

Closed sets and limit points.

Closed sets :-

A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is said to be closed if the set  $X - A$  is open.

Ex :- In the plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , the set  $\{(x, y) | x \geq 0 \text{ and } y \geq 0\}$  is closed because its complement is the union of the two sets  $(-\infty, 0) \times \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{R} \times (-\infty, 0)$ , each of which is a product of open sets of  $\mathbb{R}$  and is therefore open in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Thm 17.1

Let  $X$  be a topological space. Then the following conditions hold:-

- $\emptyset$  and  $X$  are closed.
- An arbitrary intersection of closed sets are closed.
- Finite unions of closed sets are closed.

Proof :-

i)  $\emptyset$  and  $X$  are closed because they are the complements of the open sets  $X$  and  $\emptyset$ , respectively.

ii) Given a collection of closed sets  $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$ .

Apply De Morgan's law.

$$X - \bigcap_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha = \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} (X - A_\alpha)$$

$\therefore$  the sets  $X - A_\alpha$  are open by defn).

The right side of this equation represents an arbitrary union of open sets, and is thus open.

$\therefore \bigcap_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha$  is closed.

3)  $\text{if } A_i \text{ is closed for } i=1, 2, \dots n \text{ consider the equation}$

$$x - \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = \bigcap_{i=1}^n (x - A_i)$$

The set on the right side of this eqn. is a finite intersection of open sets and is therefore open.

Hence  $\bigcup A_i$  is closed.

Thm F.2

Let  $Y$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Then a set  $A$  is closed in  $Y$  iff it equals the intersection of a closed set of  $X$  with  $Y$ .

Assume that  $A = c \cap Y$ , where  $c$  is closed in  $X$ .

Then  $x - c$  is open in  $X$ , so that  $(x - c) \cap Y$  is open in  $Y$ , by defn. of the subspace topology.

$$\text{But } (x - c) \cap Y = Y - A.$$

Hence  $Y - A$  is open in  $Y$ , so that  $A$  is closed in  $Y$ .

Conversely,

Assume that  $A$  is closed in  $Y$ .

Then  $Y - A$  is open in  $Y$ . So that by defn. it equals the intersection of an open set  $U$  of  $X$  with  $Y$ .

The set  $x - U$  is closed in  $X$  and  $A = Y \cap (x - U)$ , so that  $A$  equals the intersection of a closed set of  $X$  with  $Y$ , as desired.

closure and interior of a set.

Given a subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$ , the interior of  $A$  is defined as the union of all open sets contained in  $A$ . and

The closure of  $A$  is defined as the intersection of all closed sets containing  $A$ .

The interior of  $A$  is denoted by  $\text{Int } A$  and the closure of  $A$  is denoted by  $\text{Cl } A$  (or) by  $\bar{A}$ .

Obviously  $\text{Int } A$  is an open set and  $\bar{A}$  is a closed set.

$$\text{Int } A \subset A \subset \bar{A}.$$

If  $A$  is open  $A = \text{Int } A$ ; while if  $A$  is closed  $A = \bar{A}$ .

Thm 17.4:

Let  $y$  be a subspace of  $x$ ; let  $A$  be a subset of  $y$ . Let  $\bar{A}$  denote the closure of  $A$  in  $x$ . Then the closure of  $A$  in  $y$  equals  $\bar{A} \cap y$ .

Proof:

Let  $B$  denote the closure of  $A$  in  $y$ .

The set  $\bar{A}$  is closed in  $x$ , so  $\bar{A} \cap y$  is closed in  $y$  by (Thm 17.2)

$\therefore \bar{A} \cap y$  contains  $A$ , and since by defn.  $B$  equals the intersection of all subsets of  $y$  containing  $A$ ,

we must have  $B \subset (\bar{A} \cap y)$ .

On other hand, we know that  $B$  is closed in  $y$ .

Hence by Thm 17.2,

$B = C \cap y$  for some set  $C$  closed in  $x$ . Then  $C$  is a closed set in  $x$  containing  $A$ ;

because  $\bar{A}$  is the intersection of all such closed sets.

We conclude that  $\bar{A} \subset C$ , then  $(\exists \text{ any } y) C(C(y)) = B$ .

Thm M.5

Let  $A$  be a subset of the topological space  $X$ .

