

Some remarks on topology

Proposition 0.1. *Let $f, g: X \rightarrow Y$ be continuous maps with Y Hausdorff and $A \subset X$ be dense. If $f|_A = g|_A$, then $f = g$.*

Proof. Since A is dense in X , $\text{Cl}(A) = X$. Let $E = \{x \in X \mid f(x) = g(x)\}$. Then $A \subset E \subset X$. Note that $X = \text{Cl}(A) \subset \text{Cl}(E) \subset X$, thus $\text{Cl}(E) = X$. Define $\varphi: X \rightarrow Y \times Y$ by $\varphi(x) = (f(x), g(x))$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{\varphi=(f,g)} & Y \times Y \\
 \uparrow & & \downarrow \Delta \\
 E & \longrightarrow & \Delta(Y \times Y) \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 A & \longrightarrow & \varphi(A)
 \end{array}$$

Then φ is continuous as f and g are continuous, and $\Delta(Y \times Y)$ is closed in $Y \times Y$ as Y is Hausdorff. So $E = \varphi^{-1}(\Delta(Y \times Y))$, being the inverse image of a closed set, is closed: $\text{Cl}(E) = E$. Thus $\{x \in X \mid f(x) = g(x)\} = E = \text{Cl}(E) = X$, or $f = g$. $\square$

Proposition 0.2. *Let $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q}$ denote the field of real numbers and field of rational numbers, respectively. Then $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Q}$ is not Hausdorff.*

Proof. This is immediate since $\mathbb{Q}$ is not closed in $\mathbb{R}$. $\square$