# Introduction to Algebraic and Geometric Topology Week 6

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## Basis for a Topology

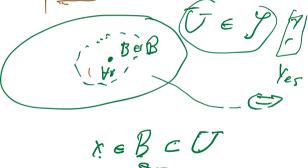
- $(X, \mathcal{T})$  topological space.
- Definition

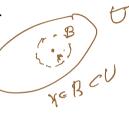
 $[\mathcal{B}]\subset\mathcal{L}^{\times}$  is called a *basis for*  $\mathcal{T}\Longleftrightarrow$ 

every element of  $\mathcal{T}$  is a union of elements of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

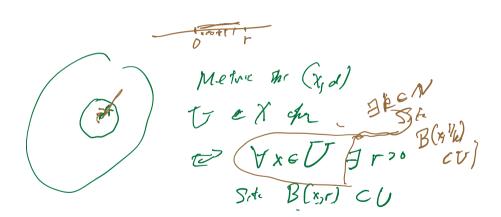
- Equivalent statement:
- ▶  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis  $\iff \forall \mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{T}$  open,

 $\forall x \in U, \exists B \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $x \in B$  and  $B \subset U$ .









#### Examples

$$(X,d) \text{ metric space.}$$

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- (X, d) metric space,  $E \subset X$  dense subset

•  $(\mathbb{R}^n, d_{(2)})$  (or any equivalent d)

$$\mathcal{B} = \{B(x, \frac{1}{k}) : x \in \mathbb{Q}^n, \ k \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

In the last example  $\mathcal{B}$  is *countable*  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  s called second countable  $\iff \mathcal{T}$  has a countable basis.

- ▶ Why "second"?
- ▶ Is there a "first countable"?
- Yes; a similar condition about any point  $x \in X$



- $\triangleright$  (X,  $\mathcal{T}$ ) topological space and  $\mathcal{B}$  basis for  $\mathcal{T}$ .
- $f:(X',\mathcal{T}') \to (X,\mathcal{T})$  is continuous

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$$\iff f^{-1}(B) \text{ open } \forall B \in \mathcal{B}.$$

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- ▶ If  $A \subset X$ , then
  - $X \in A^o \iff \exists B \in \mathcal{B} \text{ with } x \in B \subset A.$
  - ▶  $x \in \overline{A} \iff B \cap A \neq \emptyset \ \forall B \in \mathcal{B} \text{ with } x \in B.$

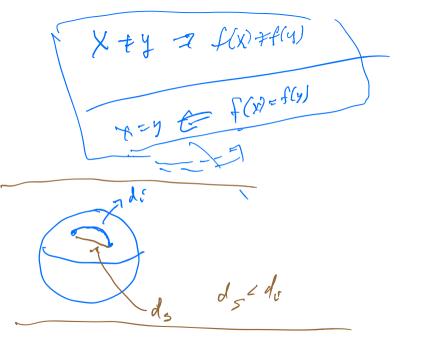
### Defining Topologies from a Basis

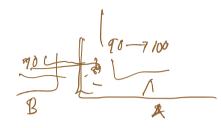
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- ► X non-empty set,  $\mathcal{B} \subset 2^X$  satisfying:
- 1.  $\forall x \in X \exists B \in \mathcal{B} \text{ such that } x \in B$ .
  - 2.  $\forall B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $\forall x \in B_1 \cap B_2 \exists B \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $x \in B$

 $\models \{U \subset X | \forall x \in U \ \exists \underline{B} \in \mathcal{B} \text{ with } x \in B \subset U\} \cup \{\emptyset\}\}$ 

- and  $B \subset B_1 \cap B_2$ .
  - Then  $\mathcal{T}$  is a topology on X and  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{T}$ .  $\mathcal{B}_{13}\mathcal{B}_{1} \in \mathcal{B}, \quad \mathcal{B}_{1}\mathcal{B}_{2} = \text{tens. } \mathcal{G} \text{ eller } \mathcal{G} \mathcal{B}$

- ightharpoonup Equivalent definition of  $\mathcal{T}$ :
- $ightharpoonup \mathcal{T}$  is the collection of the unions of all subcollections of  $\mathcal{B}$  (including the empty subcollection).





