

Example 1. Is the open rectangle $(0, 1) \times (0, 2) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ a manifold? Yes. Of what dimension? 2.

Is the closed rectangle $[0, 1] \times [0, 2] \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ a manifold? No. Why?

We'd like to say that the closed rectangle is a manifold *with boundary*. Before defining this, we need another definition.

Definition 1. The n -**dimensional upper half-space** is defined as

$$\mathbb{R}_+^n = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : x_n \geq 0\}$$

When $n = 2$, $\mathbb{R}_+^2$ is also called the **upper half-plane**.

Draw a picture of what each of $\mathbb{R}_+^1$ and $\mathbb{R}_+^2$ looks like.

Example 2. Let $X = B_1(0, 0) \cap \mathbb{R}_+^2$. Is X homeomorphic to $\mathbb{R}_+^2$? Does every point in X have a neighborhood that's homeomorphic to either $\mathbb{R}^2$ or $\mathbb{R}_+^2$? ¹

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*Definition 2.* (Overrides previous definition of manifold) A topological space  $X$  is called an  $n$ -**dimensional manifold** ( $n$ -mfd for short) if it is Hausdorff, Second Countable, and every point  $x \in X$  has a neighborhood that is homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  or  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$ . A point that has a neighborhood homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$  but has no neighborhood that's homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called a **boundary point**. The set of all such points (if any) is called the **boundary** of  $X$ , denoted by  $\partial X$ . If  $\partial X \neq \emptyset$ , then, for emphasis,  $X$  is sometimes called a **manifold with boundary**.

*Remark.* Depending on the context, the term *boundary* can have two different meanings: when applied to a subset  $A$  of a topological space, it means  $\overline{A} - A^\circ$ ; but when applied to a manifold, it is defined according to the above definition. For a topological space that's also a mfd, these two different types of boundary may happen to be the same set of points, but most often they are not! (Thus, the symbol  $\partial$  has at least three different meanings in mathematics: two types of boundary, plus partial derivative.)

*Example 3.* Let  $X = ([0, 1] \times [0, 1]) / \{(0, y) \sim (1, y)\}$ . Draw a picture of  $X$ . Is  $X$  a manifold? Yes. Is it a manifold with boundary? Yes. What is  $\partial X$ ? <sup>2</sup>

*Example 4.* Let  $X = [0, 1] \times [0, 1] / \{(0, y) \sim (\frac{1}{2}, y)\}$ . Draw a picture of  $X$ . Is  $X$  a manifold? <sup>3</sup>

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Theorem 1. (Classification of 1-manifolds) Every connected 1-manifold is homeomorphic to $[0, 1]$ or $(0, 1)$ or $[0, 1)$ or S^1 .

Idea of Proof: What things can you create by joining or overlapping line segments end-to-end? Only these four.

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We are often interested in studying manifolds that are compact and have no boundary. (Why? One reason is that non-compact manifolds are usually more difficult to study, or at least different very from compact ones.) There is a name for such manifolds:

*Definition 3.* A manifold is said to be **closed** if it is compact and has no boundary.

*Remark.* Do not confuse the two (very) different meanings of *closed*; they depend on the context: A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is closed if  $X - A$  is open in  $X$  (i.e.,  $X - A$  is in  $\mathcal{T}$ ). A manifold is closed if it's compact and has no boundary.

<sup>1</sup>Yes to both; why?

<sup>2</sup> $X$  is homeomorphic to a cylinder, and it's boundary is homeomorphic to two disjoint circles:  $([0, 1] \times \{0\}) / \{(0, 0) \sim (1, 0)\} \cup ([0, 1] \times \{1\}) / \{(0, 1) \sim (1, 1)\}$ .

<sup>3</sup>No, why?

*Example 5.* Which of the four connected 1-mfds are closed? Why is each of the others not closed? <sup>4</sup>

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### Hausdorff Spaces

Definition: A topological space  $X$  is said to be **Hausdorff** iff every pair of distinct points  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  can be **separated** by open sets, i.e., there exist disjoint open sets  $U_1, U_2 \subseteq X$  such that  $x_i \in U_i$ .

*Example 6.* Determine whether each of the following is Hausdorff.

- (a)  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the standard topology (induced by the Euclidean metric).
- (b)  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the discrete topology.
- (c)  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the indiscrete topology. <sup>5</sup>

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*Example 7.* Which of the following are manifolds? Why?

- (a)  $([0, 2] \cup [5, 7]) / \{\forall x \in [0, 1], x \sim (x + 5)\}$ . <sup>6</sup>
- (b)  $([0, 2] \cup [5, 7]) / \{\forall x \in [0, 1], x \sim (x + 5)\}$ .

Answer to (b): Every point does have a neighborhood that's homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}$ ; nevertheless, this is not a manifold! Why? <sup>7</sup>

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We will not cover what “second countable” means. Look it up if you're interested!

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<sup>4</sup>Only  $S^1$  is closed.  $[0, 1]$  has boundary.  $(0, 1)$  isn't compact.  $[0, 1)$  has boundary and isn't compact.

<sup>5</sup>Yes, yes, no. Why?

<sup>6</sup>Not a mfd, since the point  $[1] = [6] = \{1, 6\}$  in the quotient space does not have a neighborhood that's homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  or  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$  for any  $n$ .

<sup>7</sup>Because it's not Hausdorff: the points 1 and 6 cannot be separated by open sets.