

1. [6 points]

a. [4 points] Let  $X$  be a finite set. Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a topology on  $X$ . Define

$$\mathcal{T}' = \{S \mid X - S \in \mathcal{T}\}.$$

Show that  $\mathcal{T}'$  is a topology on  $X$ .

$$X - \emptyset = X \in \mathcal{T} \text{ and } X - X = \emptyset \in \mathcal{T}, \text{ so } \emptyset, X \in \mathcal{T}'!$$

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a subset of  $\mathcal{T}'$ . Since  $\mathcal{T}' \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  and  $X$  is finite,  $\mathcal{T}'$  is finite and thus so is  $\mathcal{C}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Set } V = \bigcup_{S \in \mathcal{C}} S. \text{ Then } X - V &= X - \bigcup_{S \in \mathcal{C}} S \\ &= \bigcap_{S \in \mathcal{C}} (X - S), \text{ a finite intersection} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $X - S \in \mathcal{T} \forall S \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $X - V$  must be in  $\mathcal{T}$ ,  
so  $V \in \mathcal{T}'$ .

Now let  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n \in \mathcal{T}'$ .

Then  $X - (S_1 \cap S_2 \cap \dots \cap S_n) = (X - S_1) \cup (X - S_2) \cup \dots \cup (X - S_n)$ .  
 $X - S_i \in \mathcal{T}$  for each  $i$ , so this is the finite union of elements of  $\mathcal{T}$  and is thus in  $\mathcal{T}$ .

Thus  $S_1 \cap \dots \cap S_n \in \mathcal{T}'$ , so  $\mathcal{T}'$  is a topology.

b. [2 points] Give a counterexample to show that the statement in part a. is false if  $X$  can be infinite.

Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathcal{T}$  be the cofinite topology.

Then  $\mathcal{T}' = \{S \mid S \text{ is finite}\} \cup \{\mathbb{R}\}$ .

$\{n\} \in \mathcal{T}' \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , but

$\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \{n\} = \mathbb{Z} \notin \mathcal{T}'$ , so  $\mathcal{T}'$  is not a

topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

2. [8 points] Consider  $X = \mathbb{R} \times [0, 1]$  with the dictionary order. Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be the order topology on  $X$  and let  $\mathcal{T}^*$  be the topology on  $X$  generated by the basis

$$\{(a, b) \times [0, 1] \mid a < b\}.$$

(You don't need to show that this is a basis.)

- a. [4 points] Show  $\mathcal{T}$  is finer than  $\mathcal{T}^*$ .

We call the given basis  $\mathcal{B}$ .

Let  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  where  $B = (a, b) \times [0, 1]$ .

Since 1 is the largest element of  $[0, 1]$ ,

$$a \times 1 < c \times d \iff a < c.$$

Similarly,  $c \times d < b \times 0 \iff c < b$ .

Thus,  $B = (a, b) \times [0, 1] = (a \times 1, b \times 0)$ ,  
which is in  $\mathcal{T}$ .

Thus,  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$ , so by problem 2 on PS 10,

$$\mathcal{T}^* \subseteq \mathcal{T}.$$

- b. [4 points] Show  $\mathcal{T} \neq \mathcal{T}^*$ . That is, show  $\mathcal{T}^*$  is not finer than  $\mathcal{T}$ .

Consider the set  $(0 \times 0, 0 \times 1) \in \mathcal{T}$ .

Let  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  s.t.  $B = (a, b) \times [0, 1]$  and  $0 \times \frac{1}{2} \in B$ .

Then  $a < 0 < b$ , so  $a < 0 < \frac{b}{2} < b$ .

Thus,  $\frac{b}{2} \times 0 \in B$  but  $\frac{b}{2} \times 0 \notin (0 \times 0, 0 \times 1)$

since  $\frac{b}{2} \neq 0$ .

So  $B \not\subseteq (0 \times 0, 0 \times 1)$  so  $(0 \times 0, 0 \times 1) \notin \mathcal{T}^*$ .

Thus,  $\mathcal{T} \not\subseteq \mathcal{T}^*$ , so  $\mathcal{T} \neq \mathcal{T}^*$ .

