

# Limit Points, Hausdorff Spaces & Continuous Fns.

Recall:

$x$  is a limit pt of a set  $A$  if every nbhd of  $x$  intersects  $A$  in a point other than  $x$ .

(ex)  $(\mathbb{R}, \text{std})$   $A = [5, 13) \cup \{20\}$

④ 5 is a limit pt of  $A$  b/c every nbhd of 5 contains  $(5-\epsilon, 5+\epsilon)$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$ , this interval intersects  $A$  in  $[5, 5+\epsilon)$ .

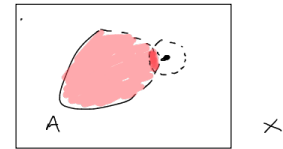
20 isn't limit pt of  $A$  b/c the nbhd of 20  $(19, 21) \cap A = \{20\}$

13 is (replace 5 above w/ 13)  $\Rightarrow (13-\epsilon, 13) \subset \text{every nbhd of } \{13\} \cap A$

Thm:  $A \cup A' = \bar{A}$  ( $A'$  = all limit pts of  $A$ ),  $\bar{A}$  = closure of  $A$ .

(ex)  $A = [5, 13) \cup \{20\}$  ( $A' \neq \{13\}$ )  
 $\bar{A} = [5, 13] \cup \{20\} = A \cup \{13\}$   $A' = [5, 13]$

proof: Let  $x \in \bar{A}$ . If  $x \in A$  we're done, so assume  $x \notin A$ . So  $\forall$  nbhd  $U_x$  of  $x$ ,  $U_x \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . Also  $(U_x - \{x\}) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . So  $x$  is a limit point.



Conversely, let  $x \in A \cup A'$ . If  $x \in A$  (always  $A \subset \bar{A}$ )

then  $x \in \bar{A}$ , alternatively if  $x \in A'$ .

Thus every nbhd of  $x$  intersects  $A$  in some other point. This implies every nbhd of  $x$  intersects  $A$ . This last part is equivalent to  $x$  being in the closure (Thm).

Cor  $A \subseteq X$  is closed  $\Leftrightarrow A$  contains its limit pts

Applications' (more language + knowledge)  $\Rightarrow$  more efficient (shorter) proof

①  $(\mathbb{R}, \text{std})$   $\{x\}$  is closed b/c it has no limit points.

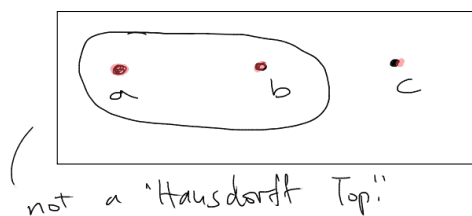
②  $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$   $\mathbb{Z}$  is closed b/c  $\mathbb{Z}$  contains no limit pts.

## Hausdorff Spaces

General topological spaces can be "weird". (Ex, not all  $\{x\}$  are closed in every topology)

② Build a topology on  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  where  $\{a\}$  is not closed.

(open set  $\equiv$  box/circle containing  $x$  of  $x$ )



$= X$

this is a top. on  $\{a, b, c\}$ ,

$\{c\}$  is closed

$\{a\}$  is not closed b/c

$$X - \{a\} = \{b, c\}$$

is a box around  $\{b, c\}$

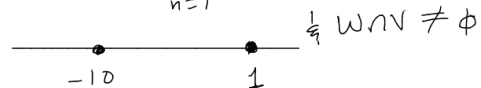
Def.  $X$  is Hausdorff if every pair of points have disjoint nbhds.

②  $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^n$  w/ std topologies are Hausdorff

② any metrizable space is Hausdorff

② F.C.T. on  $\mathbb{R}$  is not a Hausdorff Space.  
Finite Complement Top

$W = \mathbb{R} - \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{1/n\}$  is a nbhd of  $\{1\}$



