

## Chapter 4. Topology

### Topological Spaces and Bases

**4.1 Definition:** A **topology** on a set  $X$  is a set  $\mathcal{T}$  of subsets of  $X$  such that

- (1)  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$  and  $X \in \mathcal{T}$ ,
- (2) if  $\mathcal{S}$  is any subset of  $\mathcal{T}$  then  $\bigcup \mathcal{S} \in \mathcal{T}$ , and
- (3) if  $\mathcal{S}$  is any finite subset of  $\mathcal{T}$  then  $\bigcap \mathcal{S} \in \mathcal{T}$ .

A set  $X$  with a topology  $\mathcal{T}$  is called a **topological space**. When  $X$  is a topological space with topology  $\mathcal{T}$ , for a set  $A \subseteq X$ , we say that  $A$  is **open** (in  $X$ , with respect to  $\mathcal{T}$ ) when  $A \in \mathcal{T}$  and we say that  $A$  is **closed** (in  $X$ , with respect to  $\mathcal{T}$ ) when  $A^c = X \setminus A \in \mathcal{T}$ .

When  $X$  is a topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ , the **interior** of  $A$  (in  $X$ ), denoted by  $A^\circ$  or  $\text{Int}_X(A)$ , is the smallest open set contained in  $A$  (that is the union of the set of all open sets in  $X$  which are contained in  $A$ ) and the **closure** of  $A$  (in  $X$ ), denoted by  $\overline{A}$  or  $\text{Cl}_X(A)$ , is the largest closed set which contains  $A$  (that is the intersection of the set of all closed sets in  $X$  which contain  $A$ ).

When  $S$  and  $T$  are two topologies of  $X$ , we say that  $S$  is **coarser** than  $T$ , or that  $T$  is **finer** than  $S$ , when  $S \subseteq T$ . We say that  $S$  is **strictly coarser** than  $T$ , or that  $T$  is **strictly finer** than  $S$ , when  $S \not\subseteq T$ .

Recall (or verify) that the intersection of a nonempty set of topologies on  $X$  is also a topology on  $X$ . Because of this, when  $X$  is a set and  $\mathcal{S}$  is any set of subsets of  $X$ , there is a unique coarsest topology  $\mathcal{T}$  on  $X$  with  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$  (namely the intersection of the set of all topologies on  $X$  which contain  $\mathcal{S}$ ) which we call the topology on  $X$  **generated by**  $\mathcal{S}$ . As an exercise, you can verify that this topology is equal to the set of arbitrary unions of finite intersections of elements in  $\mathcal{S}$  (where an empty intersection is equal to  $X$  and an empty union is equal to  $\emptyset$ ).

A **basis** for a topology on a set  $X$  is a set  $\mathcal{B}$  of subsets of  $X$  such that

- (1)  $X = \bigcup \mathcal{B}$ , and
- (2) for all  $U, V \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $a \in U \cap V$ , there exists  $W \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $a \in W \subseteq U \cap V$ .

When  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for a topology on  $X$  and  $\mathcal{T}$  is the topology on  $X$  generated by  $\mathcal{B}$  (so the elements of  $\mathcal{B}$  are open in  $X$  with respect to  $\mathcal{T}$ ), we say that  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for the topology  $\mathcal{T}$ , and the elements in  $\mathcal{B}$  are called **basic open sets** in  $X$  (or in  $\mathcal{T}$ ).

**4.2 Theorem:** Let  $X$  be a set, let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a basis for a topology on  $X$ , and let  $\mathcal{T}$  be the topology generated by  $\mathcal{B}$  on  $X$ . Then for all  $A \subseteq X$  we have

- (1)  $A \in \mathcal{T}$  if and only if for every  $a \in A$  there exists  $U \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $a \in U \subseteq A$ , and
- (2)  $A \in \mathcal{T}$  if and only if  $A$  is a union of elements of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

Proof: Let  $\mathcal{S} = \left\{ A \subseteq X \mid \forall a \in A \exists U \in \mathcal{B} \ a \in U \subseteq A \right\}$ . We claim that  $\mathcal{S}$  is a topology on  $X$ . Note that  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{S}$  (vacuously) and  $X \in \mathcal{S}$  (because  $X = \bigcup \mathcal{B}$ , so given  $a \in X$  we can choose  $U \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $a \in U$ ). When  $\mathcal{R}$  is any subset of  $\mathcal{S}$ , given  $a \in \bigcup \mathcal{R}$  we can choose  $U \in \mathcal{R}$  with  $a \in U$  and then we have  $a \in U \in \mathcal{R}$  showing that  $\bigcup \mathcal{R} \in \mathcal{S}$ . It remains to show that  $\bigcap \mathcal{R} \in \mathcal{S}$  for every finite set  $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{S}$ . By induction, it suffices to show that for all  $A, B \in \mathcal{S}$  we have  $A \cap B \in \mathcal{S}$ . Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{S}$ . Let  $a \in A \cap B$ . Since  $a \in A$  and  $A \in \mathcal{S}$  we can choose  $U \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $a \in U \subseteq A$ . Since  $a \in B$  and  $B \in \mathcal{S}$ , we can choose  $V \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $a \in V \subseteq B$ . Since  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis, we can choose  $W \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $a \in W \subseteq U \cap V$ . Then we have  $a \in W \subseteq U \cap V \subseteq A \cap B$ , and so  $A \cap B \in \mathcal{S}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{S}$  is a topology on  $X$ , as claimed.

We claim that for  $A \subseteq X$ , we have  $A \in \mathcal{S}$  if and only if  $A$  is a union of elements in  $\mathcal{B}$ . If  $A \in \mathcal{S}$  then for each  $a \in A$  we can choose  $U_a \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $a \in U_a \subseteq A$ , and then we have  $A = \bigcup_{a \in A} U_a$ , which is a union of elements of  $\mathcal{B}$ . If, on the other hand,  $A$  is a union of elements of  $\mathcal{B}$ , say  $A = \bigcup \mathcal{R}$  where  $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ , then given  $a \in A$  we can choose  $U \in \mathcal{R}$  such that  $a \in U$ , and then we have  $a \in U \subseteq A$ , showing that  $A \in \mathcal{S}$ .

Finally, we claim that  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{T}$ . Note that when  $U \in \mathcal{B}$  we have  $U \in \mathcal{S}$  (for the deep reason that when  $a \in U$  we have  $a \in U \subseteq U$ ). Since  $\mathcal{S}$  is a topology which contains  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{T}$  is the coarsest topology which contains  $\mathcal{B}$ , we have  $\mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{S}$ . Since every topology which contains  $\mathcal{B}$  also contains all possible unions of elements in  $\mathcal{B}$ , it follows that  $\mathcal{T}$  contains all such unions, and so  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$ . Thus we have  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{T}$ , as claimed, and we have proven both parts of the theorem.

**4.3 Example:** In a metric space  $X$ , the set  $\mathcal{B} = \{B(a, r) \mid a \in X, r > 0\}$  is a basis for the metric topology on  $X$ .

**4.4 Theorem:** Let  $X$  be a topological space with basis  $\mathcal{B}$ , and let  $A \subseteq X$ . Then for  $a \in X$  we have  $a \in \overline{A}$  if and only if  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$  for every  $U \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $a \in U$ .

Proof: For  $K \subseteq X$ ,  $K$  is closed with  $A \subseteq K$  if and only if  $K^c$  is open with  $A \cap K^c = \emptyset$ . Since  $A = \bigcap \{K \subseteq X \mid K \text{ is closed}, A \subseteq K\}$ , we have  $\overline{A}^c = \bigcup \{V \subseteq X \mid V \text{ is open}, A \cap V = \emptyset\}$ . Thus  $a \notin \overline{A}$  if and only if there exists an open set  $V \subseteq X$  with  $A \cap V = \emptyset$  such that  $a \in V$ . Equivalently,  $a \in \overline{A}$  if and only if for every open set  $V \subseteq X$  with  $a \in V$  we have  $A \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .

When  $a \in \overline{A}$  so that  $A \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for every open set  $V \subseteq X$  with  $a \in V$ , it is immediate that  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$  for every  $U \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $a \in U$ . Suppose that  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$  for every  $U \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $a \in U$ . Given an open set  $V \subseteq X$  with  $a \in V$ , we can choose a basic open set  $U \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $a \in U \subseteq V$  and then we have  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$  hence also  $A \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . Thus  $a \in \overline{A}$ , as required.

**4.5 Example:** When  $Y$  is a topological space with topology  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $X \subseteq Y$ , the **subspace topology** on  $X$  is the topology  $\mathcal{S} = \{V \cap X \mid V \in \mathcal{T}\}$ . Verify that a subset  $A \subseteq X$  is closed in  $X$  if and only if there exists a closed set  $B$  in  $Y$  such that  $A = B \cap X$ . Verify that if  $\mathcal{C}$  is a basis for the topology  $\mathcal{T}$  on  $Y$ , then  $\mathcal{B} = \{V \cap X \mid V \in \mathcal{C}\}$  is a basis for the subspace topology  $\mathcal{S}$  on  $X$ . Also, recall (or verify as an exercise) that in the case that  $Y$  is a metric space and  $\mathcal{T}$  is the metric topology on  $Y$ , the subspace topology on  $X$  is equal to the topology on  $X$  induced by the metric on  $X$  obtained by restricting the metric on  $Y$ .

**4.6 Example:** When  $X$  and  $Y$  are topological spaces with topologies  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\mathcal{T}$ , the **product topology** on  $X \times Y$  is the topology with basis  $\mathcal{E} = \{U \times V \mid U \in \mathcal{S}, V \in \mathcal{T}\}$ . Verify that  $\mathcal{E}$  is in fact a basis for a topology on  $X \times Y$ , and verify that when  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  are bases for the topologies on  $X$  and  $Y$ , the set  $\mathcal{D} = \{U \times V \mid U \in \mathcal{B}, V \in \mathcal{C}\}$  is another basis for the product topology on  $X \times Y$ . Also verify, as an exercise, that when  $A \subseteq X$  and  $B \subseteq Y$ , the subspace topology on  $A \times B$ , as a subspace of  $X \times Y$  using the product topology, is equal to the product topology on  $A \times B$  where  $A$  and  $B$  use the subspace topologies, as subspaces of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

**4.7 Example:** When  $X$  is a set and  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $X$ , recall that the **quotient** of  $X$  by  $\sim$  is the set of equivalence classes

$$X/\sim = \{[a] \mid a \in X\} \text{ where } [a] = \{x \in X \mid x \sim a\}$$

and the **quotient map**  $q : X \rightarrow X/\sim$  is the map given by  $q(a) = [a]$ . When  $X$  is a topological space with topology  $\mathcal{T}$ , the **quotient topology** on  $X/\sim$  is the topology

$$\mathcal{S} = \left\{ V \subseteq X/\sim \mid q^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{T} \right\} = \left\{ V \subseteq X/\sim \mid \bigcup V \in \mathcal{T} \right\}.$$

## Continuous Functions and Compact Sets

**4.8 Definition:** A topological space  $X$  is called **Hausdorff** when it has the property that for all  $a, b \in X$  with  $a \neq b$  there exist disjoint open sets  $U, V \subseteq X$  with  $a \in U$  and  $b \in V$ . Note that when  $X$  is Hausdorff and  $a \in X$ , the set  $\{a\}$  is closed.

