

# Random Process Background (1C)

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Based on  
Probability, Random Variables and Random Signal Principles,  
P.Z. Peebles, Jr. and B. Shi

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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 (2-1)

- more generally, an **open set** is a **member** of a **given collection** of **subsets** of a **given set**

- a given set
- subsets of a given set
- a given collection of subsets of a given set

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## Open set (2-2)

- a **collection** has the following property of **containing**

- a **collection** contains
  - 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

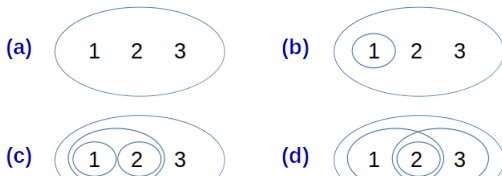
- An **open ball**  $B_r(\mathbf{a})$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
centered at  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with radius  $r$   
is the set of all points  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$   
such that the distance between  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{a}$  is less than  $r$
- 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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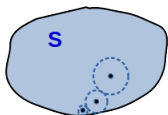
## Open set (6) Interior points

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

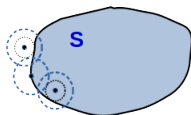


# Open set (7) Boundary points

- 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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# Neighborhood (1)

- a **neighbourhood** is one of the basic *concepts* in a **topological space**.
- It is closely related to the *concepts* of **open set** and **interior**.
- Intuitively speaking, a **neighbourhood** of a **point** is a **set of points** containing that **point** where one can move some amount in any direction away from that **point** without leaving the **set**.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neighbourhood\\_\(mathematics\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neighbourhood_(mathematics))

# Interior

- the **interior** of a **subset**  $S$  of a **topological space**  $X$  is the **union** of *all* **subsets** of  $S$  that are **open** in  $X$ .
- A **point** that is in the **interior** of  $S$  is an **interior point** of  $S$ .
- The **interior** of  $S$  is the **complement** of the **closure** of the complement of  $S$ .  
the closure of (boundary + exterior)
- In this sense, **interior** and **closure** are dual notions.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Interior\\_\(topology\)#Interior\\_point](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Interior_(topology)#Interior_point)

# Exterior

- The **exterior** of a set  $S$  is the **complement** of the **closure** of  $S$ ; the closure of  $S = \text{boundary} + \text{interior}$
- it consists of the **points** that are in neither the **set** nor its **boundary**.
- The **interior**, **boundary**, and **exterior** of a **subset** together partition the whole **space** into three **blocks**
- fewer when one or more of these is empty

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# Interior Point (1)

- If  $S$  is a **subset** of a **Euclidean space**, then  $x$  is an **interior point** of  $S$  if there exists an **open ball** centered at  $x$  which is completely contained in  $S$ .
- This definition generalizes to any **subset**  $S$  of a **metric space**  $X$  with **metric**  $d$ :  
 $x$  is an **interior point** of  $S$  if there exists a real number  $r > 0$ , such that  $y$  is in  $S$  whenever the distance  $d(x, y) < r$ .

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# Interior Point (2)

- This definition generalizes to **topological spaces** by replacing "**open ball**" with "**open set**".
  - if there exists an *open ball* centered at  $x$  which is completely contained in  $S$ .
  - if  $x$  is contained in an *open subset* of  $X$  that is completely contained in  $S$ .

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# Interior Point (3)

- If  $S$  is a **subset** of a **topological space**  $X$  then  $x$  is an **interior point** of  $S$  in  $X$  if  $x$  is contained in an **open subset** of  $X$  that is completely contained in  $S$ .
- Equivalently,  $x$  is an **interior point** of  $S$  if  $S$  is a **neighbourhood** of  $x$ .

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# Interior of a Set (1)

- The **interior** of a **subset**  $S$  of a **topological space**  $X$ , can be defined in any of the following equivalent ways:
  - the largest **open subset** of  $X$  contained in  $S$ .
  - the union of all **open sets** of  $X$  contained in  $S$ .
  - the **set** of all **interior points** of  $S$ .

