $A$  is  $T_1$ . Let  $a \in A$ ,  $\{a\}$  is closed in  $X$  since  $X$  is  $T_1$ . Hence,  $\{a\} \cap A = \{a\}$  is closed in  $A$  and  $A$  is  $T_1$ .

Next, show  $A$  is  $T_3$ . Let  $a \in A$  and let  $B \subset A$  be a closed set s.t.  $a \notin B$ .

$B = \text{closure of } B \text{ in } A = A \cap \overline{B}$   
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closure in  $X$ .

Hence  $a$  is not contained in  $\overline{B}$  and, since  $X$  is  $T_3$ ,  
 $\exists U_a$  a nbh of  $a$  and  $U_{\overline{B}}$  a nbh of  $\overline{B}$  s.t.

$U_\alpha$  and  $U_{\bar{\beta}}$  are disjoint.

By def of subspace top.

$U_\alpha \cap A$  is a nbh of  $\alpha$  in  $A$

$U_{\bar{\beta}} \cap A$  is a nbh of  $\bar{\beta}$  in  $A$ .

and  $(U_\alpha \cap A) \cap (U_{\bar{\beta}} \cap A) = \emptyset$ .

So,  $A$  is  $T_3$ .  $\square$

Next, Let  $\{X_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$  be a collection of  $T_3$  spaces and let  $\prod_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha$  have the prod. top.

Since product of Hausdorff is Hausdorff, then

$\prod_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha$  is  $T_2$  and, thus,  $T_1$ .

Let  $\vec{x} = \{x_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$  be a point in  $\prod_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha$ .

Let  $U$  be a nbh of  $\vec{x}$ .

Let  $\vec{x} \in \prod_{\alpha \in J} U_\alpha \subset U$  ( $U_\alpha \neq X_\alpha$  for only finitely many  $\alpha$ ).

Since  $X_\alpha$  is  $T_3$ , then  $\exists V_\alpha \subset X_\alpha$  s.t.  $x_\alpha \in V_\alpha \subset \overline{V_\alpha} \subset U_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in J$ . Let  $V = \prod V_\alpha$ .

$\vec{x} \in \prod V_\alpha \subset \overline{\prod V_\alpha} = \prod \overline{V_\alpha} \subset \prod U_\alpha \subset U$ .

fact  
about  
product top.

Hence, by previous lemma  $X$  is  $T_3$ .  $\square$

Thm | If  $X$  is metrizable, then  $X$  is  $T_4$  (normal).

Pf | Let  $A$  and  $B$  be closed sets in  $X$ .

Since  $X - B$  is open  $\forall a \in A \exists$

$\epsilon_a$  s.t.  $B_{\frac{\epsilon_a}{2}}(a) \subset X - B$ .

Since  $X - A$  is open  $\forall b \in B \exists$

$\epsilon_b$  s.t.  $B_{\frac{\epsilon_b}{2}}(b) \subset X - A$ .

Let  $U_A = \bigcup_{a \in A} B_{\frac{\epsilon_a}{2}}(a)$  and  $U_B = \bigcup_{b \in B} B_{\frac{\epsilon_b}{2}}(b)$ .

Since they are the union of open sets  $U_A$  and  $U_B$  are open.

Claim:  $U_A \cap U_B = \emptyset$ .

Let  $x \in U_A \cap U_B$ .

Then there exists  $p \in A$  s.t.  $x \in B_{\frac{\epsilon_p}{2}}(p)$  and

there exists  $q \in B$  s.t.  $x \in B_{\frac{\epsilon_q}{2}}(q)$

$$d(p, q) \leq d(p, x) + d(q, x) < \frac{\epsilon_p}{2} + \frac{\epsilon_q}{2}$$

WLOG assume  $\epsilon_p \leq \epsilon_q$ , then

$d(p, q) < \epsilon_q$ . This is a contradiction to how we chose  $\epsilon_q$ .

Hence  $U_A \cap U_B = \emptyset$  and  $X$  is  $T_4$ .  $\square$

Thm | (32.3) A compact Hausdorff Space is normal.

Pf | Exercise (uses ideas similar to the proof that compact subsets of Hausdorff spaces are closed)

Ex |  $\mathbb{R}_\ell$  is  $T_4$  (Recall:  $\mathbb{R}_\ell$  is not metrizable)

Pf |  $\mathbb{R}_\ell$  is  $T_2$ , so it is  $T_1$ .

Let  $A, B \subset \mathbb{R}_\ell$  be disjoint closed subsets of  $\mathbb{R}_\ell$ .

Since  $\mathbb{R}_\ell - A$  and  $\mathbb{R}_\ell - B$  are open,

for any  $a \in A$  choose  $x_a \in \mathbb{R}_\ell$  s.t.

$$[a, x_a] \cap B = \emptyset.$$

for any  $b \in B$  choose  $x_b \in \mathbb{R}_\ell$  s.t.  $[b, x_b] \cap A = \emptyset$ .

