

$\Rightarrow f(E)$  is isolated.

$\therefore$  The isolated set is a topological property.

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**Theorem (1.6):** The property countably compact is a topological property.

**Proof:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau^*)$  be a homo.

Let  $E \subset X$  be a countably compact set

We need to show  $f(E) \subset X^*$  is countably compact

Let  $A^* \subset f(E)$  be an infinite set

Since  $f$  is onto and (1-1)

$\Rightarrow \exists^{infinite} A \subset E$  such that  $A^* = f(A)$

Now  $E$  is countably compact and  $A \subset E$  is infinite set

$\Rightarrow \exists x \in E$  and  $x \in d(A)$

$\Rightarrow \exists x \in E$  and  $\forall^{open} G \ni x; (G \cap A) \setminus \{x\} \neq \emptyset$

Since  $f$  is (1-1) and open

$\Rightarrow \exists f(x) \in f(E)$  and  $\forall^{open} f(G) \ni f(x); f[(G \cap A) \setminus \{x\}] \neq f(\emptyset)$

$\Rightarrow \exists x^* \in f(E)$  and  $\forall^{open} G^* \ni x^*; f(G) \cap f(A) \setminus \{f(x)\} \neq \emptyset$

$\Rightarrow \exists x^* \in f(E)$  and  $\forall^{open} G^* \ni x^*; G^* \cap f(A) \setminus \{x^*\} \neq \emptyset$

$\Rightarrow \exists x^* \in f(E)$  and  $x^* \in d(f(A)) = d(A^*)$

$\Rightarrow f(E)$  is countably compact.

$\therefore$  The countably compact is a topological property.

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**Example (1.5):** Prove that the property “ $x$  is an interior point” is a topological property.

**Solution:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau^*)$  be a homo.

Let  $E \subset X$  and let  $x \in E^\circ$

We need to show  $x^* = f(x) \in (f(E))^\circ$

Since  $f$  is open, we have

$f(E^\circ) \subseteq (f(E))^\circ$

Since  $x \in E^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow x^* = f(x) \in f(E^\circ)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^* = f(x) \in ((f(E))^\circ)$$


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**Example (1.6):** Prove that the property “ $x$  is a boundary point” is a topological property.

**Solution:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau^*)$  be a homo.

Let  $E \subset X$  and let  $x \in b(E) = \bar{E} - E^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \bar{E} \text{ and } x \notin E^\circ$$

We need to show  $x^* = f(x) \in b(f(E))$

Since  $x \in \bar{E} - E^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) \in f[\bar{E} - E^\circ]$$

$$\Rightarrow x^* \in f(\bar{E}) - f(E^\circ)$$

Since  $f$  is continuous and open

$$\Rightarrow x^* \in \overline{f(E)} - (f(E))^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow x^* = f(x) \in b(f(E))$$


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**Definition (1.5):** We say that the property  $P$  is not topological property if  $P$  cannot be carried by a homeomorphism.

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**Example (1.7):** Is the length property a topological property?

**Solution:** The length property is not topological property because the function

$f: (R, d) \rightarrow (R, d)$  such that  $f(x) = \frac{x}{4}$ ,  $\forall x \in R$  where  $(R, d)$  the usual metric

space is a homo. But  $d(E) \neq d(f(E))$  because if  $E = (a, b)$

$$d(E) = d(a, b) = |b - a|$$

$$d(f(E)) = d(f(a, b))$$

$$= d\left(\frac{a}{4}, \frac{b}{4}\right) = \left|\frac{b}{4} - \frac{a}{4}\right| = \frac{1}{4}|b - a| \neq |b - a| = d(E)$$

$\therefore$  The length property is not a topological property.

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**Example (1.8):** Is the property Cauchy sequence a topological property?

**Solution:** The property Cauchy sequence is not topological property

Let  $f: (R^*, d) \rightarrow (R^*, d)$  such that  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ ,  $\forall x \neq 0$  is a homo.

Let  $\{x_n\} = \left\{\frac{1}{n}\right\}$  be a sequence in  $(R^*, d)$  (domain)

We have  $\left\{\frac{1}{n}\right\} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \left\{\frac{1}{n}\right\}$  is Cauchy

But

$f(\{x_n\}) = \{f(x_n)\} = \left\{f\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right\} = \{n\}$  is not Cauchy in  $(R^*, d)$  (range)

$\therefore$  The Cauchy sequence is not a topological property.

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**Exercise (1.2): (Homework)**

(1) Prove that there exists a continuous function  $f: (R, \tau) \rightarrow (R, \tau)$  which is closed but not open.

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