

# Random Process Background

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Probability, Random Variables and Random Signal Principles,  
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# Open set examples

- The *circle* represents the set of points  $(x, y)$  satisfying  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ .  
the *circle* set is its **boundary set**
- The *disk* represents the set of points  $(x, y)$  satisfying  $x^2 + y^2 < r^2$ .  
The *disk* set is an **open set**
- the **union** of the *circle* and *disk* sets is a **closed set**.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open\\_set](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_set)

# Open set (1)

- an **open set** is a generalization of an **open interval** in the real line.
- a **metric space** is a **set** along with a **distance** defined between any two **points**
- in a **metric space**, an **open set** is a **set** that, along with every **point**  $P$ , contains all **points** that are *sufficiently near* to  $P$ 
  - all **points** whose **distance** to  $P$  is less than some value depending on  $P$

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# Open set (2)

- More generally, an **open set** is a **member** of a given collection of **subsets** of a given set a **collection** that has the property of **containing**

- every union of its **members**
- every finite intersection of its members
- the **empty set**
- the **whole set** itself

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## Open set (3)

- These conditions are very loose, and allow enormous flexibility in the choice of **open sets**.
- For example,
  - every **subset** can be **open** (the **discrete topology**)
  - no **subset** can be **open** (the **indiscrete topology**) except
    - the space itself and
    - the empty set

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## Open set (4)

- A **set** in which such a **collection** is given is called a **topological space**, and the **collection** is called a **topology**.
  - A **set** is a **collection** of distinct **objects**.
  - Given a **set**  $A$ , we say that  $a$  is an **element** of  $A$  if  $a$  is one of the distinct **objects** in  $A$ , and we write  $a \in A$  to denote this
  - Given two **sets**  $A$  and  $B$ , we say that  $A$  is a **subset** of  $B$  if every element of  $A$  is also an element of  $B$  write  $A \subseteq B$  to denote this.

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## Open set (5) Open Balls

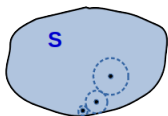
- An **open ball**  $B_r(\mathbf{a})$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
centered at  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with radius  $r$   
is the set of all points  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$   
such that the distance between  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{a}$  is less than  $r$
- In  $\mathbb{R}^2$  an **open ball** is often called an **open disk**

We give these definitions in general, for when one is working in  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
since they are really not all that different to define in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  than in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

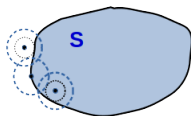
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## Open set (6) Interior points

- Suppose that  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$
- A point  $\mathbf{p} \in S$  is an **interior point** of  $S$  if there exists an **open ball**  $B_r(\mathbf{p}) \subseteq S$
- Intuitively,  $\mathbf{p}$  is an **interior point** of  $S$  if we can squeeze an entire **open ball** centered at  $\mathbf{p}$  within  $S$



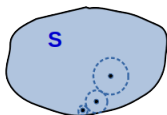
an interior point



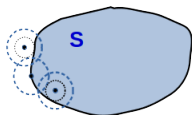
a boundary point

## Open set (7) Boundary points

- A point  $\mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a **boundary point** of  $S$  if all **open balls** centered at  $\mathbf{p}$  contain both **points** in  $S$  and **points** not in  $S$
- The **boundary** of  $S$  is the **set**  $\partial S$  that consists of all of the **boundary points** of  $S$ .



an interior point



a boundary point

## Open set (8) Open and Closed Sets

- A set  $O \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is **open** if every point in  $O$  is an **interior point**.
- A set  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is **closed** if it contains all of its **boundary points**.

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## Open set (9) Bounded and Unbounded

- A set  $S$  is **bounded** if there is an **open ball**  $B_M(0)$  such that

$$S \subseteq B.$$

intuitively, this means that we can enclose all of the **set**  $S$  within a large enough **ball** centered at the origin,  $B_M(0)$

- A **set** that is not **bounded** is called **unbounded**

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# Family of sets (1)

- a **collection**  $F$  of **subsets** of a given **set**  $S$  is called a **family** of **subsets** of  $S$ , or a **family** of **sets** over  $S$ .
- More generally, a **collection** of any **sets** whatsoever is called a **family** of **sets**, **set family**, or a **set system**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Family\\_of\\_sets](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Family_of_sets)

## Family of sets (2)

- The term "**collection**" is used here because,
  - in some contexts,  
a **family** of **sets** may be allowed  
to contain repeated copies of any given **member**, and
  - in other contexts  
it may form a **proper class** rather than a **set**.

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# Examples of family of sets (1)

- The **set** of all **subsets** of a given **set**  $S$  is called the **power set** of  $S$  and is denoted by  $\wp(S)$ .

The **power set**  $\wp(S)$  of a given **set**  $S$  is a **family** of **sets** over  $S$ .

- A **subset** of  $S$  having  $k$  elements is called a  **$k$ -subset** of  $S$ .

The  **$k$ -subset**  $S^{(k)}$  of a set  $S$  form a **family** of **sets**.

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## Examples of family of sets (2)

- Let  $S = \{a, b, c, 1, 2\}$ .

An example of a **family** of **sets** over  $S$

(in the multiset sense) is given by  $F = \{A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4\}$ , where

$A_1 = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $A_3 = \{1, 2\}$ , and  $A_4 = \{a, b, 1\}$ .

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# Neighbourhood basis (1)

- A **neighbourhood basis** or **local basis** (or **neighbourhood base** or **local base**) for a **point**  $x$  is a **filter base** of the **neighbourhood filter**;
- this means that it is a **subset**  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{N}(x)$  such that for all  $V \in \mathcal{N}(x)$ , there exists some  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $B \subseteq V$ .  
That is, for any **neighbourhood**  $V$  we can find a **neighbourhood**  $B$  in the **neighbourhood basis** that is contained in  $V$ .

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neighbourhood\\_system#Neighbourhood\\_basis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neighbourhood_system#Neighbourhood_basis)

## Neighbourhood basis (2)

- Equivalently,  $\mathcal{B}$  is a local basis at  $x$  if and only if the neighbourhood filter  $\mathcal{N}$  can be recovered from  $\mathcal{B}$  in the sense that the following equality holds:

$$\mathcal{N}(x) = \{V \subseteq X : B \subseteq V \text{ for some } B \in \mathcal{B}\}$$

- A family  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{N}(x)$  is a neighbourhood basis for  $x$  if and only if  $\mathcal{B}$  is a cofinal subset of  $(\mathcal{N}(x), \supseteq)$  with respect to the partial order  $\supseteq$  (importantly, this partial order is the superset relation and not the subset relation).

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# A collection of sets around $x$

- In general, one refers to the family of **sets** containing 0, used to **approximate** 0, as a **neighborhood basis**;
- a **member** of this **neighborhood basis** is referred to as an **open set**.
- In fact, one may generalize these notions to an arbitrary set ( $X$ ); rather than just the **real numbers**.
- In this case, given a **point** ( $x$ ) of that **set** ( $X$ ), one may define a **collection** of **sets** "**around**" (that is, containing)  $x$ , used to **approximate**  $x$ .

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open\\_set](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_set)

# Smaller sets containing $x$

- Of course, this **collection** would have to *satisfy* certain properties (known as **axioms**) for otherwise we may not have a *well-defined method* to measure **distance**.
- For example, every **point** in  $X$  should **approximate**  $x$  to some **degree** of **accuracy**.
- Thus  $X$  should be in this **family**.
- Once we begin to define "smaller" **sets** containing  $x$ , we tend to **approximate**  $x$  to a greater **degree** of **accuracy**.
- Bearing this in mind, one may define the remaining **axioms** that the **family** of **sets** about  $x$  is required to satisfy.

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# Open ball (1)

- a **ball** is the solid figure bounded by a **sphere**;  
it is also called a **solid sphere**.
  - a **closed ball**  
includes the *boundary points* that constitute the sphere
  - an **open ball**  
excludes them

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ball\\_\(mathematics\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ball_(mathematics))

## Open ball (2)

- A **ball** in  $n$  dimensions is called a **hyperball** or **n-ball** and is bounded by a **hypersphere** or  $(n - 1)$ -sphere
- One may talk about **balls** in any **topological space**  $X$ , not necessarily induced by a **metric**.
- An  $n$ -dimensional **topological ball** of  $X$  is any **subset** of  $X$  which is **homeomorphic** to an **Euclidean n-ball**.

