

Induced product function.

If $f : X \rightarrow Y$, then we will denote by \hat{f} the function $X \times X \rightarrow Y \times Y$ defined by

$$\hat{f}(\langle x, y \rangle) = \langle f(x), f(y) \rangle.$$

If \mathcal{D} and \mathcal{E} are uniformities on X and Y , respectively, then f is uniformly continuous if and only if $\hat{f}^{-1}[E] \in \mathcal{D}$ for every $E \in \mathcal{E}$.

Discrete uniformity.

Let X be a set. The *discrete uniformity* on X is the family \mathcal{D} of all $D \subseteq X \times X$ such that D is a reflexive relation on X .

- It is clear that \mathcal{D} is a uniformity.
- The topology on X induced by \mathcal{D} is the discrete topology.

Proof.

- Let $D = \{\langle x, x \rangle : x \in X\}$ be the diagonal of X . Then $D \in \mathcal{D}$.
- Let $x \in X$. Then $D[x] = \{x\}$ so $\{x\}$ is open in the topology τ on X that is induced by \mathcal{D} .
- Thus τ is the discrete topology.

Exercise (inverse image uniformity).

Let $X = \mathbb{N}$, $Y = \{0, 1\}$ and let \mathcal{E} be the discrete uniformity on Y . Define $f : X \rightarrow Y$ by $f(n) = 0$ if n is even and $f(n) = 1$ otherwise. Let $\mathcal{D} := \{\hat{f}^{-1}[E] : E \in \mathcal{E}\}$, where $\hat{f} : X \times X \rightarrow Y \times Y$ is the induced product function. Prove that \mathcal{D} is not a uniformity on X .

Solution. Note that $\mathcal{E} = \{E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4\}$, where

- $E_1 = \{\langle 0, 0 \rangle, \langle 1, 1 \rangle\}$,
- $E_2 = Y \times Y \setminus \{\langle 0, 1 \rangle\}$,
- $E_3 = Y \times Y \setminus \{\langle 1, 0 \rangle\}$ and
- $E_4 = Y \times Y$.

Let $A := \{2n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ and $B := \{2n - 1 : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$.

- Then $\mathcal{D} = \{\hat{f}^{-1}[E_1], \hat{f}^{-1}[E_2], \hat{f}^{-1}[E_3], \hat{f}^{-1}[E_4]\}$, where
 - $\hat{f}^{-1}[E_1] = A \times A \cup B \times B$,
 - $\hat{f}^{-1}[E_2] = \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \setminus A \times B$,
 - $\hat{f}^{-1}[E_3] = \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \setminus B \times A$,
 - $\hat{f}^{-1}[E_4] = \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$.
- Note that \mathcal{D} is not a filter on $X \times X$ since
 - $A \times A \cup B \times B \in \mathcal{D}$, but
 - $A \times A \cup B \times B \cup \{\langle 1, 2 \rangle\} \notin \mathcal{D}$.
- Since a uniformity on X is a filter on $X \times X$, it follows that \mathcal{D} is not a uniformity on X .

Theorem (inverse image uniformity).

Let X, Y be sets, \mathcal{E} be a uniformity base on Y , and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be any function. Let $\mathcal{B} = \{\hat{f}^{-1}[E] : E \in \mathcal{E}\}$, where $\hat{f} : X \times X \rightarrow Y \times Y$ is the induced product function. Then \mathcal{B} is a uniformity base on X .

Proof. By Theorem (uniformity base), it suffices to verify the following conditions.

1. Each $D \in \mathcal{B}$ is a reflexive relation on X .
 - Let $D \in \mathcal{B}$. Then $D = \hat{f}^{-1}[E]$ for some $E \in \mathcal{E}$.
 - Let $x \in X$. Then $\langle f(x), f(x) \rangle \in E$ since E is a reflexive relation on Y .
 - Hence $\langle x, x \rangle \in D$ and so D is a reflexive relation on X .
2. If $D \in \mathcal{B}$, then there exists $B \in \mathcal{B}$ with $B \subseteq D^{-1}$.
 - Let $D \in \mathcal{B}$. Then $D = \hat{f}^{-1}[E]$ for some $E \in \mathcal{E}$.

