

UNIT-IV

Connected Spaces

Defn:

Let X be a topological space. A separation of X is a pair U, V of disjoint non-empty open subsets of X whose union is X .

Defn:

The space X is said to be connected if there does not exist a separation of X .

Lemma: 23.1

If Y is a subspace of X , a separation of Y is a pair of disjoint non-empty sets A & B , whose union is Y , neither of which contains a limit point of the other. The space Y is connected if there exists no separation of Y .

Proof:

Let A & B form a separation of Y .

Then A is both open & closed in Y .

Since A is closed in Y , $A = \bar{A} \cap Y$ where \bar{A} is the closure of A in X .

Now, $A \cap B = (\bar{A} \cap Y) \cap B$

$$= \bar{A} \cap (Y \cap B)$$

$$\bar{A} \cap B = \emptyset$$

Since \bar{A} contains all the limit points of A , we see that B contains no limit points of A .

Similarly, we can prove that A contains no limit points of B .

For, B is closed in Y , $B = \bar{B} \cap Y$ where \bar{B} is the closure of B in X .

$$A \cap B = A \cap (\bar{B} \cap Y)$$

$$= (A \cap Y) \cap \bar{B}$$

$$= A \cap \bar{B}$$

$$\Rightarrow A \cap B = \emptyset$$

$\therefore \bar{B}$ contains all the limit points of B .

We see that A contains no limit points of B .

Conversely,

Suppose A & B are non-empty disjoint sets whose union is Y, neither of which contains a limit points of the other.

Then $\bar{A} \cap B = \emptyset$ & $A \cap \bar{B} = \emptyset$

Now, $\bar{A} \cap Y = \bar{A} \cap (A \cup B)$

$$= (\bar{A} \cap A) \cup (\bar{A} \cap B)$$

$$= A \cup \emptyset$$

$$\bar{A} \cap Y = A \quad [\because A \subset \bar{A} \Rightarrow A \cap \bar{A} = A]$$

$\therefore A$ is closed in Y.

Similarly, $\bar{B} \cap Y = \bar{B} \cap (A \cup B)$

$$= (\bar{B} \cap A) \cup (\bar{B} \cap B)$$

$$\bar{B} \cap Y = B \quad [\because A \neq \emptyset, B \neq \emptyset, Y = A \cup B \text{ and } A \cap B = \emptyset]$$

Also $A = Y - B$ & $B = Y - A$

A & B are open in Y.

A & B form a separation of Y.

Lemma: 23.2

If these sets C and D form a separation of X, and if Y is a connected subspace of X then Y lies entirely within either C or D.

Proof:

Let the sets D and C form a separation of X.

Since C and D are both open in X.

$C \cap Y$ and $D \cap Y$ are both open in Y.

Also, they are disjoint and their union is Y.

Since, $(C \cap Y) \cup (D \cap Y) = (C \cup D) \cap Y$

$$= X \cap Y$$

$$= Y$$

$$(C \cap Y) \cap (D \cap Y) = (C \cap D) \cap Y$$

$$= \emptyset \cap Y$$

$$= \emptyset$$

If both of them non empty, they form a separation of Y.

Since Y is connected, either $C \cap Y = \emptyset$ or $D \cap Y = \emptyset$

If $C \cap Y = \emptyset$, then $Y \subset D$

If $D \cap Y = \emptyset$, then $Y \subset C$

Hence $Y \subset C$ or $Y \subset D$

Theorem: 23.3

The union of a collection of connected subspaces of X that have a point in common is connected.

Proof:

Let A_α be a collection of connected subspaces of a space X .

Let $Y = \cup A_\alpha$

Let them have a point in common.

$\therefore P \in \cap A_\alpha$ (say)

$\therefore P \in A_\alpha$, for each α

Claim: Y is connected.

Suppose Y is not connected.

Then $Y = C \cup D$, form a separation of Y .

$C \neq \emptyset$, $D \neq \emptyset$, $C \cap D = \emptyset$

Now, $P \in Y = C \cup D$

$\therefore P \in C$ (or) $P \in D$

Assume that $P \in C$

Since each A_α is a connected subset of Y , either $A_\alpha \subset C$ (or) $A_\alpha \subset D$ (\because by lemma 23.2)

Since $P \in C$, A_α can not lie in D .

