## **Complex Analysis**

#### **Chapter IX. Analytic Continuation and Riemann Surfaces** IX.4. Topological Spaces and Neighborhood Systems—Proofs of Theorems



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**Proof (continued).** Fix  $x \in X$  and let  $U \in \mathcal{N}_x$ . If  $y \in U$  then for  $V \in \mathcal{N}_y$  we have  $y \in U \cap V$  and so by part (c) of the definition of neighborhood system (Definition IX.4.16; we take z in the definition to be y here) there is  $W \in \mathcal{N}_y$  such that  $W \subset U \cap V \subset U$ . So, by the definition of  $\mathcal{T}$ ,  $U \in \mathcal{T}$  and hence  $\mathcal{N}_x \subset \mathcal{T}$ , as claimed.