- There is $F \in \mathcal{E}$ with $F \subseteq E^{-1}$. Let $B = \hat{f}^{-1}[F]$.
- Then $B \in \mathcal{B}$ and $B \subseteq D^{-1}$.

We show that $B \subseteq D^{-1}$.

- Let $\langle x, y \rangle \in B$.
- Then $\langle f(x), f(y) \rangle \in F \subseteq E^{-1}$ so $\langle f(y), f(x) \rangle \in E$.
- Thus $\langle y, x \rangle \in \hat{f}^{-1}[E] = D$ and $\langle x, y \rangle \in D^{-1}$.

3. If $D \in \mathcal{B}$, then there exists $B \in \mathcal{B}$ with $B \circ B \subseteq D$.

- Let $D \in \mathcal{B}$. Then $D = \hat{f}^{-1}[E]$ for some $E \in \mathcal{E}$.
- There is $F \in \mathcal{E}$ with $F \circ F \subseteq E$. Let $B = \hat{f}^{-1}[F]$.
- Then $B \in \mathcal{B}$ and $B \circ B \subseteq D$.

We show that $B \circ B \subseteq D$.

- Let $\langle x, z \rangle \in B \circ B$. There is $y \in X$ with $\langle x, y \rangle \in B$ and $\langle y, z \rangle \in B$.
- Then $\langle f(x), f(y) \rangle \in F$ and $\langle f(y), f(z) \rangle \in F$ so $\langle f(x), f(z) \rangle \in E$.
- Since $\hat{f}(\langle x, z \rangle) \in E$, it follows that $\langle x, z \rangle \in \hat{f}^{-1}[E] = D$.

4. If $B, D \in \mathcal{B}$, then there exists $E \in \mathcal{B}$ with $E \subseteq B \cap D$.

- Let $B, D \in \mathcal{B}$. Then $B = \hat{f}^{-1}[F]$ and $D = \hat{f}^{-1}[G]$ for some $F, G \in \mathcal{E}$.
- Let $H \in \mathcal{E}$ be such that $H \subseteq F \cap G$. Let $E = \hat{f}^{-1}[H]$.
- If $\langle x, y \rangle \in E$, then $\langle f(x), f(y) \rangle \in H \subseteq F \cap G$.
- Thus $\langle x, y \rangle \in B \cap D$ and so $E \subseteq B \cap D$.

Inverse image uniformity.

Let X, Y be sets, \mathcal{E} be a uniformity base on Y and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function. The *inverse image uniformity* on X induced by \mathcal{E} and f is the uniformity induced by the uniformity base $\{\hat{f}^{-1}[E] : E \in \mathcal{E}\}$.

- See Theorem (inverse image uniformity) for the proof that $\{\hat{f}^{-1}[E] : E \in \mathcal{E}\}$ is a uniformity base on X .
- In particular, if \mathcal{E} is a uniformity on Y and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a function, then we get a uniformity on X induced by the uniformity base $\{\hat{f}^{-1}[E] : E \in \mathcal{E}\}$.

Theorem (uniform continuity inverse uniformity).

Let X, Y be sets, \mathcal{E} be a uniformity on Y , and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be any function. Let $\mathcal{B} = \{\hat{f}^{-1}[E] : E \in \mathcal{E}\}$ and let \mathcal{D} be the uniformity on X that is induced by the uniformity base \mathcal{B} .

- f is uniformly continuous relative to \mathcal{D} and \mathcal{E} .
- If \mathcal{D}' is any uniformity on X such that $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is uniformly continuous relative to \mathcal{D}' and \mathcal{E} , then $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{D}'$.

Proof.

- Let $E \in \mathcal{E}$. Then $\hat{f}^{-1}[E] \in \mathcal{B}$. Since $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{D}$, it follows that $\hat{f}^{-1}[E] \in \mathcal{D}$. Thus f is uniformly continuous.
- Assume that \mathcal{D}' is any uniformity on X such that $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is uniformly continuous relative to \mathcal{D}' and \mathcal{E} . We show that $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{D}'$.
 - Let $D \in \mathcal{D}$. There is $B \in \mathcal{B}$ with $B \subseteq D$.
 - There is $E \in \mathcal{E}$ be such that $B = \hat{f}^{-1}[E]$.
 - Since f is uniformly continuous relative to \mathcal{D}' and \mathcal{E} , it follows that $B \in \mathcal{D}'$.
 - Since \mathcal{D}' is a uniformity, $B \in \mathcal{D}'$ and $B \subseteq D$, it follows that $D \in \mathcal{D}'$.

