## 2<sup>nd</sup> Lecture

**Remark** (1.4): It not necessary that the union of two topologies on X form a topology on X as in the following example.

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**Example (1.6):** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ , and let  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, X\}$ .

Now  $\tau_1 \cup \tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, X\}$ 

 $\tau_1 \cup \tau_1$  is not a topology on X , because  $\{a\}, \{b\} \in \tau_1 \cup \tau_1$  while

 $\{a\} \cup \{b\} = \{a,b\} \not\in \epsilon \tau_1 \cup \tau_1.$ 

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**Definition** (1.2): Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. If  $E \subset X$ , we say that the point  $x \in X$  is a limit point of E iff

$$\forall$$
 open  $G \ni x$ ;  $(G \cap E)\{x\} \neq \emptyset$ .

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**Definition** (1.3): The set of all limit points of E is called the derived set of E, denoted by d(E) or E'.

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**Example (1.7):** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  and

 $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{b, c, d, e\}, X\}$  is a topology on X

If  $A = \{a, b, d\}, B = \{a, b, c\}$ . Find d(A).

**Solution:** 

 $a \in X$ : The open sets containing a are

$${a}, {a, b, d}, X$$

We have

$$(\{a\} \cap A) - \{a\} = (\{a\} \cap \{a, b, d\}) - \{a\}$$
$$= \{a\} - \{a\} = \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow a \notin d(A)$$

 $b \in X$ : The open sets containing b are

$$\{b,d\},\{a,b,d\},\{b,c,d,e\},X$$

Now 
$$(\{b, d\} \cap \{a, b, d\}) - \{b\} = \{b, d\} \setminus \{b\} = \{d\} \neq \emptyset$$

Since  $\{b, d\} \subset \{b, c, d\}$  it satisfies the relation

Also  $\{b, d\} \subset \{b, c, d, e\}$  hence it satisfies the relation too.

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $b \in d(A)$ 

 $c \in X$ : The open sets containing c are

$$\{b,c,d,e\},X$$

Now 
$$(\{b, c, d, e\} \cap \{a, b, d\}) - \{c\} = \{b, d\} \setminus \{c\} = \{b, d\} \neq \emptyset$$

The relation is true for  $X \supset \{b, c, d, e\} \Rightarrow c \in d(A)$ 

 $d \in X$ : The open sets containing d are

$$\{b,d\},\{a,b,d\},\{b,c,d,e\},X$$

Now 
$$(\{b, d\} \cap A) - \{d\} = \{b, d\} - \{d\} = \{b\} \neq \emptyset$$

The relation is true for the open set  $\{a, b, d\}$ ,  $\{b, c, d, e\}$ ,  $X \supset \{b, d\}$ 

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $d \in d(A)$ 

 $c \in X$ : The open sets containing e are

$$\{b,c,d,e\},X$$

Now 
$$(\{b, c, d, e\} \cap \{a, b, d\}) \setminus \{e\} = \{b, d\} - \{e\} = \{b, d\} \neq \emptyset$$

The relation is true for  $X \supset \{b, c, d, e\}$ 

$$\Rightarrow e \in d(A)$$

$$\therefore d(A) = \{b, c, d, e\}$$

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**Remark** (1.5): If one of the open set satisfies the condition of limit point (in above definition) all the open sets containing it satisfy also condition.

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**Example** (1.8): Let  $(X, \tau)$  be the weak (indiscrete) topological space and  $E \subset X$ . Find d(E).

## **Solution:**

We have  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X\}$ 

Let  $x \in X$  be any point

We have only open set containing x is X

Now  $(X \cap E)\{x\} \neq \emptyset$  always except  $E = \emptyset \cup E = \{x\}$ 

$$d(E) = \begin{cases} \emptyset & if \quad E = \emptyset \\ X - \{x\} & if \quad E = \{x\} \\ X & if \quad E = \{x, y\} \end{cases}$$

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**Theorem (1.2):** Let A, B be subsets of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  then

- (i)  $d(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ .
- (ii)  $A \subset B \Rightarrow d(A) \subset d(B)$ .
- (iii)  $x \in d(E) \Rightarrow x \in d(E \{x\}).$
- (iv)  $d(A \cup B) = d(A) \cup d(B)$ .

## **Proof:**

(i) Since  $\forall x \in X, \forall open G \ni x ; (G \cap \emptyset) \setminus \{x\} = \emptyset$  $\Rightarrow x \notin d(\emptyset), \forall x \in X$ 

$$\Rightarrow d(\emptyset) = \emptyset$$

(ii) We need to show that  $d(A) \subset d(B)$ 

Let  $x \in d(A) \Rightarrow x$  is a limit point of A

$$\Rightarrow \forall open G \ni x, (G \cap A) \setminus \{x\} \neq \emptyset$$

Since  $A \subset B$ 

- $\Rightarrow$  x is a limit point of B
- $\Rightarrow x \in d(B)$

Hence  $d(A) \subset d(B)$ .

(iii) Since

$$((G \cap E) - \{x\}) - \{x\} = ((G \cap E) \cap \{x\}^c) \cap \{x\}^c$$
$$= (G \cap E) \cap (\{x\}^c \cap \{x\}^c)$$
$$= (G \cap E) \cap \{x\}^c$$
$$= (G \cap E) \setminus \{x\}$$

Thus if  $x \in d(E) \Rightarrow x \in d(E - \{x\})$ 

(iv) Since 
$$A \subset A \cup B \atop B \subset A \cup B \rbrace \Rightarrow d(A) \subset d(A \cup B) \atop d(B) \subset d(A \cup B) \rbrace$$
  
 $\Rightarrow d(A) \cup d(B) \subset d(A \cup B) \qquad \dots (1)$ 

Now we have to prove that  $d(A) \cup d(B) \subset d(A \cup B)$ 

Let  $x \notin d(A) \cup d(B)$ 

$$\Rightarrow x \notin d(A) \land x \notin d(B)$$

 $\Rightarrow$  x is not a limit point of A and x is not a limit point of B

$$\Rightarrow \exists open \ G_1 \ni x \ ; \ (G_1 \cap A) \setminus \{x\} = \emptyset \ \land \exists open \ G_2 \ni x \ ; \ (G_2 \cap B) \setminus \{x\} = \emptyset$$
 Put  $G = G_1 \cap G_2$ 

$$\Rightarrow \exists open \ G \ni x \ ; \ (G \cap A) \setminus \{x\} = \emptyset \ \land \exists open \ G \ni x \ ; \ (G \cap B) \setminus \{x\} = \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists open G \ni x ; [(G \cap A) - \{x\}] \cup [(G \cap B) - \{x\}] = \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists open G \ni x ; [G \cap (A \cup B)] - \{x\} = \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow x \notin d(A \cup B)$$

$$\Rightarrow d(A) \cup d(B) \subset d(A \cup B)$$
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From (1) and (2) we get

$$d(A \cup B) = d(A) \cup d(B)$$

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