

• Recall theorem from analysis: If $f_n : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are continuous and $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly, then f is continuous.

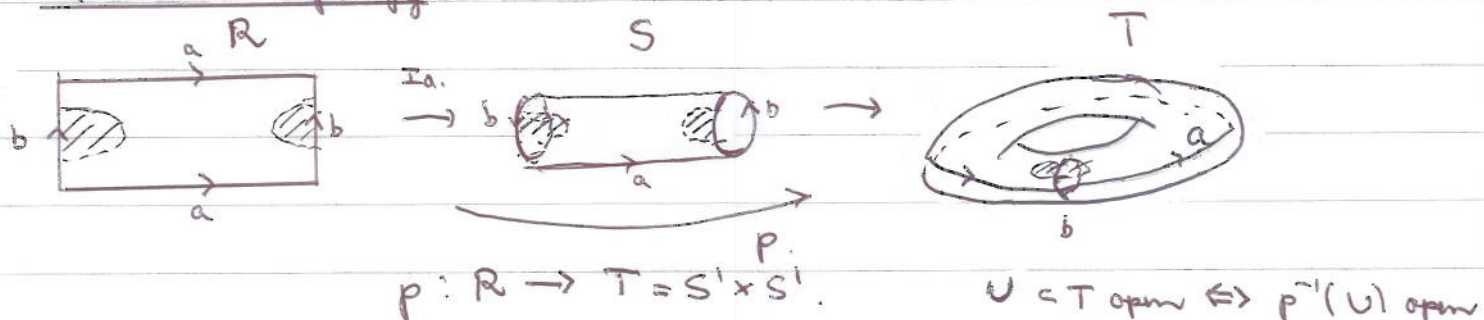
• Def. (Uniform convergence.) X topological space, Y metric space. $f_n : X \rightarrow Y$. We say that f_n converge uniformly to f if for any $\epsilon > 0$ there is an N such that $d(f_n(x), f(x)) < \epsilon$ for all $x \in X$ when $n \geq N$.

• Th. If all f_n are continuous, then f is continuous.

Pf. Enough to prove: If $x \in X$, $\epsilon > 0$, then there is $\delta > 0$ such that $d(f(x), f(y)) < \epsilon$ when $d(x, y) < \delta$. By uniform convergence there is N s.t. $d(f_n(y), f(y)) < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$ for all $n \geq N$. Since f_N is continuous, there is $\delta > 0$ such that $d(f_N(x), f_N(y)) < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$ when $d(x, y) < \delta$. This gives

$$\begin{aligned} d(f(x), f(y)) &\leq d(f(x), f_N(x)) + d(f_N(x), f_N(y)) + d(f_N(y), f(y)) \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} = \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Quotient topology.



• Def. Let $p: X \rightarrow Y$ be a surjective map of top. spaces. We say that p is a quotient map if $U \subset Y$ is open iff $p^{-1}(U)$ is open in X .

This is eq. to A closed in Y iff $p^{-1}(A)$ is closed in X .

Some more set theory

• Let X be a set. We shall see that the following are more or less the same thing:

- 1) Partitions of X in disjoint sets: $X^* = \{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$
- 2) Equivalence relations \sim on X . (ER)
- 3) Surjective maps $f: X \rightarrow Y$

We have already seen that 1) and 2) are the same.

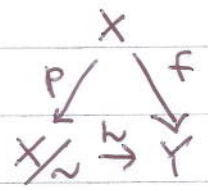
If \sim is an equivalence relation on X , we get a partition of X into equivalence classes

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

The set of equivalence classes is denoted by X/\sim , called a quotient space

The map $p: X \rightarrow X/\sim$ is surjective, showing that 2) gives rise to 3).

If we start with a surjective map $f: X \rightarrow Y$, we can define an ER on X by $x \sim y$ if $f(x) = f(y)$. It is easy to see that this is an ER and that the map $h: X/\sim \rightarrow Y$ defined by $h([x]) = f(x)$ is a well defined bijection. We have a commutative diagram



i.e. f and the quotient map p are the "same" (up to a bijection.)

