

## Discussion

### (1) Assessment & self-assessment

Goal: assess competence w/ learning objectives

- required {
- weekly HW + revisions
  - take-home midterm + revision
  - final oral exam

- Alternative / supplemental ( :
  - paper / presentation (potentially collaborative)
  - presenting HW solns

Q Weighting of objectives?

### (2) Joint expectations

Make space  $\forall$  to contribute

$\exists$  differences

listen

Compassionate communication

checking in w/ partners

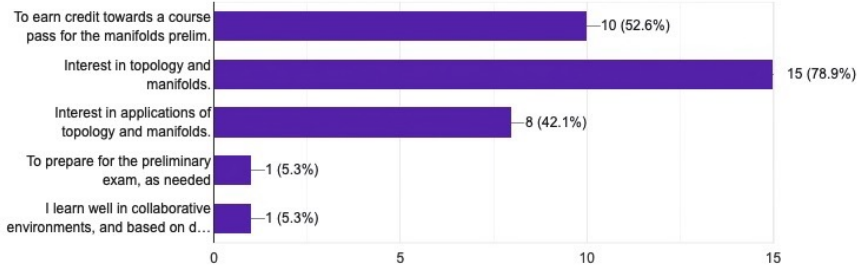
Respect

Be present & ready  
collaborate

Encourage mathematical  
risk-taking / vulnerability

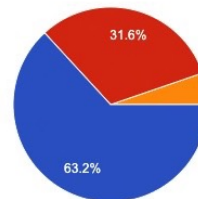
Celebrate mistakes

# Welcome Survey



Have you taken a point-set topology course previously?

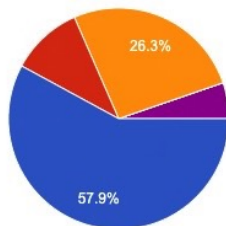
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- Yes
- No
- I took an intro to topology class, but I don't know what the descriptor "point-set" precisely means / if it covered enough (it was a well done online learning intro, but virtual learning meant a lot of things were slower than "typical")

What kind of student are you?

19 responses

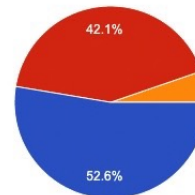


- Math grad student
- Grad student in another subject
- Math undergrad
- Undergrad in another subject
- ACCESS student auditing class (BS Physics Caltech 1979)

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Do you feel like you have an intuitive sense of what a (topological or smooth) manifold is?

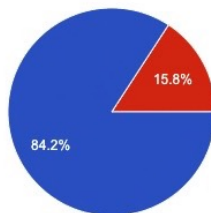
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- Yes
- No
- I think I have a vague one, but it's more picked up from context clues from other math talks than a solid definition

Have you previously seen the definition of a topology (in terms of a set and open subsets satisfying axioms) in a course setting?

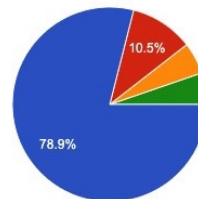
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- Yes
- No

Have you taken an algebra course that included the study of abstract groups (including normal subgroups, quotients, and group actions)?

19 responses



- Yes
- No
- We just barely touched on it but I don't feel confident about it
- No, but I have learned about all of those things from independent reading.

Problem session Tuesdays 13:00 - 14:00

Kyle's drop-in hours Thursdays 15:00 - 16:00

Q & A

Internet: Don't hunt for sol'ns; no Internet on the midterm

Final: Converse with me about topology problems

Differential geometry: Riemannian metrics start in 546

# Topological Spaces

$X$  a set,  $2^X := \{A \mid A \subseteq X\}$  its power set

A topology on  $X$  is  $\mathcal{T} \subseteq 2^X$  s.t.

(i)  $X, \emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$

(ii)  $\mathcal{T}$  is closed under pairwise (and hence finite) intersections :  
 $U, V \in \mathcal{T} \Rightarrow U \cap V \in \mathcal{T}$ .

(iii)  $\mathcal{T}$  is closed under arbitrary unions :

$$\{U_\alpha \mid \alpha \in S\} \in \mathcal{T} \Rightarrow \bigcup_{\alpha \in S} U_\alpha \in \mathcal{T}.$$

•  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is a topological space

•  $U \in \mathcal{T}$  called open subsets of  $X$

•  $x \in X$  a point of  $X$

• For  $U \in \mathcal{T}$ ,  $X \setminus U$  called closed

•  $p \in U \in \mathcal{T}$  neighborhood of  $p$

E.g.

(1)  $(X, 2^X) =:$  discrete topology

(2)  $(X, \{\emptyset, X\}) =:$  trivial topology

(3) For  $(M, d)$  a metric space, unions of open balls  $B(x, \varepsilon) = \{y \in M \mid d(x, y) < \varepsilon\}$  form the metric topology on  $M$ .