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## Interior of a Set (2)

- The **interior** of a **subset**  $S$  of a **topological space**  $X$ , denoted by  $\mathit{int}_X S$  or  $\mathit{int} S$  or  $S^\circ$
- If the **space**  $X$  is understood from **context** then the shorter notation  $\mathit{int} S$  is usually preferred to  $\mathit{int}_X S$ .

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# Neighborhood of a point (1-1)

- If  $X$  is a **topological space** and  $p$  is a **point** in  $X$ , then a **neighbourhood** of  $p$  is a **subset**  $V$  of  $X$  that includes an **open set**  $U$  containing  $p$ ,

$$p \in U \subseteq V \subseteq X.$$

- $X$  : a **topological space**
- $V$  : a **subset** of  $X$
- $U$  : an **open set** containing  $p$
- $p$  : a **point** in  $X$
- $V$  : a **neighbourhood** of  $p$

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# Neighborhood of a point (1-2)

- This is also equivalent to the **point**  $p \in X$  belonging to the **topological interior** of  $V$  in  $X$ .
- The **neighbourhood**  $V$  need not be an **open subset** of  $X$ , but when  $V$  is **open** in  $X$  then it is called an **open neighbourhood**.
- Some authors have been known to require **neighbourhoods** to be **open**, so it is important to note conventions.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neighbourhood\\_\(mathematics\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neighbourhood_(mathematics))

## Neighborhood of a point (2)

- A set that is a neighbourhood of each of its points is open since it can be expressed as the union of open sets containing each of its points.
- A closed rectangle, as illustrated in the figure, is not a neighbourhood of all its points;
  - points on the edges or corners of the rectangle are not contained in any open set that is contained within the rectangle.
- The collection of all neighbourhoods of a point is called the neighbourhood system at the point.

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# Neighborhood of a set (1-1)

- If  $S$  is a **subset** of a **topological space**  $X$ , then a **neighbourhood** of  $S$  is a **set**  $V$  that includes an **open set**  $U$  containing  $S$ ,

$$S \subseteq U \subseteq V \subseteq X.$$

- It follows that a **set**  $V$  is a **neighbourhood** of  $S$  if and only if it is a **neighbourhood** of all the **points** in  $S$ .
- Furthermore,  $V$  is a **neighbourhood** of  $S$  if and only if  $S$  is a **subset** of the **interior** of  $V$ .

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## Neighborhood of a set (1-2)

- A **neighbourhood** of  $S$  that is also an **open subset** of  $X$  is called an **open neighbourhood** of  $S$ .
- The **neighbourhood** of a **point** is just a special case of this definition.

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# Neighborhood definition (1)

- the **open set axioms** are often taken as the definition of a **topology**, when they are quite *unintuitive*, though extremely useful in the long run.
- the **neighbourhood** definition, while somewhat *cumbersome*, has the advantage of being closely related to ideas from **analysis**, and has a *historical basis*

<https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/157735/definition-of-neighborhood-and-open-set-in-topology>



# Neighborhood definition (2-1)

- A **neighbourhood topology** on a **set**  $X$  assigns to each element  $x \in X$  a non empty set  $N(x)$  of **subsets** of  $X$ , called **neighbourhoods** of  $x$
- with the following properties:

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## Neighborhood definition (2-2)

- the properties of a **neighbourhood topology**:
  - If  $N$  is a **neighbourhood** of  $x$  then  $x \in X$
  - If  $M$  is a **neighbourhood** of  $x$  and  $M \subseteq N \subseteq X$ , then  $N$  is a **neighbourhood** of  $x$
  - The **intersection** of two **neighbourhoods** of  $x$  is a **neighbourhood** of  $x$
  - If  $N$  is a **neighbourhood** of  $x$ , then  $N$  contains a **neighbourhood**  $M$  of  $x$  such that  $N$  is a **neighbourhood** of each **point** of  $M$ .

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## Neighborhood definition (3-1)

- Then one says a **function**  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is **continuous** wrt **neighbourhoods** on  $X$  and  $Y$  if for each  $x \in X$  and **neighbourhood**  $N$  of  $f(x)$  there is a **neighbourhood**  $M$  of  $x$  such that  $f(M) \subseteq N$ .
- The **open set** definition of **continuity** is then justified as being equivalent to this definition in terms of **neighbourhoods**.

