

Usual topology on \mathbb{R} :

Let A be a subset of the set of real numbers \mathbb{R} . Then A is said to be open in \mathbb{R} if and only if each $x \in A$ there exist an open interval I_x such that $x \in I_x \subseteq A$.

Let \mathcal{T} be the class of all open set of real numbers. Then \mathcal{T} is a topology on \mathbb{R} , called usual topology. Similarly we can define usual topology on \mathbb{R}^2 .

Metric space:

Let X be a non empty set. A function $d: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called a metric on X if it satisfies the following axioms:

$$(i) \quad d(x, y) \geq 0$$

$$(ii) \quad d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$$

$$(iii) \quad d(x, y) = d(y, x)$$

$$(iv) \quad d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y), \quad \forall x, y, z \in X.$$

Then the pair (X, d) is called a metric space.

Open spheres in a metric space (X, d) :

Let $x_0 \in X$ and $\epsilon > 0$. Then an open sphere centered at x_0 with radius ϵ is defined as,

$$S_\epsilon(x_0) = \{x \in X : d(x, x_0) < \epsilon\}$$

Open set in a metric space (X, d) :

Let $G \subseteq X$. Then G is said to be open in X if $\forall x \in X, \exists$ an open sphere $S_\epsilon(x), \epsilon > 0$, such that

$$x_0 \in S_\epsilon(x_0) \subseteq G.$$

i.e. $G \subseteq X$ is open in X if $G = \text{union of open spheres}$
 $= \bigcup_{x \in G} S_2(x)$

Metric topology:

Let d be a metric on a non empty set X . The topology τ on X generated by the class of open spheres in X is called the metric topology on the topology induced by the metric d . Therefore, every metric space is a topological space.

Metrisable space:

A topological space (X, τ) is said to be metrisable if there exist at least one metric d on X such that the class of its open set with respect to the metric d is precisely the given topology.

Intersection and Union of topologies:

Let $\{T_\alpha\}$ be any collection of topologies on a non empty set X . Then $\bigcap T_\alpha$ is also a topology on X . But the union of any collection of topologies is not necessarily a topology.

eg let $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$

$T_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$

$T_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{c, d, e\}, X\}$

Then $T_1 \cup T_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{c, d, e\}, X\}$ is not a topology on X .

Subspace topology or relative topology:

Let (X, τ) be a topological space. If Y is a non empty subset of X , then the collection $\tau_Y = \{Y \cap G : G \in \tau\}$ is a topology on Y , called relative topology or subspace topology.

(i) Since $\emptyset \in \tau$ and $\emptyset = \emptyset \cap Y$

$$\therefore \emptyset \in \tau_Y$$

Again, $Y \in X$ and $X \in \tau$, therefore $Y \cap X = Y$

$$\therefore Y \in \tau_Y$$

(ii) Let $\{Y \cap G_\alpha\}$ be a arbitrary family of ~~member~~ elements of τ_Y .

$\therefore \{G_\alpha\}$ are belongs to τ , $\forall \alpha$

$\therefore \bigcup G_\alpha$ ~~belong~~ belongs to τ , [$\because \tau$ is a topology on X]

$$\Rightarrow Y \cap \left(\bigcup G_\alpha\right) \in \tau_Y$$

$$\Rightarrow \bigcup (Y \cap G_\alpha) \in \tau_Y$$

(iii) Let $\{Y \cap G_1, Y \cap G_2, \dots, Y \cap G_m\}$ be a finite sub collection of τ_Y .

$\therefore G_1, G_2, \dots, G_m$ are belongs to τ

$$\therefore \bigcap_{i=1}^m G_i \in \tau$$

$$\Rightarrow Y \cap \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^m G_i\right) \in \tau_Y$$

$$\Rightarrow \bigcap_{i=1}^m (Y \cap G_i) \in \tau_Y$$

Example:

$$\text{Let } X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$$

$$\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d, e\}, X\}$$

Then (X, τ) is a topological space.

Let $Y = \{a, d, e\}$, then

$$Y \cap \emptyset = \emptyset, Y \cap \{a\} = \{a\}, Y \cap \{c, d\} = \{d\}, Y \cap \{b, c, d, e\} = \{d, e\}$$

$$Y \cap X = Y, Y \cap \{a, c, d\} = \{a, d\}$$

$$\therefore \tau_Y = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{d, e\}, Y\}$$

Then τ_Y is the relative topology of Y .