• Given a surjective map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and a subset $A \subset X$, we always have

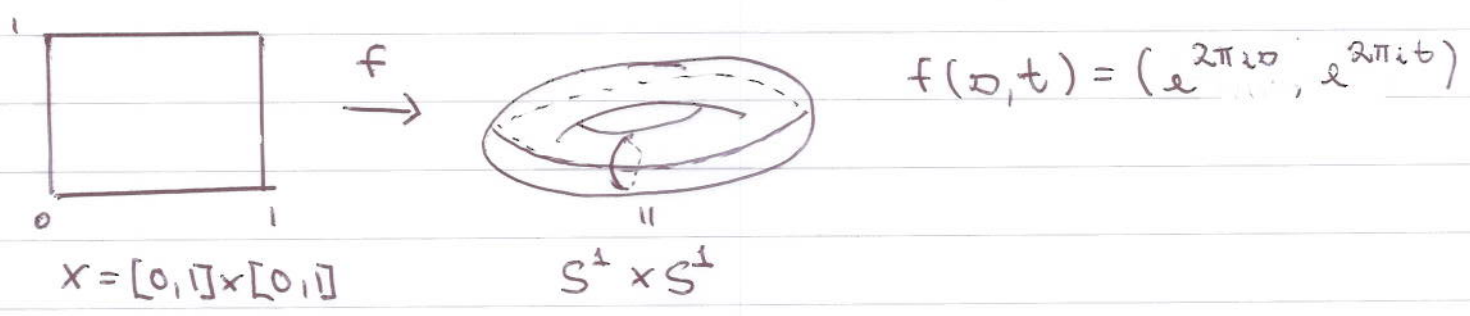
$$A \subset f^{-1}(f(A))$$

If $A = f^{-1}(f(A))$ we say that A is saturated (metted). In the descriptions above this translates to:

- 1) If $x \in A$ is in some A_α , then $A_\alpha \subset A$
- 2) If $x \in A$ and $y \sim x$, then $y \in A$
- 3) If $x \in A$ and $f(y) = f(x)$, then $y \in A$

We can think of a surjective map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ as "glueing together pieces of X to make Y ". A piece is an equivalence class.

Glueing edges of a rectangle to make a torus, can be realized like this



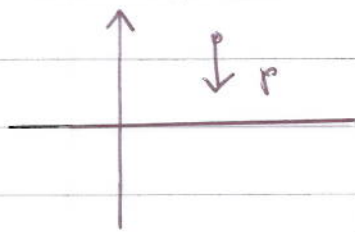
What are the saturated sets?

- i) Any subset of the open rectangle $(0,1) \times (0,1)$
- ii) Sets $E \times \{0,1\}$, where $E \subset (0,1)$ is an arbitrary subset, i.e. any subset of the open bottom edge, together with the same set on top edge
- iii) Sets $\{0,1\} \times F$, where $F \subset (0,1)$ is an arbitrary subset. Same as ii) with left/right instead of bottom/top.
- iv) The set consisting of the four corner points

Finally, any union of the above sets. These are all the saturated sets.

- In general $f^{-1}(f(A))$ is always saturated, the smallest saturated set containing A . It is called the saturation (Mehringen) of A .
- We return to quotient maps $p: X \rightarrow Y$. p is continuous, but this is not enough; if $V = p^{-1}(U)$ is open, i.e. V is a saturated open set, then $U = p(V)$ is open. This is equivalent to: If A is a saturated closed set then $p(A)$ is closed.
- Corollary. If $p: X \rightarrow Y$ is surjective, continuous and open or closed, then p is a quotient map.
- These are sufficient, but not necessary conditions. It is easy to see that a quotient map $p: X \rightarrow Y$ is open iff the saturation of an open set is open. p is closed iff the saturation of a closed set is closed.

• Example 1



$p: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, projection on x-axis

p is open, hence a quotient map.

p is not closed, since the curve C defined

by $xy=1$ is closed, but $p(C) = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ is not

closed. The saturation of C is $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \times \mathbb{R}$ which is not closed.

- Example 2. $p: [0, 1] \rightarrow S^1$, $p(t) = e^{2\pi i t}$ is continuous and closed (check it!), hence a

quotient map. It is not open, since $[0, \frac{1}{2})$ is open in $[0, 1]$ but $p([0, \frac{1}{2}))$ is not open in S^1 . The saturation of $[0, \frac{1}{2})$ is $[0, \frac{1}{2}) \cup \{1\}$ which is not open.

All of these statements are also true for the map from a rectangle to the torus $p: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow T$.

- Given a topological space X and a surjective map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ to a set Y , we can define a topology on Y by

$$J = \{U \subset Y \mid f^{-1}(U) \text{ is open in } X\}.$$

This is a topology, since $\emptyset = f^{-1}(\emptyset)$, $X = f^{-1}(Y)$,
 $f^{-1}(\bigcup_{\alpha} U_{\alpha}) = \bigcup_{\alpha} f^{-1}(U_{\alpha})$ and $f^{-1}(\bigcap_{i=1}^n U_i) = \bigcap_{i=1}^n f^{-1}(U_i)$

This makes f into a quotient map. The topology is the finest such that f is continuous.

