

I. § 5. Open mappings & closed mappings No. 2 Open/Closed Equiv. relations

X top space, R equiv. relation on X . Def: R is open/closed if $X \xrightarrow{\pi} X/R$ natural map is open/closed (with X/R given the quotient topology). Equivalently if the saturation of any open/closed set is open/closed.

Example: ① Γ a group of homeos acting on X . ~~Then~~ $R: x \sim x'$ if $\exists \gamma \in \Gamma$ s.t. $x' = \gamma x$. Equivalence classes are orbits under Γ . We write X/Γ for X/R . This relation is open. Example: $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ where $\mathbb{Z}$ acts on $\mathbb{R}$ by translation.

② Suppose X is obtained by pasting together top. spaces $\{X_\alpha\}$ along subspaces $X_{\alpha\beta}$ by means of bijections $h_{\alpha\beta}: X_{\alpha\beta} \rightarrow X_{\beta\alpha}$ (see I § 2. No. 5).

If each $X_{\alpha\beta}$ is open in X_α and the $h_{\alpha\beta}$ are all homeomorphisms, then the relation R on $\coprod X_\alpha$ is open. (recall $X = \coprod X_\alpha / R$). Given U open in $\coprod X_\alpha$, its saturation intersected with X_α is given by ~~$\bigcup_{\beta} h_{\alpha\beta}(U \cap X_\beta) \cap X_\alpha$~~
 $\bigcup_{\beta} h_{\beta\alpha}(U \cap X_\beta \cap X_{\beta\alpha})$, and each $h_{\beta\alpha}(U \cap X_\beta \cap X_{\beta\alpha})$ is open in $X_{\alpha\beta}$ and so also in X_α . Keeping the notation but not the hypothesis

③ In example 2, suppose that $X_{\alpha\beta}$ is closed in X_α and $h_{\alpha\beta}$ are all homeomorphisms. Assume further that for each α only finitely many $X_{\alpha\beta}$ are not empty. Then the equivalence relation is closed.

Propn: Let $X \xrightarrow{\pi} X/R \xrightarrow{h} f(X) \hookrightarrow Y$ be the canonical decomposition of a continuous mapping $f: X \rightarrow Y$. TFAE ① f open ② π, h, i are open

③ R is open, h is a homeo, and $f(X)$ is open in Y .

[May replace "open" by "closed" everywhere]

Propn: Let R be open, let $\pi: X \rightarrow X/R$. Suppose that A is a subset of X s.t. ① A is ~~closed~~ ^{open} ② A is saturated. Then R_A is open & A/R_A into $\pi(A)$ is a homeomorphism. [May replace "open" by "closed" everywhere.]

Proof: If ①, then $A \hookrightarrow X$ is open and hence so is $A \rightarrow X/R$. Now apply propn above. Suppose ② holds. Then ~~$A \hookrightarrow X$ is open~~ ^{$A \xrightarrow{\pi} \pi(A)$} is open. [$\because$ if $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$ is open & $T \subseteq Y$, then $f^{-1}(T) \xrightarrow{f} T$ is open; apply this with $f = \pi: X \rightarrow X/R$ and $T = \pi(A)$: observe $\pi^{-1}(\pi(A)) = A$ because A is saturated.] Now $A \rightarrow A/R_A \hookrightarrow \pi(A)$ ~~is~~ is the canonical decomposition of $A \xrightarrow{\pi} \pi(A)$. Now apply the previous proposition. ~~QED~~ QED