**4.9 Example:** All metric spaces are Hausdorff because given  $a \neq b$  we can let  $r = d(a, b)$  and take  $U = B(a, \frac{r}{2})$  and  $V = B(b, \frac{r}{2})$ .

**4.10 Definition:** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces. A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called **continuous** when  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$  for every open set  $V \subseteq Y$ . Equivalently,  $f$  is continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(B)$  is closed in  $X$  for every closed set  $B \subseteq Y$ .

**4.11 Definition:** Let  $X$  be a topological space and let  $A \subseteq X$ . An **open cover** for  $A$  (in  $X$ ) is a set  $S$  of open sets in  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq \bigcup S$ . When  $S$  is an open cover for  $A$  in  $X$ , a **subcover** of  $S$  for  $A$  is a subset  $T \subseteq S$  such that  $A \subseteq \bigcup T$ . We say that  $A$  is **compact** (in  $X$ ) when every open cover for  $A$  has a finite subcover.

**4.12 Theorem:** Let  $A \subseteq X \subseteq Y$  where  $Y$  is a topological space. Then  $A$  is compact in  $X$  (where  $X$  uses the subspace topology inherited from  $Y$ ) if and only if  $A$  is compact in  $Y$ .

Proof: Suppose that  $A$  is compact in  $X$ . Let  $T$  be an open cover for  $A$  in  $Y$ . For each  $V \in T$ , let  $U_V = V \cap X$  and note that  $U_V$  is open in  $X$ , using the subspace topology. Since  $A \subseteq X$  and  $A \subseteq \bigcup_{V \in T} V$ , we also have  $A \subseteq \bigcup_{V \in T} (V \cap X) = \bigcup_{V \in T} U_V$ . Thus  $S = \{U_V \mid V \in T\}$  is an open cover for  $A$  in  $X$ . Since  $A$  is compact in  $X$  we can choose a finite subcover, say  $\{U_{V_1}, \dots, U_{V_n}\}$  of  $S$ , where each  $V_i \in T$ . Since  $A \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_{V_i} = \bigcup_{i=1}^n (V_i \cap X)$ , we also have  $A \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i$  and so  $\{V_1, \dots, V_n\}$  is a finite subcover of  $T$ .

Suppose, conversely, that  $A$  is compact in  $Y$ . Let  $S$  be an open cover for  $A$  in  $X$ . For each  $U \in S$ , since  $X$  is using the subspace topology we can choose an open set  $V_U$  in  $Y$  such that  $U = V_U \cap X$ . Then  $T = \{V_U \mid U \in S\}$  is an open cover of  $A$  in  $Y$ . Since  $A$  is compact in  $Y$  we can choose a finite subcover, say  $\{V_{U_1}, \dots, V_{U_n}\}$  of  $T$ , where each  $U_i \in S$ . Then we have  $A \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n (V_{U_i} \cap X) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i$  and so  $\{U_1, \dots, U_n\}$  is a finite subcover of  $S$ .

**4.13 Remark:** Let  $A \subseteq X$  where  $X$  is a topological space. By the above theorem, note that  $A$  is compact in  $X$  if and only if  $A$  is compact in itself. For this reason, we do not usually say that  $A$  is compact in  $X$ , we simply say that  $A$  is compact.

**4.14 Definition:** Let  $X$  be a topological space. We say that  $X$  has the **finite intersection property on closed sets** when for every set  $T$  of closed sets in  $X$ , if every finite subset of  $T$  has non-empty intersection, then  $T$  has non-empty intersection.

**4.15 Theorem:** Let  $X$  be a topological space. Then  $X$  is compact if and only if  $X$  has the finite intersection property on closed sets.

Proof: Suppose that  $X$  is compact. Let  $T$  be a set of closed sets in  $X$ . Suppose that  $T$  has empty intersection, that is suppose  $\bigcap_{A \in T} A = \emptyset$ . Then  $\bigcup_{A \in T} A^c = X$  so the set  $S = \{A^c \mid A \in T\}$  is an open cover for  $X$ . Since  $X$  is compact, we can choose a finite subcover, say  $\{A_1^c, \dots, A_n^c\}$  of  $S$  for  $X$ . Then we have  $A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n = \emptyset$ , showing that some finite subset of  $T$  has empty intersection.

Suppose, conversely, that  $X$  has the finite intersection property on closed sets. Let  $S$  be an open cover of  $X$ . Let  $T = \{U^c \mid U \in S\}$ . Since  $\bigcup S = X$  we have  $\bigcap T = (\bigcup S)^c = \emptyset$ . Since  $X$  has the finite intersection on closed sets, there exists a finite subset of  $T$  with empty intersection. so we can choose  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n \in S$  such that  $U_1^c \cap \dots \cap U_n^c = \emptyset$ . It follows that  $U_1 \cup \dots \cup U_n = X$ , so  $S$  has a finite subcover.

**4.16 Theorem:** *Every closed subspace of a compact space is compact.*

Proof: Suppose that  $X$  is compact and  $A \subseteq X$  is closed. Let  $S$  be an open cover for  $A$ . Then  $S \cup \{A^c\}$  is an open cover for  $X$ . Since  $X$  is compact, we can choose a finite subcover  $T$  of  $S \cup \{A^c\}$ . Note that  $T$  may or may not contain the set  $A^c$  but, in either case,  $T \setminus \{A^c\}$  is an open cover for  $A$  with  $T \setminus \{A^c\} \subseteq S$ , so that  $T \setminus \{A^c\}$  is a finite subcover of  $S$ .

**4.17 Theorem:** *Every compact subspace of a Hausdorff space is closed.*

Proof: Suppose  $X$  is Hausdorff and  $A \subseteq X$  is compact. Let  $b \in A^c = X \setminus A$ . For each  $a \in A$ , since  $X$  is Hausdorff we can choose disjoint open sets  $U_a, V_a \subseteq X$  with  $a \in U_a$  and  $b \in V_a$ . Since  $\mathcal{S} = \{U_a \mid a \in A\}$  is an open cover of  $A$ , and  $A$  is compact, we can choose a finite subcover of  $X$ , so we can choose  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A$  such that  $A \subseteq U_{a_1} \cup \dots \cup U_{a_n}$ . The sets  $U = U_{a_1} \cup \dots \cup U_{a_n}$  and  $V = V_{a_1} \cap \dots \cap V_{a_n}$  are disjoint open sets with  $A \subseteq U$  and  $b \in V$ . This shows that for every  $b \in A^c$  there is an open set  $V = V_b$  with  $b \in V_b \subseteq A^c$ . Thus  $A^c$  is open (it is the union of the open sets  $V_b$ ) and hence  $A$  is closed.

**4.18 Theorem:** *The image of a compact space under a continuous map is compact.*

Proof: Suppose that  $X$  is compact and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous. Let  $T$  be an open cover for  $f(X)$  in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is continuous, so that  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$  for each  $V \in T$ , the set  $S = \{f^{-1}(V) \mid V \in T\}$  is an open cover for  $X$ . Since  $X$  is compact, we can choose a finite subcover, say  $\{f^{-1}(V_1), f^{-1}(V_2), \dots, f^{-1}(V_n)\}$  of  $S$ , with each  $V_i \in T$ . Then the set  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n\}$  is a finite subcover of  $T$  for  $f(X)$ .

**4.19 Example:** Note that continuous maps do not necessarily send closed sets to closed sets. For example, the map  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \tan^{-1}(x)$  sends the closed set  $\mathbb{R}$  homeomorphically to the open interval  $(-1, 1)$ .

**4.20 Theorem:** *(The Extreme Value Theorem) A continuous map  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined on a compact space  $X$  attains its maximum and minimum values.*

Proof: Suppose  $X$  is compact and  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous. Since  $f(X)$  is compact, it is closed and bounded in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Since  $f(X)$  is bounded in  $\mathbb{R}$ , it follows that  $m = \inf f(X)$  and  $M = \sup f(X)$  are both finite real numbers, and since  $f(X)$  is closed in  $\mathbb{R}$  it follows that  $m \in f(X)$  and  $M \in f(X)$  so that we can choose  $a, b \in X$  such that  $f(a) = m = \inf f(X)$  and  $f(b) = M = \sup f(X)$ .

**4.21 Theorem:** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces with  $X$  compact and  $Y$  Hausdorff. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be continuous and bijective. Then  $f$  is a homeomorphism.*

Proof: Let  $g = f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$ . We need to prove that  $g$  is continuous. Let  $A \subseteq X$  be closed in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is compact and  $A \subseteq X$  is closed, it follows (from Theorem 4.12) that  $A$  is compact. Since the map  $f : A \rightarrow Y$  is continuous and  $A$  is compact, it follows (from Theorem 4.14) that  $f(A)$  is compact. Since  $f(A)$  is compact and  $Y$  is Hausdorff, it follows (from Theorem 4.13) that  $f(A)$  is closed. Since  $g = f^{-1}$  we have  $g^{-1}(A) = f(A)$ , which is closed. Since  $g^{-1}(A)$  is closed in  $Y$  for every closed set  $A$  in  $X$ , it follows (by taking complements) that  $g^{-1}(U)$  is open in  $Y$  for every open set  $U$  in  $X$ . Thus  $g$  is continuous.

**4.22 Example:** In the above theorem, the requirement that  $X$  is compact is necessary. For example, if  $X$  is the interval  $X = [0, 2\pi)$  and  $Y$  is the unit circle  $Y = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \|z\| = 1\}$ , then the map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  given by  $f(t) = e^{it}$  is continuous and bijective, but the inverse map is not continuous at 1.

## Urysohn's Lemma and The Tietze Extension Theorem

**4.23 Definition:** A topological space  $X$  is called **normal** when all one-point sets are closed in  $X$ , and for all disjoint closed sets  $A, B \subseteq X$  there exist disjoint open sets  $U, V \subseteq X$  with  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ .

**4.24 Example:** Recall (or verify) that all metric spaces are normal.

**4.25 Theorem:** (Urysohn's Lemma) Let  $X$  be a normal topological space. For any disjoint closed sets  $A, B \subseteq X$  there exists a continuous map  $f : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  with  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in A$  and  $f(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in B$ .