Exercise (injective inverse image uniformity).

Let X, Y be sets, \mathcal{E} be a uniformity on Y , and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be any injective function. Let $\mathcal{D} = \{\hat{f}^{-1}[E] : E \in \mathcal{E}\}$. Prove that \mathcal{D} is a uniformity on X .

Solution. By Theorem (inverse image uniformity), \mathcal{D} is a uniformity base on X .

- To prove that \mathcal{D} is a uniformity on X , it suffices to show that \mathcal{D} is closed under taking supersets.
- Let $D \in \mathcal{D}$ and $D \subseteq D' \subseteq X \times X$. We show that $D' \in \mathcal{D}$.
 - Let $E \in \mathcal{E}$ be such that $D = \hat{f}^{-1}[E]$. Let $E' = \hat{f}[D']$.
 - Since f is injective, it follows that \hat{f} is injective.
 - * Let $\langle x, y \rangle, \langle z, w \rangle \in X \times X$ with $\hat{f}(\langle x, y \rangle) = \hat{f}(\langle z, w \rangle)$.
 - * Then $f(x) = f(z)$ and $f(y) = f(w)$.
 - * Thus $x = z$ and $y = w$ so $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle z, w \rangle$.
 - Since \hat{f} is injective, it follows that $\hat{f}^{-1}[E'] = D'$.
 - Since $D \subseteq D'$, it follows that $E \subseteq E'$ so $E' \in \mathcal{E}$ and hence $D' \in \mathcal{D}$.

Relative uniformity.

Let (Y, \mathcal{E}) be a uniform space and $X \subseteq Y$. The *relative uniformity (subspace uniformity)* on X is the uniformity \mathcal{D} on X that is induced by the embedding $f : X \rightarrow Y$ ($f(x) = x$ for each $x \in X$).

- Explicitly, \mathcal{D} is induced by the uniformity base

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \hat{f}^{-1}[E] : E \in \mathcal{E} \right\} = \{E \cap (X \times X) : E \in \mathcal{E}\}$$

which is also called the *trace* of \mathcal{E} on $X \times X$.

- Since the embedding $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is injective, \mathcal{B} is a uniformity on X so $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{B}$.

Exercise (topology relative uniformity).

Let \mathcal{E} be a uniformity on a set Y , let τ be the topology on Y that is induced by \mathcal{E} , let $X \subseteq Y$ and let \mathcal{D} be the relative uniformity on X . Prove that the topology on X that is induced by \mathcal{D} is the relative (subspace) topology with respect to τ .

Solution. Let τ' be the topology on X that is induced by \mathcal{D} and τ'' be the subspace topology on X inherited from τ .

- We show that $\tau' \subseteq \tau''$.
 - Let $U \subseteq X$ be open in τ' . Let $x \in U$ be arbitrary.
 - There is $D \in \mathcal{D}$ such that $D[x] \subseteq U$.
 - There is $E \in \mathcal{E}$ with $D = E \cap (X \times X)$.
 - Then $E[x]$ is a nbhd of x in Y with respect to τ so there is $V \in \tau$ with $x \in V \subseteq E[x]$.
 - Since $E[x] \cap X = D[x]$, it follows that $V \cap X \subseteq D[x] \subseteq U$.
 - Since $V \cap X \in \tau''$ and since x was an arbitrary point of U , it follows that $U \in \tau''$.
- Now we show that $\tau'' \subseteq \tau'$.
 - Let $U \subseteq X$ be open in τ'' .
 - There is $V \subseteq Y$ such that $U = V \cap X$ and $V \in \tau$.
 - Let $x \in U$ be arbitrary.
 - There is $E \in \mathcal{E}$ with $E[x] \subseteq V$.
 - Let $D = E \cap (X \times X)$. Then $D \in \mathcal{D}$.
 - Since $D[x] = E[x] \cap X$, it follows that $D[x] \subseteq U$.
 - Thus $U \in \tau'$.