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## Neighborhood definition (3-2)

- One also says a set  $U$  in  $X$  is **open** if  $U$  is a **neighbourhood** of all of its **points**. THEN one can develop the **open set axioms** and show that one can recover the **neighbourhoods**.

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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**.

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

## 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.

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

# 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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# 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  $X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$ .

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

# 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.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Partially\\_ordered\\_set](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Partially_ordered_set)

# 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**.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Partially\\_ordered\\_set](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Partially_ordered_set)

## 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 **countable**.
- 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>

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# Proper Filter (1-1)

- 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*.
- For instance, if  $x \in P$ , then the **set of elements above**  $x$  is a **filter**, called the **principal filter** at  $x$ .

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

# Proper Filter (1-2)

- If  $x$  and  $y$  are **incomparable elements** of  $P$ , then neither the **principal filter** at  $x$  nor  $y$  is contained in the other
  - two **elements**  $x$  and  $y$  of a set  $P$  are said to be **comparable** with respect to a **binary relation**  $\leq$  if at least one of  $x \leq y$  or  $y \leq x$  is **true**. They are called **incomparable** if they are not **comparable**.
  - Hasse diagram of the natural numbers, partially ordered by " $x \leq y$  if  $x$  divides  $y$ ". The numbers 4 and 6 are **incomparable**, since neither divides the other.

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

# Proper Filter (1-3)

- 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.
- This application generalizes the "locating scheme" to find **points** that might be hard to write down explicitly.

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

# Neighborhood Filter (1-1)

- Let  $X$  be a **set**;
- the **elements** of  $X$  are usually called **points**
- We allow  $X$  to be **empty**.
  
- 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  $x$ ).

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

# Neighborhood Filter (1-2)

- Let  $X$  be a [set](#);
- $\mathcal{N}$  : a [function](#) assigning to each [point](#)  $x$  in  $X$
- $\mathcal{N}(x)$  : a non-empty [collection](#) of [subsets](#) of  $X$ .
- The [elements](#) of  $\mathcal{N}(x)$ 
  - [subsets](#) of  $X$
  - [neighbourhoods](#) of  $x$  with respect to  $\mathcal{N}$

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

## Neighborhood Filter (1-3)

- The function  $\mathcal{N}$  is called a neighbourhood topology if *some axioms* are satisfied;
- then  $X$  with  $\mathcal{N}$  is called a topological space –  $(X, \mathcal{N})$

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

# Neighborhood Filter (1-4)

- If  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is a **topological space** and  $p \in X$ , a **neighbourhood** of  $p$  is a **subset**  $V$  of  $X$ , in which  $p \in U \subseteq V$ , and  $U$  is open.
- We say that  $V$  is a  $\mathcal{T}$ - **neighbourhood** of  $x \in X$  or that  $V$  is a **neighborhood** of  $x$
- The **set** of all **neighbourhoods** of  $x \in X$ , denoted  $\mathcal{N}_x$  is called the **neighbourhood filter** of  $x$

<https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/799732/neighborhood-vs-neighborhood-filter>

## Neighborhood Filter (1-4)

- An example of **Neighborhood Filters** on a **Topological space**.
- Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and let  $\mathcal{T} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$
- Let
$$\mathcal{N}_a = \{\{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$$
$$\mathcal{N}_b = \{\{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$$
$$\mathcal{N}_c = \{\{b, c\}, X\}.$$
- In this example  $a, c$  is a **neighborhood** of  $a$  but not of  $c$ .
- Thus a **set** does not have to be a **neighborhood** of all of its points.