Proof: Let  $A, B \subseteq X$  be closed. Say  $[0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q} = \{a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots\}$  where the terms  $a_k$  are distinct with  $a_0 = 0$  and  $a_1 = 1$ . Choose disjoint open sets  $U_0, V_0 \subseteq X$  with  $A \subseteq U_0$  and  $B \subseteq V_0$ . Note that

$$U_0 \cap V_0 = \emptyset \implies U_0 \subseteq V_0^c \implies \overline{U}_0 \subseteq V_0^c \implies \overline{U}_0 \subseteq B^c.$$

Let  $U_1 = B^c$  so that  $A \subseteq U_0 \subseteq \overline{U}_0 \subseteq U_1 = B^c$ . Let  $n \geq 2$  and suppose, inductively, that we have defined open sets  $U_{a_0}, U_{a_1}, \dots, U_{a_{n-1}}$  such that when  $a_k < a_\ell$  we have  $\overline{U}_{a_k} \subseteq U_{a_\ell}$ . Define  $U_{a_n}$  as follows. Rearrange the terms in the set  $\{a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  in increasing order and say  $a_k < a_n < a_\ell$  are consecutive. Since  $\overline{U}_{a_k} \subseteq U_{a_\ell}$ , we have  $\overline{U}_{a_k} \cap U_{a_\ell}^c = \emptyset$ , so we can choose disjoint open sets  $U_{a_n}, V_{a_n} \subseteq X$  with  $\overline{U}_{a_k} \subseteq U_{a_n}$  and  $U_{a_\ell}^c \subseteq V_{a_n}$ , and then

$$U_{a_n} \cap V_{a_n} = \emptyset \implies U_{a_n} \subseteq V_{a_n}^c \implies \overline{U}_{a_n} \subseteq V_{a_n}^c \subseteq U_{a_\ell}.$$

Recursively, we have defined  $U_{a_n}$  for all  $n \geq 0$ , so we have defined  $U_r$  for all  $r \in [0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}$ . For  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$  with  $r < 0$  we define  $U_r = \emptyset$ , and for  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$  with  $r > 1$  we define  $U_r = X$ , and then we have defined  $U_r$  for all  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$  so that whenever  $r < s$  we have  $\overline{U}_r \subseteq U_s$ .

Define  $f : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by

$$f(x) = \inf \{r \in \mathbb{Q} \mid x \in U_r\}$$

Note that  $f$  does take values in  $[0, 1]$ : indeed for all  $x \in X$ , we have  $f(x) \geq 0$  because  $r < 0 \implies U_r = \emptyset \implies x \notin U_r$ , and we have  $f(x) \leq 1$  because  $r > 1 \implies U_r = X \implies x \in U_r$ . Also note that when  $x \in A$  we have  $x \in U_0$  so that  $f(x) = 0$  and when  $x \in B$  and  $r \leq 1$  we have  $U_r \subseteq U_1 = B^c$  so that  $x \notin U_r$ , and so  $f(x) = 1$ .

It remains to show that  $f$  is continuous. We shall show that the inverse image of every open interval is open. Let  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $c < d$ . Let  $a \in f^{-1}(c, d)$  so we have  $c < f(a) < d$ . Choose  $r, s \in \mathbb{Q}$  with  $c < r < f(a) < s < d$ . We claim that  $a \in U_s \setminus \overline{U}_r \subseteq f^{-1}(c, d)$ . First we make two observations: for  $x \in X$  and  $p \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,

- (1) if  $x \in \overline{U}_p$  then  $x \in U_r$  for all  $r > p$  and so  $f(x) \leq p$ , and
- (2) if  $x \notin U_p$  then  $x \notin U_r$  for any  $r \leq p$  and so  $f(x) \geq p$ .

Since  $r < f(a)$  it follows from the first observation that  $a \notin \overline{U}_r$ , and since  $f(a) < s$  it follows from the second observation that  $a \in U_s$ , and this shows that  $a \in U_s \setminus \overline{U}_r$ . On the other hand, when  $x \in U_s \setminus \overline{U}_r$ , since  $x \in U_s$  it follows from the first observation that  $f(x) \leq s$ , and since  $x \notin \overline{U}_r$  it follows from the second observation that  $f(x) \geq r$ , and so we have  $f(x) \in [r, s] \subseteq (c, d)$ . Thus we have  $a \in U_s \setminus \overline{U}_r \subseteq f^{-1}(c, d)$ , as claimed. Since  $U_s \setminus \overline{U}_r$  is open, we can choose a basic open set  $V$  with  $a \in V \subseteq U_s \setminus \overline{U}_r \subseteq f^{-1}(c, d)$ . Since for every  $a \in f^{-1}(c, d)$  there is a basic open set  $V$  with  $a \in V \subseteq f^{-1}(c, d)$ , it follows that  $f^{-1}(c, d)$  is open, so that  $f$  is continuous, as required.

**4.26 Theorem:** (The Tietze Extension Theorem) Let  $X$  be a normal topological space, let  $A \subseteq X$  be closed, and let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$ .

- (1) Every continuous map  $f: A \rightarrow [a, b]$  can be extended to a continuous map  $g: X \rightarrow [a, b]$ .
- (2) Every continuous map  $f: A \rightarrow (a, b)$  can be extended to a continuous map  $g: X \rightarrow (a, b)$ .

Proof: Note that since  $[a, b]$  is homeomorphic to the interval  $[-1, 1]$ , we may replace  $[a, b]$  by  $[-1, 1]$ . Suppose that  $f: A \rightarrow [-1, 1]$  is continuous.

We begin with an observation. If  $h: A \rightarrow [-r, r]$  is continuous, then  $h^{-1}([-r, -\frac{r}{3}])$  and  $h^{-1}([\frac{r}{3}, r])$  are disjoint closed sets in  $X$ , so by scaling and translating the map given by Urysohn's Lemma, we can construct a map  $g: X \rightarrow [-\frac{r}{3}, \frac{r}{3}]$  with  $g(x) = -\frac{r}{3}$  for all  $x \in h^{-1}([-r, -\frac{r}{3}])$  and  $g(x) = \frac{r}{3}$  for all  $x \in h^{-1}([\frac{r}{3}, r])$ . We then have  $|g(x)| \leq \frac{r}{3}$  for all  $x \in X$ , and we have  $|h(x) - g(x)| \leq \frac{2r}{3}$  for all  $x \in A$ .

Since  $f: A \rightarrow [-1, 1]$  is continuous, by the above observation we can construct a continuous map  $g_1: X \rightarrow [-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}]$  such that  $|f(x) - g_1(x)| \leq \frac{2}{3}$  for all  $x \in A$ . Since  $(f - g_1): A \rightarrow [-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}]$  is continuous, we can apply the above observation again to construct a continuous map  $g_2: X \rightarrow [-\frac{2}{9}, \frac{2}{9}]$  such that  $|f(x) - g_1(x) - g_2(x)| \leq \frac{4}{9}$  for all  $x \in A$ . Repeating this procedure, we construct maps  $g_k: X \rightarrow [-\frac{2^{k-1}}{3^k}, \frac{2^{k-1}}{3^k}]$  such that  $|f(x) - \sum_{k=1}^n g_k(x)| \leq \frac{2^n}{3^n}$  for all  $x \in A$ . Since  $|g_k(x)| \leq \frac{2^{k-1}}{3^k}$  for all  $x \in X$ , the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k$  converges uniformly on  $X$  by the Weierstrass M-Test. Define  $g(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Note that  $g$  is continuous by uniform convergence, note that for all  $x \in X$  we have  $|g(x)| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |g_k(x)| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}}{3^n} = 1$  so that  $g: X \rightarrow [-1, 1]$ , and note that for all  $x \in A$ , since  $|f(x) - \sum_{k=1}^n g_k(x)| \leq \frac{2^n}{3^n}$  we have  $f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k(x) = g(x)$ , and so  $g$  extends  $f$ . This completes the proof of Part 1.

To prove Part 2, suppose that  $f: A \rightarrow (a, b)$  is continuous. Note that  $f$  is also continuous as a map  $f: A \rightarrow [a, b]$  so, by Part 1, we can extend  $f$  to a continuous map  $h: X \rightarrow [a, b]$ . Let  $B = h^{-1}(a) \cup h^{-1}(b)$  and note that  $B$  is closed in  $X$  and  $B$  is disjoint from  $A$ . By Urysohn's Lemma, we can construct a continuous map  $k: X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  with  $k(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in B$  and  $k(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in A$ . Then  $g = kh: X \rightarrow (a, b)$  is continuous on  $X$  with  $g(x) = h(x) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in A$ .

## Infinite Products and Tychanoff's Theorem

**4.27 Definition:** Let  $(X_k)_{k \in K}$  be an indexed set of sets. The **cartesian product** of this indexed set is the set

$$\begin{aligned}\prod_{k \in K} X_k &= \left\{ a : K \rightarrow \bigcup_{k \in K} X_k \mid a(k) \in X_k \text{ for all } k \in K \right\} \\ &= \left\{ (a_k)_{k \in K} \mid a_k \in X_k \text{ for all } k \in K \right\}.\end{aligned}$$

For each  $\ell \in K$  we have the **projection map**  $p_\ell : \prod_{k \in K} X_k \rightarrow X_\ell$  given by  $p_\ell((a_k)_{k \in K}) = a_\ell$ .

When  $K = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  we write

$$(a_k)_{k \in K} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \text{ and } \prod_{k \in K} X_k = \prod_{k=1}^n X_k = X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n.$$

When  $K = \mathbf{Z}^+$  we write

$$(a_k)_{k \in K} = (a_k)_{k \geq 1} = (a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots) \text{ and } \prod_{k \in K} X_k = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} X_k = X_1 \times X_2 \times X_3 \times \dots.$$

When each  $X_k$  is a topological space with topology  $\mathcal{T}_k$ , the **box topology** on the cartesian product is the topology with basis

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \prod_{k \in K} U_k \mid U_k \in \mathcal{T}_k \right\}$$

and the **product topology** on the cartesian product is the topology with basis

$$\mathcal{P} = \left\{ \prod_{k \in K} U_k \mid U_k \in \mathcal{T}_k \text{ with } U_k = X_k \text{ for all but finitely many } k \in K \right\}.$$

Unless otherwise stated, we shall always assume that  $\prod_{k \in K} X_k$  is given the product topology.

Note that when the index set  $K$  is finite, the box and product topologies are the same, and when  $K$  is infinite, the box topology is finer than the product topology.

**4.28 Theorem:** Let  $X_k$  be a topological space and let  $A \subseteq X_k$  be a subspace for each  $k \in K$ , and let  $\prod_{k \in K} X_k$  be given the product topology.

(1) If each  $X_k$  is Hausdorff then so is  $\prod_{k \in K} X_k$ .

(2) On  $\prod_{k \in K} A_k \subseteq \prod_{k \in K} X_k$ , the product topology is equal to the subspace topology.

(3) We have  $\overline{\prod_{k \in K} A_k} = \prod_{k \in K} \overline{A_k}$ .

Analogous results hold when  $\prod_{k \in K} X_k$  and  $\prod_{k \in K} A_k$  are given the box topology.

Proof: The proof is left as an exercise.

**4.29 Theorem:** Let  $X_k$  be a topological space for each  $k \in K$ , and let  $\prod_{k \in K} X_k$  be given the product topology. For every topological space  $A$  and for every function  $f : A \rightarrow \prod_{k \in K} X_k$ ,  $f$  is continuous if and only if  $f_\ell : A \rightarrow X_k$  given by  $f_\ell(x) = f(x)_\ell$  is continuous for all  $\ell \in K$ .