(a) Euclidean topology on  $\mathbb{R}^n$

(b) Similarly for unit interval  $I = [0, 1]$ ,

open unit ball  $B^n := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid |x| < 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

closed unit ball  $\bar{B}^n := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid |x| \leq 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

unit circle  $S^1 := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid |x| = 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ ,

unit sphere  $S^n := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid |x| = 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$

$d: M \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$\forall x, y, z \in M$ ,

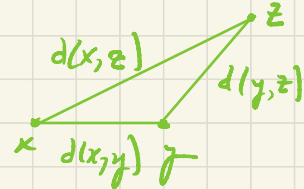
(1)  $d(x, x) = 0$

(2)  $x \neq y \Rightarrow d(x, y) > 0$

(3)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$

(4)  $d(x, z) \leq$

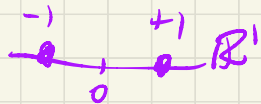
$d(x, y) + d(y, z)$



TPS (Think-Pair-Share) Describe  $\mathbb{R}^0$  and  $\mathbb{S}^0$ .

$$\begin{array}{c} \parallel \\ \{0\} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \parallel \\ \{-1, 1\} \end{array}$$



E.g. (4)  $U \subseteq X$  open in the cofinite topology iff  $|X \setminus U| < \infty$  or  $U = \emptyset$ .

(5) For a commutative unital ring  $R$ ,  $\text{Spec } R := \{p \in R \mid p \text{ prime ideal}\}$ .

Define Zariski closed subsets of  $R$  to be, for  $I \in R$  an ideal,

$$V(I) := \{p \in \text{Spec } R \mid p \supseteq I\}.$$

Note Can specify a topology on  $X$  by closed sets as long as

- $X, \emptyset$  closed
- finite unions of closed sets are closed
- arbitrary intersections of closed sets are closed.

(Hint: De Morgan's Laws.)

Now leaving  $T$  implicit.

Fix a topological space  $X$ .

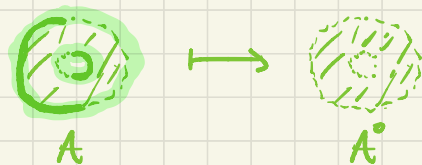
For  $A \subseteq X$ , the closure of  $A$  in  $X$  is

$$\bar{A} := \bigcap_{\substack{A \subseteq B \subseteq X \\ B \text{ closed}}} B = \text{smallest closed set containing } A.$$



The interior of  $A$  in  $X$  is

$$\text{Int } A = A^\circ := \bigcup_{\substack{U \subseteq A \\ U \text{ open}}} U = \text{largest open set contained by } A$$



The exterior of  $A$  is  $\text{Ext } A := X \setminus \bar{A}$  and its boundary is  $\partial A := X \setminus (A^\circ \cup \text{Ext } A)$

See Prop 2.8 for important properties of  $(\bar{\cdot})$ ,  $(\circ)$ , Ext,  $\partial$ .

Aside You can also specify a topology on  $X$  via a closure operator  $c: 2^X \rightarrow 2^X$  satisfying

(1)  $c(\emptyset) = \emptyset$

(2)  $\forall A \subseteq X, A \subseteq c(A)$

(3)  $\forall A \subseteq X, c(A) = c(c(A))$

(4)  $\forall A, B \subseteq X, c(A \cup B) = c(A) \cup c(B)$ .

$c$  tells you what  $A$  can "see"

Logic of a topological space? Interior = necessity, closure = possibility  
models "S4 modal logic."



- For  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $p \in X$  is a limit (or accumulation or cluster) point of  $A$  when every neighborhood of  $p$  contains a point of  $A$  other than  $p$ :  $\forall U \subseteq X$  open with  $p \in U$ ,  $U \cap (A \setminus \{p\}) \neq \emptyset$ .

E.g.-



$0$  is a limit point of  $H = \{ \frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} \} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$   
but  $\frac{1}{2}$  is not.

- A point  $p \in X$  is an isolated point of  $A$  if  $\exists$  nbhd  $U$  of  $p$  s.t.  $A \cap U = \{p\}$ .

E.g.-



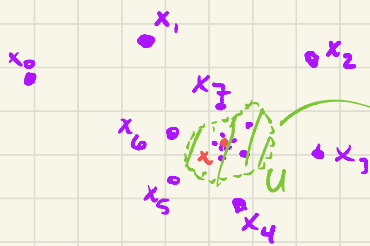
$\frac{1}{n}$  is an isolated point of  $H \forall n \geq 1$ .

- A subset  $A \subseteq X$  is dense in  $X$  when  $\bar{A} = X$ .

E.g.  $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .

## Probing spaces with sequences and maps

A sequence  $(x_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $X$  converges to  $x \in X$  when  
 $\forall$  nbhd  $U$  of  $x$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $\forall i \geq N$ ,  $x_i \in U$ .



$N=8$  works for this  $U$

Write  $x_i \rightarrow x$  or

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_i = x.$$

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A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  between topological spaces is continuous  
when  $\forall U \subseteq Y$  open,  $f^{-1}U := \{x \in X \mid f(x) \in U\} \subseteq X$  is open.

