

# **GENERAL TOPOLOGY**

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((*Topological spaces*)) :

الفضاءات التبولوجية

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. A class  $\tau$  of subsets of  $X$  is a topology on  $X$  if and only if  $\tau$  satisfies the following axioms.

- i.  $X$  and  $\emptyset$  belong to  $\tau$ .
- ii. The intersection of any two sets in  $\tau$  belong to  $\tau$ .
- iii. The union of any number of sets in  $\tau$  belong to  $\tau$ .

The members of  $\tau$  are the called open sets, and the pair  $(X, \tau)$  is called a topological space.

**Example 1:** Consider the following classes of subsets of  $X = \{1,2,3\}$

$$\tau_1 = \{X, \emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1,2\}\}$$

$$\tau_2 = \{X, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1,2\}\}$$

$$\tau_3 = \{X, \emptyset, \{1,2\}, \{1,3\}\}$$

$$\tau_4 = \{X, \emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}\}$$

$$\tau_5 = \{X, \emptyset, \{1,3\}\}$$

$$\tau_6 = \{X, \emptyset\}$$

Then  $\tau_1, \tau_5$  and  $\tau_6$  are topologies on  $X$ .

But  $\tau_2$  is not a topology on  $X$  since the  $\emptyset \notin \tau_2$ .

Also,  $\tau_3$  is not a topology on  $X$  since the intersection  $\{1,2\} \cap \{1,3\} = \{1\} \notin \tau_3$ .

And  $\tau_4$  is not a topology on  $X$  since the union  $\{1\} \cup \{2\} = \{1,2\} \notin \tau_4$ .

### Remarks:

1. There are 29 topology on a set of three element. Check?
2.  $\tau_I = \{X, \emptyset\}$  is called **Indiscrete topology** on  $X$ . (التبولوجيا الاخشن)
3.  $\tau_D = P(X)$  [power of  $X$ ] is called **Discrete topology** on  $X$ . (التبولوجيا الانعم)
4. There are more than one topology on a set  $X$ , with more than one element.
5. The intersection  $\tau_1 \cap \tau_2$  of any two topologies  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  on  $X$  is also a topology on  $X$ . check?

**Example 2:** Consider the following classes of subsets of  $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$

$$\tau_1 = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d, e\}\}$$

$$\tau_2 = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$$

$$\tau_3 = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{a, b, d, e\}\}$$

Then  $\tau_1$  is a topology on  $X$  since it satisfies the necessary

three axioms [ i ],[ ii] and [iii ].

But  $\tau_2$  is not a topology on  $X$  since the union

$$\{a, c, d\} \cup \{b, c, d\} = \{a, b, c, d\} \notin \tau_2, \text{ i.e. } \tau_2 \text{ dose not satisfy the axiom [iii].}$$

Also,  $\tau_3$  is not a topology on  $X$  since the intersection

$$\{a, c, d\} \cap \{a, b, d, e\} = \{a, d\} \notin \tau_3, \text{ i.e. } \tau_3 \text{ dose not satisfy the axiom [ii].}$$

**Example 3:** Let  $\tau_u$  denote the class of all open sets of real numbers. Then  $\tau_u$  is a topology on  $\mathbf{R}$ ; it is called *usual topology* on  $\mathbf{R}$ . (التبولوجيا الحقيقية)

i.e.  $\tau_u = \{u \subseteq \mathbf{R} : u \text{ is an open interval or the union of open interval}\}$

**Question1:** Is  $\tau = \{A_n / A_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}\} \cup \{\mathbb{N}, \emptyset\}$  topology on  $\mathbb{N}$ .

Sol:

$$A_1 = \{1\}, \quad A_2 = \{1, 2\}, \quad A_3 = \{1, 2, 3\} \dots$$

- i.  $\emptyset$  and  $\mathbb{N}$  belong to  $\tau$ .
- ii. Let  $A_i$  and  $A_j$  belong to  $\tau$ , to show  $A_i \cap A_j$  belong to  $\tau$ .  
If  $i = j$  or  $i < j$  then  $A_i \cap A_j = A_i \in \tau$ .  
Or if  $i > j$  then  $A_i \cap A_j = A_j \in \tau$
- iii. Let  $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a family of elements of  $\tau$ , to show  $\bigcup_n A_n \in \tau$   
But  $\bigcup_n A_n = \mathbb{N} \in \tau$

So  $\tau$  is a topology on  $\mathbb{N}$ .

**Question2:** Is  $\tau = \{A_n / A_n = \{n, n + 1, n + 2, \dots\}\} \cup \{\emptyset\}$  topology on  $\mathbb{N}$ . check?