

I. Topological Structures §6 Filters. No. 5 Induced Filters. (23)

Let $A \subseteq X$ and $\mathcal{F}$ a filter on X . The trace of $\mathcal{F}$ on A is a filter on A iff A meets every elt of $\mathcal{F}$. In this case, the trace is called the induced filter on A . An ultrafilter induces a filter on A iff it contains A as an element. In this case, the induced filter is an ultrafilter.

If A meets every elt of a filter $\mathcal{F}$ on X , ~~on base $\mathcal{B}$ of $\mathcal{F}$~~ the trace on A of a base $\mathcal{B}$ of $\mathcal{F}$ is a base of the induced filter.

Example: The nbhd filter of a point x in a top. space X induces a filter on A iff x belongs to the closure of A .

Construction (Every filter is the induced filter of a nbhd filter). Let $\mathcal{F}$ be a filter on X . Let $Y = X \sqcup \{w\}$. Define top on Y by means of nbhds.

For x in X , let any set containing x be a nbhd. For w , the nbhds of the form $F \cup \{w\}$ where $F \in \mathcal{F}$. (Check that axioms $V_I - V_{IV}$ are satisfied.)

$\mathcal{F}$ is the filter on X induced by the nbhd filter on Y at w . $\square$

No 6 Direct image & Inverse image of a base of a filter.

$f\mathcal{B} = \{fF \mid F \in \mathcal{B}\}$ is a filter base in Y if $\mathcal{B}$ is a filter base in X & $f: X \rightarrow Y$ a set map. The axioms (FB_I) & (FB_{II}) are easily checked to hold for $f\mathcal{B}$. (Note that $f\mathcal{F}$ is only a filter base and not in general a filter ~~even if $\mathcal{F}$~~ for a filter $\mathcal{F}$ on X .) If $\mathcal{B}_1$ is finer than $\mathcal{B}_2$ (as filter bases in X) then $f\mathcal{B}_1$ is finer than $f\mathcal{B}_2$. Thus the filter generated by $f\mathcal{B}$ depends only on the filter $\mathcal{F}$ that $\mathcal{B}$ generates & not on the choice of a base $\mathcal{B}$ for $\mathcal{F}$.

Propn: If $\mathcal{B}$ is a base of an ultrafilter on X , then its image $f\mathcal{B}$ (which is a filter base in Y) generates an ultrafilter on Y .

Proof: Let $Y' \subseteq Y$. Then $\mathcal{F}^{-1}Y'$ & $\mathcal{F}^{-1}(Y \setminus Y')$ are complements of each other in X . Thus one of them (but not both) contains an element F of $\mathcal{B}$. Say $F \subseteq \mathcal{F}^{-1}Y'$. Then $fF \subseteq Y'$. QED

Special case: $A \subseteq X$. A filter base $\mathcal{B}$ on A (in particular a filter on A) is a filter base on X (considered as a collection of subsets of X). If $\mathcal{B}$ generates an ultrafilter on A , it generates an ultrafilter on X .