Let  $U = \bigcup_{a \in A} [a, x_a]$  and  $V = \bigcup_{b \in B} [b, x_b]$ .

Note:  $U$  is a nbh of  $A$  and  $V$  is a nbh of  $B$ .

Claim:  $V \cap U = \emptyset$ .

Let  $p \in V \cap U$ , then  $p \in [a, x_a] \cap [b, x_b]$

If  $a \leq b$ , then  $b \in [a, x_a]$  \*

If  $a > b$ , then  $a \in [b, x_b]$  \*

Hence  $V \cap U = \emptyset$ , and  $\mathbb{R}_\ell$  is  $T_4$ .  $\square$

Ex |  $\mathbb{R}_\ell$  is  $T_4$  but  $\mathbb{R}_\ell \times \mathbb{R}_\ell$  is not  $T_4$  (but is  $T_3$ ).

Proof: Tricky.

Thm | If  $X$  is second countable and  $T_3$ , then  $X$  is  $T_4$ .

Pf | Let  $X$  be  $T_3$  with countable basis  $B$  and let  $A, B \subset X$  be closed disjoint subsets.

Given  $x \in A$ ,  $X - B$  is a nbh of  $x$ . By previous lemma.  
 $\exists$  a nbh  $W_x$  of  $x$  s.t.  $\overline{W_x} \subset X - B$ . Since  $B$  is a basis  $\exists B_x \in B$  s.t.  $x \in B_x \subset W_x$ .

$\{B_x\}_{x \in A}$  is a cover of  $A$  and is countable.

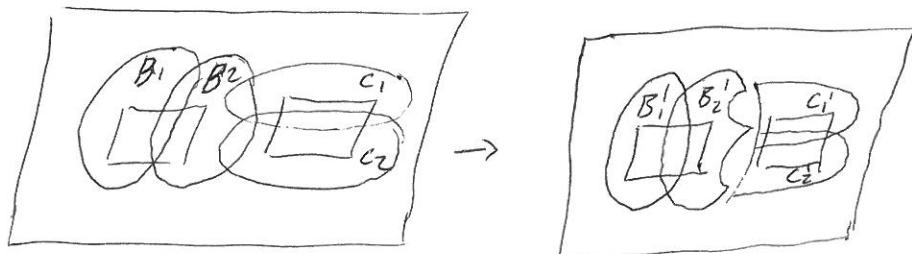
Hence rename this collection  $\{B_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ . Construct the corresponding cover  $\{C_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  for  $B$ .

For each  $n$ , let

$$B'_n = \underbrace{B_n - (\bigcap_{i=1}^n \overline{B_i})}_{\text{open}} \quad C'_n = \underbrace{C_n - (\bigcup_{i=1}^n \overline{B_i})}_{\text{open.}}$$

$$\text{Let } B' = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B'_n \quad \text{and} \quad C' = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} C'_n$$

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Note:  $A \subset B'$  and  $B \subset C'$ .

Claim  $B' \cap C' = \emptyset$ .

If  $x \in B' \cap C'$  then  $x \in B_i' \cap C_j'$ .

WLOG Assume  $i < j$ .

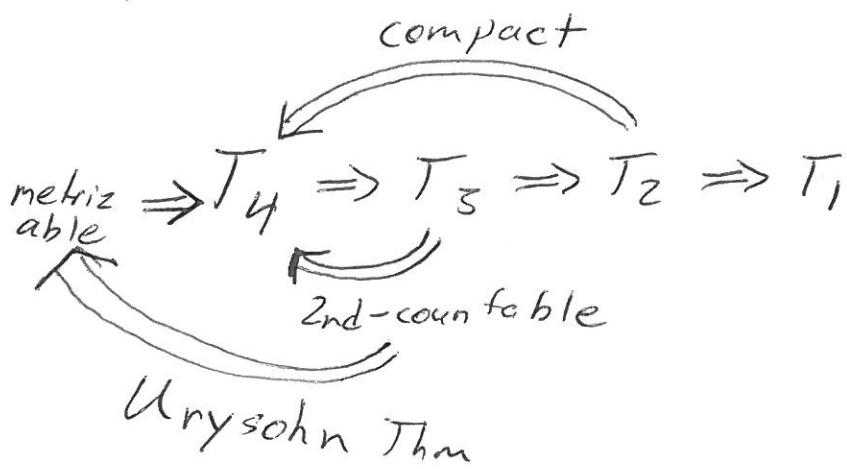
Recall  $C_j' = C_j - (\bigcup_{n=1}^j B_n)$ , so  $x \notin B_i$ .

Since  $B_i' \subset B_j$  then  $\star$  to  $x \in B_i'$ .

Hence,  $B' \cap C' \cancel{\neq} \emptyset = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

Thus,  $X$  is  $T_4$ .

A pictorial summary of results



Thm (Urysohn Metrization thm)

Every regular space  $X$  with a countable basis is metrizable.