

Recall: 4. Quotients and gluing

If \sim is an equivalence relation on a top. space X , then

$$[x] = \{y \in X \mid y \sim x\} \quad X/\sim = \{[x] \mid x \in X\}$$

natural projection $\rightarrow p: X \rightarrow X/\sim$ surjective
 $x \mapsto [x]$

Quotient topology: $U \subset X/\sim$ is open $\Leftrightarrow p^{-1}(U)$ is open
 $\{x \in X \mid [x] \in U\}$

p is continuous by def of quotient topology ($U \subset X/\sim$ open $\Rightarrow p^{-1}(U)$ open)

But also: $p^{-1}(U)$ open $\Rightarrow U$ open

Definition

A surjective fn. $f: X \rightarrow Y$ between top. spaces X, Y is a quotient map if $U \subset Y$ is open iff $f^{-1}(U)$ is open.

The natural projection is a quotient map!

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a quotient map, then Y is homeomorphic to X/\sim with \sim defined by $x \sim x' \Leftrightarrow f(x) = f(x')$.

Warning: It is not true for a quotient map f that $f(U)$ is open for every open set U .

Counterexample: $[0, 1]/\sim$, \sim defined by $0 \sim 1$

$$p: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]/\sim$$

$U = [0, \frac{1}{2})$ is open in $[0, 1]$, but $p(U)$ is not open,

$$\text{since } p^{-1}(p(U)) = \{x \in [0, 1] \mid p(x) \in p(U)\}$$

$$= \{x \in [0, 1] \mid \exists y \in U : p(x) = p(y)\}$$

$$= \{x \in [0, 1] \mid \exists y \in U : x \sim y\} = [0, \frac{1}{2}) \cup \{1\}$$

is not open.

Lemma 4.2

Let X be a top. space, \sim an equivalence relation on X and $p: X \rightarrow X/\sim$ the natural projection.

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a map to another top. space Y . Assume that $f(x) = f(x')$ whenever $x \sim x'$.

Then there exists a unique map $g: X/\sim \rightarrow Y$ such that $f = g \circ p$.
 g is continuous if and only if f is continuous.

Proof:

Existence:

Let $z \in X/\sim$. Choose $x \in z$ (remember, z is an equivalence class) and set $g(z) = f(x)$. This defines a function g . Now if $x' \in X$, then $p(x') \in X/\sim$ so $g(p(x')) = f(x)$ for some $x \in p^{-1}(p(x'))$.
But this means $x \sim x'$, so $g(p(x')) = f(x) = f(x')$. $[x']$

Uniqueness:

If $g \circ p = f$, then $\forall x \in X: g([x]) = g(p(x)) = f(x)$. This determines g uniquely.

Continuity

If g is cont., then $f = g \circ p$ is continuous.

Conversely, let f be continuous, and let $U \subset Y$ be open.

Then $p^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) = f^{-1}(U)$ [$(f \circ g)^{-1}(U) = g^{-1}(f^{-1}(U))$] and this is open since f is continuous. So $g^{-1}(U)$ is open, and g is cont. \square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ p \downarrow & \searrow g & \\ X/\sim & & \end{array}$$

Definition

- Let G be a group and X a top space. A (left) action of G on X is a map

$$G \times X \rightarrow X$$
$$(g, x) \mapsto g \cdot x$$

such that

- ← neutral element in G
- $1_G \cdot x = x \quad \forall x \in X$
 - $(gh) \cdot x = g \cdot (h \cdot x) \quad \forall g, h \in G, x \in X$

- The group action defines an equivalence relation: $\forall x, y \in X$
 $x \sim y \iff \exists g \in G: y = g \cdot x$

The quotient $X/G = X/\sim$ is called the quotient of X by the action of G .

Why is \sim an equivalence relation?

1) reflexive: $x = 1_G \cdot x \Rightarrow x \sim x$

2) symmetric: $x \sim y \Rightarrow \exists g: y = gx \Rightarrow \exists g: g^{-1}y = g^{-1}(gx) = (g^{-1}g)x = 1_G \cdot x = x$

$\Rightarrow \exists h \in G: x = hy \Rightarrow y \sim x$

3) transitive: $x \sim y \ \& \ y \sim z \Rightarrow \exists g, h \in G: y = gx, z = hy$
 $\Rightarrow (hg)x = h(gx) = hy = z \Rightarrow x \sim z$

Example:

Consider the following action of $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ on \mathbb{R} :

$$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$
$$(z, r) \mapsto z + r$$

This is a group action. The quotient $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} = \{[x] \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$

(Claim: $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \cong S^1$)

$$[x] = \{\dots, x-3, x-2, x-1, x, x+1, x+2\}$$

To show this, define $\tilde{f} = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$
 $\tilde{f}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$
 $t \mapsto (\cos(2\pi t), \sin(2\pi t))$

\tilde{f} is continuous, and invariant by the \mathbb{Z} -action:

$$\forall t \in \mathbb{R}, z \in \mathbb{Z} : \tilde{f}(t+z) = (\cos(2\pi t + 2\pi z), \sin(2\pi t + 2\pi z)) \\ = (\cos(2\pi t), \sin(2\pi t)) = \tilde{f}(t)$$

\Rightarrow By Lemma 4.2 there is a unique cont. function

$$f: \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow S^1 \quad \boxed{\tilde{f} = f \circ p} \quad p: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$$

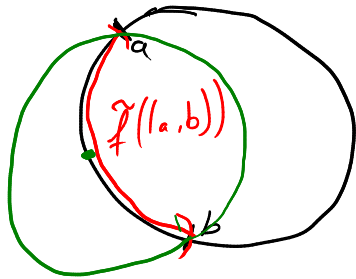
$$[x] \mapsto (\cos(2\pi x), \sin(2\pi x))$$

- f is injective, since $\forall t, s \in \mathbb{R} : \left. \begin{matrix} \cos(2\pi t) = \cos(2\pi s) \\ \sin(2\pi t) = \sin(2\pi s) \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow s - t \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $\Rightarrow s \sim t \Rightarrow [s] = [t] \in \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$

- f is surjective, since $\forall p \in S^1 : p = (\cos(2\pi t), \sin(2\pi t))$
 for some $t \in \mathbb{R}$. So $f([t]) = p$.

- \tilde{f} maps open sets to open sets: Only need to show this
 for open intervals $(a,b) \subset \mathbb{R}$.

$$\tilde{f}((a,b)) = S^1 \cap B_{\tilde{f}(a)} \setminus \tilde{f}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \quad (\text{if } b-a < 1)$$

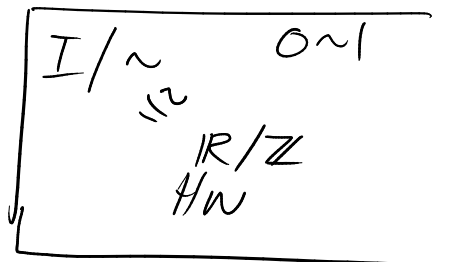


- f homeomorphism: If $U \subset \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ is open, then $p^{-1}(U) \subset \mathbb{R}$
 is open, so $\tilde{f}(p^{-1}(U))$ is open.

$$f(\underbrace{p(p^{-1}(U))}_U) = f(U)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \cong S^1$$

$p(p^{-1}(U)) = U$
 $p^{-1}(p(U)) = \text{everything}$
 equivalent to
 something in U



$$I = [0,1]$$

$$\mathbb{R} \cong (0,1)$$

compact

not compact