- (a) Then  $x \in \bar{A}$  if and only if every open set  $U$  containing  $x$  intersects  $A$ .
- (b) Supposing the topology of  $X$  is given by a basis, then  $x \in \bar{A}$  if every basis element  $B$  containing  $x$  intersects  $A$ .

Proof:

Consider the statement in (a).

It is a statement of the form  $P \Rightarrow Q$ .

Let us transform each implication to its contrapositive,  
thereby obtaining the logically equivalent statement  $\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$   
 $(\neg P) \Leftrightarrow (\neg Q)$ .

It is the following.

$x \notin \bar{A} \Leftrightarrow$  there exists an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  that does not intersect  $A$ .

If  $x$  is not  $\bar{A}$ , the set  $U = x - \bar{A}$  is an open set containing  $x$  that does not intersect  $A$ , as desired.

Conversely,

if there exists an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  which does not intersect  $A$ , then  $x - U$  is a closed set containing  $A$ .

By defn. of the closure  $\bar{A}$ , the set  $x - U$  must contain  $\bar{A}$ :  
Therefore  $x$  cannot be in  $\bar{A}$ .

Statement (b) follows readily.

If every open set containing  $x$  intersects  $A$ , does every basis element  $B$  containing  $x$ , because  $B$  is an open set.  
Conversely,

if every basis element containing  $x$  intersects  $A$ , does every

open set  $U$  containing  $x$ , because  $U$  contains a basic element that contains  $x$ .

Limit points:-

If  $A$  is a subset of the topological space  $X$  and if  $x$  is a point of  $X$ , we say that  $x$  is a limit point (or "cluster point" or "point of accumulation") of  $A$  if every neighbourhood of  $x$  intersects  $A$  in some point other than  $x$  itself.

Said differently,  $x$  is a limit point of  $A$  if it belongs to the closure of  $A - \{x\}$ . The point  $x$  may lie in  $A$  or not.

Thm 17.6  
Let  $A$  be a subset of the topological space  $X$ ; let  $A'$  be the set of all limit points of  $A$ . Then  $\bar{A} = A \cup A'$ .

Proof:-

If  $x$  is in  $A'$ , every neighbourhood of  $x$  intersects  $A$ .

$\therefore$  by thm (17.5),  $x \in \bar{A}$ . Hence  $A' \subset \bar{A}$ .

$\therefore$  by defn-  $A \subset \bar{A}$  it follows that  $A \cup A' \subset \bar{A}$ .

To demonstrate the reverse inclusion,

we let  $x$  be a point of  $\bar{A}$  and show that  $x \in A \cup A'$ .

If  $x$  happens to lie in  $A$ , it is trivial that  $x \in A \cup A'$ ;

Suppose that  $x$  does not lie in  $A$ .

Since  $x \in \bar{A}$ , w.r.t every neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$  intersects  $A$ ; because  $x \notin A$ , the set  $U$  must intersect  $A'$ .

in a point different from  $x$ . Then  $x \in A$ , so that  
 $x \in \text{cl}(A)$ .

### Corollary 17.7:

A subset of a topological space is closed iff it contains all its limit points.

proof:

The set  $A$  is closed iff and only if  $A = \bar{A}$ , and the latter holds iff  $A \subseteq \text{cl}(A)$ .

Hausdorff Spaces:-



A topological space  $X$  is called a **Hausdorff space** iff for each pair  $x_1, x_2$  of distinct points of  $X$ , there exist neighbourhoods  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , respectively, that are disjoint.



### Theorem 17.8

Every finite point set in Hausdorff space  $X$  is closed.



proof:

It suffices to s.t every one-point set  $\{x_0\}$  is closed. If  $x$  is a point of  $X$  different from  $x_0$ , then  $x$  and  $x_0$  have disjoint neighbourhoods  $U$  and  $V$ , respectively,

since  $U$  does not intersect  $\{x_0\}$ , the point  $x$  cannot belong to the closure of the set  $\{x_0\}$ .

As a result, the closure of the set  $\{x_0\}$  is  $\{x_0\}$  itself, so that it is closed.

Thm 17.9

Let  $x$  be a space satisfying the  $T_1$  axiom; let  $A$  be a subset of  $x$ . Then the point  $x$  is a limit point of  $A$  if every neighbourhood of  $x$  contains infinitely many points of  $A$ .