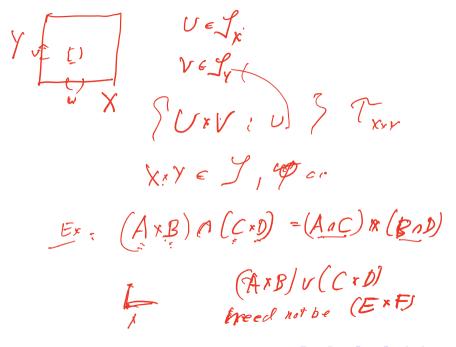
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## Example: Product Topology

- $\blacktriangleright$   $(X, \mathcal{T}_X)$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$  topological spaces.
- $X \times Y$  their Cartesian product.
- Let

Then 
$$\mathcal{B}_{X\times Y}=\{U\cdot \times V\mid U\in \mathcal{T}_X \text{ and } V\in \mathcal{T}_Y\}$$
Then  $\mathcal{B}_{X\times Y}$  satisfies conditions (1) and (2) above.

- ▶ Resulting  $\mathcal{T}_{X \times Y}$  is a topology on  $X \times Y$ , called the Product Topology.



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▶ Useful fact: if  $A_1, A_2 \subset X$  and  $B_1, B_2 \subset Y$ , then

$$(A_1 \times B_1) \cap (A_2 \times B_2) = (A_1 \cap A_2) \times (B_1 \cap B_2)$$

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▶  $\mathcal{B}_{X \times Y}$  closed under finite intersections, but not under unions.

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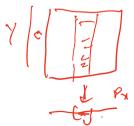
▶ Look at  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ 



▶ Projections  $p_X : X \times Y \to X$  and  $p_Y : X \times Y \to Y$ :

$$\underline{\rho_X(x,y)} = (x) \quad \underline{\rho_Y(x,y)} = (y).$$

▶  $\mathcal{T}_{X \times Y}$  is the smallest topology that makes both projections  $p_X$  and  $p_Y$  continuous.



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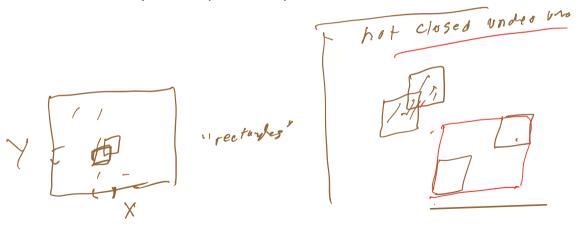
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## Infinite Products

- A an index set.
- $\{X_{\alpha}\}_{{\alpha}\in A}$  a collection of *non-empty* sets indexed by *A*.
- ▶  $\coprod_{\alpha \in A} X_{\alpha}$  their disjoint union.
- ▶ The *product* of the  $X_{\alpha}$  is defined as

#### Examples

•  $A = \{1, 2\}$  then

$$\prod_{\alpha \in \{1,2\}} X_{\alpha} = \{f : \{1,2\} \to X_1 \coprod X_2 \mid f(1) \in X_1, f(2) \in X_2\}$$

Letting  $x_1 = f(1)$  and  $x_2 = f(2)$ , this is the same as

$$\{(x_1,x_2) \mid x_1 \in X_1, x_2 \in X_2\}$$

which is the usual defintiion of  $X_1 \times X_2$ .

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Similarly, if  $A = \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ , a finite set, then  $\prod_{\alpha \in A} X_{\alpha}$  gives the usual definition

$$X_1 \times X_2 \times \cdots \times X_n = \{(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) \mid x_i \in X_i\}$$

#### Topology in Product Space

- ▶ Suppose *A* arbitrary and each  $X_{\alpha}$  has a toplogy  $T_{\alpha}$ .
- ▶ Let  $\mathcal{B}_{\prod X_{\alpha}}$  be defined as follows.:
  - ▶ For each finite subset  $F \subset A$  let  $\mathcal{U}_F$  be a collection

$$U_F = \{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in F}$$
 where  $U_\alpha \in \mathcal{T}_\alpha$ 

► Then let

$$B(F, \mathcal{U}_F) = \{ f \in \prod X_\alpha \mid f(\alpha) \in U_\alpha \text{ for all } \alpha \in F \}$$

- ▶ Define  $\mathcal{B}_{\prod X_{\alpha}}$  to be the collection of all  $B(F, \mathcal{U}_F)$ .
- ▶ Check:  $\mathcal{B}_{\prod X_{\alpha}}$  is a basis.

▶ The resulting topology is called the *product topology*.

► Essence: Each  $B(U_F)$  restricts only finitely many coordinates.

▶ For *A* finite get same basis as before.

▶ Suppose  $A = \mathbb{N}$  and all  $X_i = X$ .

Then  $B(F, U_F)$  is the set of all sequences  $\{x_i\}$  such that  $x_i \in U_i$  for  $i \in F$ .