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# Binary Relation (1)

- a **binary relation** associates **elements** of one **set**, called the **domain**, with **elements** of another set, called the **codomain**.
- A **binary relation** over sets  $X$  and  $Y$  is a new set of **ordered pairs**  $(x, y)$  consisting of **elements**  $x$  from  $X$  and  $y$  from  $Y$ .

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Binary\\_relation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Binary_relation)

## Binary Relation (2)

- It is a generalization of a unary function.
- It encodes the common concept of relation:
- an element  $x$  is related to an element  $y$ ,  
if and only if the pair  $(x, y)$  belongs  
to the set of ordered pairs that defines the binary relation.
- A binary relation is the most studied special case  $n = 2$   
of an  $n$ -ary relation over sets  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ ,  
which is a subset of the Cartesian product  $X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$ .

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# Homogeneous Relation

- a **homogeneous relation** (also called endorelation) on a set  $X$  is a **binary relation** between  $X$  and itself, i.e. it is a **subset** of the **Cartesian product**  $X \times X$ .
- This is commonly phrased as "a **relation** on  $X$ " or "a **(binary) relation** over  $X$ ".
- An example of a **homogeneous relation** is the relation of **kinship**, where the relation is between people.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homogeneous\\_relation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homogeneous_relation)

# Partially Ordered Set (1-1)

- a **partial order** on a **set** is an arrangement such that, for certain **pairs** of elements, one precedes the other.
- The word **partial** is used to indicate that not every **pair** of elements needs to be comparable; that is, there may be **pairs** for which neither element precedes the other.
- **Partial orders** thus generalize **total orders**, in which every pair is comparable.

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# Partially Ordered Set (1-2)

- Formally, a **partial order** is a **homogeneous binary relation** that is **reflexive**, **transitive** and **antisymmetric**.
- A **partially ordered set** (**poset** for short) is a set on which a **partial order** is defined.
- A **reflexive**, **weak**, or **non-strict partial order**, commonly referred to simply as a **partial order**, is a **homogeneous relation**  $\leq$  on a **set**  $P$  that is **reflexive**, **antisymmetric**, and **transitive**.

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## Partially Ordered Set (2)

- a **homogeneous relation**  $\leq$  on a **set**  $P$  that is **reflexive**, **antisymmetric**, and **transitive**.
- That is, for all  $a, b, c \in P$ , it must satisfy:
  - **Reflexivity**:  
 $a \leq a$ , i.e. every element is related to itself.
  - **Antisymmetry**:  
if  $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq a$  then  $a = b$ ,  
i.e. no two distinct elements precede each other.
  - **Transitivity**:  
if  $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq c$  then  $a \leq c$ .
- A **non-strict partial order** is also known as an **antisymmetric preorder**.

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## Filter in Set Theory (1-1)

- A **filter** on a **set** may be thought of as representing a "collection of *large subsets*", one intuitive example being the **neighborhood filter**.
- keep *large* grains excluding *small* impurities

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filter\\_\(set\\_theory\)#filter\\_base](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filter_(set_theory)#filter_base)



# Filter in Set Theory (1-2)

- When you put a filter in your sink, the idea is that you filter out the *big* chunks of food, and let the water and the *smaller* chunks go through (which can, in principle, be washed through the pipes) .
- You filter out the *larger parts*.
- A filter filters out the *larger sets*.
- It is a way to say "these *sets* are '*large*'"

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# Filter in Set Theory (1-3)

- a **filter** on a **set**  $X$  is a **family**  $\mathcal{B}$  of **subsets** such that:

- 1  $X \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{B}$
- 2 if  $A \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  
then  $A \cap B \in \mathcal{B}$
- 3 If  $A, B \subset X, A \in \mathcal{B}$ , and  $A \subset B$ ,  
then  $B \in \mathcal{B}$

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## Filter in Set Theory (1-4)

- The set of "everything" is definitely *large*

$$X \in \mathcal{B}$$

- and "nothing" is definitely not;

$$\emptyset \notin \mathcal{B}$$

- if something is *larger* than a *large set*,  
then it is also *large*;

$$\text{If } A, B \subset X, A \in \mathcal{B}, \text{ and } A \subset B, \text{ then } B \in \mathcal{B}$$

- and two *large sets intersect* on a *large set*.

$$\text{If } A \in \mathcal{B} \text{ and } B \in \mathcal{B}, \text{ then } A \cap B \in \mathcal{B}$$

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# Filter in Set Theory (1-5)

- you can think about this as
  - being **co-finite**,
  - or being of **measure 1** on the **unit interval**,
  - or having a **dense open subset** (again on the unit interval).
- These are examples of ways where a [set](#) can be thought of as "almost everything". and that is the idea behind a filter.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filter\\_\(set\\_theory\)#filter\\_base](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filter_(set_theory)#filter_base)

# Co-finite

- a **cofinite subset** of a set  $X$  is a subset  $A$  whose complement in  $X$  is a finite set.
- a subset  $A$  contains all but *finitely many* elements of  $X$
- If the complement is not finite, but is countable, then one says the set is **cocountable**.
- These arise naturally when generalizing structures on finite sets to infinite sets, particularly on infinite products, as in the **product topology** or direct sum.
- This use of the prefix "co" to describe a property possessed by a set's complement is *consistent* with its use in other terms such as "comeagre set".

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cofiniteness>

# Unit interval

- the **unit interval** is the **closed interval**  $[0,1]$ , that is, the set of all real numbers that are greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to 1.
- It is often denoted  $I$  (capital letter I).
- In addition to its role in **real analysis**, the **unit interval** is used to study **homotopy theory** in the field of **topology**.
- the term "**unit interval**" is sometimes applied to the other shapes that an interval from 0 to 1 could take:  $(0,1]$ ,  $[0,1)$ , and  $(0,1)$ .
- However, the notation  $I$  is most commonly reserved for the **closed interval**  $[0,1]$ .

# Dense set

- In **topology**, a **subset**  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is said to be **dense** in  $X$  if every **point** of  $X$  either belongs to  $A$  or else is arbitrarily "close" to a **member** of  $A$ 
  - for instance, the **rational numbers** are a **dense** subset of the **real numbers** because every **real number** either is a **rational number** or has a rational number arbitrarily close to it (see **Diophantine approximation**).
- Formally,  $A$  is **dense** in  $X$  if the *smallest* **closed subset** of  $X$  containing  $A$  is  $X$  itself.
- The **density** of a **topological space**  $X$  is the **least cardinality** of a **dense subset** of  $X$ .

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dense\\_set](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dense_set)

# Proper Subset

- a set  $A$  is a subset of a set  $B$   
if all elements of  $A$  are also elements of  $B$ ;
- $B$  is then a superset of  $A$ .
- It is possible for  $A$  and  $B$  to be equal;
- if they are unequal, then  $A$  is a proper subset of  $B$ .
- The relationship of one set being a subset of another is called inclusion (or sometimes containment).
- $A$  is a subset of  $B$  may also be expressed as  $B$  includes (or contains)  $A$  or  $A$  is included (or contained) in  $B$ .
- A  $k$ -subset is a subset with  $k$  elements.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Subset>



# Proper Filter (1)

- Fix a partially ordered set (poset)  $P$ . Intuitively, a filter  $F$  is a subset of  $P$  whose members are elements large enough to satisfy some criterion.[1] For instance, if  $x \in P$ , then the set of elements above  $x$  is a filter, called the principal filter at  $x$ . (If  $x$  and  $y$  are incomparable elements of  $P$ , then neither the principal filter at  $x$  nor  $y$  is contained in the other.)
- Similarly, a filter on a set  $S$  contains those subsets that are sufficiently large to contain some given thing. For example, if  $S$  is the real line and  $x \in S$ , then the family of sets including  $x$  in their interior is a filter, called the neighborhood filter at  $x$ . The thing in this case is slightly larger than  $x$ , but it still does not contain any other specific point of the line.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filter\\_\(mathematics\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filter_(mathematics))

## Proper Filter (2)

- The above considerations motivate the upward closure requirement in the definition below: "large enough" objects can always be made larger.
- To understand the other two conditions, reverse the roles and instead consider  $F$  as a "locating scheme" to find  $x$ . In this interpretation, one searches in some space  $X$ , and expects  $F$  to describe those subsets of  $X$  that contain the goal. The goal must be located somewhere; thus the empty set  $\emptyset$  can never be in  $F$ . And if two subsets both contain the goal, then should "zoom in" to their common region.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filter\\_\(mathematics\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filter_(mathematics))

## Proper Filter (3)

- An ultrafilter describes a "perfect locating scheme" where each scheme component gives new information (either "look here" or "look elsewhere"). Compactness is the property that "every search is fruitful," or, to put it another way, "every locating scheme ends in a search result."
- A common use for a filter is to define properties that are satisfied by "generic" elements of some topological space.[2] This application generalizes the "locating scheme" to find points that might be hard to write down explicitly.