Proof:

If every neighbourhood of  $x$  intersects  $A$  in infinitely many points, it certainly intersects  $A$  in some point other than  $x$  itself, so that  $x$  is a limit point of  $A$ .

Conversely,

Suppose that  $x$  is a limit point of  $A$ , and suppose some neighbourhood  $V$  of  $x$  intersects  $A$  in only finitely many points.

Then  $V$  also intersects  $A - \{x\}$  in finitely many points. Let  $\{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$  be the points of  $V \cap (A - \{x\})$ .

The set  $x - \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$  is an open set of  $x$ .

Since the finite point set  $\{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$  is closed then

$V \cap (x - \{x_1, \dots, x_m\})$ ,

is a neighbourhood of  $x$  that intersects the  $A - \{x\}$  not at all. This contradicts the assumption that  $x$  is a limit point of  $A$ .

Thm 17.10

## Continuity of a function:-

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces. A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be continuous if for each open subset  $V$  of  $Y$ , the set  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an open subset of  $X$ .

Recall that  $f^{-1}(V)$  is the set of all points  $x$  of  $X$  for which  $f(x) \in V$ ; it is empty if  $V$  does not intersect the image set  $f(X)$  of  $f$ .

Theorem 18.1

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces; let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ . Then the following are equivalent.

- ①  $f$  is continuous.
- ② For every subset  $A$  of  $X$ , one has  $f(\bar{A}) \subset \bar{f(A)}$ .
- ③ For every closed set  $B$  of  $Y$ , the set  $f^{-1}(B)$  is closed in  $X$ .
- ④ For each  $x \in X$  and each neighbourhood  $V$  of  $f(x)$ , there is a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ .

If the condition in ④ holds for the point  $x$  of  $X$ , we say that  $f$  is continuous at the point  $x$ .

Proof:

We show that  $\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \textcircled{3} \Rightarrow \textcircled{1}$  and that  $\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \textcircled{4} \Rightarrow \textcircled{1}$ .

$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \textcircled{2}$ .

Assume that  $f$  is continuous. Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . We show that if  $x \in \bar{A}$ , then  $f(x) \in \bar{f(A)}$ .

Let  $V$  be a neighbourhood of  $f(x)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an open set of  $X$  containing  $x$ ; it must intersect  $A$  in some point  $y$ .

Then  $V$  intersects  $f(A)$  in the point  $f(y)$ ,

so that  $f(x) \in \bar{f(A)}$ .

$\textcircled{3} \Rightarrow \textcircled{5}$ :

Let  $B$  be closed in  $Y$  and let  $A = f^{-1}(B)$ .

To P.T.  $A$  is closed in  $X$ .

As S.T.  $\bar{A} = \bar{A}$ . By elementary set theory,

we have  $f(A) = f(f^{-1}(B)) \subset B$ ,

$\therefore \forall x \in \bar{A}$ .

$$f(x) \in f(\bar{A}) \subset \bar{f(\bar{A})} \subset \bar{B} = B,$$

So that  $x \in f^{-1}(B) = A$ .

Thus  $\bar{A} \subset A$ , so that  $\bar{A} = A$ .

$\textcircled{3} \Rightarrow \textcircled{1}$ .

Let  $V$  be an open set of  $Y$ . Let  $B = Y - V$ .

$$\text{Then } f^{-1}(B) = f^{-1}(Y) - f^{-1}(V)$$

$$= X - f^{-1}(V).$$

Now,  $B$  is a closed set of  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is closed in  $X$  by hypothesis,

so that  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$ ,

$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \textcircled{4}$ .

Let  $x \in X$  and let  $V$  be a neighborhood of  $f(x)$ .

Then the set  $V = f^{-1}(V)$  is neighborhood of  $x$  such that  $f(V) \subset V$ .

$\textcircled{4} \Rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

Let  $V$  be an open set of  $Y$ . Let  $x$  be a point of  $f^{-1}(V)$ .

Then  $f(x) \in V$ , so that by hypothesis there is neighborhood  $V_x$  of  $x$  such that  $f(V_x) \subset V$ . Then  $V_x \subset f^{-1}(V)$ .

It follows that  $f^{-1}(V)$  can be written as the union of the open sets  $V_x$ , so that it is open.

## Homeomorphisms:

Let  $x$  and  $y$  be topological spaces : let  $f: x \rightarrow y$  be a bijection . If both the function  $f$  and the inverse function  $f^{-1}: y \rightarrow x$  are continuous , then  $f$  is called a homeomorphism .

