

3.9Definition: A property P is called "absolute" iff for all subspaces $B \subseteq A \subseteq X$ of a space X , B fulfills P a subspace of A iff B fulfills P as a subspace of X .

3.10Note:

- By Theorem 3.8 connectedness is absolute property.

3.11Theorem: Let (X, T) be a topological space, then $X = H \cup K$ iff H, K are two non –empty disjoint open and closed subsets of X .

Proof: \Rightarrow

Suppose $X = H \cup K$.

$$1. H \neq \phi, K \neq \phi$$

$$2. H \cup K = X$$

$$3. (H \cap \overline{K}) \cup (K \cap \overline{H}) = \phi$$

$$\because (H \cap \overline{K}) = \phi, H \cap K = \phi \text{ and } H \cup K = X$$

$$\therefore \overline{K} \subset K$$

$$\therefore \overline{K} = K$$

$\therefore K$ is closed

In the same way from $(K \cap \overline{H}) = \phi$.

H is closed

But $H = K^C$

$\therefore H$ is open

And $K = H^C$

$\therefore K$ is open

$\therefore H, K$ are two non –empty disjoint open and closed subsets of X .

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$\therefore H, K$ are two non –empty disjoint open and closed subsets of $X \therefore$

1. $H \neq \phi, K \neq \phi$

2. $H \cup K = X$

3. $H \cap K = \phi$

$\therefore H$ is closed

$\therefore H = \overline{H}$

$\therefore (K \cap \overline{H}) = \phi$

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$\therefore K = \overline{K}$

$\therefore (H \cap \overline{K}) = \phi$

$\therefore X = H \cup K$

3.12Theorem: Let (X, T) be a topological space and C is connected subset of X ,if $X = H/K$ then $C \subset H$ or $C \subset K$.

Proof: Take $C \cap H$ and $C \cap K$.Now

1. $C = C \cap X = C \cap (H \cup K) = (C \cap H) \cup (C \cap K)$
2. $(C \cap H \cap \overline{C \cap K}) \cup (C \cap K \cap \overline{C \cap H}) \subseteq (H \cap \overline{K}) \cup (K \cap \overline{H})$

$$\because X = H/K$$

$$\therefore (H \cap \overline{K}) \cup (K \cap \overline{H}) = \phi$$

$$\therefore (C \cap H \cap \overline{C \cap K}) \cup (C \cap K \cap \overline{C \cap H}) = \phi$$

$$\text{If } C \cap H \neq \phi \text{ and } C \cap K \neq \phi$$

$$\therefore C = C \cap H / C \cap K , \text{and which is contradiction.}$$

$$\therefore C \cap H = \phi \text{ or } C \cap K = \phi$$

$$\therefore C \subset K \text{ or } C \subset H$$

3.13Corollary: Let (X, T) be a topological space and C is connected subset of X ,if $C \subset E \subset \overline{C}$ then E is connected.

Proof: Suppose $E = H/K$

$\because C \subset E$ and C is connected, \therefore By theorem 3.12

$$C \subset H \text{ or } C \subset K$$

Let $C \subset H$

$$\therefore C \cap K = \phi \dots \quad (1)$$

$$\because C \subset H$$

$$\therefore \overline{C} \subset \overline{H}$$

$$\therefore \overline{C} \cap K = \phi \dots (2)$$

$$\because K \subset E \subset \overline{C}$$

$$\therefore \overline{C} \cap K = K \dots (3)$$

From (1), (2) and (3)

$K = \phi$ and which is contradiction.

$\therefore E$ is connected

3.14 Note:

- By Corollary 3.13 If C is connected then \overline{C} is connected.

Since $C \subset \overline{C} \subset \overline{C}$.

3.15 Corollary: Let (X, T) be a topological space and $E \subseteq X$. If $\forall a, b \in E$
 $\exists C$ is connected and $a, b \in C \subset E$, then E is connected.

Proof: Suppose $E = H/K$

$$\because H \neq \phi$$

$$\therefore \exists a \in H$$

$$\because K \neq \phi$$

$$\therefore \exists b \in K$$

By hypothesis $\exists C$ is connected and $a, b \in C \subset E$.

\therefore By theorem 3.12

$$C \subset H \text{ or } C \subset K$$

$\therefore a, b \in H \text{ or } a, b \in K$,and which is contradiction.

$\therefore E$ is connected.

3.15Corollary: Let (X, T) be a topological space and $\{C_\lambda\}$.be a collection of connected subsets of X and $\bigcap_{\lambda} C_\lambda \neq \phi$,then $\bigcup_{\lambda} C_\lambda$ is connected.