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# Ultrafilter (1)

- an **ultrafilter** on a given **partially ordered set** (or "**poset**")  $P$  is a certain **subset** of  $P$ , namely a **maximal filter** on  $P$ ; that is, a **proper filter** on  $P$  that cannot be enlarged to a bigger **proper filter** on  $P$ .
- If  $X$  is an arbitrary **set**, its **power set**  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ , ordered by **set inclusion**, is always a Boolean algebra and hence a **poset**, and **ultrafilters** on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  are usually called **ultrafilter** on the **set**  $X$ .

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ultrafilter>

## Ultrafilter (2)

- In **order theory**, an **ultrafilter** is a **subset** of a **partially ordered set** that is **maximal** among all proper filters.
- This implies that any **filter** that properly contains an **ultrafilter** has to be equal to the whole **poset**.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ultrafilter>

# Ultrafilter (3)

- An **ultrafilter** on a **set**  $X$  may be considered as a **finitely additive measure** on  $X$ .
- In this view, every **subset** of  $X$  is either considered "*almost everything*" (has measure 1) or "*almost nothing*" (has measure 0), depending on whether it belongs to the given **ultrafilter** or not

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ultrafilter>

# Ultrafilter (4)

- Formally, if  $P$  is a **set**, **partially ordered** by  $\leq$  then
- a **subset**  $F \subseteq P$  is called a **filter** on  $P$  if  $F$  is nonempty, for every  $x, y \in F$ , there exists some **element**  $z \in F$  such that  $z \leq x$  and  $z \leq y$ , and for every  $x \in F$  and  $y \in P$ ,  $x \leq y$  implies that  $y$  is in  $F$  too;
- a **proper subset**  $U$  of  $P$  is called an ultrafilter on  $P$  if  $U$  is a filter on  $P$ , and there is no **proper filter**  $F$  on  $P$  that properly extends  $U$  (that is, such that  $U$  is a **proper subset** of  $F$ ).

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ultrafilter>

# Filter Examples (1)

- Let  $X = 1, 2, 3$   
Choose some element from  $X$  say  $F = 1, 1, 2, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3$
- Then every **intersection** of an element of  $F$  with another element in  $F$  is in  $F$  again.  
Examples:  $1 \cap 1, 2, 3 = 1$      $1, 2 \cap 1, 2, 3 = 1, 2$   
 $1, 3 \cap 1, 2, 3 = 1, 3$      $1, 2, 3 \cap 1, 2, 3 = 1, 2, 3$
- Also the original  $X = 1, 2, 3$  is also in  $F$ .  
Here  $F = 1, 1, 2, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3$  is called the **filter** on  $X = 1, 2, 3$

<https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/2816362/meaning-behind-filter-in-set-theory>



## Filter Examples (2)

- Suppose we have the collection  $G = \{1, 1, 2, 1, 3, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3\}$
- Then we have  $1, 3 \cap 2, 3 = 3$  but 3 isn't in  $G$ .  
So this  $G$  is not called a filter.
- Now with  $F = \{1, 1, 2, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3\}$   
can we put as any other element in it  
so that after placing the extra element it is still a filter?  
Probably not in this case.  
So on  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $F = \{1, 1, 2, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3\}$  is an Ultrafilter.

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## Filter Examples (3)

- If we have started say with  $H = 1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 3$   
this is still a **filter** on  $X = 1, 2, 3$   
but we can still add  $1, 3$   
and it will still be classified as **filter**.
- So on  $X = 1, 2, 3$   
 $F = 1, 1, 2, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3$  is an **Ultrafilter**  
but  $H = 1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 3$  is a filter but not an **Ultrafilter**.

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## Filter Examples (4)

- Now suppose we have  $X = 1, 2, 3, 4$   
 Let  $F = 1, 4, 1, 2, 4, 1, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4$
- Every in intersection of element of  $F$  is in  $F$  again.  
 We have as examples  $1, 4 \cap 1, 4 = 1, 4$     $1, 4 \cap 1, 2, 4 = 1, 4$   
 $1, 4 \cap 1, 3, 4 = 1, 4$     $1, 2, 4 \cap 1, 2, 4 = 1, 2, 4$     $1, 2, 4 \cap 1, 3, 4 = 1, 4$   
 $1, 3, 4 \cap 1, 3, 4 = 1, 3, 4$     $1, 2, 3, 4 \cap 1, 2, 3, 4 = 1, 2, 3, 4$
- Also  $X = 1, 2, 3, 4$  is also in  $F = 1, 4, 1, 2, 4, 1, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4$   
 and the null element  $\emptyset =$  is not in  $F$ .

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# Filter Examples (5)

- We call  $F$  a **filter** but not an **Ultrafilter** on  $X = 1, 2, 3, 4$
- We can still add element in it and it will still be a **filter** for instance by adding the element 1 from  $X = 1, 2, 3, 4$  we can have the filter  $F = 1, 1, 4, 1, 2, 4, 1, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4$
- This is an **Ultrafilter** on  $X = 1, 2, 3, 4$  as we cannot add any further element from  $X = 1, 2, 3, 4$  that satisfies **closures** on **intersection**.

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# Filter Examples (6)

- There is another collection of sets taken from  $X = 1, 2, 3, 4$
- which is the powerset  
 $P = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 4\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 4\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 4\}, \{1, 3, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}, \{1, 2, 3, 4\}\}$
- This contain the **null element**  $\emptyset =$  so we cannot call this as **Ultrafilter**.
- This is not a **proper filter** according to the article in Wikipedia.
- In the **powerset** every **intersection** of element is again in the **powerset** again but it contains  $t$
- he **null element**  $\emptyset =$  and isn't classified as proper filter.

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# Filter Examples (7)

- There is another collection of sets taken from  $X = 1, 2, 3, 4$
- which is the powerset  
 $P = \{ \emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 4\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 4\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 4\}, \{1, 3, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}, \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \}$
- This contain the **null element**  $\emptyset =$  so we cannot call this as **Ultrafilter**.
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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filter\\_\(set\\_theory\)#filter\\_base](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filter_(set_theory)#filter_base)

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# Class (1)

- a **class** is a **collection** of **sets**  
(or sometimes other **mathematical objects**)  
that can be unambiguously defined  
by a **property** that all its members share.
- **Classes** act as a way to have **set-like collections**  
while **differing** from **sets** so as to **avoid Russell's paradox**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Class\\_\(set\\_theory\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Class_(set_theory))



## Class (2)

- A class *that is not a set* is called a **proper class**, and
- a class *that is a set* is sometimes called a **small class**.
- the followings are **proper classes** in many formal systems
  - the **class** of all sets
  - the **class** of all ordinal numbers
  - the **class** of all cardinal numbers

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## Class (3)

- consider "the **set** of all **sets** with **property**  $X$ ."
- especially when dealing with **categories**, since the **objects** of a **concrete category** are all **sets** with certain additional **structure**.
- However, **if** we're not *careful* about this we can get into serious *trouble* –

<https://www.quora.com/In-set-theory-what-is-the-difference-between-a-set-of-objects-and-a-class-of-objects>

## Class (4)

- let  $X$  be the **set** of all **sets** which do not contain *themselves*
- Since  $X$  is a **set**, we can ask whether  $X$  is an element of *itself*.
- But then we run into a **paradox** – **if**  $X$  contains *itself* as an element, **then** it does not, and vice versa.

