

# Topology as faithful communication through relations

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i. e.  $m$  is **faithfully communicable**.

# Communication and topology

## Goal:

to give a characterization of basic topological notions in terms of **faithfully communicable** notions.

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# Communication of points

What is a point of  $X$  for  $S$ ?

A subset  $D$  of  $X$  is seen as a **point** if it is an **atom** for  $S$

- 1 it is inhabited (there is  $a \in S$ , such that  $\text{ext } a \not\subseteq D$ )
- 2 it is indivisible by using concepts in  $S$ : for every  $a$  and  $b$  in  $S$

$$\text{ext } a \not\subseteq D \wedge \text{ext } b \not\subseteq D \rightarrow (\exists c \in S)(\text{ext } c \subseteq \text{ext } a \cap \text{ext } b \wedge D \not\subseteq \text{ext } c)$$

In this case  $D$  is called **convergent**.

Moreover  $S$  cannot distinguish two subsets for which  $\Diamond D = \Diamond E$ , i. e. which have the same closure.

The right notion of point in terms of communication: equivalence class of convergent subsets!

In a concrete space  $\{x\}$  is convergent.

We call a continuous relation  $r : X \rightarrow Y$  **convergent** if it preserves convergent subsets (topological points). This is the right **notion of function** for concrete spaces from the point of view of communication.

**Thank you for your attention!**