



Exercise help set 1

Topological Vector Spaces

1.1. Let \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} be filter bases in a set E .

a) Is $\{A \cup B \mid A \in \mathcal{A}, B \in \mathcal{B}\}$ a filter basis in the set E ?

No. It can contain \emptyset as an element.

The filter basis axioms are ovat

- (1) $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{A}$ ja $\mathcal{A} \neq \emptyset$
- (2) $A, A' \in \mathcal{A} \implies \exists A'' \in \mathcal{A} : A'' \subset A \cap A'$

the first is easy, the second is not difficult:

$$(A \cup B) \cap (A' \cup B') \supset (A \cap A') \cup (B \cap B') \supset A'' \cup B''.$$

b) Is $\{A \cap B \mid A \in \mathcal{A}, B \in \mathcal{B}\}$ a filter basis in the set E ?

No. It can contain \emptyset as an element.

Notation.

Unless otherwise stated, E is a tvs, $\mathcal{F}(0)$ the neighbourhood filter of its origin.

$\mathbf{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$. $\mathbf{N}^* = \{1, 2, \dots\}$

1.2. Prove: E is connected. (PS: How about general topological groups?)

Even pathwise connected!. Let $x, y \in E$. The mapping $\gamma : [0,1] \rightarrow E : t \mapsto ty + (1-t)x$ is a continuous path from $\gamma(0) = x$ to $\gamma(1) = y$. (Added question : Is a topological group always connected. No, Counterexample: Discrete finite groups.

1.3. Prove that a) $\bigcap \mathcal{F}(0) = \overline{\{0\}}$ and b) that this is a vector subspace.

$$\begin{aligned} x \in \overline{\{0\}} &\iff 0 \in U \quad \forall U \in \mathcal{U}_x \\ &\iff 0 \in x + V \quad \forall V \in \mathcal{U}_o \\ &\iff x \in -V \quad \forall V \in \mathcal{U}_o \\ &\iff x \in V \quad \forall V \in \mathcal{U}_o \text{ (homotetiainvarianssi)} \\ &\iff x \in \bigcap \mathcal{F}(0) \end{aligned}$$

b) follows from the next exercise. there is also a direct proof:

$$\begin{aligned} 1^\circ) \quad &0 \in \overline{\{0\}}. \\ 2^\circ) \quad &x \in \overline{\{0\}} = \bigcap \mathcal{F}(0) \iff x \in V \quad \forall V \in \mathcal{U}_o \\ &\iff \lambda x \in \lambda V \quad \forall V \in \mathcal{U}_o, \lambda \neq 0 \\ &\iff \lambda x \in U \quad \forall U \in \mathcal{U}_o, \lambda \neq 0 \text{ (homotety invariance)} \\ &\iff \lambda x \in \overline{\{0\}}. \end{aligned}$$

3°) Let $x, y \in \overline{\{0\}}$, t.s. $x, y \in V \quad \forall V \in \mathcal{U}_o$. We will prove that $x, y \in \overline{\{0\}}$. Take $U \in \mathcal{U}_o$. Choose $V \in \mathcal{U}_o$ s.th. $V + V \subset U$. Now $x + y \in V + V \subset U$. □

1.4. Prove that the closure \overline{F} of a vector subspace $F \subset E$ is a vector subspace.

At least $0 \in F \subset \overline{F}$. Remember from topology that a mapping f is continuous iff $f(\overline{A}) \subset \overline{f(A)}$ for all A , and that in the product topology: $\overline{A \times B} = \overline{A} \times \overline{B}$. By continuity of multiplication, every $\lambda \cdot : E \rightarrow E : x \mapsto \lambda x$ is continuous, and — because $\lambda \cdot F \subset F$, — also $\lambda \cdot \overline{F} \subset \overline{\lambda \cdot F} \subset \overline{F}$. because addition $+ : E \times E \rightarrow E$ is continuous, we have $\overline{F} + \overline{F} = \overline{+(F \times F)} = \overline{+(F \times F)} \subset \overline{+(F \times F)} \subset \overline{F}$. \square

1.5. Is the balanced hull $\text{bal } A = \{\lambda x \mid \lambda \in \mathbf{K}\}$ of any open set $A \subset E$ open? (Hint. no, but if...)

No. Counterexample. In the normed space \mathbf{R}^2 the balanced hull of $]0, 1[\times]0, 1[$ contains 0.

But if 0 already is contained in the open set A , then $\text{bal } A = \{\lambda x \mid \lambda \in \mathbf{K}\}$ is open, since in that case $\text{bal } A = \bigcup_{|\lambda| \leq 1} \lambda A = \bigcup_{0 \neq |\lambda| \leq 1} \lambda A$ and for $\lambda \neq 0$ every λA is open.

1.6. Consider $E = \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{R}) = \{f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R} \mid f \text{ is continuous}\}$. Denote

$V_m = \{f \in E \mid |f(t)| \leq m(t) \forall t \in \mathbf{R}\}$, where $m \in E$ and $m(t) > 0 \forall t \in \mathbf{R}$.