### Remark :

S.T a homeomorphism  $f: x \rightarrow y$  gives us a bijective correspondence not only b/w  $x$  and  $y$  but between the collections of open set of  $x$  and of  $y$ .

### Result :

Any a ~~subset~~, any property of  $x$  that is entirely expressed in terms of the topology of  $x$  yields,

via the correspondence  $f$ , the corresponding property of the space  $y$ . Such a property of  $x$  is called a topological property of  $x$ .

### Defn:-

Now  $f: x \rightarrow y$  is an injective continuous map, where  $x$  and  $y$  are topological spaces .

Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  be the image set  $f(x)$ ,

considered as a subspace of  $y$ ; then the funcn.  $f': x \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  obtained by restricting the range of  $f$  is bijective.

If  $f'$  happens to be a homeomorphism of  $x$  with  $\mathbb{Z}$ , we say that the map  $f: x \rightarrow y$  is a topological imbedding or simply an imbedding of  $x$  in  $y$ .

## Rules for constructing continuous functions

Let  $x, y$ , and  $z$  be topological spaces.

- (a) (Constant func.) If  $f: x \rightarrow y$  maps all of  $x$  into the single point  $y_0$  of  $y$ , then  $f$  is continuous.
- (b) (Inclusion) If  $A$  is a subspace of  $x$ , the inclusion func.  $i: A \rightarrow x$  is continuous.
- (c) (composition) If  $f: x \rightarrow y$  and  $g: y \rightarrow z$  are continuous, then the map  $g \circ f: x \rightarrow z$  is continuous.
- (d) (Restricting the domain) If  $f: x \rightarrow y$  is continuous, and if  $A$  a subspace of  $x$ , then the restricted function  $f|A: A \rightarrow y$  is continuous.
- (e) (Restricting or expanding the range) Let  $f: x \rightarrow y$  be continuous. If  $z$  is a subspace of  $y$  containing the image set  $f(x)$ , then the function  $g: x \rightarrow z$  obtained by restricting the range of  $f$  is continuous. If  $z$  is a space having  $y$  as a subspace, then the function  $h: x \rightarrow z$  obtained by expanding the range of  $f$  is continuous.
- (f) (Local formulation of continuity) The map  $f: x \rightarrow y$  is continuous if  $x$  can be written as union of open sets  $U_a$  such that  $f|U_a$  is continuous for each  $a$ .

Proof: (a) Let  $f(x) = y_0$  for every  $x$  in  $X$ . Let  $V$  be open in  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  equals  $x$  or  $\emptyset$ , depending on whether  $V$  contains  $y_0$  or not. In either case, it is open in the subspace topology.

(b) If  $U$  is open in  $X$  then  $f^{-1} = U \cap A$ , which is open in  $A$  by definition of the subspace topology.

(c) If  $U$  is open in  $X$ , then  $f^{-1}(U) = U \cap A$ , which is open in  $A$  by definition of

(c) If  $U$  is open in  $X$  then  $g^{-1}(U)$  is open in  $Y$  and  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$  is open in  $X$  ~~open~~. But

$$f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(U).$$

by elementary set theory.

(d) The function  $f|A$  equals the composite of the inclusion map  $j: A \rightarrow X$  and the map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , both of which are continuous.

(e) Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be continuous. If  $f(x) \in z$ , we show that the function  $g: X \rightarrow Z$  obtained from  $f$  is continuous. Let  $B$  be open in  $Z$ .

Then  $B = Z \cap U$  for some open set  $U$  of  $Y$ .

Because  $z$  contains the entire image set  $f(X)$ ,

$$f^{-1}(U) = g^{-1}(B),$$

by elementary set theory; since  $f^{-1}(U)$  is open, so is  $g^{-1}(B)$ .

To show  $h: X \rightarrow Z$  is continuous if  $Z$  has  $Y$  as a subspace, note that  $h$  is the composite

of map  $f: x \rightarrow y$  and the inclusion map  $j: y \hookrightarrow z$ .