- If $p: X \rightarrow Y$ is a quotient map, $A \subset X$ a subset and $B = p(A)$, is $p|_A: A \rightarrow B$ a quotient map?

In general no: In example 1, let $A = C \cup \{(0,0)\}$. Then $p: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, $\{(0,0)\}$ is a saturated open set of A , but $p(\{(0,0)\}) = 0$ which is not open. The problem is that A is not saturated.

- For any surjective map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ between sets, $A \subset X$, $B = f(A)$ it is true that:
 If $E \subset A$ is a saturated set for f , then it is also saturated for $f|_A$. The opposite is true if A itself is a saturated set. (for f).

• Theorem Let $p: X \rightarrow Y$ be a quotient map, $A \subset X$ a saturated set, $B = p(A)$ and $q = p|_A: A \rightarrow B$. Then

- (1) If A is either open or closed, then q is a quotient map.
 (2) If p is either open or closed, then q is a quotient map.

Proof: In all cases $q: A \rightarrow B$ is continuous. Hence we have to prove that if $V \subset A$ is a saturated open (or closed) subset of A then $q(V)$ is an open subset of B . "Saturated" here means for the map q , but by the previous comment V is also saturated as a subset of X , i.e. for p .

(1) If A is open and $V \subset A$ is saturated and open, then V is also saturated and open as a subset of X , i.e. $p(V) = q(V)$ is open in X and hence also in B .

(2) If p is open and $V \subset A$ is open, then there is an open subset $U \subset X$ such that $V = U \cap A$. Since A is saturated, it follows that $q(V) = p(U \cap A) = p(U) \cap p(A) = p(U) \cap B$ (draw Venn diagram!) which is open in B since $p(U)$ is open in Y . Hence q is an open map and therefore a quotient map.

The closed case follows by replacing "open" by "closed" in the arguments above.

• A composition of quotient maps is a quotient map.

• If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a map of sets, we say that $g: X \rightarrow Z$ is compatible with f if $f(x) = f(x') \Rightarrow g(x) = g(x')$. This is equivalent to the existence of a map $h: Y \rightarrow Z$ such that $g = h \circ f$. (We simply define h by $h(y) = g(x)$ if $y = f(x)$)

- Theorem Let $p: X \rightarrow Y$ be a quotient map and $g: X \rightarrow Z$ a map compatible with p , i.e. $g = f \circ p$ for a map $f: Y \rightarrow Z$. Then
 - (1) f is continuous $\Leftrightarrow g$ is continuous
 - (2) f is a quotient map $\Leftrightarrow g$ is a quotient map

Proof: The implications \Rightarrow are already known.

\Leftarrow (1). If $U \subset Z$ is open, then $g^{-1}(U) \subset X$ is open since g is continuous. But $g^{-1}(U) = p^{-1}(f^{-1}(U))$, hence $f^{-1}(U) \subset Y$ is open since p is a quotient map.

\Leftarrow (2). f must be surjective since g is. Also, f is continuous by (1). We must prove that if $f^{-1}(U)$ is open, then U must be open. Again $g^{-1}(U) = p^{-1}(f^{-1}(U))$ which must be open since p is continuous. But then U is open since g is a quotient map.

- Theorem Let $g: X \rightarrow Z$ be a surjective continuous map and define an ER on X by $x \sim y$ if $g(x) = g(y)$. Then $f: X/\sim \rightarrow Z$ defined by $f([x]) = g(x)$ is bijective and continuous. (X/\sim has the quotient topology). Also
 - a) f is a homeomorphism $\Leftrightarrow g$ is a quotient map
 - b) If Z is Hausdorff, so is X/\sim .

Proof: We know that f is bijective and $g = f \circ p$ where $p: X \rightarrow X/\sim$ is the quotient map, hence f is continuous by (1).

a) \Rightarrow Follows since g is a composition of quotient maps.

\Leftarrow From (2) we get that f is a quotient map. But a bijective quotient map is a homeomorphism.

b) If $[x] \neq [y]$, then $g(x) \neq g(y)$ and have disjoint nbhs U_x and U_y in Z . But then $f^{-1}(U_x)$ and $f^{-1}(U_y)$ are disjoint nbhs of $[x]$ and $[y]$.