

§ 4.1-2 Armstrong

Let X be a topological space and $A \subset X$. Recall that the topological space X/A is the identification space associated with the partition $\mathcal{P} = \{\{x\} : x \in X \setminus A\} \cup \{A\}$. This is the “one point quotient” of X by A .

We can also talk about a quotient of a topological space by a relation \sim or by a map.

A **relation** is a subset \sim of the cross-product of a set, say a topological space X with the properties

1. The diagonal is in the relation, i.e., $(x, x) \in \sim$ for every $x \in X$.
2. The relation is symmetric, i.e., if $(x, y) \in \sim$, then $(y, x) \in \sim$.
3. The relation is transitive, i.e., if $(x, y), (y, z) \in \sim$, then $(x, z) \in \sim$.

Whenever there is a relation on a set X , there is a partition of X into equivalence classes. The topological space associated with this partition is denoted by X/\sim .

Given a bijection $\phi : X \rightarrow X$, the **orbit** of an element is defined by $[x] = \{\phi^j(x) : j \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. The orbits of a homeomorphism partition X , and the topology associated with $\mathcal{P} = \{[x] : x \in X\}$ is denoted by X/ϕ .

1. (20 points) Given a relation \sim , the condition $(x, y) \in \sim$ is usually written $x \sim y$. Reexpress the three conditions required of a relation in this notation, and show the following:
 1. The equivalence classes $[x] = \{y \in X : x \sim y\}$ partition X .
 2. Given any partition \mathcal{P} of X , there is a unique equivalence relation \sim on X with the sets in \mathcal{P} as equivalence classes.
2. (20 points) Show that the **antipodal map** $\text{an} : \mathbb{S}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^n$ by $\text{an}(x) = -x$ is a homeomorphism.
3. (20 points) (4.2.1) Let $\mathbb{P}^n = \mathbb{S}^n/\text{an}$ be n -dimensional projective space. Let \mathbb{S}^{n-1} denote the hypersurface boundary of the closed upper hemisphere \mathbb{S}_+^n , i.e.,

$$\mathbb{S}_+^n = \{x = (x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : |x| = 1, x_{n+1} \geq 0\}$$

and

$$\mathbb{S}^{n-1} = \{x \in \mathbb{S}_+^n : x_{n+1} = 0\}.$$

Consider $\phi : \mathbb{S}_+^n \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_+^n$ by

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} x, & x \in \mathbb{S}_+^n \setminus \mathbb{S}^{n-1} \\ \text{an}(x), & x \in \mathbb{S}^{n-1} \end{cases}$$

Show that ϕ is a bijection and X/ϕ is (homeomorphic to) \mathbb{P}^n .

4. (20 points) (4.2.5) Let $X \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be the union of circles

$$X = \cup_{j=1}^{\infty} \{(x, y) : (x - 1/j)^2 + y^2 = 1/j^2\}$$

(with the subspace topology induced from \mathbb{R}^2 . Let $Y = \mathbb{R}/z$ where $z : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$z(x) = \begin{cases} x, & x \notin \mathbb{Z} \\ x + 1, & x \in \mathbb{Z}. \end{cases}$$

Show that z is a bijection so that Y is well defined, and show that X and Y are not homeomorphic.

5. (20 points) (4.2.7) Recall that \mathbb{T}^2 is a square, say $X = [0, 2\pi] \times [0, 2\pi]$ with opposite sides identified without twisting: $(x, 0) \sim (x, 2\pi)$ and $(0, y) \sim (2\pi, y)$. What topological space do you get if you further identify the union of a meridian circle $\{(x_0, y) : 0 \leq y < 2\pi\}$ and a latitudinal circle $\{(x, y_0) : 0 \leq x < 2\pi\}$ to a single point? Can you prove your assertion?