Proof: For each  $\ell \in K$ , the projection map  $p_\ell : \prod_{k \in K} X_k \rightarrow X_\ell$  is continuous because when  $U \subseteq X_\ell$  is open,  $p_\ell^{-1}(U) = \{(x_k)_{k \in K} \mid x_\ell \in U\}$ , which is a basic open set in  $\prod_{k \in K} X_k$ . Thus if  $f$  is continuous then so is each component map  $f_\ell : A \rightarrow X_\ell$  because  $f_\ell = p_\ell \circ f$ .

Suppose that each component map  $f_\ell : A \rightarrow X_\ell$  is continuous. Note that since every open set in  $\prod_{k \in K} X_k$  is a union of basic open sets, in order to prove that  $f$  is continuous it suffices to prove that the inverse image of every basic open set is open. Let  $V$  be any basic open set in  $\prod_{k \in K} X_k$ , say  $V = \prod_{k \in K} U_k$  where each  $U_k \subseteq X_k$  is open with  $U_k = X_k$  for all but finitely many  $k \in K$ . Say  $U_k = X_k$  for all  $k \notin F$  where  $F$  is a finite subset of  $K$ . Then we have

$$f^{-1}(V) = \{a \in A \mid f(a)_\ell \in U_\ell \text{ for all } \ell \in F\} = \bigcap_{\ell \in F} f_\ell^{-1}(U_\ell)$$

which is open in  $A$ .

**4.30 Example:** When  $\mathbb{R}^\omega = \prod_{k=1}^\infty \mathbb{R}$  is given the box topology, and  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^\omega$  is given by  $f(t) = (t, t, t, \dots)$ , the component maps, given by  $f_\ell(t) = t$ , are all continuous, but the function  $f$  is not: indeed for the basic open set  $V = \prod_{k=1}^\infty (-\frac{1}{k}, \frac{1}{k})$ , we have  $f^{-1}(V) = \{0\}$ .

**4.31 Theorem:** (Tychanoff's Theorem) *The product of any indexed set of compact spaces is compact, using the product topology.*

Proof: Let  $X_k$  be compact for each  $k \in K$ . We shall prove that  $\prod X_k$  has the finite intersection property on closed sets. Let  $T$  be a set of closed sets in  $\prod X_k$  such that every finite subset of  $T$  has non-empty intersection. We need to show that  $\bigcap T \neq \emptyset$ . By Zorn's Lemma, we can choose a maximal set  $S$  of subsets of  $\prod X_k$  with  $T \subseteq S$  such that every finite subset of  $S$  has non-empty intersection (let  $\mathcal{R}$  be the set of all such sets  $S$  and note that for every chain  $\mathcal{C}$  in  $\mathcal{R}$  we have  $\bigcup \mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{R}$ ). Note that the maximality of  $S$  implies that  $S$  is closed under finite intersection (since if  $A_1, \dots, A_n \in S$  then every intersection of a finite subset of  $S \cup \{A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n\}$  is also an intersection of a finite subset of  $S$ ).

We shall show that  $\bigcap \{\overline{A} \mid A \in S\} \neq \emptyset$ , hence  $\bigcap T \neq \emptyset$  since if  $A \in T$  then  $A = \overline{A} \in S$ . Let  $k \in K$ . Note that finite subsets of  $\{p_k(A) \mid A \in S\}$  have non-empty intersection (because if  $A_1, \dots, A_n \in S$  then  $p_k(A_1) \cap \dots \cap p_k(A_n) = p_k(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n) \neq \emptyset$ ), and hence finite subsets of  $\{\overline{p_k(A)} \mid A \in S\}$  also have nonempty intersection. Since  $X_k$  is compact, so  $X_k$  has the finite intersection property on closed sets, it follows that  $\bigcap \{\overline{p_k(A)} \mid A \in S\} \neq \emptyset$ , so we can choose  $a_k \in X_k$  such that  $a_k \in \overline{p_k(A)}$  for every  $A \in S$ . We do this for each  $k \in K$ , that is for each  $k \in K$  we choose  $a_k \in X_k$  with  $a_k \in \overline{p_k(A)}$  for every  $A \in S$ , then we let  $a = (a_k)_{k \in K} \in \prod_{k \in K} X_k$ .

We claim that  $a \in \overline{A}$  for every  $A \in S$ . Let  $k \in K$ . Let  $U_k$  be an open set in  $X_k$  with  $a_k \in U_k$ . Then for every  $A \in S$ , we have  $a_k \in \overline{p_k(A)} \cap U_k$  so that  $\overline{p_k(A)} \cap U_k \neq \emptyset$  hence  $p_k(A) \cap U_k \neq \emptyset$  (if we had  $p_k(A) \cap U_k = \emptyset$  then  $p_k(A) \subseteq U_k^c$  hence  $\overline{p_k(A)} \subseteq U_k^c$  so that  $\overline{p_k(A)} \cap U_k = \emptyset$ ). For each  $A \in S$ , since  $p_k(A) \cap U_k \neq \emptyset$ , we can choose  $b \in A$  such that  $p_k(b) \in U_k$ , that is  $b \in p_k^{-1}(U_k)$ , and hence  $p_k^{-1}(U_k) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $S$  is closed under finite intersection and  $p_k^{-1}(U_k) \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for every  $A \in S$ , the maximality of  $S$  implies that  $p_k^{-1}(U_k) \in S$ . Let  $V$  be any basic open set in  $\prod X_k$  with  $a \in V$ , say  $V = \prod U_k$  where each  $U_k \subseteq X_k$  is open with  $a_k \in U_k$ , and with  $U_k = X_k$  for all  $k \in F$  where  $F$  is a finite subset of  $K$ . Since  $p_k^{-1}(U_k) \in S$  for every  $k \in K$  and  $S$  is closed under finite intersection, we have

$$V = \{(x_k)_{k \in K} \mid x_k \in U_k \text{ for all } k \in F\} = \bigcap_{k \in F} p_k^{-1}(U_k) \in S.$$

Since  $V \in S$  and every finite subset of  $S$  has non-empty intersection, we have  $A \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for all  $A \in S$ . Given  $A \in S$ , since  $A \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for every basic open set  $V$  in  $\prod X_k$  with  $a \in V$ , it follows that  $a \in \overline{A}$ . Thus  $a \in \overline{A}$  for all  $A \in S$ , so  $\bigcap \{\overline{A} \mid A \in S\} \neq \emptyset$ , as required.

## Nets

**4.32 Definition:** A **directed set** is a set  $K$  together with a binary relation  $\leq$  such that

- (1) for all  $a \in X$  we have  $a \leq a$ ,
- (2) for all  $a, b, c \in X$ , if  $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq c$  then  $a \leq c$ , and
- (3) for all  $a, b \in X$  there exists  $c \in X$  such that  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq c$ .

When  $a \leq b$  we also write  $b \geq a$ . A **net** in a topological space  $X$  is an indexed set  $(x_k)_{k \in K}$  in  $X$  whose index set  $K$  is a directed set. When  $(x_k)_{k \in K}$  is a net in  $X$  and  $a \in X$ , we say that  $(x_k)_{k \geq K}$  **converges** to  $a$  (in  $X$ ), and we write  $x_k \rightarrow a$  (in  $X$ ), when for every open set  $U \subseteq X$  with  $a \in U$  there exists  $m \in K$  such that for all  $k \in K$ , if  $k \geq m$  then  $x_k \in U$ .

**4.33 Theorem:** In a Hausdorff topological space, the limit of a convergent net is unique.

Proof: The proof is left as an exercise.

**4.34 Theorem:** Let  $X$  be a topological space, let  $A \subseteq X$ , and let  $a \in X$ . Then  $a \in \overline{A}$  if and only if there is a net  $(x_k)_{k \in K}$  in  $A$  with  $x_k \rightarrow a$  in  $X$ .

Proof: Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be any basis for the topology on  $X$  (for example, we could let  $\mathcal{B}$  be the topology on  $X$ ) and let  $\mathcal{B}_a = \{U \in \mathcal{B} \mid a \in U\}$  (the set of basic open neighbourhoods of  $a$ ).

Suppose that  $a \in \overline{A}$ . Note that, by Property 2 in the definition of a basis,  $\mathcal{B}_a$  is a directed set under reverse inclusion (that is  $U \leq V \iff V \subseteq U$ ). By Theorem 4.4, since  $a \in \overline{A}$  we have  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$  for every  $U \in \mathcal{B}_a$ , so we can choose an element  $x_U \in A \cap U$  for every  $U \in \mathcal{B}_a$  to obtain a net  $(x_U)_{U \in \mathcal{B}_a}$  in  $A$ . Then we have  $x_U \rightarrow a$  in  $X$  because for every open set  $W$  in  $X$  with  $a \in W$  we can choose a basic open set  $U \in \mathcal{B}_a$  with  $U \subseteq W$ , and then for all  $V \in \mathcal{B}_a$  with  $V \geq U$  we have  $x_V \in V \subseteq U \subseteq W$ .

Suppose, conversely, that there is a net  $(x_k)_{k \in K}$  in  $A$  with  $x_k \rightarrow a$  in  $X$ . Then for every basic open set  $U \in \mathcal{B}_a$  we can choose  $k \in K$  with  $x_k \in U$ , and so we have  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$ . Thus  $a \in \overline{A}$  by Theorem 4.4.

**4.35 Theorem:** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces, let  $A \subseteq X$ , and let  $f : A \subseteq X \rightarrow Y$ . Then  $f$  is continuous on  $A$  (using the subspace topology in  $X$ ) if and only if for every  $a \in A$  and every net  $(x_k)_{k \in K}$  in  $A$ , if  $x_k \rightarrow a$  in  $X$  then  $f(x_k) \rightarrow f(a)$  in  $Y$ .

Proof: Suppose  $f$  is continuous on  $A$ . Let  $a \in A$  and let  $(x_k)_{k \in K}$  be a net in  $A$  with  $x_k \rightarrow a$  in  $X$ . Let  $V \subseteq Y$  be open with  $f(a) \in V$ . Since  $f$  is continuous on  $A$ ,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $A$ . Choose an open set  $U \subseteq X$  such that  $f^{-1}(V) = U \cap A$ . Since  $x_k \rightarrow a$  in  $X$ , we can choose  $m \in K$  so that  $k \geq m \implies x_k \in U$ . Then when  $k \geq m$  we have  $x_k \in U \cap A = f^{-1}(V)$  so that  $f(x_k) \in V$ . This shows that  $f(x_k) \rightarrow f(a)$  in  $Y$ , as required.

