

(9) We know that in a (X, τ_x) Hausdorff space, if K is compact and $x \notin K$, then $\exists U, V \in \tau_x$, disjoint s.t. $x \in U, K \subset V$.

Now, we want to show that if K, M are compact sets that are disjoint then $\exists U, V \in \tau_x$, disjoint s.t. $K \subset U, M \subset V$.

So consider $z \in K$ and M .

By (9) we know $\exists U_z, V_z \in \tau_x$, disjoint s.t. $z \in U_z, M \subset V_z$. Consider such $U_z \forall z \in K$.

Clearly, $\{U_z\}_{z \in K}$ is an open cover of K .

Since K is compact, \exists a finite subcover $\{U_1, \dots, U_n\} \subset \{U_z\}_{z \in K}$ i.e. $\bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i \supset K$.

Consider the corresponding $\{V_1, \dots, V_n\}$.

We know $M \subset V_i \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

So $M \subset V = \bigcap_{i=1}^n V_i$. Note that $V \in \tau_x$,

since V is the intersection of finite many open sets.

Also, $U = \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i$ is open, since it is the union of open sets. We had $K \subset U$.

All there is remaining to show $U \cap V = \emptyset$.

Let $z \in U \cap V$. Then $z \in V_i \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

Also $\exists j$ s.t. $z \in U_j$, since $U = \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i$.

But then $z \in U_j \cap V_j \neq \emptyset$.