(i) By hypothesis, we can write  $x$  as a union of open sets  $u_\alpha$ , such that  $f|_{u_\alpha}$  is continuous for each  $\alpha$ . Let  $\cdot f: x \rightarrow z$  be continuous. Let  $B$  be open in  $z$ . Then  $B = z \cap v$  for some open set  $v$  of  $y$ . Because  $z$  contains the entire image set  $f(x)$ ,

$$f^{-1}(v) = g^{-1}(B)$$

because both expressive represent the sets of of those points  $x$  lying in  $u_\alpha$  for which  $f(x) \in v$ . Since  $f|_{u_\alpha}$  is continuous, this set is open in  $u_\alpha$  and hence open in  $x$ . But  $f(x) \in v$ . Since  $f|_{u_\alpha}$  is and hence open in  $x$ . But  $f(x)$

$$f^{-1}(v) \cap u_\alpha = (v \cap u_\alpha)$$

So that  $f^{-1}(v)$  is also open in  $x$ .

Thm 18.3 (The pasting lemma).

Let  $x = A \cup B$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are closed in  $x$ .

Let  $f: A \rightarrow y$  and  $g: B \rightarrow y$  be continuous. If  $f(x) = g(x)$  for every  $x \in A \cap B$ , then  $f$  and  $g$  combine to give a continuous function  $h: x \rightarrow y$  defined by letting  $h(x) = f(x)$  if  $x \in A$ , and  $h(x) = g(x)$  if  $x \in B$ .

proof

Let  $c$  be a closed subset of  $y$ .

Now

$$h^{-1}(c) = f^{-1}(c) \cup g^{-1}(c).$$

by elementary set theory.

Since  $f$  is continuous,  $f^{-1}(C)$  is closed in  $A$ , and therefore closed in  $X$ .

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$g^{-1}(C)$  is closed in  $B$  and  $\therefore$  closed in  $X$ .  
Their union  $h^{-1}(C)$  is thus closed in  $X$ .

Thm 18.4 (Maps into products)

Let  $f: A \rightarrow X \times Y$  be given by the equation  
 $f(a) = (f_1(a), f_2(a))$ .

Then  $f$  is continuous iff functions  $f_1: A \rightarrow X$  and  $f_2: A \rightarrow Y$  are continuous.

The maps  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are called the coordinate functions of  $f$ .

Proof-

Let  $\pi_1: X \times Y \rightarrow X$  and  $\pi_2: X \times Y \rightarrow Y$  be projection onto the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> factors, respectively,

These maps are continuous.

For  $\pi_1^{-1}(U) = U \times Y$  and  $\pi_2^{-1}(V) = X \times V$ , and these sets are open iff  $U$  and  $V$  are open. For each  $a \in A$ ,

$$f_1(a) = \pi_1(f(a)) \text{ and } f_2(a) = \pi_2(f(a))$$

If the func.  $f$  is continuous, then  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are composite of continuous func. and therefore continuous.

Conversely,

Suppose that  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are continuous.

We S.T. for each basis element  $U \times V$  for the topology of  $X \times Y$ , its inverse image  $f^{-1}(U \times V)$  is open.

A point  $a$  is in  $f^{-1}(U \times V)$  if and only if  $f(a) \in U \times V$   
that is iff  $f_1(a) \in U$  and  $f_2(a) \in V$ .

$$\therefore f^{-1}(U \times V) = f_1^{-1}(U) \cap f_2^{-1}(V).$$

Since both of the sets  $f_1^{-1}(U)$  and  $f_2^{-1}(V)$  are open, so  
is their intersection.

The Product Topology.

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Defn:-

Let  $J$  be an index set. Given a set  $\alpha$ , we define a  $J$ -tuple of elements of  $\alpha$  to be a function  $x : J \rightarrow \alpha$ . If  $\alpha$  is an element of  $J$ , we often denote the value of  $x$  at  $\alpha$  by  $x_\alpha$  rather than  $x(\alpha)$  we call it the  $\alpha$ th coordinate of  $x$ , and we often denote the function  $x$  itself by the symbol.

$$(x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in J},$$

vector which is as close as we can come to a "tuple notation" for an arbitrary index set  $J$ . we denote the set of all  $J$ -tuples of elements of  $\alpha$  by  $\alpha^J$ .