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## Class (5)

- In order to avoid this **paradox**, we cannot consider the **collection** of all **sets** to be itself a **set**.
- This means we have to *throw out* the whole "the **set** of all **sets** with **property** X" construction. But we wanted that.
- So the way we get around it is to say that there's something called a **class**, which is like a **set** but not a **set**.

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## Class (6)

- Then we can talk about "the class  $X$  of all sets with property  $Y$ ."
- Since  $X$  is not a set, it can't be an element of itself, and we're fine.
- Of course, if we need to talk about the collection of all classes, we need to create another name that goes another step back, and so forth.

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# Class Examples (1)

- The **collection** of all **algebraic structures** of a given type will usually be a **proper class**.  
(a **class** *that is not a set* is called a **proper class**)
  - the **class** of all **groups**
  - the **class** of all **vector spaces**
  - and many others.
- Within set theory, many **collections** of **sets** turn out to be **proper classes**.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Class\\_\(set\\_theory\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Class_(set_theory))

## Class Examples (2)

- One way to *prove* that a **class** is **proper** is to place it in **bijection** with the **class** of all ordinal numbers.
  - **Cardinal numbers** indicate an amount how many of something we have: one, two, three, four, five.
  - **Ordinal numbers** indicate position in a series: first, second, third, fourth, fifth.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Class\\_\(set\\_theory\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Class_(set_theory))  
<https://editarians.com/cardinals-ordinals/>

# Class Paradoxes (1)

- The **paradoxes** of naive set theory can be explained in terms of the *inconsistent tacit assumption* that "all **classes** are **sets**".
- These **paradoxes** do not arise with **classes** because there is no notion of **classes** containing **classes**.
- Otherwise, one could, for example, define a **class** of all **classes** that do not contain themselves, which would lead to a **Russell paradox** for classes.

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# Class Paradoxes (2)

- With a rigorous foundation, these **paradoxes** instead *suggest proofs* that certain **classes** are **proper** (i.e., that they are not **sets**).
  - **Russell's paradox** *suggests a proof* that the **class** of all **sets** which do not contain themselves is **proper**
  - the **Burali-Forti paradox** *suggests* that the **class** of all ordinal numbers is **proper**.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Class\\_\(set\\_theory\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Class_(set_theory))

# Russell's Paradox (1)

- According to the unrestricted comprehension principle, for any sufficiently well-defined **property**, there is the **set** of **all** and only the **objects** that have that **property**.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russell%27s\\_paradox](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russell%27s_paradox)

## Russell's Paradox (2)

- Let  $R$  be the **set of all sets** ( $R = \{x \mid x \notin x\}$ )  
that are not members of themselves ( $R \notin R$ ).
  - *if*  $R$  is not a **member** of itself ( $R \notin R$ ),  
*then* its definition (the **set of all sets**) entails  
that it is a **member** of itself ( $R \in R$ );
  - yet, *if* it is a **member** of itself ( $R \in R$ ),  
*then* it is not a **member** of itself ( $R \notin R$ ),  
since it is the **set of all sets**  
that are not members of themselves ( $R \notin R$ )
- the resulting **contradiction** is **Russell's paradox**.
- Let  $R = \{x \mid x \notin x\}$ , then  $R \in R \iff R \notin R$

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russell%27s\\_paradox](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russell%27s_paradox)

# Russell's Paradox (3)

- Most *sets* commonly encountered are not *members* of themselves.
- For example, consider the *set* of all squares in a plane.
- This *set* is not itself a square in the plane, thus it is not a *member* of itself.
- Let us call a *set* "**normal**" if it is not a *member* of itself, and "**abnormal**" if it is a *member* of itself.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russell%27s\\_paradox](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russell%27s_paradox)

# Russell's Paradox (4)

- Clearly every **set** must be either **normal** or **abnormal**.
- The **set** of squares in the plane is **normal**.
- In contrast, the **complementary set** that contains everything which is not a square in the plane is itself not a square in the plane, and so it is one of its own **members** and is therefore **abnormal**.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russell%27s\\_paradox](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russell%27s_paradox)

# Russell's Paradox (5)

- Now we consider the **set** of all **normal sets**,  $R$ , and try to determine whether  $R$  is **normal** or **abnormal**.
  - *If*  $R$  were **normal**, it would be contained in the **set** of all **normal sets** (itself), and therefore be **abnormal**;
  - on the other hand *if*  $R$  were **abnormal**, it would not be contained in the **set** of all **normal sets** (itself), and therefore be **normal**.
- This leads to the conclusion that  $R$  is neither **normal** nor **abnormal**: **Russell's paradox**.

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# Mathematical objects (1)

- a **mathematical object** is an **abstract concept** arising in mathematics.
- an **mathematical object** is anything that has been (or could be) **formally defined**, and with which one may do
  - **deductive reasoning**
  - **mathematical proofs**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mathematical\\_object](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mathematical_object)



## Mathematical objects (2)

- typically, a **mathematical object**
  - can be a value that can be assigned to a variable
  - therefore can be involved in formulas

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mathematical\\_object](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mathematical_object)

## Mathematical objects (3)

- commonly encountered **mathematical objects** include
  - numbers
  - sets
  - functions
  - expressions
  - geometric objects
  - transformations of other mathematical objects
  - spaces

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mathematical\\_object](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mathematical_object)

## Mathematical objects (4)

- **Mathematical objects** can be very *complex*;
  - for example, the followings are considered as **mathematical objects** in **proof theory**.
    - theorems
    - proofs
    - theories

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mathematical\\_object](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mathematical_object)

# Structure (1)

- a **structure** is a **set** endowed with some *additional features* on the **set**
  - an *operation*
  - *relation*
  - *metric*
  - *topology*
- often, the *additional features* are attached or related to the **set**, so as to provide it with some *additional meaning* or *significance*.

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## Structure (2)

- A partial list of possible **structures** are
  - measures
  - algebraic structures (groups, fields, etc.)
  - topologies
  - metric structures (geometries)
  - orders
  - events
  - equivalence relations
  - differential structures
  - categories.

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# Space (1)

- A **space** consists of selected **mathematical objects** that are treated as **points**, and selected **relationships** between these **points**.
  - the **nature** of the **points** can vary widely:  
for example, the **points** can be
    - elements of a set
    - functions on another space
    - subspaces of another space
  - It is the **relationships** between **points** that define the **nature** of the **space**.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Space\\_\(mathematics\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Space_(mathematics))

## Space (2)

- *modern mathematics* uses many types of **spaces**, such as
  - Euclidean spaces
  - linear spaces
  - topological spaces
  - Hilbert spaces
  - probability spaces
- *modern mathematics* does not define the notion of **space** itself.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Space\\_\(mathematics\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Space_(mathematics))

## Space (3)

- a **space** is  
a **set** (or a **universe**) with some added **features**
- it is not always clear  
whether a given **mathematical object** should be considered  
as a **geometric space**, or an **algebraic structure**
- a general definition of **structure** embraces  
all common types of **space**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Space\\_\(mathematics\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Space_(mathematics))



# Mathematical space (1)

- A **mathematical space** is, informally, a **collection** of **mathematical objects** under consideration.
- The **universe** of **mathematical objects** within a **space** are *precisely defined entities* whose **rules** of *interaction* come baked into the **rules** of the **space**.

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## Mathematical space (2)

- A **space** differs from a **mathematical set** in several important ways:
  - A **mathematical set** is also a **collection** of **objects**
  - but these **objects** are being pulled from a **space** (or **universe**) of **objects** where the **rules** and **definitions** have already been agreed upon

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## Mathematical space (3)

- A **space** differs from a **mathematical set** in several important ways:
  - a **mathematical set** has no **internal structure**,
  - a **space** usually has some **internal structure**.