Proof: Suppose $\bigcup_{\lambda} C_\lambda = H/K$

$$\because \bigcap_{\lambda} C_\lambda \neq \phi$$

$$\therefore \exists x \in \bigcap_{\lambda} C_\lambda$$

$$\because \bigcup_{\lambda} C_\lambda = H/K$$

$$\therefore x \in H \text{ or } x \in K$$

Suppose $x \in H$.

$$\because C_\lambda \text{ is connected } \forall \lambda, x \in C_\lambda \forall \lambda \text{ and } x \in H$$

\therefore By theorem 3.12

$$C_\lambda \subset H \quad \forall \lambda$$

$$\therefore \bigcup_{\lambda} C_\lambda \subset H$$

$$\therefore \bigcup_{\lambda} C_\lambda = H$$

$\therefore K = \phi$,and which is contradiction. $\therefore \bigcup_{\lambda} C_\lambda$ is connected.

3.16Theorem: Let (X, T) be a topological space, $E \subseteq X$ and C is connected subset of $X \ni C \cap E \neq \phi$ and $C \cap E^c \neq \phi$, then $C \cap b(E) \neq \phi$.

Proof: Suppose $C \cap b(E) = \phi$. Now we prove that $C = C \cap E / C \cap E^c$.

$$1. C \cap E \neq \phi, C \cap E^c \neq \phi$$

$$2. C = C \cap X = C \cap (E \cup E^c) = (C \cap E) \cup (C \cap E^c)$$

$$3. (C \cap E) \cap (C \cap E^c) = C \cap (E \cap E^c) = C \cap \phi = \phi$$

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$$(C \cap E) \cap \overline{C \cap E^c} \subset (C \cap E) \cap \overline{E^c} = C \cap (E \cap \overline{E^c}) = C \cap b(E) = \phi$$

$$\therefore (C \cap E) \cap \overline{C \cap E^c} = \phi$$

In the same way prove $(C \cap E^c) \cap \overline{(C \cap E)} = \phi$.

From 1,2,3 and 4 $C = C \cap E / C \cap E^c$, and which is contradiction.

$$\therefore C \cap b(E) \neq \phi$$

3.17Theorem: Let (X, T) be a topological space, then X is connected iff the only subsets of X that are both open and closed in X are ϕ and X .

Proof: \Rightarrow Suppose X is connected and $H \neq X$, $H \neq \phi$ is open and closed.

$\therefore H^c$, $H^c \neq \phi$ is open and closed. Such that

$$1. H \cup H^c = X$$

$$2. H \cap \overline{H^c} = H \cap H^c = \phi \text{ and } H^c \cap \overline{H} = H^c \cap H = \phi$$

$\therefore X = H/H^C$, and which is contradiction.

\therefore the only subsets of X that are both open and closed in X are ϕ and X .

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Suppose $X = H/K$. \therefore By theorem 3.11

H, K Are both open and closed in X , and which is contradiction.

$\therefore X$ is connected.

3.18 Exercise: Find all connected topologies on $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$.

3.19 Definition: Let (X, T) be a topological space, $E \subseteq X$ and $x \in E$, then the union of all connected sets containing x and contained in E will be called component of E corresponding to x and will be denoted by $C(E, x)$.

3.20 Notes:

- By Corollary 3.15 $C(E, x)$ is the largest connected subset of E containing x .
- The components corresponding to different points of E are either equal or disjoint.

3.21 Example: Let $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and $T = \{\phi, X, \{2, 5\}, \{3\}, \{2, 3, 5\}\}$ is a topology on X . Find

- 1) $C(X, 1)$.
- 2) $C(X, 2)$.
- 3) $C(X, 3)$.
- 4) $C(X, 4)$.
- 5) $C(X, 5)$.

Solution: Since X is connected, then

- 1) $C(X,1) = X$.
- 2) $C(X,2) = X$.
- 3) $C(X,3) = X$.
- 4) $C(X,4) = X$.
- 5) $C(X,5) = X$.

3.22Exmample: Let $X = \{1,2,3,4,\}$ and $T = \{\emptyset, X, \{1,2\}, \{3,4\}, \{3\}, \{1,2,3\}\}$ is a topology on X .Find

- 1) $C(X,1)$
- 2) $C(X,2)$
- 3) $C(X,3)$
- 4) $C(X,4)$

Solution: Since $X = H = \{1,2\}/K = \{3,4\}$, then

- 1) $C(X,1) = \{1,2\}$
- 2) $C(X,2) = \{1,2\}$
- 3) $C(X,3) = \{3,4\}$
- 4) $C(X,4) = \{3,4\}$

3.23Exercise: Let

$X = \{1,2,3,4,5\}$ and $T = \{\emptyset, X, \{1,2,5\}, \{3,4\}, \{1\}, \{2,5\}, \{1,3,4\}, \{2,3,4,5\}\}$ is a topology on X .Find

- 1) $C(X,1), C(X,2), C(X,3), C(X,4), C(X,5)$.