

**Topology for  
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**Definition 1.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. The function  $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a *metric* on  $X$ , if the following conditions hold

- (M1)  $\forall x, y \in X \quad \rho(x, y) = 0 \iff x = y, \quad (\text{nondegeneracy})$   
 (M2)  $\forall x, y \in X \quad \rho(x, y) = \rho(y, x) \quad (\text{symmetry})$   
 (M3)  $\forall x, y, z \in X \quad \rho(x, y) \leq \rho(x, z) + \rho(z, y) \quad (\text{triangle inequality}).$

The pair  $(X, \rho)$  is called then a *metric space*.

**Definition 2.** If  $(X, \rho)$  is a metric space,  $a \in X$  and  $r > 0$ , then the set

$$K(a, r) = \{x \in X : \rho(x, a) < r\}$$

is called an *open ball* with center in  $a$  and radius  $r$ .

**Ex 1.** Show that the following functions are metrics in plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_1(p, q) &= \sqrt{(p_1 - q_1)^2 + (p_2 - q_2)^2} && (\text{euclidean metric}), \\ \rho_2(p, q) &= |p_1 - q_1| + |p_2 - q_2| && (\text{city, or taxi, metric}), \\ \rho_3(p, q) &= \max\{|p_1 - q_1|, |p_2 - q_2|\} && (\text{maximum metric}), \\ \rho_4(p, q) &= \max\{|p_1 - q_1|, 2|p_2 - q_2|\} && (\text{mutated maximum metric}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $p = (p_1, p_2)$ ,  $q = (q_1, q_2)$ . Draw open balls in the spaces  $(\mathbb{R}^2, \rho_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ .

**Ex 2.** Check whether functions  $f$  and  $g$  given by  $f(p, q) = |p_1 - q_1|$  and  $g(p, q) = (p_1 - q_1)^2 + (p_2 - q_2)^2$  are metrics on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

**Ex 3.** Prove that an arbitrary nonempty set  $X$  together with the function  $\rho_5$  given by

$$\rho_5(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{gdy } x = y, \\ 1, & \text{gdy } x \neq y, \end{cases}$$

form a metric space (this metric space is called *discrete*). Describe the open balls in that space.

**Definition 3.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and let  $\tau$  be a family of subsets of  $X$  ( $\tau \subset 2^X$ ) satisfying the following conditions:

- (O1)  $\emptyset \in \tau$  i  $X \in \tau$ ,  
 (O2) if  $U_1, U_2 \in \tau$ , then  $U_1 \cap U_2 \in \tau$ ,  
 (O3) if  $\{U_i\}_{i \in I} \subset \tau$ , then  $\bigcup_{i \in I} U_i \in \tau$ , ( $I$  is an arbitrary set).

Then we say that  $\tau$  is a *topology* on  $X$ , the pair  $(X, \tau)$  is a *topological space*, and members of  $\tau$  are called *open sets* (that is if a subset  $A \subset X$  belongs  $\tau$  we say it is open).

**Ex 4.** Let  $(X, \rho)$  be a metric space. Prove that the family

$$\tau = \{A \subset X : \forall x \in A \exists r > 0 K(x, r) \subset A\}$$

is a topology on  $X$ . This topology is called a *topology of the metric space*  $(X, \rho)$ .

**Definition 4.** Let  $(X, \rho)$  be a metric space, and let  $\tau$  be the topology defined in Ex. 4. This topology is called a *topology of the metric space*  $(X, \rho)$ , or also a *topology induced by the metric*  $\rho$ .

**Definition 5.** We say that two metrics on a set  $X$  are *equivalent* if and only if they induce the same topology on  $X$ .

**Ex 5.** Find out which of the given subsets of the euclidean plane  $(\mathbb{R}^2, \rho_1)$  are open:

- a) a strip  $\{p = (p_1, p_2) : a < p_1 < b\}; a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
- b) a singleton  $\{p\}; p \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,
- c) an open interval  $\{tp + (t - 1)q : t \in (0, 1)\}; p, q \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,
- d) the set of points with with rational coordinates  $\{p = (p_1, p_2) : p_1, p_2 \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ ,
- d) interior of a circle  $\{p = (p_1, p_2) : \sqrt{(p_1 - a_1)^2 + (p_2 - a_2)^2} < r\}; (a_1, a_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2, r > 0$ .

(recall that metric induces a topology, and open sets are the ones belonging to topology)

**Ex 6.** Describe the topology in the discrete space (cf. Ex.3).

**Ex 7.** Show that in any metric space the open ball is open.

**Ex 8.** Which of the metrics  $\rho_i, i = 1, \dots, 5$  (defined in Ex.1 and Ex.3) on the plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$  are equivalent.

**Definition 6.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. We say that a subset  $A \subset X$  is *closed* if and only if its complement  $X \setminus A$  is open.

**Ex 9.** Find out which of the given subsets of the euclidean plane  $(\mathbb{R}^2, \rho_1)$  are closed:

- a)  $\{p = (p_1, p_2) : a \leq p_1 \leq b\}$ ,
- b)  $\{p = (p_1, p_2) : a \cdot p_1 + b \cdot p_2 \leq c\}$ ,
- c)  $\{p = (p_1, p_2) : a \cdot p_1 + b \cdot p_2 = c\}$ .

**Ex 10.** Describe the closed sets in the discrete spaces.

**Ex 11.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Show that for any  $A \subset X$  there exists a maximal open subset of  $A$  and a minimal closed set containing  $A$ . These are called the *interior* and the *closure* of  $A$  respectively.

**Definition 7.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. A function  $\text{Cl} : 2^X \rightarrow 2^X$  satysfing the conditions

- (CO1)  $\text{Cl} \emptyset = \emptyset$ ,
- (CO2)  $A \subset \text{Cl} A$ ,
- (CO3)  $\text{Cl} \text{Cl} A = \text{Cl} A$ ,
- (CO4)  $\text{Cl}(A \cup B) = \text{Cl} A \cup \text{Cl} B$ .

is called a *closure operation* ( $2^X$  denotes the set of all subsets of  $X$ ).