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## Mathematical space (4)

- having some **internal structure** could mean a variety of things, but typically it involves
  - *interactions* and *relationships* between **elements** of the **space**
  - *rules* on how to *create* and *define* **new elements** of the **space**

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# Measurable space (1)

- A measurable space is any space with a sigma-algebra which can then be equipped with a measure
  - collection of subsets of the space following certain rules with a way to assign sizes to those sets.

<https://www.quora.com/What-is-a-measurable-space-and-probability-space-intuitively-What-differences-do-they-have>

# Measurable space (2)

- Intuitively, certain **sets** belonging to a **measurable space** can be given a **size** in a *consistent way*.

*consistent way* means that certain **axioms** are met:

- the **empty set** is given a **size** of **zero**
- if a measurable set is **contained** inside another one, then its **size** is **less than** or **equal to** the size of the **containing set**
- the size of a **disjoint union** of sets is the **sum** of the individual sets' **sizes**

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# The set of all real numbers

- In the [set](#) of all [real numbers](#), one has the natural [Euclidean metric](#); that is, a function which *measures* the [distance](#) between two [real numbers](#):  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ .

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open\\_set](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_set)

# All points close to a real number $x$

- Therefore, given a **real number**  $x$ , one can speak of the **set** of all **points close** to that **real number**  $x$ ; that is, **within**  $\varepsilon$  of  $x$ .
- In essence, **points within**  $\varepsilon$  of  $x$  **approximate**  $x$  to an **accuracy** of **degree**  $\varepsilon$ .
- Note that  $\varepsilon > 0$  always, but as  $\varepsilon$  becomes *smaller* and *smaller*, one obtains **points** that **approximate**  $x$  to a *higher* and *higher* **degree** of **accuracy**.

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# The points within $\varepsilon$ of $x$

- For example, if  $x = 0$  and  $\varepsilon = 1$ , the **points** within  $\varepsilon$  of  $x$  are precisely the **points** of the interval  $(-1, 1)$ ;
- However, with  $\varepsilon = 0.5$ , the **points** within  $\varepsilon$  of  $x$  are precisely the **points** of  $(-0.5, 0.5)$ .
- Clearly, these **points** approximate  $x$  to a *greater degree* of **accuracy** than when  $\varepsilon = 1$ .

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## without a concrete Euclidean metric

- The previous examples shows, for the case  $x = 0$ , that one may approximate  $x$  to *higher and higher* degrees of accuracy by defining  $\varepsilon$  to be *smaller and smaller*.
- In particular, sets of the form  $(-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$  give us a lot of information about **points close** to  $x = 0$ .
- Thus, rather than speaking of a concrete Euclidean metric, one may use **sets** to describe **points close** to  $x$ .

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# Different collections of sets containing 0

- This innovative idea has far-reaching consequences; in particular, by defining

different collections of sets containing 0  
(distinct from the sets  $(-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$ ),  
one may find different results  
regarding the distance  
between 0 and other real numbers.

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# A set for measuring distance

- For example, if we were to define  $R$  as the *only* such set for "*measuring distance*", all points are close to 0
- since there is only one possible degree of accuracy one may achieve in approximating 0: being a member of  $R$ .

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# The measure as a binary condition

- Thus, we find that in some sense, every real number is **distance** 0 away from 0.
- It may help in this case to think of the **measure** as being a **binary condition**:
  - all things in  $\mathbf{R}$  are equally close to 0,
  - while any item that is not in  $\mathbf{R}$  is not close to 0.

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# Probability space

- A **probability space** is simply a **measurable space** equipped with a **probability measure**.
- A **probability measure** has the special property of giving the entire space a size of **1**.
  - this then implies that the **size** of any disjoint union of sets (the sum of the **sizes** of the sets) in the **probability space** is less than or equal to 1

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# Euclidean space definition (1)

- A **subset**  $U$  of the **Euclidean n-space**  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is open  
if, for every **point**  $x$  in  $U$ ,  
there exists a positive **real number**  $\varepsilon$   
(depending on  $x$ )  
**such that** any **point** in  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
whose **Euclidean distance** from  $x$  is smaller than  $\varepsilon$   
belongs to  $U$

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## Euclidean space definition (2)

- Equivalently, a subset  $U$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is open if every point in  $U$  is the center of an open ball contained in  $U$
- An example of a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  that is not open is the closed interval  $[0, 1]$ , since neither  $0 - \varepsilon$  nor  $1 + \varepsilon$  belongs to  $[0, 1]$  for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , no matter how small.

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# Metric space definition (1)

- A **subset**  $U$  of a **metric space**  $(M, d)$  is called **open**  
if, for any **point**  $x$  in  $U$ , there exists a **real number**  $\varepsilon > 0$   
**such that** any **point**  $y \in M$  satisfying  $d(x, y) < \varepsilon$  belongs to  $U$ .
- Equivalently,  $U$  is **open**  
if every **point** in  $U$   
has a **neighborhood** contained in  $U$ .
- This generalizes the **Euclidean space** example,  
since **Euclidean space** with the **Euclidean distance**  
is a **metric space**.

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## Metric space definition (2)

- formally, a **metric space** is an **ordered pair**  $(M, d)$  where  $M$  is a **set** and  $d$  is a **metric** on  $M$ , i.e., a **function**

$$d : M \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

satisfying the following **axioms** for all points  $x, y, z \in M$ :

- $d(x, x) = 0$ .
- if  $x \neq y$ , then  $d(x, y) > 0$ .
- $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ .
- $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$ .

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open\\_set](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_set)

# Metric space definition (3)

- satisfying the following **axioms** for all points  $x, y, z \in M$ :
  - the distance from a point *to itself* is zero:
  - (**Positivity**) the **distance** between two distinct points is always **positive**:
  - (**Symmetry**) the **distance** from  $x$  to  $y$  is always the same as the **distance** from  $y$  to  $x$ :
  - (**Triangle inequality**) you can arrive at  $z$  from  $x$  by taking a detour through  $y$ , but this will not make your journey any faster than the shortest path.
- If the **metric**  $d$  is unambiguous, one often refers by abuse of notation to "the **metric space**  $M$ ".

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# Topology (1)

- **topology**  
from the Greek words  
τόπος, 'place, location',  
and λόγος, 'study'

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Topology>

## Topology (2)

- **topology** is concerned with the properties of a **geometric object** that are preserved
  - under **continuous deformations** such as
    - stretching
    - twisting
    - crumpling
    - bending
  - that is, without
    - closing holes
    - opening holes
    - tearing
    - gluing
    - passing through itself

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Topology>

# Topological space (1)

- a **topological space** is, roughly speaking,  
a **geometrical space**  
in which **closeness** is defined  
but cannot necessarily be **measured**  
by a **numeric distance**.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Borel\\_set](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Borel_set)

## Topological space (2)

- More specifically, a **topological space** is
  - a set whose elements are called points,
  - along with an additional structure called a topology,
- which can be defined as
  - a set of neighbourhoods for each point
  - that satisfy some axioms  
formalizing the concept of closeness.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Borel\\_set](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Borel_set)



## Topological space (3)

- There are several *equivalent definitions* of a **topology**, the most commonly used of which is the *definition* through *open sets*, which is easier than the others to manipulate.

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# Topological space (4)

- A **topological space** is the most **general type** of a **mathematical space** that allows for the definition of
  - **limits**
  - **continuity**
  - **connectedness**
- Although very **general**, the concept of **topological spaces** is **fundamental**, and used in virtually every branch of modern mathematics.
- The study of **topological spaces** in their own right is called **point-set topology** or **general topology**.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Topological\\_space](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Topological_space)

# Topological space (5)

- Common types of **topological spaces** include
  - **Euclidean spaces** : a **set** of **points** satisfying certain **relationships**, expressible in terms of **distance** and **angles**.
  - **metric spaces** : a **set** together with a notion of **distance** between **points**. The **distance** is measured by a function called a **metric** or **distance function**.
  - **manifolds** : a topological space that *locally* resembles **Euclidean space** near each point. More precisely, an **n-manifold** is a topological space with the property that each **point** has a **neighborhood** that is **homeomorphic** to an **open subset** of **n-dimensional Euclidean space**.

