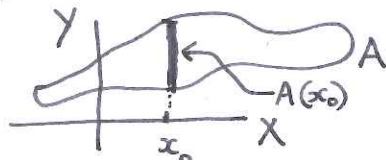


No. 2 Sections of an open/closed; Projection of an open set; Partial continuity.

Let A be open/closed subset of $X \times Y$. Then for $x_0 \in X$, the set $A(x_0) := \{a \in A \mid p_x(a) = x_0\}$ is open/closed in Y .

Proof: $Y \rightarrow X \times Y$ given by $y \mapsto (y, x_0)$ is a homeomorphism onto its image.

$A(x_0)$ is the preimage in Y of the intersection of A with the image.



COR (of proof) Suppose we give X the final top w.r.t. $X \times Y \xrightarrow{p_x} X$ where $Y \neq \emptyset$. This topology is the same as the original top. ($\because$ for any $y \in Y$, $X \rightarrow X \times Y$ given by $x \mapsto (x, y)$ is a continuous section of p_x .)

COR: projections from $\prod X_i$ to X_i are open. (but not always closed; e.g. $\{(x, y) \mid xy = 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ projects to $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$)

Separate Continuity: Suppose $X \times Y \rightarrow Z$ is continuous at (x_0, y_0) . Then $X \rightarrow Z$ given by $x \mapsto f(x, y_0)$ is continuous at x_0 ($\because$ it is the composition with f of $X \rightarrow X \times Y$ given by $x \mapsto (x, y_0)$ which is a homeo.)

Caution: It is possible for $X \times Y \xrightarrow{f} Z$ to be discontinuous although $X \rightarrow X \times Y \xrightarrow{f} Z$ given by $x \mapsto (x, y_0) \mapsto f(x, y_0)$ and $Y \rightarrow X \times Y \xrightarrow{f} Z$ given by $y \mapsto (x_0, y) \mapsto f(x_0, y)$ are continuous $\forall x_0 \in X$ & $y_0 \in Y$.

E.g. define $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $f(0, 0) = 0$ & $f(x, y) = xy / (x^2 + y^2)$ for $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$.