Suppose, conversely, that  $f$  is not continuous on  $A$ . Choose an open set  $V \subseteq Y$  such that  $f^{-1}(V)$  is not open in  $A$ . Then the set  $B = A \setminus f^{-1}(V)$  is not closed in  $A$ , so we have

$$B \not\subseteq \text{Cl}_A(B) \subseteq \text{Cl}_X(B) = \overline{B}.$$

Choose an element  $a \in \text{Cl}_A(B) \setminus B$ . Since  $a \in \text{Cl}_A(B) \subseteq A$  and  $a \notin B = A \setminus f^{-1}(V)$ , we have  $a \in f^{-1}(V)$  so that  $f(a) \in V$ . Since  $a \in \overline{B}$ , by Theorem 4.34 we can choose a net  $(x_k)_{k \in K}$  in  $B$  with  $x_k \rightarrow a$  in  $X$ . Note that for each  $k \in K$ , since  $x_k \in B = A \setminus f^{-1}(V)$  we have  $x_k \notin f^{-1}(V)$  so that  $f(x_k) \notin V$ . Since  $V$  is open in  $Y$ , its complement  $V^c = Y \setminus V$  is closed in  $Y$  so that  $\overline{V^c} = V^c$  in  $Y$ . Since  $(f(x_k))_{k \in K}$  is a net in  $V^c$  and  $f(a) \notin V^c = \overline{V^c}$ , it follows from Theorem 4.34 that  $f(x_k) \not\rightarrow f(a)$  in  $Y$ .

## Strong and Weak Topologies and The Banach-Alaoglu Theorem

**4.36 Definition:** Let  $Y$  be a topological space and let  $(f_k)_{k \in K}$  be an indexed set of functions  $f_k : X_k \rightarrow Y$  where each  $X_k$  is a topological space. The **final topology** (or the **strong topology**) on  $Y$  (with respect to the indexed set  $(f_k)_{k \in K}$ ) is the finest topology on  $Y$  such that each of the functions  $f_k$  is continuous. A subset  $U \subseteq Y$  is open in the strong topology if and only if  $f_k^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X_k$  for every open set  $V \subseteq X$  and every  $k \in K$ .

**4.37 Example:** When  $X$  is a topological space and  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $X$  and  $q : X \rightarrow X/\sim$  is the quotient map given by  $q(a) = [a] = \{x \in X \mid x \sim a\}$ , the quotient topology on  $X/\sim$  is equal to the final topology with respect to the quotient map (so the indexed set of maps consists of a single map).

**4.38 Definition:** Let  $X$  be a topological space and let  $(f_k)_{k \in K}$  be an indexed set of functions  $f_k : X \rightarrow Y_k$  where each  $Y_k$  is a topological space. The **initial topology** (or the **weak topology**) on  $X$  (with respect to the indexed set  $(f_k)_{k \in K}$ ) is the coarsest topology on  $X$  such that each of the functions  $f_k$  is continuous, that is the topology on  $X$  generated by the set  $\{f_k^{-1}(U) \mid k \in K, U \in Y_k\}$ .

**4.39 Example:** When  $Y$  is a topological space and  $X \subseteq Y$ , the subspace topology on  $X$  is equal to the initial topology on  $X$  with respect to the inclusion map.

**4.40 Example:** When  $X_k$  is a topological space for each  $k \in K$ , the product topology on the cartesian product  $\prod_{j \in K} X_j$  is equal to the initial topology with respect to  $(p_k)_{k \geq K}$ , where  $p_k : \prod_{j \in K} X_j \rightarrow X_k$  is the projection map given by  $p_k(x) = x_k$ .

**4.41 Definition:** Let  $U$  be a normed linear space over  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ . The **weak topology** on  $U$  is the initial topology on  $U$  with respect to  $U^*$  (that is with respect to the indexed set  $(f)_{f \in U^*}$ ), that is the topology generated by the sets of the form  $f^{-1}(V)$  where  $f \in U^*$  and  $V$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{F}$ .

The **weak-star topology** (written as the **weak\*** topology) on  $U^*$  is the initial topology on  $U^*$  with respect to the indexed set  $(F_u)_{u \in U}$  where  $F_u \in U^{**}$  is given by  $F_u(f) = f(u)$ , that is the topology generated by the sets of the form  $F_u^{-1}(V) = \{f \in U^* \mid f(u) \in V\}$  where  $u \in U$  and  $V$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{F}$ .

**4.42 Theorem:** Let  $U$  be a normed linear space.

- (1) For every  $a \in U$  and every net  $(x_k)_{k \in K}$  in  $U$ , we have  $x_k \rightarrow a$  in  $U$  using the weak topology if and only if  $f(x_k) \rightarrow f(a)$  in  $\mathbb{F}$  for every  $f \in U^*$ .
- (2) For every  $g \in U^*$  and every net  $(f_k)_{k \in K}$  in  $U^*$ , we have  $f_k \rightarrow g$  in  $U^*$  using the weak\* topology if and only if  $f_k(x) \rightarrow g(x)$  in  $\mathbb{F}$  for every  $x \in U$ .

Proof: We prove Part 1 (the proof of Part 2 is similar). Let  $a \in U$  and let  $(x_k)_{k \in K}$  be a net in  $U$ , and suppose that  $x_k \rightarrow a$  in  $U$ , using the weak topology. For every  $f \in U^*$ , since  $x_k \rightarrow a$  in  $U$  using the weak topology, and since  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  is continuous when  $U$  is using the weak topology, it follows (from Theorem 4.35) that  $f(x_k) \rightarrow f(a)$  in  $\mathbb{F}$ . Suppose, conversely, that  $f(x_k) \rightarrow f(a)$  in  $\mathbb{F}$  for every  $f \in U^*$ . Let  $W \subseteq U$  be open in  $U$ , using the weak topology, with  $a \in W$ . Since the weak topology on  $U$  is generated by sets of the form  $f^{-1}(V)$  with  $f \in U^*$  and  $V$  open in  $\mathbb{F}$ , it follows that  $W$  is an arbitrary union of finite intersections of elements of this form. Since  $a \in W$ ,  $a$  is contained in a finite intersection of elements of this form, say  $a \in f_1^{-1}(V_1) \cap \dots \cap f_n^{-1}(V_n)$ . For each  $j$ , since  $f_j(x_k) \rightarrow f_j(a)$  in  $\mathbb{F}$  and  $a \in f_j^{-1}(V_j)$  so that  $f_j(a) \in V_j$ , we can choose  $m_j \in K$  so that  $k \geq m_j \implies f_j(x_k) \subseteq V_j \implies x_k \in f_j^{-1}(V_j)$ . We then choose  $m \in K$  with  $m \geq m_j$  for all  $j$ , and then  $k \geq m \implies x_k \in \bigcap f_j^{-1}(V_j) \subseteq W$ . Thus  $x_k \rightarrow a$  in  $U$ , as required.

**4.43 Remark:** Note that when  $U$  is an infinite-dimensional normed linear space, and  $U^*$  is an infinite dimensional Banach space using the operator norm, the closed unit ball  $\overline{B}_{U^*}(0, 1) = \{f \in U^* \mid \|f\| \leq 1\}$  is not compact in  $U^*$  by Riesz's Theorem (Theorem 3.8).

**4.44 Theorem:** (*The Banach-Alaoglu Theorem*) For a normed linear space  $U$ , the closed unit ball  $\overline{B}_{U^*}(0, 1) = \{f \in U^* \mid \|f\| \leq 1\}$  is compact in  $U^*$  using the weak\* topology.

Proof: Let  $B = \overline{B}_U(0, 1) = \{x \in U \mid \|x\| \leq 1\}$  and let  $B^* = \overline{B}_{U^*}(0, 1) = \{f \in U^* \mid \|f\| \leq 1\}$ . Let  $D = \overline{B}_{\mathbb{F}}(0, 1) = \{t \in \mathbb{F} \mid \|t\| \leq 1\}$  and let  $P = D^B = \prod_{u \in B} D$  using the product topology.

Let  $R : B^* \rightarrow P$  be the restriction map (an element  $f \in B^*$  is a linear map  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  with  $\|f\| \leq 1$ , and  $R(f)$  is the restriction of  $f$  to  $B$ , that is  $R(f)(x) = f(x)$  for  $x \in B$ ). Note that when  $f \in B^*$ , the restriction  $R(f)$  is in fact an element of  $P$  because when  $x \in B$  we have  $\|f\| \leq 1$  and  $\|x\| \leq 1$  so that  $|f(x)| \leq \|f\| \|x\| \leq 1$  hence  $R(f)(x) = f(x) \in D$ , and so  $R(f) : B \rightarrow D$  (and  $P = D^B$  is the set of all functions from  $B$  to  $D$ ).

Note that  $R$  is injective because given  $f, g \in B^*$ , if  $R(f) = R(g)$  then  $f(x) = g(x)$  for all  $x \in B$  (that is for all  $x \in U$  with  $\|x\| \leq 1$ ) and hence  $f(x) = g(x)$  for all  $x \in U$  (because  $f$  and  $g$  are linear) so that  $f = g$ .

We claim that  $R$  is continuous. Recall that a map from a topological space to a cartesian product (using the product topology) is continuous if and only if each of its component functions is continuous, so it suffice to show that  $R_u$  is continuous for all  $u \in B$ , where  $R_u : B^* \rightarrow D$  is given by  $R_u(f) = R(f)_u = R(f)(u) = f(u)$ . Let  $u \in B$ . To show that  $R_u : B^* \subseteq U^* \rightarrow D \subseteq \mathbb{F}$  is continuous, we shall use Theorem 4.35 (the characterization of continuity by nets). Let  $(f_k)_{k \in K}$  be a net in  $B^*$ , let  $g \in B^*$ , and suppose  $f_k \rightarrow g$  in  $B^*$  using the weak\* topology. Then we have  $f_k(x) \rightarrow g(x)$  in  $\mathbb{F}$  for all  $x \in U$ , and hence  $R_u(f_k) = f_k(u) \rightarrow g(u) = R_u(g)$  for all  $u \in B$ . Thus  $R_u$  is continuous.

We claim that  $R(B^*)$  is closed in  $P$ . Let  $p \in R(B^*)$ . We need to show that  $p \in R(B^*)$ . By Theorem 4.34 (the characterization of closure by nets) we can choose a net in  $R(B^*)$  which converges to  $p$  in  $P$ , so we can choose a net  $(f_k)_{k \in K}$  in  $B^*$  such that  $R(f_k) \rightarrow p$  in  $P$ . Since each coordinate projection on  $P$  is continuous, we have  $R(f_k)(u) \rightarrow p(u)$  in  $D$ , that is  $f_k(u) \rightarrow p(u)$  in  $D$ , for each  $u \in B$ . Since each  $f_k : U \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  is linear, it follows that the map  $p : B \rightarrow D \subseteq \mathbb{F}$  is locally linear, meaning that for all  $x, y \in U$  and all  $t \in \mathbb{F}$ , if  $x, y, x + y \in B$  then  $p(x + y) = p(x) + p(y)$  and if  $x, tx \in B$  then  $p(tx) = tx$ . Since  $p : B \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  is locally linear, we can extend  $p$  (uniquely) to a linear map  $g : U \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  (given  $x \in U$  we choose  $0 \neq r \in \mathbb{F}$  so that  $rx \in B$  and define  $g(x) = \frac{1}{r}g(rx)$ ). Since the restriction of  $g$  to  $B$  is equal to the map  $p$ , and  $p : B \rightarrow D$ , we have  $\|g\| \leq 1$  so that  $g \in B^*$ , and we have  $R(g) = p$  so that  $p \in R(B^*)$ , as required.