<https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/799732/neighborhood-vs-neighborhood-filter>

## Neighborhood Filter (2)

- One can specify a **topology** in more than four different ways.
  - ① The standard definition specifies the **open sets**, what we usually call a "**topology**."
  - ② to specify the **close sets** - this is of course only a *trivial difference*.
  - ③ to specify a **closure operation** on **subsets** of your **space**
  - ④ to specify a **neighborhood filter** for every **point** satisfying the **natural axiom** that every **neighborhood** of  $x$  is a **neighborhood** of every **point** of one of its **subsets**
- So in this sense **neighborhood filters** tell you everything they possibly could about a **topological space**.

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## Neighborhood Filter (3-1)

- Probably the best way to think about the **neighborhood filter** of  $x$ : is that it contains all information regarding **convergence** to  $x$ .
- In the first **topological spaces** one encounters, **convergence** is usually of **sequences**.
- But this isn't enough to describe the **topology** in arbitrary **spaces**, for instance the infinite-dimensional **spaces** of **functional analysis**.
- It becomes important to speak of **convergence** of **nets**, or of **filters**.

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## Neighborhood Filter (3-2)

- A **filter** on  $X$  is just a nontrivial subset of the **powerset** of  $X$  **closed** under finite intersection and **superset**, and a **filter converges** to a **point**  $x$  if and only if it contains the **neighborhood filter** of  $x$ .
- In contrast to the case with **sequences**, this is enough to specify a **topology**: in fact it's enough to describe how **ultrafilters**, that is, **maximal filters**, **converge**.
- So in this sense the **neighborhood filter** encapsulates the viewpoint that **topology generalizes** the study of **convergent sequences**.

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# Neighborhood Filter (4-1)

- in a sense the **neighborhood filter** describes the smallest **neighborhood** of a **point**
  - except that there is no **smallest neighborhood**!
- That's true, at least, in many of the most interesting **spaces**, and is the main reason to worry about a whole **filter** of **neighborhoods**
  - if there were a smallest **neighborhood** then in any hypothesis requiring something to hold on a sufficiently small **neighborhood** of  $x$  we could just pick the smallest **neighborhood**.

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# Neighborhood Filter (4-2)

- But the smallest neighborhood of a point must be contained in the intersection of all its neighborhoods, and in, say, a Hausdorff space the intersection of all neighborhoods of  $x$  is  $x$ , which is not a neighborhood of  $x$  when  $x$  is not isolated.
- So the filter functions as a virtual smallest neighborhood of  $x$ : it doesn't converge to a neighborhood of  $x$ , so we can't think about its limit, but functionally we do just that.

<https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/799732/neighborhood-vs-neighborhood-filter>

# 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>



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# 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  $1, 4 \cap 1, 4 = 1, 4$     $1, 4 \cap 1, 2, 4 = 1, 4$   
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 $1, 3, 4 \cap 1, 3, 4 = 1, 3, 4$     $1, 2, 3, 4 \cap 1, 2, 3, 4 = 1, 2, 3, 4$
- 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**.
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# Topology

- **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.

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## 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

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# 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**.
- two points in a **topological space**, there exists an **open set**
  - containing one point but
  - not containing the other (distinct) point
  - the two points are **topologically distinguishable**.

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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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# Why called a discrete topology? (1)

- the **discrete topology** is the **finest** topology  
- it cannot be subdivided further.
- if you think of the elements of the set  
as **indivisible "discrete"** atoms,  
each one appears as a **singleton set**.
- can effectively "see" the **individual points**  
in the topology itself.

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## Why called a discrete topology? (2)

- the **indiscrete topology** consists only of  $X$  itself and  $\emptyset$ .
- This topology obscures everything about *how many points* were in the original set.
- It fully agglomerates the points of the set together.

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# Why called a discrete topology? (3)

- helpful to think of **topologies** as **obscuring** or **blurring** together the *underlying points* of the set.
- **topologies** are all about **nearness relations**: points in an **open set** are in the vicinity of one another.
- **topologically indistinguishable** points points that never appear alone in an **open set**,
  - they are so **close** as to be **identical**, from the perspective of the topology,

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## Why called a discrete topology? (4)

- the **discrete topology**
  - has no **indistinguishable points**.
  - **obscures** nothing about the underlying set.
  - each **point** in the set is
    - clearly highlighted
    - distinguishable
    - recoverable as an **open singleton set** in the topology.

