

## \* The Quotient Topology :-

### Definition (Quotient map) :-

→ Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces.  
Let  $p: X \rightarrow Y$  be surjective map.  
The map  $p$  is said to be a quotient map,  
provided a subset  $V$  of  $Y$  is open in  $Y$   
iff  $p^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$ .

\* This condition is stronger than continuity  
so, it is called stronger continuity.

→ An equivalent condition is to require  
that a subset  $A$  of  $Y$  be closed in  $Y$   
iff  $p^{-1}(A)$  is closed in  $X$ .

$$\overline{p^{-1}(A)} = X - \overline{p^{-1}(Y-A)}$$

\* Another way of describing a quotient map as :-

Def<sup>o</sup>:- A subset  $C$  of  $X$  is said to be  
saturated (w.r.t the surjective map  $p: X \rightarrow Y$ )  
if  $C$  contains every set  $p^{-1}(\{y\})$  that it meets.

Thus  $C$  is saturated if it equals the  
complete inverse image of a subset of  $Y$ .

To say that  $p$  is a quotient map  
iff  $p$  is continuous and  $p$  maps  
saturated open (closed) sets of  $X$  to  
open (closed) sets of  $Y$ .

\* Two special kinds of quotient maps are  
the open maps and the closed maps.

Def<sup>o</sup>:- (1) A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be an  
open map. If for each open set  $U$  of  $X$ ,  
the set  $f(U)$  is open in  $Y$ .