3. [10 points] Give an example of each of the following. You do not need to prove that your example works.

a. [2 points] A subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  that is neither open nor closed in the lower limit topology.

$$(0, 1]$$

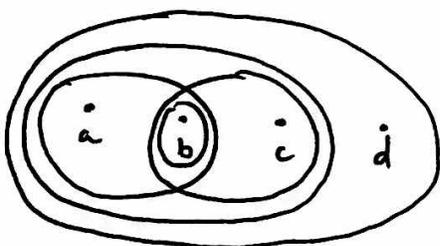
b. [2 points] A group  $G$  such that  $|G| > 2$  and if  $H \leq G$ , then  $H = \{e\}$  or  $G$ . i.e.  $G$  has no proper nontrivial subgroups.

$$G = \pi_3$$

c. [2 points] A set  $S$  along with an order relation such that every element has an immediate successor but at least one element (other than the smallest element) doesn't have an immediate predecessor.

$$S = \pi_+ \times \pi_+ \text{ with the dictionary order.}$$

d. [2 points] A topology  $\mathcal{T}$  on the set  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  such that  $\{a, b\}, \{b, c\} \in \mathcal{T}$ , but  $\mathcal{T}$  is not the discrete topology.



$$\mathcal{T} = \{ \emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X \}$$

e. [2 points] A basis for a topology on  $\mathbb{R}$  that is not comparable to the standard topology.

$$\{ (-\infty, 0), [0, \infty) \}$$

4. [8 points] Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be the standard topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Define

$$\mathcal{T}' = \mathcal{T} \cup \{U \cup \{0\} \mid U \in \mathcal{T}\}.$$

a. [4 points] Check that  $\mathcal{T}'$  is a topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Since  $\emptyset, X \in \mathcal{T}$ ,  $\emptyset, X \in \mathcal{T}'$  as well.

Let  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{T}'$ . If  $S \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $S = U$  or  $U \cup \{0\}$ ,  
where  $U \in \mathcal{T}$ .

Thus if  $V = \bigcup_{S \in \mathcal{C}} S$ , then  $V = W$  or  $W \cup \{0\}$ ,  
where  $W$  is the union of elements  
of  $\mathcal{T}$  and is thus in  $\mathcal{T}$ .  $\Rightarrow V \in \mathcal{T}'$ .

Now let  $S_1, \dots, S_n \in \mathcal{T}'$ . Then for each  $S_i$ ,  $\exists U_i \in \mathcal{T}$   
s.t.  $S_i = U_i$  or  $U_i \cup \{0\}$ .

Thus,  $S_1 \cap S_2 \cap \dots \cap S_n = \bigcap_{i=1}^n U_i$  or  $\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n U_i\right) \cup \{0\}$ .

Since  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n U_i$  is the finite intersection of elements of  $\mathcal{T}$ ,  
it's in  $\mathcal{T}$ , so  $S_1 \cap \dots \cap S_n \in \mathcal{T}'$ , so  $\mathcal{T}'$  is a topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

b. [4 points] Consider  $\mathbb{R}$  equipped with the topology  $\mathcal{T}'$ . Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $0 \in \bar{A}$  if  
and only if  $0 \in A$ .

If  $0 \in A$ , then  $A \subseteq \bar{A}$ , so  $0 \in \bar{A}$ .

On the other hand, assume  $0 \in \bar{A}$ .

Then since  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$ ,  $\{0\} \cup \emptyset = \{0\} \in \mathcal{T}'$ .

$\{0\} \cap A \neq \emptyset$  by a theorem in class,

so  $0 \in A$ .

5. [8 points] Determine whether the following statements are true or false, and briefly justify your answer (or give a counterexample, if applicable).

a. [2 points] Let  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{B}'$  be two bases on a set  $X$  and let  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{T}'$  be the topologies they generate. If  $\mathcal{B} \neq \mathcal{B}'$ , then  $\mathcal{T} \neq \mathcal{T}'$ .

False.

On  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\{\{x\} \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  and  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})$  are both bases that generate the discrete topology.

b. [2 points] Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a basis generating a topology  $\mathcal{T}$  on  $X$ . If  $\mathcal{T}$  has uncountably many elements, then  $\mathcal{B}$  does as well.

False.

Let  $X = \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathcal{B} = \{\{x\} \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{B}$  is countable, but it generates the discrete topology  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})$ , which is uncountable.

c. [2 points] If  $f: G \rightarrow H$  is a surjective group homomorphism and  $H$  is abelian, then  $G$  is abelian.

False.

Let  $G = D_8$ ,  $H = \{e\}$ . Define

$f: D_8 \rightarrow \{e\}$  by  $f(x) = e \quad \forall x \in D_8$ .

$H$  is abelian, but  $G$  isn't.

d. [2 points] If  $X$  is a set and  $\sim$  an equivalence relation on  $X$ , then  $X/\sim$  is a basis for a topology on  $X$ .

True.

Let  $x \in X$ . Then  $x$  is contained in the equivalence class  $\{y \in X \mid x \sim y\} \in X/\sim$

Since every pair of equivalence classes is disjoint, no elements lie in the intersection.

Thus,  $X/\sim$  is a basis.