Hence $A_\alpha \subset C$, for each α .

$\therefore \cup A_\alpha \subset C$

ie) $Y \subset C$

Always $C \subset Y$

$\therefore Y = C$

$\therefore D = \emptyset$

Which is a $\Rightarrow D \neq \emptyset$

$\therefore Y = \cup A_\alpha$ is connected.

Theorem: 23.4

Let A be a connected subspace of X . If $A \subset B \subset \bar{A}$ then B is also connected.

Proof:

Let A be a connected subspace of X and Let $A \subset B \subset \bar{A}$

To Prove: B is connected.

Suppose B is not connected.

Then $B = C \cup D$ is a separation of B .

ie) ($C \cup D = B$, $C \neq \emptyset$, $D \neq \emptyset$, $C \cap D = \emptyset$)

Since A is a connected subspace of B , $A \subset C$ or $A \subset D$ [\because by lemma:23.2]

Suppose $A \subset C$

$$\therefore \bar{A} \subset \bar{C}$$

$$\therefore B \subset \bar{A} \subset \bar{C}$$

Since $\bar{C} \cap D = \emptyset$ and $C \cap \bar{D} = \emptyset$ (\because by lemma 23.1)

Since $\bar{C} \cap D = \emptyset$, we have $\bar{A} \cap D = \emptyset$ ($\because \bar{A} \subset \bar{C}$)

$$\therefore B \cap D = \emptyset \quad (\because B \subset \bar{A})$$

Hence $B \subset C$

$$\therefore D = \emptyset$$

Which is a $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$ to our assumption.

Hence B is connected.

Theorem: 23.5

The image of a connected space under a continuous map is connected. (or) continuous image of a connected space is connected. (or) P.T connectedness is a topological property.

Proof:

Let X, Y be a topological spaces.

Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be continuous map.

Suppose X is connected.

T.P $f(X)$ is connected.

Take $Z=f(X)$ and consider the subspace topology in Z .

consider the restricted map $g:X \rightarrow Z$ by $g(x)=f(x)$ for every $x \in X$.

Then g is a Surjective continuous map. [$\because f$ is a restricted by the range]

Suppose Z is not connected.

Then $Z = C \cup D$ is a separation of Z , where C & D are non-empty disjoint open subset in Z .

Now, $Z = f(X)$

$$X = f^{-1}(Z)$$

$$= g^{-1}(Z) = g^{-1}(C \cup D)$$

$$X = g^{-1}(C) \cup g^{-1}(D)$$

Since $g: X \rightarrow Z$ is continuous and C, D are open in Z .

Then $g^{-1}(C)$ & $g^{-1}(D)$ are open in X . [$\because f$ is continuous iff inverse image of the open set is open]

$$g^{-1}(C) \cap g^{-1}(D) = \emptyset \quad [\because g^{-1}(C) \cap g^{-1}(D) = g^{-1}(C \cap D) = g^{-1}(\emptyset) = \emptyset]$$

Since $g^{-1}(C)$ & $g^{-1}(D)$ form a separation of X , X is not connected.

$\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$ to X is connected.

Hence $Z = f(X)$ is connected.

\therefore continuous image of a connected space is connected.

Theorem: 23.6

A finite Cartesian product of connected space is connected.

Proof:

First we prove the theorem for the product of two connected space X and Y .

Claim: $X \times Y$ is connected.

Choose a base point $a \times b (X \times Y)$.

Consider the horizontal slice $X \times b$ being homeomorphic to X .

\therefore The horizontal slice $X \times b$ is connected.

Consider the vertical slice $x \times Y$ being homeomorphic to Y .

\therefore The vertical slice $x \times Y$ is connected.

As a result each T shaped space $T_x = (X \times b) \cup (x \times Y)$ is connected. (It is the union of two connected space that have a common point namely $X \times b$)

Now,

$$X \times Y = \cup_{x \in X} T_x$$

$\therefore \cup_{x \in X} T_x$ is connected since they have a common point $a \times b$.