Defn:- Let  $(\alpha_\alpha)_{\alpha \in J}$  an indexed family of sets ; let  $\alpha = \cup_{\alpha \in J} \alpha_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in J$ .  
That is it is the set of all functions.

$$x : J \rightarrow \cup_{\alpha \in J} \alpha_\alpha$$

such that  $\pi_\alpha(d) \in A_d$  for each  $d \in J$

Defn:-

Let  $(x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in J}$  be an indexed family of topological spaces. Let us take us a basis for a topology on the product form

$$\mathcal{B} = \prod_{\alpha \in J} x_\alpha$$

the collection of all sets of the form

$$\prod_{\alpha \in J} U_\alpha,$$

where  $U_\alpha$  is open in  $x_\alpha$ , for each  $\alpha \in J$ . The topology generated by this basis is called the box topology.

Defn:-

Let  $\mathcal{S}_\beta$  denote the collection

$$\mathcal{S}_\beta = (\pi_\beta^{-1}(U_\beta) | U_\beta \text{ open in } x_\beta)$$

and let  $\mathcal{S}$  denote the union of these collections

$$\mathcal{S} = \bigcup_{\beta \in J} \mathcal{S}_\beta$$

The topology generated by the subbasis  $\mathcal{S}$  is called Product topology. In this topology  $\prod_{\alpha \in J} x_\alpha$  is called a product space.

Theorem 19.1 (comparison of the box and product topologies) The box topology on  $\prod_{\alpha} \mathbb{X}_{\alpha}$  has as basis all sets of the form  $\prod_{\alpha} U_{\alpha}$ , where  $U_{\alpha}$  is open in  $\mathbb{X}_{\alpha}$  for each  $\alpha$ . The product topology on  $\prod_{\alpha} \mathbb{X}_{\alpha}$  has as basis all sets of the form  $\prod_{\alpha} U_{\alpha}$  where,  $U_{\alpha}$  is open in  $\mathbb{X}_{\alpha}$  for each  $\alpha$  and  $U_{\alpha}$  equals  $\mathbb{X}_{\alpha}$  except for finitely many values of  $\alpha$ .

Theorem 19.2.

Suppose the topology on each space  $\mathbb{X}_{\alpha}$  is given by a basis  $B_{\alpha}$ . The collection of all sets of the form,

$$\prod_{\alpha \in J} B_{\alpha}$$

where  $B_{\alpha} \in B_{\alpha}$  for each  $\alpha$ , will serve as a basis for the box topology on  $\prod_{\alpha \in J} \mathbb{X}_{\alpha}$ .

The collection of all sets of the same form where,  $B_{\alpha} \in B_{\alpha}$  for finitely many indices  $\alpha$  and  $B_{\alpha} = \mathbb{X}_{\alpha}$  for all the remaining indices will serve as a basis for the product topology  $\prod_{\alpha \in J} \mathbb{X}_{\alpha}$ .

Thm 19.6

Let  $f: A \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha$  be given by the equation  
 $f(a) = (\text{f}_\alpha(a))_{\alpha \in J}$ ,

where  $\text{f}_\alpha: A \rightarrow X_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha$ . Let  $\prod X_\alpha$  have the product topology. Then the  $\text{fun}_1$ -continuous iff each  $\text{fun}_1$ - $\text{f}_\alpha$  is continuous.

Proof:

Let  $\pi_B$  be the projection of the Product onto its  $B^{\text{th}}$  factor. The function  $\pi_B$  is continuous, for if  $U_B$  is open in  $X_B$ , the set  $\pi_B^{-1}(U_B)$  is a subbasis element of the product topology on  $X_\alpha$ .

Now suppose that  $f: A \rightarrow \prod X_\alpha$  is continuous.

The  $\text{fun}_1$ - $f_\beta$  equals the composite  $\pi_\beta \circ f$ ; being the composite of two continuous  $\text{fun}_1$ , it is continuous.

Conversely,

Suppose that each coordinate  $\text{fun}_1$ - $\text{f}_\alpha$  is continuous. F.P.T  $f$  is continuous. It suffices to p.t the inverse image under  $f$  of each subbasis element is open in  $A$ : we defined continuous  $\text{fun}_1$ .

A typical subbasis element for the product topology on  $\prod X_\alpha$  is a set of the form  $\pi_\beta^{-1}(U_\beta)$ , where  $\beta$  is some index and  $U_\beta$  is open in  $X_\beta$ . Now,

$$f(\pi_\beta^{-1}(U_\beta)) = f_\beta^{-1}(U_\beta).$$

Because  $f_\beta = \pi_\beta \circ f$ . Since  $f_\beta$  is continuous, this set is open in  $A$ .