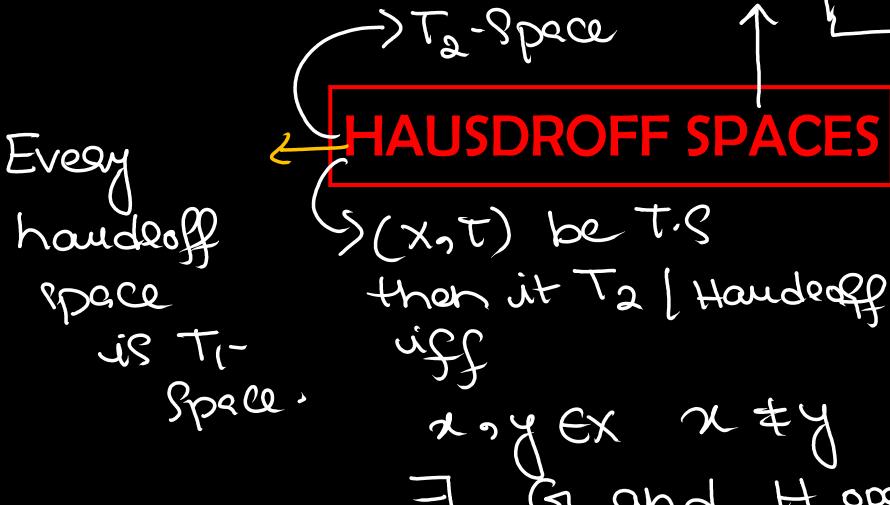
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A topological space X is a *Hausdorff space* or  $T_2$ -space iff it satisfies the following axiom:

[T<sub>2</sub>] Each pair of distinct points  $a, b \in X$  belong respectively to disjoint open sets.

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In other words, there exist open sets G and H such that

$$a \in G$$
,  $b \in H$  and  $G \cap H = \emptyset$ 

Observe that a Hausdorff space is always a  $T_1$ -space.

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Example 2.1:

We show that every metric space X is Hausdorff.

Let  $a,b \in X$  be distinct points; hence by  $[M_4]$   $d(a,b) = \epsilon > 0$ . Consider the open spheres  $G = S(a,\frac{1}{3}\epsilon)$  and  $H = S(b,\frac{1}{3}\epsilon)$ , centered at a and b respectively. We claim that G and H are disjoint. For if  $p \in G \cap H$ , then  $d(a,p) < \frac{1}{3}\epsilon$  and  $d(p,b) < \frac{1}{3}\epsilon$ ; hence by the Triangle Inequality,

$$d(a,b) \leq d(a,p) + d(p,b) < \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3}\epsilon = \frac{2}{3}\epsilon$$

But this contradicts the fact that  $d(a, b) = \epsilon$ . Hence G and H are disjoint, i.e. a and b belong respectively to the disjoint open spheres G and H. Accordingly, X is Hausdorff.

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Theorem 10.3: Every metric space is a Hausdorff space.

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Example 2.2: Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be the cofinite topology, i.e.  $T_1$ -topology, on the real line  $\mathbf{R}$ . We show that  $(\mathbf{R}, \mathcal{T})$  is not Hausdorff. Let G and H be any non-empty  $\mathcal{T}$ -open sets. Now G and H are infinite since they are complements of finite sets. If  $G \cap H = \emptyset$ , then G, an infinite set, would be contained in the finite complement of H; hence G and H are not disjoint. Accordingly, no pair of distinct points in  $\mathbf{R}$  belongs, respectively, to disjoint  $\mathcal{T}$ -open sets. Thus  $\mathcal{T}_1$ -spaces need not be Hausdorff.

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As noted previously, a sequence  $\langle a_1, a_2, \ldots \rangle$  of points in a topological space X could, in general, converge to more than one point in X. This cannot happen if X is Hausdorff: **Theorem 10.4:** If X is a Hausdorff space, then every convergent sequence in X has a unique limit.

The converse of the above theorem is not true unless we add additional conditions.

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The notion of a sequence has been generalized to that of a net (Moore-Smith Remark: sequence) and to that of a *filter* with the following results:

> **Theorem 10.4A:** X is a Hausdorff space if and only if every convergent net in X has a unique limit.

> X is a Hausdorff space if and only if every convergent filter Theorem 10.4B: in X has a unique limit.

> The definitions of net and filter and the proofs of the above theorems lie beyond the scope of this text.