$\therefore X \times Y$ is connected.

Next we shall prove that $X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n$ is connected, $i=1,2,3,\dots,n$

Now we prove the result by induction method when $n=2$, the result is already proved.

Let us assume that the result is true for $n-1$.

i.e $X_1 \times X_2 \times X_3 \times \dots \times X_{n-1}$ is connected.

Since $(X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_{n-1}) \times X_n$ is homeomorphic to $(X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_{n-1})$.

$\therefore X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n$ is connected.

Section: 26

Compact spaces

Definition

A collection A of subsets of a space X is said to cover X , or to be a covering of X , if the union of the elements of A is equal to X . It is called an open covering of X if its elements are open subsets of X .

Definition

A space X is said to be compact if every open covering A of X contains a finite subcollection that also covers X .

Lemma: 26.1

Let Y be a subspace of X . Then Y is compact iff every covering of Y by sets open in X contains a finite subcollection covering Y .

Proof:

Suppose Y is compact.

Let $A = \{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$ be an open covering for Y by sets open in X .

Since A_α is open in X for each, $A_\alpha \cap Y$ is open in Y .

Then $\{A_\alpha \cap Y\}_{\alpha \in J}$ is an open covering for Y by sets open in Y .

Since Y is compact, this open cover has a finite subcover $A_{\alpha_1} \cap Y, A_{\alpha_2} \cap Y, \dots, A_{\alpha_n} \cap Y$. (say)

Then the corresponding elements $A_{\alpha_1}, A_{\alpha_2}, \dots, A_{\alpha_n}$ of A covers Y .

Conversely,

Assume the condition

Claim: Y is compact.

Let $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$ be an open covering of Y by sets open in Y .

Now, $A'_\alpha = A_\alpha \cap Y$, where A_α is open in X .

Now, $\{A'_\alpha\}$ is a open cover for Y by sets open in X .

By our assumption,

This open cover has a finite subcover $A_{\alpha_1}, A_{\alpha_2}, \dots, A_{\alpha_m}$. (say)

Then the corresponding elements $A'_{\alpha_1}, A'_{\alpha_2}, \dots, A'_{\alpha_m}$ is a finite subsets for Y .

Hence Y is compact.

Theorem: 26.2

Every closed subspace of a compact space is compact.

Proof:

Let Y be a closed subspace of a compact space X .

Claim: Y is compact.

Let A be an open covering for Y by sets open in X .

Since Y is closed, $X-Y$ is open in X .

$\therefore \{A \cup \{X-Y\}\}$ is a open cover for X .

Since X is compact this open cover has a finite subcover.

If this finite subcollection contains the set $\{X-Y\}$ discard $\{X-Y\}$, otherwise leave the subcollection alone.

$$\{A_{\alpha_1} \cup (X-Y)\} \cup \{A_{\alpha_2} \cup (X-Y)\} \cup \dots \cup \{A_{\alpha_m} \cup (X-Y)\}$$

$$\downarrow (A_{\alpha_1}, A_{\alpha_2}, \dots, A_{\alpha_m}) \cup (X-Y)$$

The resulting collection is a finite subcollection of A that covers Y .

$\therefore Y$ is compact.

Theorem: 26.3

Every compact subspace of a Hausdorff space is closed.

Proof:

Let X be a Hausdorff space and let Y be a compact subspace of X .

i.e. To prove : $X - Y$ is open.

Let $x_0 \in X - Y$.

i.e. $x_0 \in X, x_0 \notin Y$

for each $y \in Y, x_0 \neq y$.

Since X is a Hausdorff space, then there exists neighbourhood U_y and V_y of x_0 and y respectively such that $U_y \cap V_y = \emptyset$ (1).

Let $\{V_y / y \in Y\}$ be an open covering for Y .

Since Y is compact, there exist a finite subcover $V_{y_1}, V_{y_2}, \dots, V_{y_n}$ whose union covers Y .

Let $V = V_{y_1} \cup V_{y_2} \cup \dots \cup V_{y_n}$.

Let $U_{y_1}, U_{y_2}, \dots, U_{y_n}$ be the corresponding neighbourhood of x_0 .