Since  $R : B^* \rightarrow P$  is injective, it gives a bijective map  $R : B^* \rightarrow R(B^*)$ . We claim that the inverse map  $R^{-1} : R(B^*) \rightarrow B^*$  is continuous. Let  $(q_k)_{k \in K}$  be a net in  $R(B^*)$  and let  $p \in R(B^*)$  with  $q_k \rightarrow p$  in  $R(B^*)$ . Let  $f_k = R^{-1}(q_k) \in B^*$  so that  $q_k = R(f_k)$ . Then we have  $R(f_k) \rightarrow p$  in  $R(B^*) \subseteq P$ . As above, we have  $f_k(u) \rightarrow p(u)$  for all  $u \in B$ , and  $p : B \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  extends (uniquely) to a linear map  $g : U \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ , and then  $g \in B^*$  and we have  $R(g) = p$  so that  $p = R^{-1}(g)$ . Since  $f_k, g : U \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  are linear and  $f_k(u) \rightarrow g(u)$  for all  $u \in B$ , it follows that  $f_k(x) \rightarrow g(x)$  for all  $x \in U$ . Since  $f_k, g \in B^* \subseteq U^*$  and  $f_k(x) \rightarrow g(x)$  for all  $x \in U$ , it follows that  $f_k \rightarrow g$  in  $U^*$  using the weak\* topology, that is  $R^{-1}(q_k) \rightarrow R^{-1}(p)$  in  $U^*$  using the weak\* topology. Thus  $R^{-1}$  is continuous, as claimed.

Since  $P$  is compact by Tychonoff's Theorem and  $R(B^*)$  is closed in  $P$ , it follows that  $R(B^*)$  is compact. Since  $R : B^* \rightarrow R(B^*)$  is a homeomorphism,  $B^*$  is also compact.

## Locally Convex Topological Vector Spaces

**4.45 Definition:** A **topological vector space** over  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$  is a vector space with a Hausdorff topology such that the product and sum maps  $p : \mathbb{F} \times U \rightarrow U$  and  $s : U \times U \rightarrow U$ , given by  $p(t, x) = tx$  and  $s(x, y) = x + y$ , are both continuous (where  $\mathbb{F} \times U$  and  $U \times U$  use the product topology). When  $U$  is a topological vector space, the **linear dual** of  $U$  and the **continuous dual** of  $U$  are the spaces

$$U^\# = \{f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{F} \mid f \text{ is linear}\},$$

$$U^* = \{f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{F} \mid f \text{ is linear and continuous}\}.$$

A topological vector space is said to be **locally convex** when its topology has a basis which consists of convex sets.

**4.46 Example:** When  $U$  is a normed linear space,  $U$ ,  $(U, \text{wk})$  and  $(U^*, \text{wk}^*)$  are locally convex topological vector spaces. The metric topology on  $U$  has a basis consisting of open balls, which are convex, and it is Hausdorff as are all metric spaces. The weak topology on  $U$  is generated by sets of the form  $f^{-1}(V)$  where  $f \in U^*$  and  $V$  is an open ball in  $\mathbb{F}$ , and these sets are convex. A basis for the weak topology is given by the set of finite intersections of such sets  $f^{-1}(V)$ , and all such finite intersections are convex. To see that the weak topology is Hausdorff, let  $u, v \in U$  with  $u \neq v$ . Define  $f : \text{Span}\{v - u\} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  by  $f(t(v - u)) = t$ . By the Hahn-Banach Theorem we can extend  $f$  to obtain a continuous linear map  $f \in U^*$  with  $f(v) - f(u) = f(v - u) = 1$ . Then the sets  $U = f^{-1}(B(f(u), \frac{1}{2}))$  and  $V = f^{-1}(B(f(v), \frac{1}{2}))$  are disjoint basic open sets in  $(U, \text{wk})$  with  $u \in U$  and  $v \in V$ . We leave it as an exercise to verify that  $(U^*, \text{wk}^*)$  is locally convex.

**4.47 Note:** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces and let  $a \in X$  and  $b \in Y$ . Using the product topology in  $X \times Y$ , the inclusion maps  $j : X \rightarrow X \times Y$  and  $k : Y \rightarrow X \times Y$  given by  $j(x) = (x, b)$  and  $k(y) = (a, y)$  are continuous.

Proof: We show that  $j$  is continuous (the proof that  $k$  is continuous is the same). Let  $V \subseteq X \times Y$  be open (in the product topology). For each  $p \in V$ , choose open sets  $I_p \subseteq X$  and  $J_p \subseteq Y$  such that  $p \in I_p \times J_p \subseteq V$ . Then  $V = \bigcup_{p \in V} I_p \times J_p$  so

$$j^{-1}(V) = \bigcup_{p \in V} j^{-1}(I_p \times J_p) = \bigcup_{p \in V} \{x \in X \mid x \in I_p, b \in J_p\} = \bigcup_{p \in V, b \in J_p} I_p$$

which is open in  $X$ , so  $j$  is continuous, as required.

**4.48 Note:** Let  $U$  be a topological vector space over  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ , let  $a \in U$  and let  $0 \neq r \in \mathbb{F}$ . The translation  $\tau_a : U \rightarrow U$  given by  $\tau_a(x) = x + a$  and the scaling  $\sigma_r : U \rightarrow U$  given by  $\sigma_r(x) = rx$  are homeomorphisms.

Proof: The translation  $\tau_a : U \rightarrow U$  is the composite  $\tau_a = s \circ j$ , where  $j : U \rightarrow \mathbb{F} \times U$  is the inclusion  $j(x) = (x, a)$  and  $s : U \times U \rightarrow U$  is the summation map  $s(x, y) = x + y$ , and so every translation  $\tau_a$  is continuous, and the inverse of the translation  $\tau_a$  is the translation  $\tau_{-a}$ , which is also continuous. Similarly, the scaling map  $\sigma_r : U \rightarrow U$  is the composite  $\sigma_r = p \circ k$  where  $k : U \rightarrow \mathbb{F} \times U$  is the inclusion  $k(x) = (r, x)$  and  $p : \mathbb{F} \times U \rightarrow U$  is the product map  $p(t, x) = tx$ , so every scaling map  $\sigma_r$  with  $r \in \mathbb{F}$  is continuous, and when  $r \neq 0$ ,  $\sigma_r$  is invertible and the inverse of  $\sigma_r$  is the scaling map  $\sigma_{1/r}$ , which is continuous.

**4.49 Note:** When  $U$  is a real topological vector space and  $A \subseteq U$ , we have  $A^o \subseteq \text{Core}(A)$ .

Proof: Let  $a \in A^o$  and choose an open set  $V$  in  $U$  with  $a \in V \subseteq A$ . Recall that  $a \in \text{Core}(A)$  when for every  $u \in U$  there exists  $r > 0$  such that  $a + tu \in A$  for all  $t \in (-r, r)$ . Let  $u \in U$ . Since the inclusion map  $j : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times U$  given by  $j(t) = (t, u)$  is continuous, and the product map  $p : \mathbb{R} \times U \rightarrow U$  given by  $p(t, x) = tx$  is continuous, the composite  $f = p \circ j : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow U$ , given by  $f(t) = tu$ , is continuous. Since the inclusion map  $k : U \rightarrow U \times U$  given by  $k(y) = (a, y)$  is continuous, and the summation map  $s : U \times U \rightarrow U$  given by  $s(x, y) = x + y$  is continuous, the composite  $g = s \circ k : U \rightarrow U$  given by  $g(u) = a + u$  is continuous. Thus the composite  $h = g \circ f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow U$  given by  $h(t) = a + tu$  is continuous. Since  $V \subseteq U$  is open and  $h$  is continuous,  $h^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Since  $g(0) = a \in V$  so that  $0 \in h^{-1}(V)$ , we can choose  $r > 0$  such that  $(-r, r) \subseteq h^{-1}(V)$ . Then we have  $a + tu = g(t) \in V \subseteq A$  for all  $t \in (-r, r)$ , and so  $a \in \text{Core}(A)$ , as required.

**4.50 Theorem:** (Hahn-Banach Separation Theorem for Real Topological Vector Spaces)  
Let  $U$  be a topological vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  and let  $\emptyset \neq A, B \subseteq U$  be disjoint convex subsets.

(1) If  $A$  is open then there exists  $0 \neq f \in U^*$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x) < c \leq f(y)$  for all  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$ .

(2) If  $U$  is locally convex and  $A$  is compact and  $B$  is closed then there exists  $0 \neq f \in U^*$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x) < c < f(y)$  for all  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$ .

Proof: To prove Part 1, suppose that  $A$  is open. As in the proof of the Hahn-Banach Separation Theorem (Theorem 3.20), let  $a \in A$ , let  $b \in B$  and let  $C = A - B - a + b$ . Note that  $C$  is convex (because sums of convex sets are convex) and  $C$  is open (because  $C$  is the union of the open sets  $A - y - a + b$  with  $y \in B$ ) and  $0 \in C$  and  $b - a \notin C$  (because  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint so that  $0 \notin A - B$ ). Note that  $0 \in C^o \subseteq \text{Core}(C)$  by the above note. Let  $p$  be the Minkowski functional of  $C$ , given by  $p(x) = \inf \{r > 0 \mid \frac{1}{r}x \in C\}$ , and recall that  $p(x) \leq 1$  for all  $x \in C$  and  $p(b - a) \geq 1$ . Let  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the linear map constructed in the proof of Theorem 3.20 with  $f(b - a) = p(b - a)$  and  $f(x) \leq p(x)$  for all  $x \in U$ , and recall that  $f(x) \leq f(y)$  for all  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$ . Let  $c = \sup \{f(x) \mid x \in A\}$  so that  $f(x) \leq c \leq f(y)$  for all  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$ .

We claim that the map  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous (so that  $f \in U^*$ ). Let  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be open. Let  $a \in f^{-1}(V)$ . Choose  $r > 0$  so that  $\overline{B}(f(a), r) \subseteq V$ . The set  $C \cap -C$  is open in  $U$  with  $0 \in C \cap -C$ . By translating and scaling, the set  $a + r(C \cap -C)$  is open in  $U$  with  $a \in a + r(C \cap -C)$ . For all  $x \in a + r(C \cap -C)$ , we have  $\frac{1}{r}(x - a) \in C \cap -C$ , so that  $\pm \frac{1}{r}(x - a) \in C$ , and hence  $\pm f\left(\frac{1}{r}(x - a)\right) = f\left(\pm \frac{1}{r}(x - a)\right) \leq p\left(\pm \frac{1}{r}(x - a)\right) \leq 1$  so that  $\left|\frac{1}{r}f(x - a)\right| \leq 1$ , and hence  $|f(x) - f(a)| \leq r$  so that  $f(x) \in \overline{B}(f(a), r) \subseteq V$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open, and hence  $f$  is continuous, as claimed.

