



FOURTH ASSIGNMENT 13/11/2022

2) let  $X, Y$  be irred. top. spaces. Assume  $X \times Y$  has topology for which the inclusions

$$j_p: Y \rightarrow X \times Y, \quad b \mapsto (p, b)$$

and  $i_q: X \rightarrow X \times Y, \quad a \mapsto (a, q)$

are continous for all  $p \in X$  and for all  $q \in Y$ . Prove that  $X \times Y$  is irreducible.

proof: A top. space  $X$  is irreducible iff  $\forall U, V$  open in  $X, \neq \emptyset$   
 $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .

So let us prove that for any  $U, V \subseteq X \times Y$  open,  $\neq \emptyset$   $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .  
 To this end consider  $U, V \subseteq X \times Y$  open,  $\neq \emptyset$

$U, V \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow$  pick  $p \in U, q \in V$   
 $p = (p_1, p_2), q = (q_1, q_2)$

Consider

$$j_{p_1}^{-1}(U) = \{a \in Y \mid (p_1, a) \in U\} \neq \emptyset \supseteq \{p_2\}$$

$$j_{q_1}^{-1}(V) = \{a \in Y \mid (q_1, a) \in V\} \neq \emptyset \supseteq \{q_2\}$$

By the continuity of  $j_{p_1}$  and  $j_{q_1}$ ,  $j_{p_1}^{-1}(U)$  and  $j_{q_1}^{-1}(V)$  are open and  $\neq \emptyset$  subset of  $Y$  and so by irred. of  $Y$  they must have non empty intersection  $\Rightarrow \exists t \in j_{p_1}^{-1}(U) \cap j_{q_1}^{-1}(V)$

$\Rightarrow (p_1, t) \in U$  and  $(q_1, t) \in V$ .

Again consider

$$i_t^{-1}(U) = \{b \in X \mid (b, t) \in U\} \neq \emptyset \supseteq \{p_1\}$$

$$i_t^{-1}(V) = \{b \in X \mid (b, t) \in V\} \neq \emptyset \supseteq \{q_1\}$$

$i_t^{-1}(U), i_t^{-1}(V)$  are again open,  $\neq \emptyset$  in  $X$  and so  $i_t^{-1}(U) \cap i_t^{-1}(V) \neq \emptyset$

$\Rightarrow \exists t_1 \in i_t^{-1}(U) \cap i_t^{-1}(V)$

$\Rightarrow (t_1, t) \in U$  &  $(t_1, t) \in V$

$\Rightarrow (t_1, t) \in U \cap V \Rightarrow U \cap V \neq \emptyset$  as claimed.  $\square$