

# Pre-class Warm-up!!!

Worksheet '2 Question 10:

Which of the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (with the usual topology) are open?

a.  $\{(x,y) \mid x^2 + y^2 < 1\} \cup \{(1,0)\}$

b.  $\{(x,y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$

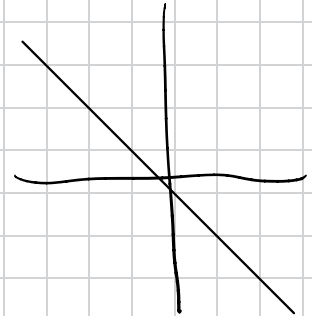
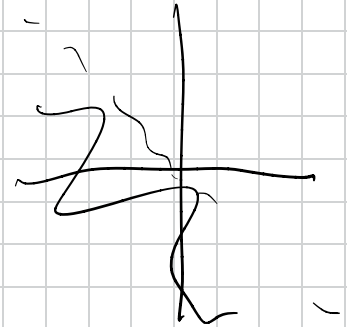
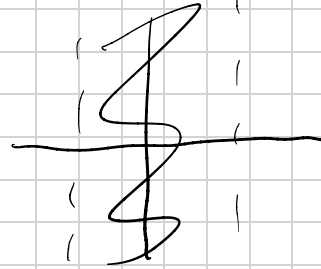
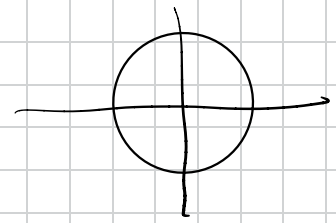
c.  $\{(x,y) \mid |x| < 1\}$

d.  $\{(x,y) \mid x+y < 0\}$

e.  $\{(x,y) \mid x+y \geq 0\}$

f.  $\{(x,y) \mid x+y = 0\}$

| Yes | No |
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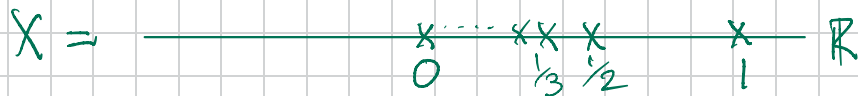
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## A slightly different example.

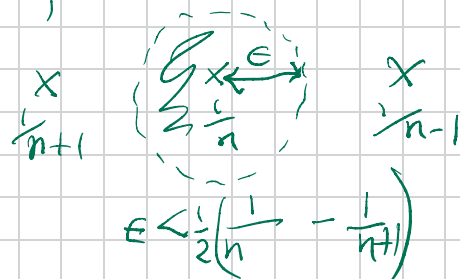
Let  $X = \{0, 1/n \mid n \text{ is a positive integer}\}$  as a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  with the same distance function as  $\mathbb{R}$ .

What are the open subsets of  $X$ ?

- All subsets of  $X$ .
- All finite subsets of  $X$ , together with  $X$ .
- All subsets of  $X$ , with the proviso that if  $0$  is in the set then for some  $N$ , every  $1/n$  is in the set for all  $n \geq N$ .
- All subsets of  $X$ , with the proviso that if  $0$  is in the set then the set is infinite.
- None of the above.



Every set  $\{1/n\}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$   $n \geq 1$  is open



shows a ball in  $X$  whose only point is  $\{1/n\}$ .

The balls containing  $0$  have the form  $\{0, \frac{1}{N}, \frac{1}{N+1}, \frac{1}{N+2}, \dots\}$

Every open set is a union of such balls.  
Such open sets are described by  $C$ .

Theorem 1.9 A function  $f: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  between two metric spaces is continuous if and only if for all open sets  $U$  in  $M_2$  the set  $f^{-1}(U)$  is open in  $M_1$ .

Can we recall the definitions of continuous and open?

Proof. " $\Rightarrow$ " Suppose  $f$  is continuous. Let  $U \subseteq M_2$  be an open set. We show that  $f^{-1}(U)$  is open in  $M_1$ . Let  $x \in f^{-1}(U)$ . Because  $U$  is open and  $f(x) \in U$ ,  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  so that  $B_\epsilon(f(x)) \subseteq U$ . Because  $f$  is continuous,  $\exists \delta > 0$  so that  $d_1(x, y) < \delta$  implies  $d_2(f(x), f(y)) < \epsilon$  i.e.  $f(y) \in B_\epsilon(f(x)) \subseteq U$ . Thus  $B_\delta(x) \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(U)$  is open.