We claim that since  $A$  is open and  $f \neq 0$  and  $f(x) \leq c$  for all  $x \in A$ , we must have  $f(x) < c$  for all  $x \in A$ . Suppose, for a contradiction, that  $x \in A$  with  $f(x) = c$ . Since  $f \neq 0$  we can choose  $u \in U$  so that  $f(u) \neq 0$  and, by replacing  $u$  by  $-u$  if necessary, we can choose  $u$  so that  $f(u) > 0$  (to be specific, we can choose  $u = b - a$  so that  $f(b - a) = p(b - a) \geq 1$ ). Since  $A$  is open, we have  $x \in A^o \subseteq \text{Core}(A)$  so we can choose  $r > 0$  so that  $x + tu \in A$  for all  $t \in (-r, r)$ . Then we have  $x + \frac{r}{2}u \in A$  and  $f\left(x + \frac{r}{2}u\right) = f(x) + \frac{r}{2}f(u) > f(x) = c$ , giving the desired contradiction. Thus  $f(x) < c$  for all  $x \in A$ , as claimed.

We remark that if  $B$  is also open, we have  $f(x) < c < f(y)$  for all  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$ .

To prove Part 2, suppose that  $U$  is locally convex and  $A$  is compact and  $B$  is closed. We claim that there exists an open convex set  $C$  with  $0 \in C$  such that  $A + C \subseteq B^c$ . For each  $a \in A$ , since  $B^c$  is open and  $U$  is locally convex we can choose an open convex set  $C_a$  with  $0 \in C_a$  such that  $a + 2C_a \subseteq B^c$ . The set  $\{a + C_a \mid a \in A\}$  is an open cover of  $A$ , which is compact, so we can choose  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$  so that  $A \subseteq \bigcup_{k=1}^n (a_k + C_{a_k})$ . Let  $C = \bigcap_{k=1}^n C_{a_k}$  and note that  $C$  is an open convex set with  $0 \in C$ . For each  $a \in A$  we can choose an index  $k$  such that  $a \in a_k + C_{a_k}$  and then we have  $a + C \in a_k + C_{a_k} + C \subseteq a_k + 2C_{a_k} \subseteq B^c$ . Since  $a + C \subseteq B^c$  for all  $a \in A$ , we have  $A + C \subseteq B^c$ , as required. Since  $A + C \cap B = \emptyset$  we have  $A + \frac{1}{2}C \cap B - \frac{1}{2}C = \emptyset$ . Since  $A + \frac{1}{2}C$  and  $B - \frac{1}{2}C$  are nonempty disjoint open convex sets, it follows from Part 1 (and the final remark at the end of its proof) that there exists  $0 \neq f \in U^*$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x) < c < f(y)$  for all  $x \in A + \frac{1}{2}C$ ,  $y \in B - \frac{1}{2}C$ , hence also for all  $x \in A$ ,  $y \in B$ .

**4.51 Theorem:** (The Hahn-Banach Separation Theorem for Topological Vector Spaces)  
Let  $U$  be a topological vector space over  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$  and let  $\emptyset \neq A, B \subseteq U$  be nonempty disjoint convex subsets.

- (1) If  $A$  is open then there exists  $0 \neq g \in U^*$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\operatorname{Re}(g(x)) < c \leq \operatorname{Re}(g(y))$  for all  $x \in A$ ,  $y \in B$ .
- (2) If  $U$  is locally convex and  $A$  is compact and  $B$  is closed then there exists  $0 \neq g \in U^*$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\operatorname{Re}(g(x)) < c < \operatorname{Re}(g(y))$  for all  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$

Proof: This follows immediately from the real version (Theorem 4.50) because given a continuous real-linear function  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  we can define  $g : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by  $g(x) = f(x) - i f(ix)$  and then  $g$  is a continuous complex-linear function with  $\operatorname{Re}(g(x)) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in U$ . We leave it as an easy exercise to verify that  $g$  is complex-linear, but let us explain why  $g$  is continuous. The map  $k : U \rightarrow U$  given by  $k(x) = -i f(ix)$  is continuous by Note 4.48 because it is the composite  $k = \sigma_{-i} \circ f \circ \sigma_i$  where  $\sigma_i$  and  $\sigma_{-i}$  are scaling maps. The map  $h : U \rightarrow U \times U$  given by  $h(x) = (f(x), k(x))$  is continuous by Theorem 4.29 (a function into a product space is continuous when its component maps are continuous). Our map  $g : U \rightarrow U$  given by  $g(x) = f(x) - i f(ix)$  is continuous because it is the composite  $g = s \circ h$  where  $s : U \times U \rightarrow U$  is the sum map  $s(x, y) = x + y$ .

## Reflexive Spaces

**4.52 Theorem:** Let  $U$  be a normed linear space. The map  $I : U \rightarrow U^{**}$  given by  $I(u)(f) = f(u)$  is a norm preserving (hence injective) linear map.

*Proof:* It is easy to see that  $I$  is linear. Let us show that  $I$  is norm-preserving. Let  $u \in U$ . For all  $f \in U^*$  with  $\|f\| \leq 1$  we have  $|I(u)(f)| = |f(u)| \leq \|f\| \|u\| \leq \|u\|$ , and it follows that  $\|I(u)\| \leq \|u\|$ . On the other hand, by Corollary 3.13 to the Heine-Banach Theorem, we can choose  $f \in U^*$  with  $\|f\| = 1$  such that  $f(u) = \|u\|$ , and then we have  $|I(u)(f)| = |f(u)| = \|u\|$ , and it follows that  $\|I(u)\| \geq \|u\|$ . Thus  $I$  preserves norm.

**4.53 Definition:** When  $U$  is a normed linear space, the injective norm-preserving linear map  $I : U \rightarrow U^{**}$  given by  $I(u)(f) = f(u)$  is called the **canonical map** from  $U$  to  $U^{**}$ . We say that  $U$  is **reflexive** when  $I$  is also surjective, so that  $I$  is a norm-preserving isomorphism from  $U$  to  $U^{**}$ .

**4.54 Example:** Here are a few examples.

(1) Every finite-dimensional normed linear space is reflexive. Indeed the canonical map  $I : U \rightarrow U^{**}$  is an injective linear map on finite-dimensional vector spaces, and we have  $\dim I(U) = \dim U = \dim U^* = \dim U^{**}$  so that  $I$  must be bijective.

(2) Every Hilbert space is reflexive. Indeed when  $H$  is a Hilbert space, by the Riesz Representation Theorem for Hilbert Spaces and the definition of the inner product on  $H^*$  (Theorem 2.41 and Definition 2.42) we have a bijective linear (or conjugate-linear) map  $\phi : H \rightarrow H^*$  given by  $\phi(u)(x) = \langle x, u \rangle$ , and a bijective linear (or conjugate-linear) map  $\psi : H^* \rightarrow H^{**}$  given by  $\psi(f)(g) = \langle f, g \rangle = \langle \phi^{-1}(g), \phi^{-1}(f) \rangle$ , and then the composite  $\psi\phi : H \rightarrow H^{**}$  is the bijective linear map given by

$$(\psi\phi)(u)(f) = \psi(\phi(u))(f) = \langle f, \phi(u) \rangle = \langle u, \phi^{-1}(f) \rangle = \phi(\phi^{-1}(f))(u) = f(u).$$

So the canonical map  $I$  is equal to the composite  $\psi\phi$ , which is bijective.

(3) For  $1 < p < \infty$ , the space  $\ell_p$  is reflexive. Indeed, given  $p$  with  $1 < p < \infty$ , let  $q$  be the conjugate of  $p$  so we have  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ . By the Riesz Representation Theorem for the  $\ell_p$  Spaces (Theorem 1.28), we have isomorphisms  $\phi : \ell_q \rightarrow \ell_p^*$  and  $\psi : \ell_p \rightarrow \ell_q^*$  given by

$$\phi(b)(a) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k b_k \quad \text{and} \quad \psi(a)(b) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k b_k$$

where  $a \in \ell_p$  and  $b \in \ell_q$ , and the isomorphism  $\phi^{-1} : \ell_p^* \rightarrow \ell_q$  gives the isomorphism  $(\phi^{-1})^T : \ell_q^* \rightarrow \ell_p^{**}$  given by  $(\phi^{-1})^T(g) = g \circ \phi$ . The composite  $(\phi^{-1})^T \psi : \ell_p \rightarrow \ell_p^{**}$  is a bijective linear map. For  $a \in \ell_p$  and  $f \in \ell_p^*$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((\phi^{-1})^T \psi)(a)(f) &= (\phi^{-1})^T(\psi(a))(f) = (\psi(a) \circ \phi^{-1})(f) = \psi(a)(\phi^{-1}(f)) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k (\phi^{-1}(f))_k = \phi(\phi^{-1}(f))(a) = f(a). \end{aligned}$$

So the canonical map  $I$  is equal to the composite  $(\phi^{-1})^T \psi$ , which is bijective.

(4)  $\ell_1$  is not reflexive. Indeed we know, from the Riesz Representation Theorem for the  $\ell_p$  spaces (Theorem 1.28), that  $\ell_1^* \cong \ell_\infty$  hence  $\ell_1^{**} \cong \ell_\infty^*$ . If we had  $\ell_1 \cong \ell_1^{**}$  then  $\ell_1^{**}$  would be separable (because  $\ell_1$  is separable) so  $\ell_\infty^*$  would be separable (because  $\ell_\infty^* \cong \ell_1^{**}$ ) and hence  $\ell_\infty$  would be separable by Corollary 3.15, but  $\ell_\infty$  is not separable.

**4.55 Theorem:** Let  $U$  be a locally convex space. Let  $I : U \rightarrow U^{**}$  be the canonical map.

- (1)  $(U, \text{wk})^* = U^*$ .
- (2)  $(U^*, \text{wk}^*)^* = I(U)$ .

Proof: To prove Part 1, let  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  be a linear map. If  $f \in U^*$  then  $f$  is continuous on  $(U, \text{wk})$  because the weak topology, by definition, is the coarsest topology on  $U$  for which every element  $f \in U^*$  is continuous. If  $f \in (U, \text{wk})^*$ , then for every open set  $V \subseteq \mathbb{F}$ , the set  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $(U, \text{wk})$ , so  $f^{-1}(V)$  is also open in  $U$  (using the norm topology, which is finer than the weak topology), and hence  $f$  is continuous on  $U$  (using the norm topology).