Let $U = U_{y_1} \cap U_{y_2} \cap \dots \cap U_{y_n}$.

Then U is a neighbourhood of x_0 .

Also V is an open set in Y .

Claim: $U \cap V = \emptyset$

Suppose $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$.

Choose $z \in U \cap V$.

$\therefore z \in U$ and $z \in V$.

Now, $z \in U \Rightarrow z \in U_{y_j}$ for all $j=1, 2, \dots, n$

$z \in V \Rightarrow z \in V_{y_j}$ for some j .

$\therefore z \in U_{y_j} \cap V_{y_j}$

$\therefore U_{y_j} \cap V_{y_j} \neq \emptyset$ which is a contradiction to (1).

$\therefore U \cap V = \emptyset$.

$\therefore U \subset X - Y$.

$\therefore X - Y$ is open.

Hence Y is closed.

THEOREM:26.5

The image of a compact space under a continuous map is compact.

Proof:

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be continuous.

Let X be compact.

Claim ; $f(X)$ is compact.

Let \mathcal{A} be an open covering of $f(X)$ by sets open in Y .

Since f is continuous, $\{ f^{-1}(A) / A \in \mathcal{A} \}$ is an open cover for X .

Since X is compact, this open cover has a finite subcover $f^{-1}(A_1), f^{-1}(A_2) \dots f^{-1}(A_n)$ (say) that covers X .

Then the sets A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n covers $f(X)$.

$\therefore f(X)$ is compact.

THEOREM : 26.6

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a bijective continuous function. If X is compact and Y is Hausdorff, then f is a homeomorphism.

Proof:

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a bijective continuous function.

T.P : f is a homeomorphism .

It is enough to prove that f^{-1} is continuous .

i.e) to prove that if A is closed in X , then $f^{-1}(A) = f(A)$ is closed in Y .

Let A be closed in X , X is compact (given) , A is compact in X .

Since f is continuous, $f(A)$ is compact in Y .

Since Y is hausdorff, $f(A)$ is closed in Y .

$\therefore f^{-1}$ is continuous.

Hence f is a homeomorphism.

LEMMA : 26.8

The tube lemma

Consider the product space $X \times Y$, where Y is compact. If N is an open set of $X \times Y$ containing the slice $x_0 \times y$ of $X \times Y$, then N contains some tube $W \times Y$ about $x_0 \times y$, where W is a nbd of x_0 in X .

Proof:

First let us cover $x_0 \times y$ by basis element $U \times V$ lying in N .

Since $x_0 \times y$ is homeomorphic to Y and Y is compact.

$\therefore x_0 \times y$ is compact.

We can cover $x_0 \times y$ by finitely many basis element (say) $U_1 \times V_1, U_2 \times V_2, \dots, U_n \times V_n$

Let $W = U_1 \cap U_2 \cap \dots \cap U_n$

Then W is a nbd of x_0 .

We claim the basis element $U_i \times V_i, i=1,2,\dots,n$ which covers $x_0 \times y$ also covers $W \times Y$

Let $x \times y \in W \times Y$

Consider the point $x_0 \times y$ of the slice $x_0 \times y$ having the same y coordinate that of $x \times y$.

Now, $x_0 \times y \in U_i \times V_i$ for some i .

$\therefore y \in V_i$ and $x \in U_j \forall j$.

$\therefore x \times y \in U_i \times V_i$ for some i .

$\therefore x \times y \in (U_1 \times V_1) \cup \dots \cup (U_n \times V_n)$

$\therefore W \times Y \subset (U_1 \times V_1) \cup \dots \cup (U_n \times V_n)$

Since each $U_i \times V_i$ lies in N , $(U_1 \times V_1) \cup (U_2 \times V_2) \cup \dots \cup (U_n \times V_n)$ contained in N .

$\therefore W \times Y$ contained in N .

THEOREM ; 26.7

The product of finitely many compact spaces is compact.

Proof:

We shall prove that the product of two compact spaces is compact.

Then the thm follows by induction for any finite product.

STEP : 1

State and prove tube lemma.

STEP : 2

Let X and Y be two compact spaces.

CLAIM : $X \rightarrow Y$ is compact.

