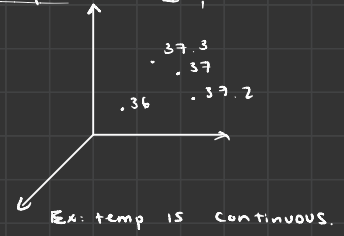


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Example: $n=1, m=3$



Recall: (from cal 3) Given a function

$$f: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, x \mapsto f(x) = (f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x)).$$

f is continuous if and only if each f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n is continuous.

Example: $m=1, n=3, f(t) = (t, \cos(t), \sin(t))$ // Helix // Then $f_1(t) = t, f_2(t) = \cos(t), f_3(t) = \sin(t)$



Note: $\mathbb{R}^n = \underbrace{\mathbb{R} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}}_{n\text{-copies}}$

Today: There's a generalization of \star .

Proposition: A function $f: W \rightarrow X \times Y$ is continuous iff each component of f is continuous.

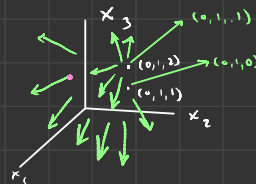
Definition (product topology): Let X and Y be topological spaces. Then the product topology is on $X \times Y$

$$\tau_{X \times Y} := \left\{ U \subset X \times Y : U \text{ can be written as a union } \dots \right.$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{!!} \\ \tau_{\text{product}} \dots U = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} U_\alpha \times V_\alpha \text{ where each } U_\alpha \text{ is in } \tau_X, \text{ and each } \dots \\ \dots V_\alpha \in \tau_Y \end{array} \right\}$$

Another example: $\vec{v}: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

An electric field is such a function.



$$U = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} \emptyset \times \emptyset$$

- empty set

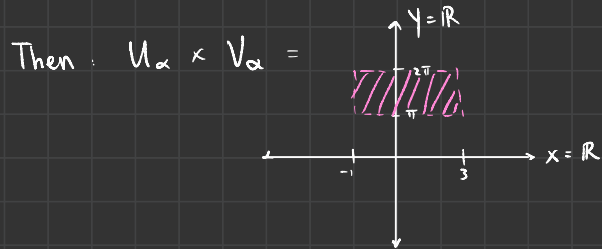
$$U: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

\hookrightarrow electrical potential (voltage) Turns out: $\nabla U = \vec{v}$

Example: $X = Y = \mathbb{R}$

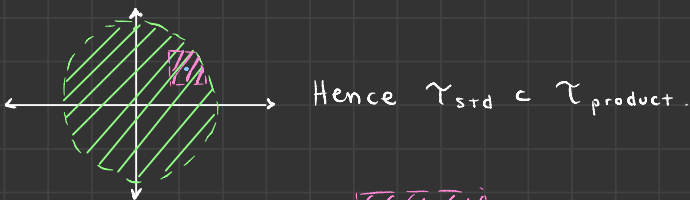
• An example of a $U_\alpha \in \tau_x$ is $(-1, 3) \subset \mathbb{R}$


• " " " " $V_\alpha \in \tau_y$ is $(\pi, 2\pi) \subset \mathbb{R}$



Because $U_\alpha \times V_\alpha = \{ (x_1, x_2) : x_1 \in (-1, 3) \ \& \ x_2 \in (\pi, 2\pi) \}$

Ex: $\text{Ball}(0, 3) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ is open in the product topology.



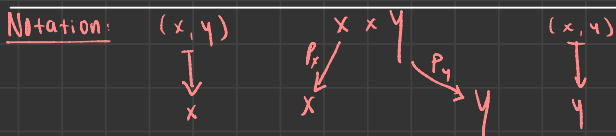
In fact, open rectangles  are open in τ_{std} so $\tau_{\text{std}} > \tau_{\text{product}}$.

Thm. τ_{std} on \mathbb{R}^n is τ_{product} on \mathbb{R}^n . $\mathbb{R}^n = \underbrace{\mathbb{R} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}}_n$
 $\cong \mathbb{R} \times (\mathbb{R}^{n-1})$

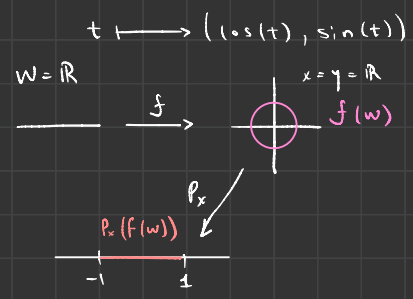
Ex: We now have an (interesting) topology on $[0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}^3$.

Thm (part of universal property of product topology): A function

$W \xrightarrow{f} X \times Y$ is continuous iff $p_x \circ f$ and $p_y \circ f$ are continuous.



Example:



Defn: Fix a collection of spaces $\{X_\beta\}_{\beta \in B}$. The product

topology on $\prod_{\beta \in B} X_\beta$... is the collection of subsets that can be written as a union of sets of the form

An (infinite) direct product of sets: An element of $\prod_{\beta \in B} X_\beta$ is a choice of $X_\beta \in X_\beta$ for every $\beta \in B$.

$$\prod_{\beta \in B'} X_\beta \times \prod_{\beta \in B''} U_\beta \quad \text{where } B'' \text{ is finite, } B' \cup B'' = B.$$

Ex: $B = \mathbb{Z}$. $\forall \beta$ let $X_\beta = [-|\beta|, |\beta|]$. An element of $\prod_{\beta \in \mathbb{Z}} X_\beta$ is a sequence $(x_\beta)_{\beta \in \mathbb{Z}}$ such that $\forall \beta \in \mathbb{Z}, x_\beta \in [-|\beta|, |\beta|]$.

Ex: Let $B = \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$, $\forall \beta \in B$, let $X_\beta = \mathbb{R}$. Then $\prod_{\beta \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}} X_\beta = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots) : \forall \beta \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}, x_\beta \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times (-3, 1) \times (1, 5) \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \dots$ is open

$(-1, 1) \times (-1, 1) \times (-1, 1) \times (-1, 1) \times \dots$ is NOT open.

Thm (part of universal property of product topology).

A function $W \xrightarrow{f} \prod_{\beta \in B} X_\beta$ is continuous iff $p_\beta \circ f$ are continuous for all $\beta \in B$.

Notation: $(x_\beta)_{\beta \in B} \in \prod_{\beta \in B} X_\beta$

Diagram showing the relationship between the product space and its components:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \prod_{\beta \in B} X_\beta & \xrightarrow{p_\beta} & X_\beta \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \prod_{\beta \in B} X_\beta & & X_\beta \end{array}$$