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# Why called a discrete topology? (5)

- If you think of **topologies** that can arise from **metrics**, the **discrete topology** arises from **metrics** such as

$$d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & x = y \\ 1 & x \neq y \end{cases}$$

- This metric "shatters" the **points**  $X$ , isolating each one within its own **unit ball**.
  - In such a space, the only **convergent sequences** are the ones that are eventually constant;
  - you can't find points **arbitrarily close** to any other points.
  - because points are **isolated** in this way,
  - it makes sense to call the space "**discrete**".

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# Why called a discrete topology? (6-1)

- Every **function** from a **discrete space** is automatically continuous.
- for this reason, the **discrete topology** is the one that best "represents"  $X$  in **topological space**.
- Indeed, in many ways the nature of a **set** is characterized by its **functions**,
- and the nature of a **topological space** is characterized by its continuous functions.

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## Why called a discrete topology? (6-2)

- So, note that if  $T$  is any topological space, there's a natural bijective correspondence between functions  $f : X \rightarrow \text{set}(T)$  and continuous morphisms  $g : \text{discrete}(X) \rightarrow T$ .
- For every function on  $X$ , you can find a continuous function on  $\text{discrete}(X)$ , and given any continuous function on  $\text{discrete}(X)$ , you can uniquely recover a function on  $X$
- The discrete topology best represents the structure of the set  $X$  which, as you say, is discretized into individual points.

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## Why called a discrete topology? (7-1)

- Throughout abstract algebra, isomorphisms describe which structures are "the same".
- A topological isomorphism (a homeomorphism) between two topologies says that they are essentially the same topology.
- An isomorphism of sets is just a bijection;
- it says that the sets contain the same number of elements.

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## Why called a discrete topology? (7-3)

- Continuing the discussion of functions above, two discrete topologies are topologically isomorphic (homeomorphic) if and only if their underlying sets are isomorphic as sets (bijective).
- Put casually, this means that the discrete-topology-creating process maintains the similarity and differences between the underlying sets: discrete topologies are the same if and only if their underlying sets are.

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## Why called a discrete topology? (8)

- This is all the more important when we realize that sets are the same when they have the same number of points.
- Hence discrete topologies are the same when (and only when) their underlying sets have "discrete points" in the same quantity.
- You can count the points in a discrete topology through isomorphisms, and the discrete topology is the only topology for which this is possible.



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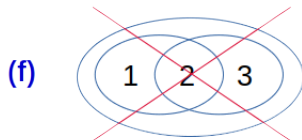
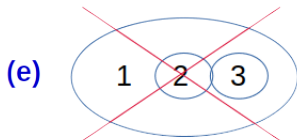
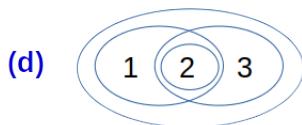
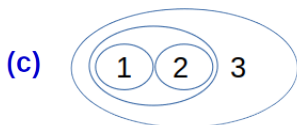
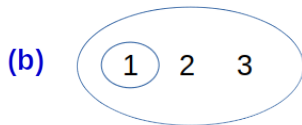
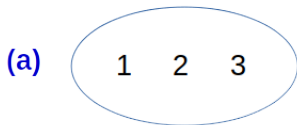
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# Examples of topology (1)

- 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  $(c)$

$\cup$	$\{\}$	$\{1\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{1,2\}$	$\{1,2,3\}$
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$\{2\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{1,2\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{1,2\}$	$\{1,2,3\}$
$\{1,2\}$	$\{1,2\}$	$\{1,2\}$	$\{1,2\}$	$\{1,2\}$	$\{1,2,3\}$
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Every intersection of  $(c)$ 

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every intersection of  $(c)$

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$\{1\}$	$\{\}$	$\{1\}$	$\{\}$	$\{1\}$	$\{1\}$
$\{2\}$	$\{\}$	$\{\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{2\}$
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## Every union of (f)

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

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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)

- Given  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  
the family  $\tau = \{\{\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3, 4\}\}$   
 $= \{\emptyset, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, X\}$   
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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