To prove Part 2, let  $\varphi : U^* \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  be a linear map. If  $\varphi = I(u)$  for some  $u \in U$ , then  $\varphi$  is continuous on  $(U^*, \text{wk}^*)$  because the weak\* topology, by definition, is the coarsest topology for which every map of the form  $I(u)$  with  $u \in U$  is continuous. Suppose  $\varphi \in (U^*, \text{wk}^*)^*$ . Then  $\varphi^{-1}(B(0, 1))$  is open in  $(U^*, \text{wk}^*)$ , and so  $\varphi^{-1}(B(0, 1))$  is an arbitrary union of finite intersections of sets of the form  $\{f \in U^* \mid f(u) \in V\}$  where  $u \in U$  and  $V \subseteq \mathbb{F}$  is open. In particular, the element  $0 \in U^*$  lies in one of those finite intersections, so we can choose elements  $u_1, \dots, u_n \in U$  and open sets  $V_1, \dots, V_n \subseteq \mathbb{F}$  (all containing 0) such that  $\bigcap_{k=1}^n \{f \in U^* \mid f(u_k) \subseteq V_k\} \subseteq \varphi^{-1}(B(0, 1))$ . Choosing  $r > 0$  small enough so that  $B(0, r) \subseteq V_k$  for every  $k$ , we have

$$\bigcap_{k=1}^n \{f \in U^* \mid |f(u_k)| < r\} \subseteq \varphi^{-1}(B(0, 1)).$$

Thus for all  $f \in U^*$ , if  $|f(u_k)| < r$  for all  $1 \leq k \leq n$  then  $|\varphi(f)| < 1$ . It follows that if  $f(u_k) = 0$  for all  $1 \leq k \leq n$  then  $\varphi(f) = 0$ : indeed if  $f(u_k) = 0$  for all  $k$  then for all  $n \in \mathbf{Z}^+$  we have  $|(nf)(u_k)| = 0$  so that  $|\varphi(nf)| < 1$  and hence  $|\varphi(f)| < \frac{1}{n}$ . Letting  $\varphi_k = I(u_k)$  so that  $\varphi_k(f) = f(u_k)$ , we have  $\bigcap_{k=1}^n \ker(\varphi_k) \subseteq \ker \varphi$ , and it follows from linear algebra that  $\varphi \in \text{Span}\{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n\}$ , say  $\varphi = \sum c_k \varphi_k$ . Then for all  $f \in U^*$  we have  $\varphi(f) = \sum c_k \varphi_k(f) = \sum c_k f(u_k) = f(\sum c_k u_k)$  and hence  $\varphi = I(u)$  where  $u = \sum c_k u_k$ .

**4.56 Theorem:** (Goldstine's Theorem) Let  $U$  be a normed linear space. Let  $I : U \rightarrow U^{**}$  be the canonical map. Then  $I(\overline{B}_U(0, 1))$  is dense in  $\overline{B}_{U^{**}}(0, 1)$  in the space  $(U^{**}, \text{wk}^*)$ .

Proof: Let  $B = \overline{B}_U(0, 1) \subseteq U$  and  $B^{**} = \overline{B}_{U^{**}}(0, 1) \subseteq U^{**}$ , and let  $\overline{I(B)}$  denote the closure of  $I(B)$  in  $(U^{**}, \text{wk}^*)$ . Let  $J : U^* \rightarrow U^{***}$  be the canonical map given by  $J(f)(\varphi) = \varphi(f)$  where  $f \in U^*$  and  $\varphi \in U^{**}$ . Suppose, for a contradiction, that  $B^{**} \setminus \overline{I(B)} \neq \emptyset$  and choose  $\varphi \in B^{**} \setminus \overline{I(B)}$ . Then  $\{\varphi\}$  and  $\overline{I(B)}$  are disjoint nonempty convex sets in  $(U^{**}, \text{wk}^*)$  with  $\{\varphi\}$  compact. By the Hahn-Banach Theorem for Topological Vector Spaces, applied to the locally convex space  $(U^{**}, \text{wk}^*)^* = J(U^*) \subseteq U^{***}$ , we can choose  $g \in U^*$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\text{Re}((Jg)(\psi)) < c < \text{Re}((Jg)(\varphi)) \quad \text{for all } \psi \in \overline{I(B)}.$$

This implies that  $\text{Re}(\psi(g)) < c < \text{Re}(\varphi(g))$  for all  $\psi = I(u) \in I(B)$ , that is

$$\text{Re}(g(u)) < c < \text{Re}(\varphi(g)) \quad \text{for all } u \in B.$$

In particular, since  $0 \in B$  we have  $0 = \text{Re}(g(0)) < c$ . Let  $h = \frac{1}{c}g \in U^*$ , so we have

$$\text{Re}(h(u)) < 1 < \text{Re}(\varphi(h)) \quad \text{for all } u \in B.$$

Given  $u \in B$  (that is given  $u \in U$  with  $\|u\| \leq 1$ ) we choose  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $h(u) = |h(u)|e^{i\theta}$  and then we have  $|h(u)| = \text{Re}(|h(u)|) = \text{Re}(e^{-i\theta}h(u)) = \text{Re}(h(e^{-i\theta}u)) < 1$ . This shows that  $\|h\| \leq 1$ . But then we have  $1 < \text{Re}(\varphi(h)) \leq |\varphi(h)| \leq \|\varphi\| \|h\| \leq 1$  which is impossible.

**4.57 Theorem:** Let  $U$  be a Banach space. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $U$  is reflexive.
- (2)  $U^*$  is reflexive.
- (3) The weak topology on  $U^*$  is equal to the weak\* topology on  $U^*$ .
- (4) The unit ball  $\overline{B}_U(0, 1) = \{x \in U \mid \|x\| \leq 1\}$  is compact in  $U$  using the weak topology.

Proof: Let  $B = \overline{B}_U(0, 1) \subseteq U$ ,  $B^* = \overline{B}_{U^*}(0, 1) \subseteq U^*$  and  $B^{**} = \overline{B}_{U^{**}}(0, 1) \subseteq U^{**}$ , and let  $I : U \rightarrow U^{**}$  be the canonical embedding given by  $I(u)(f) = f(u)$ .

To prove that (1)  $\implies$  (4), suppose that  $U$  is reflexive, that is suppose that  $I : U \rightarrow U^{**}$  is bijective. The weak topology in  $U$  is generated by sets of the form  $\{u \in U \mid f(u) \in V\}$  with  $f \in U^*$  and  $V \subseteq \mathbb{F}$  open, and the weak\* topology in  $U^{**}$  is generated by the sets of the form  $\{\varphi \in U^{**} \mid \varphi(f) \in V\}$  with  $f \in U^*$  and  $V \subseteq \mathbb{F}$  is open. Since every  $\varphi \in U^{**}$  is of the form  $\varphi = \varphi_u = I(u)$ , so  $\varphi_u(f) = f(u)$ , we have

$$\{\varphi \in U^{**} \mid \varphi(f) \in V\} = \{\varphi_u \in U^{**} \mid f(u) \in V\} = I(\{u \in U \mid f(u) \in V\})$$

and so the canonical map  $I : U \rightarrow U^{**}$  is a homeomorphism from  $(U, \text{wk})$  to  $(U^{**}, \text{wk}^*)$ . Also note that since  $I : U \rightarrow U^{**}$  is a norm-preserving isomorphism, we have  $IB = B^{**}$ . By the Banach-Alaoglu Theorem,  $IB = B^{**}$  is compact in  $(U^{**}, \text{wk}^*)$  and hence, since  $I : (U, \text{wk}) \rightarrow (U^{**}, \text{wk}^*)$  is a homeomorphism, it follows that  $B$  is compact in  $(U, \text{wk})$ .

To prove (4)  $\implies$  (1), suppose that  $B$  is compact in  $(U, \text{wk})$ . The open sets in  $(U^{**}, \text{wk}^*)$  are generated by sets of the form  $\{\varphi \in U^{**} \mid \varphi(f) \in V\}$  with  $f \in U^*$  and  $V \subseteq \mathbb{F}$  open. The open sets in the subspace  $I(U)$  (using the subspace topology) are generated by the sets of the form

$$\{\varphi \in U^{**} \mid \varphi(f) \in V\} \cap I(U) = \{\varphi_u \in U^{**} \mid f(u) \in V\} = I(\{u \in U \mid f(u) \in V\})$$

and so the canonical map  $I : U \rightarrow U^{**}$  is a homeomorphism from  $(U, \text{wk})$  to the image  $I(U) \subseteq (U^{**}, \text{wk}^*)$  using the subspace topology. Since  $B$  is compact in  $(U, \text{wk})$ ,  $I(B)$  is compact in  $I(U) \subseteq (U^{**}, \text{wk}^*)$  using the subspace topology, and hence  $I(B)$  is compact in  $(U^{**}, \text{wk}^*)$  (by Theorem 4.12), and hence closed in  $(U^{**}, \text{wk}^*)$  (by Theorem 4.17). Since  $I : U \rightarrow U^{**}$  is norm-preserving, we have  $I(B) \subseteq B^{**}$ . Since  $I(B) \subseteq B^{**}$  and  $I(B)$  is closed in  $(U^{**}, \text{wk}^*)$  and  $I(B)$  is dense in  $B^{**}$  in  $(U^{**}, \text{wk}^*)$  by Goldstine's Theorem, it follows that  $I(B) = B^{**}$ . Since  $I(B) = B^{**}$ , the map  $I$  is surjective: indeed given  $0 \neq \varphi \in U^{**}$  we have  $\frac{\varphi}{\|\varphi\|} \in B^{**}$  so we can choose  $u \in B$  such that  $I(u) = \frac{\varphi}{\|\varphi\|}$  and then we have  $I(\|\varphi\|u) = \varphi$ .

To prove (1)  $\implies$  (3), suppose  $U$  is reflexive. The weak topology on  $U^*$  is generated by the sets of the form  $\varphi^{-1}(V)$  with  $\varphi \in U^{**}$  and  $V \subseteq \mathbb{F}$  open, and the weak\* topology on  $U^*$  is generated by the sets  $\varphi_u^{-1}(V)$  with  $u \in U$  and  $V \subseteq \mathbb{F}$  open, and these are exactly the same generating sets because  $I$  is bijective so the elements  $\varphi \in U^{**}$  are the same as the elements  $\varphi_u$  with  $u \in U$ .

To prove that (3)  $\implies$  (2), suppose that  $(U^*, \text{wk}) = (U^*, \text{wk}^*)$ . By the Banach-Alaoglu Theorem,  $B^*$  is compact in  $(U^*, \text{wk}^*)$ , hence in  $(U^*, \text{wk})$ . By our proof that (4)  $\implies$  (1), it follows that  $U^*$  is reflexive.

To prove (2)  $\implies$  (1), suppose that  $U^*$  is reflexive. Since  $I : U \rightarrow U^{**}$  preserves norm, it preserves Cauchy sequences and limits in the norm topology, and so  $I(B) \subseteq B^{**}$  is closed in  $U^{**}$  (using the norm topology). Since  $I(B)$  is convex and closed in  $U^{**}$  (in the norm topology), it is closed in  $(U^{**}, \text{wk})$  by Question 2(c) on Assignment 4. Since  $U^*$  is reflexive, by our proof that (1)  $\implies$  (3) we have  $(U^{**}, \text{wk}) = (U^{**}, \text{wk}^*)$ , so  $I(B)$  is closed in  $(U^{**}, \text{wk}^*)$ . Since  $I(B) \subseteq B^{**}$ ,  $I(B)$  is closed in  $(U^{**}, \text{wk}^*)$  and  $I(B)$  is dense in  $B^{**}$  in  $(U^{**}, \text{wk}^*)$  by Goldstine's Theorem, we have  $I(B) = B^{**}$  hence  $I(U) = U^{**}$  (as above).