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# Discrete Topology

- a **discrete space** is a **topological space**,  
in which the **points** form a **discontinuous sequence**,  
meaning they are isolated from each other in a certain sense.
- The **discrete topology** is  
the finest **topology** that can be given on a **set**.
  - every **subset** is **open**
  - every **singleton subset** is an **open set**

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# Singleton

- a **singleton**, also known as a **unit set** or **one-point set**, is a **set** with exactly one element.
- for example, the **set**  $\{0\}$  is a **singleton** whose single element is 0

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Discrete\\_space](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Discrete_space)

# Indiscrete Space (1)

- a **topological space** with the **trivial topology** is one where the only **open sets** are the **empty set** and the **entire space**.
- Such spaces are commonly called **indiscrete**, **anti-discrete**, **concrete** or **codiscrete**.
  - every **subset** can be **open** (the **discrete topology**), or
  - no **subset** can be **open** (the **indiscrete topology**) except the space itself and the empty set .

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# Indiscrete Space (2)

- Intuitively, this has the consequence that all **points** of the **space** are "**lumped together**" and cannot be **distinguished** by topological means (not topologically **distinguishable** points)
- Every **indiscrete space** is a **pseudometric space** in which the **distance** between any two **points** is zero.

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# $T_0$ Space

- a **topological space**  $X$  is a  $T_0$  **space** or **if** for every **pair** of distinct points of  $X$ , at least one of them has a neighborhood not containing the other.
- In a  $T_0$  **space**, all **points** are topologically distinguishable.
- This condition, called the  $T_0$  **condition**, is the weakest of the **separation axioms**.
- Nearly all topological spaces *normally* studied in mathematics are  $T_0$  **space**.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kolmogorov\\_space](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kolmogorov_space)



# Topologically distinguishable points

- Intuitively, an **open set** provides a *method* to *distinguish* two **points**.
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  - not containing the other (distinct) point
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# Metric spaces

- In this manner, one may speak of whether two **points**, or more generally two **subsets**, of a **topological space** are "**near**" without concretely defining a **distance**.
- Therefore, **topological spaces** may be seen as a generalization of **spaces** equipped with a notion of **distance**, which are called **metric spaces**.

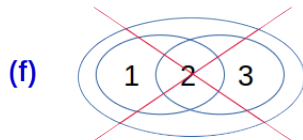
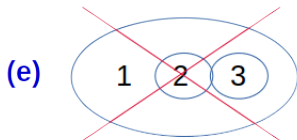
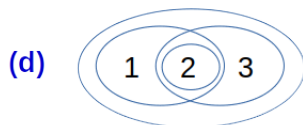
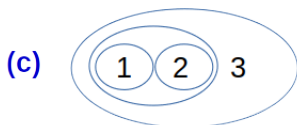
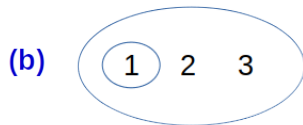
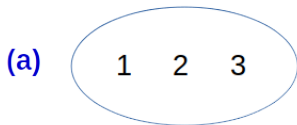
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# Examples of topology (1)

- Let  $\tau$  be denoted with the circles, here are four examples **(a)**, **(b)**, **(c)**, **(d)**, and two non-examples **(e)**, **(f)** of topologies on the three-point set  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ .
- **(e)** is not a topology because the union of  $\{2\}$  and  $\{3\}$  [i.e.  $\{2, 3\}$ ] is missing;
- **(f)** is not a topology because the intersection of  $\{1, 2\}$  and  $\{2, 3\}$  [i.e.  $\{2\}$ ], is missing.

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# Examples of topology (2)



Every union of  $(c)$ 

$(c)$  is a topology  $\{\{\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1,2\}, \{1,2,3\}\}$   
**every union of  $(c)$**

$\cup$	$\{\}$	$\{1\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{1,2\}$	$\{1,2,3\}$
$\{\}$	$\{\}$	$\{1\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{1,2\}$	$\{1,2,3\}$
$\{1\}$	$\{1\}$	$\{1\}$	$\{1,2\}$	$\{1,2\}$	$\{1,2,3\}$
$\{2\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{1,2\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{1,2\}$	$\{1,2,3\}$
$\{1,2\}$	$\{1,2\}$	$\{1,2\}$	$\{1,2\}$	$\{1,2\}$	$\{1,2,3\}$
$\{1,2,3\}$	$\{1,2,3\}$	$\{1,2,3\}$	$\{1,2,3\}$	$\{1,2,3\}$	$\{1,2,3\}$

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Every intersection of  $(c)$ 

$(c)$  is a topology  $\{\{\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1,2\}, \{1,2,3\}\}$   
every intersection of  $(c)$

$\cap$	$\{\}$	$\{1\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{1,2\}$	$\{1,2,3\}$
$\{\}$	$\{\}$	$\{\}$	$\{\}$	$\{\}$	$\{\}$
$\{1\}$	$\{\}$	$\{1\}$	$\{\}$	$\{1\}$	$\{1\}$
$\{2\}$	$\{\}$	$\{\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{2\}$
$\{1,2\}$	$\{\}$	$\{1\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{1,2\}$	$\{1,2\}$
$\{1,2,3\}$	$\{\}$	$\{1\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{1,2\}$	$\{1,2,3\}$

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## Every union of (f)

(f) is not a topology  $\{\{\}, \{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}\}$   
every union of (f)

$\cup$	$\{\}$	$\{1, 2\}$	$\{2, 3\}$	$\{1, 2, 3\}$
$\{\}$	$\{\}$	$\{1, 2\}$	$\{2, 3\}$	$\{1, 2, 3\}$
$\{1, 2\}$	$\{1, 2\}$	$\{1, 2\}$	$\{1, 2, 3\}$	$\{1, 2, 3\}$
$\{2, 3\}$	$\{2, 3\}$	$\{1, 2, 3\}$	$\{2, 3\}$	$\{1, 2, 3\}$
$\{1, 2, 3\}$	$\{1, 2, 3\}$	$\{1, 2, 3\}$	$\{1, 2, 3\}$	$\{1, 2, 3\}$

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$\{\}$	$\{\}$	$\{\}$	$\{\}$	$\{\}$
$\{1,2\}$	$\{\}$	$\{1,2\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{1,2\}$
$\{2,3\}$	$\{\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{2,3\}$	$\{2,3\}$
$\{1,2,3\}$	$\{\}$	$\{1,2\}$	$\{2,3\}$	$\{1,2,3\}$

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## Examples of topology (3)

- Given  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  
the *trivial* or *indiscrete topology* on  $X$  is  
the family  $\tau = \{\{\}, \{1, 2, 3, 4\}\} = \{\emptyset, X\}$   
consisting of only the two subsets of  $X$   
required by the axioms  
forms a topology of  $X$ .

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## Examples of topology (4)

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 $= \{\emptyset, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, X\}$   
of six **subsets** of  $X$  forms another **topology** of  $X$ .

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## Examples of topology (5)

- Given  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  
the *discrete topology* on  $X$  is  
the *power set* of  $X$ , which is the family  $\tau = \wp(X)$   
consisting of *all possible subsets* of  $X$ .  
the family

$$\begin{aligned}\tau = & \{\{\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\} \\ & \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 4\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 4\}, \\ & \{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 4\}, \{1, 3, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}, \{1, 2, 3, 4\}\end{aligned}$$

- In this case the topological space  $(X, \tau)$   
is called a *discrete space*.

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## Examples of topology (6)

- Given  $X = \mathbb{Z}$ , the set of integers, the family  $\tau$  of all finite subsets of the integers plus  $\mathbb{Z}$  itself is not a topology, because (for example) the union of all finite sets not containing zero is not finite but is also not all of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , and so it cannot be in  $\tau$ .

