

Day 9

Learning Goals

- define and two characterizations of the quotient topology.

Recall X a set, \sim an equiv rel'n on X ,
 $X/\sim = \{\sim \text{equiv classes on } X\}$

The \sim equiv class of $x \in X$ is

$$[x] = [x]_{\sim} = \{y \in X \mid y \sim x\}.$$

We have a surjection

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi: X & \longrightarrow & X/\sim \\ x & \longmapsto & [x] \end{array}$$

Note that $\pi^{-1}([x]) = \{y \in X \mid [y] = [x]\} = [x]$.

In fact, every surjective fn $\pi: X \twoheadrightarrow S$ gives rise to an equiv rel'n on X : $x \sim y \iff \pi(x) = \pi(y)$.

We get an iso (of sets)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S & \xrightarrow{\cong} & X/\sim \\ s & \longmapsto & \pi^{-1}\{s\} \end{array}$$

If X is a topological space and $\pi: X \twoheadrightarrow S$,

we want to give S a topology for which π is cts.

Defn A set $U \subseteq S$ is open in the quotient topology when $\pi^{-1}U \subseteq X$ is open. which one...?

First characterization The quotient topology on S is the finest topology on S for which π is cts.

Pf Let $\mathcal{T}_{\text{quo}} = \{U \subseteq S \mid \pi^{-1}U \text{ open}\}$. This defn directly implies that $\pi: X \rightarrow (S, \mathcal{T}_{\text{quo}})$ is cts. Suppose $\pi: X \rightarrow (S, \mathcal{T})$ is also cts. Then $U \in \mathcal{T} \Rightarrow \pi^{-1}U \text{ open} \Rightarrow U \in \mathcal{T}_{\text{quo}}$, so $\mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{T}_{\text{quo}}$. Thus \mathcal{T}_{quo} is the finest such top. \square

Second characterization The quotient top on S for $\pi: X \rightarrow S$ is determined by the following property:

\forall top space Z and $\forall f: S \rightarrow Z$, f is cts

iff $f \circ \pi$ is cts:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & & \\ \pi \downarrow & \searrow f \circ \pi & \\ S & \xrightarrow{f} & Z \end{array}$$

Pf We first check that \mathcal{T}_{quo} satisfies the property.

(\Rightarrow) Suppose $f: (S, \mathcal{T}_{quo}) \rightarrow Z$ is cts. For $U \in \mathcal{Z}$ open, we have $(f\pi)^{-1}U = \pi^{-1}(f^{-1}U)$. Since f is cts, $f^{-1}U$ is open, so $\pi^{-1}(f^{-1}U)$ open (by continuity of π).

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $f\pi$ is cts. Then for $U \in \mathcal{Z}$ open, $(f\pi)^{-1}U = \pi^{-1}(f^{-1}U)$ is open in X . By the defn of \mathcal{T}_{quo} , this means $f^{-1}U$ open, so f cts.

Now suppose that \mathcal{T} is some other top satisfying the property. WTS $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}_{quo}$.

Consider $f = id_S: (S, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (S, \mathcal{T}_{quo})$. Then f is cts iff $\pi: X \rightarrow (S, \mathcal{T}_{quo})$ is cts; π is cts, so f is cts, whence $\mathcal{T}_{quo} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$.

Similarly, continuity of $id_S: (S, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (S, \mathcal{T})$ implies $\pi: X \rightarrow (S, \mathcal{T})$ cts. The first char'n then gives $\mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{T}_{quo}$, so $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}_{quo}$. □

Note Univ prop tells us that every cts map $S \rightarrow Z$ "arises from" a cts map $X \rightarrow Z$ which is constant on the fibers of π .

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{i.e. } \pi^{-1}\{s\}}$

Defn Call a cts fn $f: X \rightarrow Y$ a **quotient map** when the top on Y equals the quotient top on Y rel to f .

E.g. • $\pi: [0, 1] \rightarrow S^1$
 $t \mapsto (\cos(2\pi t), \sin(2\pi t))$ is a quotient map.

Thus cts fns $S^1 \rightarrow Z$ may be identified with cts $\gamma: [0, 1] \rightarrow Z$ s.t. $\gamma(0) = \gamma(1)$.

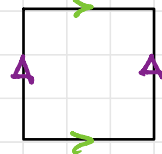
• Consider equiv rel'n \sim on $\mathbb{R}^{n+1} - \{0\}$ given by $x \sim \lambda x$ for $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^x$. Then **projective space**

$$\mathbb{RP}^n = (\mathbb{R}^{n+1} - \{0\}) / \sim \quad \text{space of lines through } 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$$

i) the space of lines through 0 in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} .

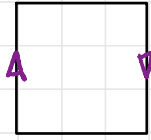
• "Identification spaces" are quotient spaces:

torus $T = I^2 / \begin{matrix} (x, 0) \sim (x, 1) \\ (0, y) \sim (1, y) \end{matrix}$

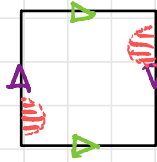


$I = [0, 1]$

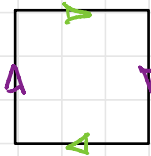
Möbius band



Klein bottle



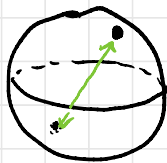
\mathbb{RP}^2



Why is this homeomorphic to $\mathbb{R}^3 - \{0\} / x \sim \lambda x$?

$$S^2 / x \sim -x \cong \mathbb{RP}^2$$

$$\left\{ \frac{x}{|x|}, \frac{-x}{|x|} \right\} \longleftarrow [x]$$



Unique representatives of equiv classes in upper hemisphere except along the equator.

$$\text{So } \mathbb{RP}^2 \cong D^2 / x \sim -x \text{ for } x \in \partial D^2$$



"Smooch" into a square and you get

