

Re: Compact open topology

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On 27 Jan., 21:09, Philippe Gaucher <p...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

sanchopanch...@xxxxxx writes:

Yes, that's what I wanted to say: The TOP map $\text{hom}(X \times Y, Z) \rightarrow \text{hom}(Y, \text{hom}(X, Z))$ does not EXIST in general in TOP, because it is not continuous, right?

For a category C, I denote by $C(X, Y)$ the set of morphisms from X to Y. So in Top, the set of continuous maps from X to Y is denoted by $\text{Top}(X, Y)$. Of course, $\text{Top}(X, Y)$ is included in $\text{Set}(X, Y)$. And from now on, $\text{hom}(X, Y)$ is the set $\text{Top}(X, Y)$ equipped with the compact-open topology.

The only set map which always exists is $\text{Top}(X \times Y, Z) \rightarrow \text{Set}(Y, \text{Set}(X, Z))$. If X is locally compact, the image of the set map $\text{Top}(X \times Y, Z) \rightarrow \text{Set}(Y, \text{Set}(X, Z))$ is included in $\text{Set}(Y, \text{Top}(X, Z))$, and even in $\text{Top}(Y, \text{Hom}(X, Z))$. In categorical language, $X \times -: \text{Top} \rightarrow \text{Top}$ admits $\text{Hom}(X, -): \text{Top} \rightarrow \text{Top}$ as right adjoint. So if X is locally compact, there is a natural set bijection $\text{Top}(X \times Y, Z) = \text{Top}(Y, \text{Hom}(X, Z))$.

The next step is to prove that this set bijection induces a homeomorphism $\text{Hom}(X \times Y, Z) = \text{Hom}(Y, \text{Hom}(X, Z))$. I don't think that it is true in the category of general topological spaces (in fact I don't know whether it is true). If both X and Y are locally compact, then $X \times Y$ is locally compact. And then, here is a proof: pick a topological space T. Then $\text{Top}(T, \text{Hom}(X \times Y, Z)) = \text{Top}(T \times X \times Y, Z) = \text{Top}(T \times X, \text{Hom}(Y, Z)) = \text{Top}(T, \text{Hom}(X, \text{Hom}(Y, Z)))$. Apply the Yoneda Lemma: one obtains the homeomorphism $\text{Hom}(X \times Y, Z) = \text{Hom}(X, \text{Hom}(Y, Z))$.

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Ok, I agree, thanks. The last thing about the homeomorphism is also true if X and Y are Hausdorff and only X locally compact I think, but this isn't so interesting for me. Thank you for helping me to understand this stuff better.

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