

Locally Connected Spaces

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Summary. This article is a continuation of [3]. We define a neighbourhood of a point and a neighbourhood of a set and prove some facts about them. Then the definitions of a locally connected space and a locally connected set are introduced. Some theorems about locally connected spaces are given (based on [2]). We also define a quasi-component of a point and prove some of its basic properties.

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The articles [5], [6], [4], [7], [3], and [1] provide the notation and terminology for this paper.

Let X be a non empty topological space and let x be a point of X . A subset of X is called a neighbourhood of x if:

(Def. 1) $x \in \text{Int } U$.

Let X be a non empty topological space and let A be a subset of X . A subset of X is called a neighbourhood of A if:

(Def. 2) $A \subseteq \text{Int } U$.

In the sequel X denotes a non empty topological space, x denotes a point of X , and U_1 denotes a subset of X .

The following propositions are true:

- (3)¹ Let A, B be subsets of X . Suppose A is a neighbourhood of x and B is a neighbourhood of x . Then $A \cup B$ is a neighbourhood of x .
- (4) Let A, B be subsets of X . Then A is a neighbourhood of x and B is a neighbourhood of x if and only if $A \cap B$ is a neighbourhood of x .
- (5) For every subset U_1 of X and for every point x of X such that U_1 is open and $x \in U_1$ holds U_1 is a neighbourhood of x .
- (6) For every subset U_1 of X and for every point x of X such that U_1 is a neighbourhood of x holds $x \in U_1$.
- (7) Suppose U_1 is a neighbourhood of x . Then there exists a non empty subset V of X such that V is a neighbourhood of x and open and $V \subseteq U_1$.
- (8) U_1 is a neighbourhood of x iff there exists a subset V of X such that V is open and $V \subseteq U_1$ and $x \in V$.

¹ The propositions (1) and (2) have been removed.

- (9) Let U_1 be a subset of X . Then U_1 is open if and only if for every x such that $x \in U_1$ there exists a subset A of X such that A is a neighbourhood of x and $A \subseteq U_1$.
- (10) For every subset V of X holds V is a neighbourhood of $\{x\}$ iff V is a neighbourhood of x .
- (11) Let B be a non empty subset of X , x be a point of $X \setminus B$, A be a subset of $X \setminus B$, A_1 be a subset of X , and x_1 be a point of X . Suppose B is open and A is a neighbourhood of x and $A = A_1$ and $x = x_1$. Then A_1 is a neighbourhood of x_1 .
- (12) Let B be a non empty subset of X , x be a point of $X \setminus B$, A be a subset of $X \setminus B$, A_1 be a subset of X , and x_1 be a point of X . Suppose A_1 is a neighbourhood of x_1 and $A = A_1$ and $x = x_1$. Then A is a neighbourhood of x .
- (13) Let A be a subset of X and B be a subset of X . If A is a component of X and $A \subseteq B$, then A is a component of B .
- (14) For every non empty subspace X_1 of X and for every point x of X and for every point x_1 of X_1 such that $x = x_1$ holds $\text{Component}(x_1) \subseteq \text{Component}(x)$.

Let X be a non empty topological space and let x be a point of X . We say that X is locally connected in x if and only if the condition (Def. 3) is satisfied.

(Def. 3) Let U_1 be a subset of X . Suppose U_1 is a neighbourhood of x . Then there exists a subset V of X such that V is a neighbourhood of x and connected and $V \subseteq U_1$.

Let X be a non empty topological space. We say that X is locally connected if and only if:

(Def. 4) For every point x of X holds X is locally connected in x .

Let X be a non empty topological space, let A be a subset of X , and let x be a point of X . We say that A is locally connected in x if and only if the condition (Def. 5) is satisfied.

(Def. 5) Let B be a non empty subset of X . Suppose $A = B$. Then there exists a point x_1 of $X \setminus B$ such that $x_1 = x$ and $X \setminus B$ is locally connected in x_1 .

Let X be a non empty topological space and let A be a non empty subset of X . We say that A is locally connected if and only if:

(Def. 6) $X \setminus A$ is locally connected.

We now state a number of propositions:

- (19)² Let given x . Then X is locally connected in x if and only if for all subsets V, S of X such that V is a neighbourhood of x and S is a component of V and $x \in S$ holds S is a neighbourhood of x .
- (20) Let given x . Then X is locally connected in x if and only if for every non empty subset U_1 of X such that U_1 is open and $x \in U_1$ there exists a point x_1 of $X \setminus U_1$ such that $x_1 = x$ and $x \in \text{IntComponent}(x_1)$.
- (21) If X is locally connected, then for every subset S of X such that S is a component of X holds S is open.
- (22) Suppose X is locally connected in x . Let A be a non empty subset of X . If A is open and $x \in A$, then A is locally connected in x .
- (23) If X is locally connected, then for every non empty subset A of X such that A is open holds A is locally connected.
- (24) X is locally connected if and only if for every non empty subset A of X and for every subset B of X such that A is open and B is a component of A holds B is open.

² The propositions (15)–(18) have been removed.

- (25) Suppose X is locally connected. Let E be a non empty subset of X and C be a non empty subset of $X|E$. Suppose C is connected and open. Then there exists a subset H of X such that H is open and connected and $C = E \cap H$.
- (26) X is a T_4 space if and only if for all subsets A, C of X such that $A \neq \emptyset$ and $C \neq \Omega_X$ and $A \subseteq C$ and A is closed and C is open there exists a subset G of X such that G is open and $A \subseteq G$ and $\overline{G} \subseteq C$.
- (27) Suppose X is locally connected and a T_4 space. Let A, B be subsets of X . Suppose $A \neq \emptyset$ and $B \neq \emptyset$ and A is closed and B is closed and A misses B . Suppose A is connected and B is connected. Then there exist subsets R, S of X such that R is connected and S is connected and R is open and S is open and $A \subseteq R$ and $B \subseteq S$ and R misses S .
- (28) Let x be a point of X and F be a family of subsets of X . Suppose that for every subset A of X holds $A \in F$ iff A is open and closed and $x \in A$. Then $F \neq \emptyset$.

Let X be a non empty topological space and let x be a point of X . The quasi-component of x is a subset of X and is defined by the condition (Def. 7).

- (Def. 7) There exists a family F of subsets of X such that
- (i) for every subset A of X holds $A \in F$ iff A is open and closed and $x \in A$, and
 - (ii) $\bigcap F =$ the quasi-component of x .

The following propositions are true:

- (30)³ $x \in$ the quasi-component of x .
- (31) Let A be a subset of X . Suppose A is open and closed and $x \in A$. Suppose $A \subseteq$ the quasi-component of x . Then $A =$ the quasi-component of x .
- (32) The quasi-component of x is closed.
- (33) $\text{Component}(x) \subseteq$ the quasi-component of x .

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³ The proposition (29) has been removed.