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# Definition via Open Sets (1)

- A **topology**  $\tau$  on a **set**  $X$  is a **set** of **subsets** of  $X$  with the *properties* below.
  - a **topology**  $\tau$  on a **set**  $X$  : a **set** of **subsets** of  $X$
  - **members** of  $\tau$  : **subsets** of  $X$
- each **member** of  $\tau$  is called an **open set**.
- $X$  together with  $\tau$  is called a **topological space**

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## Definition via Open Sets (2)

- topology  $\tau$  : a set of subsets of  $X$  has the *properties* below
  - $X \in \tau$  and  $\emptyset \in \tau$
  - any union of sets in  $\tau$  belong to  $\tau$  :  
any union of subsets of  $X$  belong to  $\tau$  :  
if  $\{U_i : i \in I\} \subseteq \tau$  then

$$\bigcup_{i \in I} U_i \in \tau$$

- any finite intersection of sets in  $\tau$  belong to  $\tau$   
any finite intersection of subsets of  $X$  belong to  $\tau$  :  
if  $U_1, \dots, U_n \in \tau$  then

$$U_1 \cap \dots \cap U_n \in \tau$$

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## Definition via Open Sets (3)

- Infinite intersections of open sets need not be open.
- For example, the intersection of all intervals of the form  $(-1/n, 1/n)$ , where  $n$  is a positive integer, is the set  $\{0\}$  which is not open in the real line.
- A metric space is a topological space, whose topology consists of the collection of all subsets that are unions of open balls.
- There are, however, topological spaces that are not metric spaces.

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# Definition via Open Sets (4)

- A **topology** on a set  $X$  may be defined as a **collection**  $\tau$  of **subsets** of  $X$ , called **open sets** and satisfying the following **axioms**:
  - The **empty set** and  $X$  itself belong to  $\tau$  .
  - any arbitrary (**finite** or **infinite**) **union** of members of  $\tau$  belongs to  $\tau$  .
  - the **intersection** of any **finite** number of members of  $\tau$  belongs to  $\tau$  .

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# Definition via Open Sets (5)

- As this definition of a topology is the most commonly used, the set  $\tau$  of the **open sets** is commonly called a **topology** on  $X$ .
- A **subset**  $C \subseteq X$  is said to be **closed** in  $(X, \tau)$  if its complement  $X \setminus C$  is an **open set**.

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# Definition via Neighborhoods (1)

- This axiomatization is due to Felix Hausdorff.
- Let  $X$  be a **set**;
- the **elements** of  $X$  are usually called **points**, though they can be any mathematical object.
- We allow  $X$  to be **empty**.

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## Definition via Neighborhoods (2)

- Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be a **function** assigning to each  $x$  (**point**) in  $X$  a non-empty **collection**  $\mathcal{N}(x)$  of **subsets** of  $X$ .
- The **elements** of  $\mathcal{N}(x)$  will be called **neighbourhoods** of  $x$  with respect to  $\mathcal{N}$  (or, simply, **neighbourhoods** of  $x$ ).
- The **function**  $\mathcal{N}$  is called a neighbourhood topology if *the axioms* below are satisfied; and
- then  $X$  with  $\mathcal{N}$  is called a **topological space**.

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## Definition via Neighborhoods (3)

- If  $N$  is a neighbourhood of  $x$  (i.e.,  $N \in \mathcal{N}(x)$ ), then  $x \in N$ .  
In other words, each point belongs to every one of its neighbourhoods.
- If  $N$  is a subset of  $X$  and includes a neighbourhood of  $x$ , then  $N$  is a neighbourhood of  $x$ . I.e., every superset of a neighbourhood of a point  $x \in X$  is again a neighbourhood of  $x$ .
- The intersection of two neighbourhoods of  $x$  is a neighbourhood of  $x$ .
- Any neighbourhood  $\mathcal{N}$  of  $x$  includes a neighbourhood  $\mathcal{M}$  of  $x$  such that  $\mathcal{N}$  is a neighbourhood of each point of  $\mathcal{M}$ .

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## Definition via Neighborhoods (4)

- The first three axioms for neighbourhoods have a clear meaning.
- The fourth axiom has a very important use in the structure of the theory, that of linking together the neighbourhoods of different points of  $X$ .
- A standard example of such a system of neighbourhoods is for the real line  $\mathbb{R}$ , where a subset  $N$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  is defined to be a neighbourhood of a real number  $x$  if it includes an open interval containing  $x$ .

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## Definition via Neighborhoods (5)

- Given such a **structure**, a **subset**  $U$  of  $X$  is defined to be **open** if  $U$  is a **neighbourhood** of all **points** in  $U$ .
- The **open sets** then satisfy the **axioms** given below.
- Conversely, when given the **open sets** of a **topological space**, the **neighbourhoods** satisfying the above **axioms** can be recovered by defining  $N$  to be a **neighbourhood** of  $x$  if  $N$  includes an open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$ .

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# Definitions via Closed Sets (1)

- Using **de Morgan's laws**, the above axioms defining **open sets** become axioms defining **closed sets**:
- The **empty set** and  $X$  are **closed**.
  - The **intersection** of any **collection** of **closed sets** is also **closed**.
  - The **union** of any finite number of **closed sets** is also **closed**.
- Using these **axioms**, another way to define a **topological space** is as a set  $X$  together with a **collection**  $\tau$  of **closed subsets** of  $X$ . Thus the **sets** in the **topology**  $\tau$  are the **closed sets**, and their complements in  $X$  are the **open sets**.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open\\_set](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_set)



# Homeomorphism (1)

- a **homeomorphism**

(from Greek ὁμοιος (homoios) 'similar, same',

and μορφή (morphē) 'shape, form',

named by Henri Poincaré), **topological isomorphism**,

or **bicontinuous function** is

a **bijjective** and **continuous** function

between topological spaces

that has a **continuous inverse** function.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homeomorphism>

## Homeomorphism (2)

- **Homeomorphisms** are the **isomorphisms** in the category of **topological spaces** – the **mappings** that **preserve** all the **topological properties** of a given space.
- Two **spaces** with a **homeomorphism** between them are called **homeomorphic**, and from a topological viewpoint they are the same.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homeomorphism>

## Homeomorphism (3)

- Very roughly speaking,  
a **topological space** is a **geometric object**,  
and the **homeomorphism** is  
a *continuous* **stretching** and **bending**  
of the object into a *new* **shape**.

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# Homeomorphism (4)

- Thus, a *square* and a *circle* are **homeomorphic** to each other, but a *sphere* and a *torus* are not.
- However, this description can be misleading.
- Some *continuous deformations* are not **homeomorphisms**, such as the *deformation* of a *line* into a *point*.
- Some **homeomorphisms** are not *continuous deformations*, such as the homeomorphism between a *trefoil knot* and a *circle*.

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# Sigma algebra (1)

- We term the **structures** which allow us to use **measure** to be **sigma algebras**
- the only requirements for **sigma algebras** (on a set  $X$ ) are:
  - the  $\{\}$  and  $X$  are in the **set**.
  - if  $A$  is in the **set**, *complement*( $A$ ) is in the **set**.
  - for any **sets**  $E_i$  in the set,  
 $\bigcup_i E_i$  is in the **set** (for countable  $i$ ).

<https://medium.com/intuition/measure-theory-for-beginners-an-intuitive-approach-f5cea0cc2e7>

# Sigma algebra (2)

- The most intuitive way to think about a **sigma algebra** is that it is the kind of **structure** we can do **probability** on.
  - for example, we can assign ratios of areas and length, so the **measure** on such a **set**  $X$  tells something about the **probability** of its **subsets**.
  - we can find the **probability** of **subsets**  $A$  and  $B$  because we know their ratios with respect to a **set**  $X$  ;
  - we also know that
    - (the measure of) their **complements** are defined, and
    - their **unions** and **intersections** are defined,
    - so we know how to find the **probability** of things in this set  $X$ .

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## Sigma algebra (3)

- The **sigma algebra** which contains the **standard topology** on  $\mathbb{R}$  (that is, *all open sets* on  $\mathbb{R}$ ) is called the **Borel Sigma Algebra**, and the elements of this **set** are called **Borel sets**.
- What this gives us, is the set of **sets** on which outer measure gives our list of dreams. That is, if we take a **Borel set** and we check that length follows translation, additivity, and interval length, it will always hold.

