

# Thick & Thin Sets in Topological Spaces

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D. dual thick / thin sets

in a top sp

let

- $X \in \text{top sp}$

- $A \subset X$

then

(1)  $A \in$  dense set

=  $A \in$  dense

=<sub>df</sub>  $\bar{A} = X$

(1')  $A \in$  border set

=  $A \in$  border

=<sub>df</sub>  $\overset{\circ}{A} = \emptyset$

(2)  $A \in$  wide set

=  $A \in$  wide

=<sub>df</sub>  $A^{o-} = X$

(2')  $A \in$  rare set

=  $A \in$  rare

=<sub>df</sub>  $A^{-o} = \emptyset$

(3)  $A \in \text{full set}$

=  $A \in \text{full}$

=<sub>df</sub>  $A$  is the intersection of  
a countable class of wide sets

=  $A$  is a countable intersection of wide sets

(3' )  $A \in \text{meager set}$

=  $A \in \text{meager}$

=<sub>df</sub>  $A$  is the union of  
a countable class of rare sets

=  $A$  is a countable union of rare sets

## C. insights

- think of

dense / wide / full sets

as

big / large / pervasive / plentiful / thick sets

- think of

border / rare / meager sets

as

little / small / elusive / scant / thin sets

T. dual properties of thick / thin sets  
in a top sp

let

- $X \in \text{top sp}$
- $A, B \subset X$

then

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad A \in \text{dense} & \iff A' \in \text{border} \\ A \in \text{wide} & \iff A' \in \text{rare} \\ A \in \text{full} & \iff A' \in \text{meager} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1') \quad A \in \text{border} & \iff A' \in \text{dense} \\ A \in \text{rare} & \iff A' \in \text{wide} \\ A \in \text{meager} & \iff A' \in \text{full} \end{aligned}$$

(2) every superset of a  
dense  
wide  
full  
set  
has the same property

(2' ) every subset of a  
border  
rare  
meager  
set  
has the same property



$$(3) \overset{\circ}{A} \in \text{wide} \Leftrightarrow A \in \text{wide}$$

$$(3') \overline{A} \in \text{rare} \Leftrightarrow A \in \text{rare}$$

$$(4) A \in \text{open}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$A \in \text{dense} \Leftrightarrow A \in \text{wide}$$

$$(4') A \in \text{closed}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$A \in \text{border} \Leftrightarrow A \in \text{rare}$$

(5) A and B are dense

&

A or B is open

$\Rightarrow$

$A \cap B$  is dense

(5') A and B are border

&

A or B is closed

$\Rightarrow$

$A \cup B$  is border

(6) any finite intersection of wide sets is wide

(6' ) any finite union of rare sets is rare

(7) any countable intersection of full sets is full

(7' ) any countable union of meager sets is meager

## D. Baire spaces

- a Baire space

=<sub>df</sub> a topological space  $X$  st

every full subset of  $X$  is a dense subset of  $X$

wiet the dual statement

every meager subset of  $X$  is a border subset of  $X$

## T. characterizations of Baire spaces

let

•  $X \in \text{top sp}$

then

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(1)  $X \in \text{Baire space}$

(2) every full subset of  $X$  is dense

(2' ) every meager subset of  $X$  is border

(3) every countable intersection  
of wide subsets of  $X$  is dense

(3' ) every countable union  
of rare subsets of  $X$  is border

(4) every countable intersection  
of open dense subsets of  $X$  is dense

(4' ) every countable union  
of closed border subsets of  $X$  is border

D. Baire's property for sets  
in a top sp

let

- $X \in \text{top sp}$
- $A \subset X$

then

A has the property of Baire

= A has the Baire property

= A has Baire's property

= A satisfies the condition of Baire

= A satisfies the Baire condition

= A satisfies Baire's condition

=<sub>df</sub> there exists

an open subset B of X

and

a meager subset C of X

st

$$A = B + C$$

T. properties  
of boundaries & border sets  
in a top sp

let

- $X \in \text{top sp}$
- $A \subset X$

then



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- $\text{bdy } A = \emptyset$
- $\text{bdy } A' = \emptyset$
- $\bar{A} = \overset{\circ}{A}$
- $A'^{-} = A'^{\circ}$
- $A \in \text{clopen set}$
- $A' \in \text{clopen set}$

□ tfsape

- $\text{bdy } A = X$
- $\text{bdy } A' = X$
- $\overset{\circ}{A} = \emptyset$  &  $\bar{A} = X$
- $A'^{\circ} = \emptyset$  &  $A'^{-} = X$
- $A \in \text{border set}$  &  $A \in \text{dense set}$
- $A' \in \text{border set}$  &  $A' \in \text{dense set}$

□ tfsape

- $A \subset \text{bdy } A$

- $\overset{\circ}{A} = \emptyset$

- $A \in \text{border set}$

□ tfsape

- $A \supset \text{bdy } A$

- $\overline{A} = A$

- $A \in \text{closed set}$

□ tfsape

- $A = \text{bdy } A$

- $\overline{A} = A \ \& \ \overset{\circ}{A} = \emptyset$

- $A \in \text{closed border set}$

□ tfsape

- $A' \subset \text{bdy } A$
- $\bar{A} = X$
- $A \in \text{dense set}$

□ tfsape

- $A' \supset \text{bdy } A$
- $\overset{\circ}{A} = A$
- $A \in \text{open set}$

□ tfsape

- $A' = \text{bdy } A$
- $\bar{A} = X$  &  $\overset{\circ}{A} = A$
- $A \in \text{open dense set}$

□  $A \in \text{open}$  or  $A \in \text{closed}$

$\Rightarrow$

$\text{int bdy } A = \emptyset$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$\text{bdy } A \in \text{border set}$