" $\Leftarrow$ " Suppose  $\forall$  open  $U$ ,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is open. We verify  $f$  is continuous.  $\forall x, \forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$  so that  $d_1(x, y) < \delta$  implies  $d_2(f(x), f(y)) < \epsilon$ . Suppose we are given  $x$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . Because  $B_\epsilon(f(x))$  is open in  $M_2$ ,  $f^{-1}(B_\epsilon(f(x)))$  is open in  $M_1$  and  $x$  lies in it. Thus  $\exists \delta > 0$  so that  $B_\delta(x) \subseteq f^{-1}(B_\epsilon(f(x)))$ . Thus  $f(B_\delta(x)) \subseteq B_\epsilon(f(x))$ . This is the same as  $d_1(x, y) < \delta \Rightarrow d_2(f(x), f(y)) < \epsilon$ .  $\square$

Not in the book.

Definition: Two metrics on  $A$  are equivalent  $\Leftrightarrow$  they define the same open sets

## Application. We revisit:

Worksheet 2 qn. 7 Let  $R$  have the usual metric, let  $(A, d)$  have the discrete metric.

Show

- a. All functions  $f: A \rightarrow R$  are continuous,
- b. There is no injective continuous  $f: R \rightarrow A$ .

Solution a.  $f$  is continuous

$\Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(U)$  is open  $\forall$  open  $U \subset R$

If  $A$  has the discrete metric then every subset of  $A$  is open so  $f^{-1}(U)$  will always be open.  $\square$

b. Let  $f: R \rightarrow A$  be continuous.

In  $A$  each point  $\{a\}$  is an open set, so  $f^{-1}(\{a\})$  is open in  $R$ .

If  $f^{-1}(\{a\})$  is non-empty it contains an open interval, so is infinite. All these points are mapped to  $a$  so  $f$  is not injective.  $\square$

## Chapter 2: Topological spaces

Definition 2.1. Let  $X$  be a set and  $\mathcal{U}$  a collection of subsets of  $X$ . We say  $X$  (or  $(X, \mathcal{U})$ ) is a topological space if

- (i)  $\emptyset, X \in \mathcal{U}$
- (ii) Arbitrary unions of sets in  $\mathcal{U}$  belong to  $\mathcal{U}$
- (iii) Finite intersections of sets in  $\mathcal{U}$  belong to  $\mathcal{U}$

$\mathcal{U}$  is called the topology on  $X$ .

Examples.

1. Metrizable topological spaces. If  $(X, d)$  is a metric space then the open subsets of  $X$  form a topology.

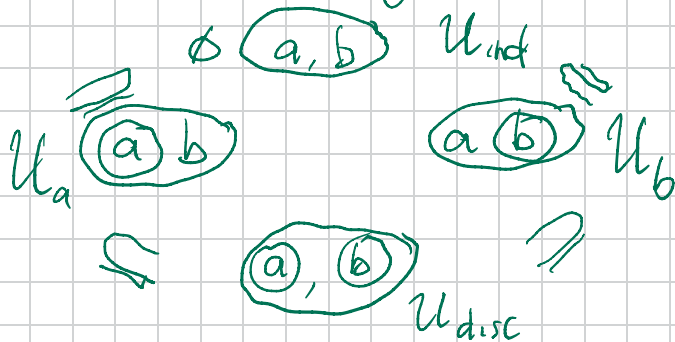
Example. The discrete topology has  $\mathcal{U} = \text{all subsets of } X$ , and arises from the discrete metric.

2. The indiscrete topology.

This has  $\mathcal{U} = \{\emptyset, X\}$

3. Topologies on 2 points.

Let  $X = \{a, b\}$



#### 4. The finite complement topology.

We take  $\mathcal{U} =$  subsets  $A$  of  $X$   
so that  $X - A$  is finite  
together with  $\emptyset$

check  $X, \emptyset \in \mathcal{U}$  ✓  
arbitrary unions ... ✓  
finite intersections ... ✓

The Zariski topology on  $\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}$

$= \{ \text{prime ideals of } \mathbb{Z} \}$

$= \{ \{0\}, p\mathbb{Z} \text{ where } p \text{ is prime} \}$

The open sets are the complements  
of sets of primes that contain  
some given integer.