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# Sigma algebra (4)

- The **set** of Lebesgue measurable sets is the **set** of **Borel sets**, along with (union) all the sets which differ from a Borel set by a **set of measure 0**.
- More intuitively, it is all the sets we can normally measure, plus a bunch of stuff that doesn't affect our ideas of area or volume (think about the **border** of the circle above).

<https://medium.com/intuition/measure-theory-for-beginners-an-intuitive-approach-f5cea0cc2e7>

## Borel Sets (1-1)

- a **Borel set** is any **set** in a **topological space** that can be formed from **open sets** (or, equivalently, from **closed sets**) through the operations of
  - countable union,
  - countable intersection, and
  - relative complement.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Borel\\_set](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Borel_set)

## Borel Sets (1-2)

- For a **topological space  $X$** , the collection of all Borel sets on  $X$  forms a  $\sigma$ -algebra, known as the **Borel algebra** or **Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra**.
- The **Borel algebra on  $X$**  is the smallest  **$\sigma$ -algebra** containing all open sets (or, equivalently, all closed sets).

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## Borel Sets (1-3)

- **Borel sets** are important in measure theory, since any measure defined on the open sets of a space, or on the closed sets of a space, must also be defined on all Borel sets of that space.
- Any measure defined on the Borel sets is called a **Borel measure**.
- **Borel sets** and the associated **Borel hierarchy** also play a fundamental role in descriptive set theory.

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## Borel Sets (2)

- **Borel sets** are those obtained from intervals by means of the operations allowed in a  **$\sigma$ -algebra**. So we may construct them in a (transfinite) "sequence" of steps:
- ... And again and again.

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# Borel Sets (3-1)

1. Start with **finite unions** of **closed-open intervals**.  
These sets are completely **elementary**, and they form an **algebra**.
2. **Adjoin countable unions** and **intersections** of elementary sets.  
What you get already includes **open sets** and **closed sets**, **intersections** of an open set and a closed set, and so on.  
Thus you obtain an **algebra**, that is still not a  **$\sigma$ -algebra**.

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## Borel Sets (3)

3. Again, **adjoin countable unions** and **intersections** to 2.  
Observe that you get a strictly larger class, since a **countable intersection** of **countable unions** of intervals is not necessarily included in 2.  
Explicit examples of sets in 3 but not in 2 include  $F_\sigma$  sets, like, say, the set of *rational numbers*.
4. And do the same again.

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## Borel Sets (4-1)

- And even after a sequence of steps we are not yet finished. Take, say, a countable union of a set constructed at step 1, a set constructed at step 2, and so on. This union may very well not have been constructed at any step yet. By axioms of  $\sigma$ -algebra, you should include it as well - if you want, as step  $\infty$

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## Borel Sets (4-2)

- (or, technically, the first infinite ordinal, if you know what that means).
- And then continue in the same way until you reach the first uncountable ordinal. And only then will you finally obtain the generated  $\sigma$ -algebra.

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# Stochastic Process (1)

In probability theory and related fields, a **stochastic** (/stou'kæstɪk/) or **random** process is a mathematical object usually defined as a family of **random variables**.

The word stochastic in English was originally used as an adjective with the definition "pertaining to **conjecturing**", and stemming from a Greek word meaning "to aim at a mark, guess", and the Oxford English Dictionary gives the year 1662 as its earliest occurrence.

From Ancient Greek στοχαστικός (stokhastikós), from στοχάζομαι (stokhá-zomai, "aim at a target, guess"), from στόχος (stókhos, "an aim, a guess").

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stochastic>  
<https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/stochastic>

## Stochastic Process (2)

The definition of a **stochastic process** varies, but a **stochastic process** is *traditionally* defined as a collection of **random variables** indexed by some set.

The terms **random process** and **stochastic process** are considered synonyms and are used interchangeably, without the **index set** being precisely specified.

Both "**collection**", or "**family**" are used while instead of "**index set**", sometimes the terms "**parameter set**" or "**parameter space**" are used.

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## Stochastic Process (3)

The term **random function** is also used to refer to a **stochastic** or **random process**, though sometimes it is only used when the stochastic process takes real values.

This term is also used when the **index sets** are **mathematical spaces** other than the **real line**,

while the terms **stochastic process** and **random process** are usually used when the **index set** is interpreted as time,

and other terms are used such as **random field** when the **index set** is  $n$ -dimensional **Euclidean space**  $\mathbb{R}^n$  or a manifold

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# Stochastic Process (4)

A **stochastic process** can be denoted, by  $\{X(t)\}_{t \in T}$ ,  $\{X_t\}_{t \in T}$ ,  $\{X(t)\}$ ,  $\{X_t\}$  or simply as  $X$  or  $X(t)$ , although  $X(t)$  is regarded as an abuse of function notation.

For example,  $X(t)$  or  $X_t$  are used to refer to the **random variable** with the **index**  $t$ , and not the entire **stochastic process**.

If the **index set** is  $T = [0, \infty)$ , then one can write, for example,  $(X_t, t \geq 0)$  to denote the **stochastic process**.

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# Stochastic Process Definition (1)

A **stochastic process** is defined as a collection of **random variables** defined on a common **probability space**  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ ,

- $\Omega$  is a **sample space**,
- $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $\sigma$ -**algebra**,
- $P$  is a **probability measure**;
- the **random variables**, indexed by some set  $T$ ,
- all take values in the same **mathematical space**  $S$ , which must be **measurable** with respect to some  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\Sigma$

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# Stochastic Process Definition (2)

In other words, for a given **probability space**  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  and a **measurable space**  $(S, \Sigma)$ , a **stochastic process** is a **collection** of  $S$ -valued **random variables**, which can be written as:

$$\{X(t) : t \in T\}.$$

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# Stochastic Process Definition (3)

Historically, in many problems from the natural sciences a point  $t \in T$  had the meaning of time, so  $X(t)$  is a **random variable** representing a value observed at time  $t$ .

A **stochastic process** can also be written as  $\{X(t, \omega) : t \in T\}$  to reflect that it is actually a function of two variables,  $t \in T$  and  $\omega \in \Omega$ .

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## Stochastic Process Definition (4)

There are other ways to consider a stochastic process, with the above definition being considered the traditional one.

For example, a stochastic process can be interpreted or defined as a  $S^T$ -valued **random variable**, where  $S^T$  is the space of all the possible functions from the set  $T$  into the space  $S$ .

However this alternative definition as a "**function-valued random variable**" in general requires additional regularity assumptions to be **well-defined**.

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## Index set (1)

The set  $T$  is called the **index set** or **parameter set** of the **stochastic process**.

Often this set is some subset of the real line, such as the natural numbers or an interval, giving the set  $T$  the interpretation of time.

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## Index set (2)

In addition to these sets, the index set  $T$  can be another set with a **total order** or a more general set, such as the Cartesian plane  $R^2$  or  $n$ -dimensional **Euclidean space**, where an element  $t \in T$  can represent a point in space.

That said, many results and theorems are only possible for **stochastic processes** with a **totally ordered index set**.

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# State space

The **mathematical space**  $S$  of a **stochastic process** is called its **state space**.

This mathematical space can be defined using integers, real lines,  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean spaces, complex planes, or more abstract mathematical spaces.

The **state space** is defined using elements that reflect the different values that the **stochastic process** can take.

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# Sample function (1)

A **sample function** is a single outcome of a **stochastic process**, so it is formed by taking a single possible value of each **random variable** of the **stochastic process**.

More precisely, if  $\{X(t, \omega) : t \in T\}$  is a **stochastic process**, then for any point  $\omega \in \Omega$ , the mapping  $X(\cdot, \omega) : T \rightarrow S$ , is called a **sample function**, a **realization**, or, particularly when  $T$  is interpreted as time, a **sample path** of the **stochastic process**  $\{X(t, \omega) : t \in T\}$ .

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## Sample function (2)

This means that for a fixed  $\omega \in \Omega$  ,  
there exists a **sample function**  
that maps the **index set**  $T$  to the **state space**  $S$ .

Other names for a **sample function** of a **stochastic process**  
include **trajectory**, **path function** or **path**

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