Let \mathcal{A} be an open covering for $X \times Y$.

Choose any $x_0 \in X$ and fix it.

Consider $x_0 \times y$

Since $x_0 \times y$ is compact, there are finitely many members (say) A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m which cover $x_0 \times y$

Now define $N = A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_m$

Then N is an open set containing the slice $x_0 \times y$, there exist a neighbourhood W of x_0 such that $W \times Y \subset N$

\therefore For each $x \in X$, we can choose a neighbourhood W_x of x such that $W_x \times Y$ can be covered by finitely many elements of \mathcal{A} .

Consider the collection $\{W_x / x \in X\}$ be an open covering of X .

Since X is compact, there exists a finite subcollection W_1, W_2, \dots, W_n cover X .

$\therefore X = \cup_{i=1}^n W_i$

Now $X \times Y = (W_1 \times Y) \cup \dots \cup (W_n \times Y)$

$\therefore \mathcal{A}$ has finite subcollection that covers $X \times Y$.

Hence $X \times Y$ is compact.

STEP : 3

We prove that finite product of compact spaces is compact.

We have to prove the result by induction on n .

By step 2; The result is true for $n = 2$

Assume that the result is true for n .

We have to prove the result for $n+1$ ($X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n$) $\times X_{n+1}$ is compact.

\therefore The result is true for $n+1$.

Thus the finite product of compact space is compact.

Defn :

A collection \mathcal{G} of subsets of X is said to have the finite intersection property if for every finite subcollection $\{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n\}$ of \mathcal{G} , the intersection $C_1 \cap C_2 \cap \dots \cap C_n$ is non-empty.

THEOREM : 26.9

Let X be a topological space. Then X is compact iff for every collection \mathcal{G} of closed sets in X having the finite intersection property. The intersection $\bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{G}} C$ of all the elements of \mathcal{G} is non-empty.

Proof :

Given a collection \mathcal{A} of subsets of X .

Let $\mathcal{G} = \{X - A / A \in \mathcal{A}\}$ be the collection of their complements.

Then \mathcal{A} is a collection of open sets iff \mathcal{G} is a collection of closed sets.

Claim : 1

The collection \mathcal{A} covers X iff the intersection $\bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{G}} C$ of all the elements of \mathcal{G} is empty.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For, } \mathcal{A} \text{ covers } X &= \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A = X \\ &\Rightarrow (\bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A)^c = X^c \\ &= \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A^c = \emptyset \\ &= \bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{G}} C = \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

Claim : 2

The finite subcollection $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$ of \mathcal{A} covers X \Leftrightarrow the intersection of the corresponding elements $C_i = X - A_i$ of \mathcal{G} is empty.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For, } \{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\} \text{ covers } X &= \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = X \\ &\Rightarrow (\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i)^c = X^c \Rightarrow \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i^c = \emptyset \\ &\Rightarrow \bigcap_{i=1}^n C_i = \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

Suppose X is compact.

Let \mathcal{G} be a collection of closed sets having finite intersection property.

Claim : $\bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{G}} C \neq \emptyset$

On the contrary

Suppose $\bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{G}} C = \emptyset$

The collection $\mathcal{A} = \{X - C / C \in \mathcal{G}\}$ is an open covering of X .

Since X is compact, there is a finite subcollection $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$ of \mathcal{A} also covers X .

Then $C_1 \cap C_2 \cap \dots \cap C_n = \emptyset$

$\therefore \bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{G}} C = \emptyset$

Which is a contradiction to \mathcal{G} has the finite intersection property.

$\therefore \bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{G}} C \neq \emptyset$

Conversely,

Suppose $\bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{G}} C \neq \emptyset$ for every collection \mathcal{G} of closed sets having finite intersection property.

T.P: X is compact.

Let \mathcal{A} be an open covering of X .

$\mathcal{G} = \{X - A / A \in \mathcal{A}\}$ is the collection of closed sets s.t $\bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{G}} C = \emptyset$

Then \mathcal{G} cannot have the finite intersection property.

By claim 2, $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$ covers X .

Thus every open covering X contains a finite subcollection that also covers X .

Hence X is compact.