$U = (-\infty, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$  is open

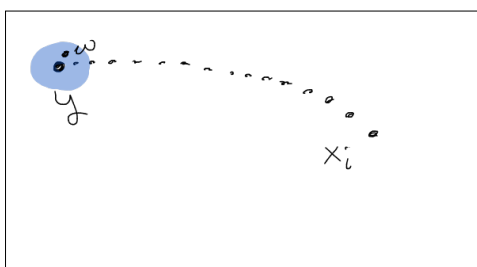
yet doesn't contain  $\{1\}$   
 $V$  is a nbhd (in F.C.T.) contain  $\{1\}$   
of  $\{1\}$  if  $V = (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

thm: In a Hausdorff Space Every one point set is closed. <sup>\*</sup> (T<sub>1</sub>)  
 proof: (show  $X - \{x\}$  is open,  $\forall x \in X$ ). Let  $x \in X$ . Pick  $y \neq x$ ,



apply Hausdorff condition  $\Rightarrow$   
 nbhd  $U_y$  of  $y$  that is disjoint from  
 some nbhd  $U_x$  of  $x$ . We can do this  
 for all  $y \in X - \{x\}$  by Hausdorff cond. This  
 implies  $X - \{x\}$  is open.

thm: In a Hausdorff space, a sequence converges to a most one point,



(ex) The torus is a Hausdorff Space (is a product of two circles  
 the circle  $S^1 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  is Hausdorff (its a subspace of a Hausdorff space)  
 $\therefore$  the product of Hausdorff spaces is Hausdorff)

# Continuous Functions

Def'n:  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  a mapping b/w topological space is cts if.

the preimage of every open set is open.

i.e.

$\forall$  open sets  $V \subseteq Y$  the preimage

$$f^{-1}(V) = \{x \in X \mid f(x) \in V\} \text{ is open in } X.$$

$\epsilon$ - $\delta$  def'n

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is cts @  $x_0$  if  
 $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$  st.

whenever  $|x - x_0| < \delta$

then

$$|f(x) - f(x_0)| < \epsilon$$

(ex)  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  - set  
 $f(x) = x$

$f: (\mathbb{R}, \text{std}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \text{std})$  is cts

w/  $f: (\mathbb{R}, \text{std}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \text{Lower Limit})$  is not cts

thm: A function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is cts in the usual  $\epsilon$ - $\delta$  sense  
 $\iff$   
 its cts in the topological sense

$\Rightarrow$  Suppose  $f$  is  $\epsilon$ - $\delta$ -cts. Let  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be an open set. (show  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open)

For every  $y \in V \exists \epsilon_y > 0$  st.  $(y - \epsilon_y, y + \epsilon_y) \subseteq V$ . Every

$x \in f^{-1}(V)$  has a  $y = f(x) \in V$  so the previous  $\uparrow$  applies.

$(f(x) - \epsilon_{f(x)}, f(x) + \epsilon_{f(x)})$  is open nbhd in  $V$ .

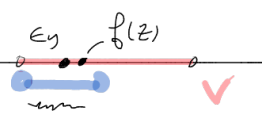
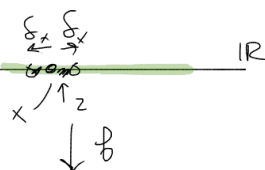
By continuity of  $f$ ,  $\exists \delta_x > 0$  st.  $\forall z \in \mathbb{R}$  st.  $|z - x| < \delta_x$

$$|f(z) - f(x)| < \epsilon_{f(x)} \Rightarrow f(z) \in (f(x) - \epsilon_{f(x)}, f(x) + \epsilon_{f(x)})$$

thus,  $(x - \delta_x, x + \delta_x) \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ . this is true  $\forall$  every

$x \in f^{-1}(V) \Rightarrow f^{-1}(V)$  is open.

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common cts functions —

① Any function that maps a space w/ the discrete top to a top. space is cts.

$$f: \{1, 2\} \rightarrow \{1, 2\}$$

②



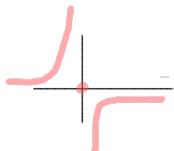
$$f: D \rightarrow \{x\}$$

"D" the set  $\{x\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  w/ the subspace top. = target

$\{x\}$  is open

③ non-example  
 $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1/x & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$$



the set  $(-1, 1) \subset \mathbb{R}$  is open

$$f^{-1}(-1, 1) = (-1, 0) \cup \{0\} \cup (0, 1)$$

even though as a set this is all of  $\mathbb{R}$ , it's not open since it's the union of two open sets and the non-open  $\{0\}$

④  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

is cts  
b/c.

$$f(x) = x^2$$

open set  $V \subset \mathbb{R}$ , say  $(a, b)$

$$f^{-1}(a, b)$$