Prove the existence of a topology \mathcal{T} in E such that addition is continuous (so E is a topological abelian group) and $\mathcal{F} = \{V_m \mid m \in E \text{ and } m(t) > 0 \forall t \in \mathbf{R}\}$ is a neighbourhood basis of the origin. Is (E, \mathcal{T}) a tvs? Is the subspace

$$D = \{f \in E \mid \text{supp } f \text{ is compact}\} \subset E$$

a tvs? (Does it have a countable neighbourhood basis of the origin? Why do I ask?)

There is only one choice for topology — the one given by neighbourhood filters $U_f = \{f + V_m \mid m(t) > 0 \forall t \in \mathbf{R}\}$.

At least \mathcal{F} satisfies the filter basis axioms. (For the intersection property, choose $m'' = \min(m, m')$.) and every V_m contains the origin. so a translation invariant topology exists.

Cont of sum:

$$(x + \frac{1}{2}V_m) + (y + \frac{1}{2}V_m) \subset (x + y) + V_m.$$

Counterexample proving discontinuity of product: $f(t) = e^t$. At $f \in E$ the partial mapping $\lambda \mapsto \lambda f$ is not continuous $\mathbf{R} \rightarrow E$, since for $m(t) = 1 \forall t$ we have $|\lambda f(t) - f(t)| = (|\lambda - 1|)e^t$ which is outside V_m unless $\lambda = 1$. so neighbourhoods are not absorbing.

b) $D = \{f \in E \mid \text{supp } f \text{ is c}\} \subset E$ with the subspace topology is a tvs, since $f + V_m \in \mathcal{F}_f$, $g \in D \cap (f + V_n)$ for some $n(t) \geq 0 \forall t \in \mathbf{R}$ ja $|\lambda - 1| \leq \epsilon$ and $t \in \mathbf{R}$.

1) $t \notin \text{supp } f \implies |\lambda g(t) - f(t)| = |\lambda g(t) - 0| = |\lambda| |g(t)| \leq |1 + \epsilon| n(t) < m(t)$, for the choice $n(t) = \frac{1}{1+\epsilon} m(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} 2) \quad t \in \text{supp } f \implies |\lambda g(t) - f(t)| &= |\lambda g(t) - \lambda f(t) + \lambda f(t) - f(t)| \leq \\ &\leq |\lambda| |g(t) - f(t)| + (\lambda - 1) |f(t)| \\ &\leq (1 + \epsilon) m(t) + \epsilon \|f\|_\infty < m(t), \end{aligned}$$

for the choice $n(t) = \frac{1}{3} m(t)$ and $\epsilon = \min\{1, \frac{1}{3\|f\|_\infty} \inf_{t \in \text{supp } f} n(t)\}$.

The space is not metrizable — in fact not even $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ has a denumerable neighbourhood basis: If it would have a neighbourhood basis like $\{V_{m_k} \mid k \in \mathbf{N}\}$, then we would choose $m \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{R})$ s.th.

$$m(t) > 0 \forall t$$

and

$$m(k) < m_k(k) \forall k \in \mathbf{N}.$$

Now there would not exist any V_{m_k} , s. that $V_{m_k} \subset V_m$.

1.7. Let $U \subset E$ be convex, balanced and absorbing. Prove that $\{\frac{1}{n}U \mid n \in \mathbf{N}^*\}$ is a neighbourhood basis of the origin in some tvs-topology. (Do we need all 3 assumptions?)

Just a solution sketch:

$\mathcal{K} = \{\frac{1}{n}U \mid n \in \mathbf{N}^*\}$ is a nbhd basis in some tr inv topology, since it satisfies the properties in theorem..... (Check this)

a) $V \in \mathcal{K} \& \lambda \neq 0 \implies \exists U \in \mathcal{K} : \lambda U \subset V$ (?)

b) $V \in \mathcal{K} \implies V$ absorb.

(Really: U abs $\implies \frac{1}{n}U$ abs $\implies V$ abs, for $\frac{1}{n}U \subset V$.)

c) $U' \in \mathcal{K} \implies \exists n, U : \frac{1}{n}U \subset U' \implies \frac{1}{2n}U + \frac{1}{2n}U \subset \text{co}(\frac{1}{n}U) = \frac{1}{n} \text{co} U = \frac{1}{n}U \subset U'$.

d) $U \in \mathcal{K} \implies \exists$ bal $V \in \mathcal{K}$ s. th. $V \subset U$. OK.

1.8. A linear mapping $L : E \rightarrow F$ between 2 topological vector spaces (E, \mathcal{T}_E) ja (F, \mathcal{T}_F) is continuous at any point $a \in E$ iff it is continuous at the origin. Prove that in this case L is uniformly continuous in the following sense

$$\forall A \in \mathcal{U}_{0,F} \quad \exists B \in \mathcal{U}_{0,E} : (x - y) \in B \implies (Tx - Ty) \in A.$$

TODISTUS. : easy!