

GENERAL TOPOLOGY

EXERCISES FOR SESSION 1 (TUE 24.2)

Exercise 1. Let $X = \mathbb{R}$ and let $\mathcal{T} = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{(x, \infty) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$. Prove that \mathcal{T} is a topology.

Exercise 2. Find a collection of open sets in \mathbb{R}^2 (in the standard metric topology) whose intersection is not open.

Exercise 3. Let \mathbb{R} be equipped with the discrete topology (the topology that contains all subsets of \mathbb{R}). Find the boundary of the open interval $(0, 1)$. How does the answer change if we use the mini-topology $\mathcal{T}_{\text{mini}} = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}\}$ instead?

Exercise 4. Suppose that $B \subset A \subset X$, and B is an open set with $\text{int } A \subset B$. Show that $B = \text{int } A$.

Exercise 5. Find the interior and boundary of the following sets in the standard metric topology of \mathbb{R}^2 :

- (1) $\{(x, y) : y = 0\}$.
- (2) $\{(x, y) : x > 0 \text{ and } y \neq 0\}$.
- (3) $\{(x, y) : x \in \mathbb{Q}\}$.
- (4) $\{(x, y) : 0 < x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$.
- (5) $\{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{Q}, x > y\}$.

Exercise 6. Does it always hold that $\text{int}(A \cup B) = \text{int } A \cup \text{int } B$? If not, what about an inclusion \subset in either direction?

Exercise 7. Let $A \subset B \subset X$. Suppose that B is closed and A is a closed set in B (with the relative topology). Show that A is closed in X .

Exercise 8. Show that the relative topology on \mathbb{Z} as a subset of \mathbb{R} is the discrete topology.

Exercise 9. Let $A, B \subset X$ be two subsets. What is the coarsest topology on X which contains both the sets A and B ?

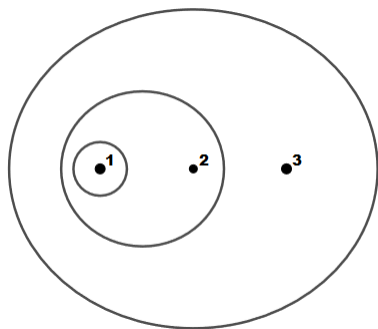
Exercise 10. Let $A \subset B \subset X$. We denote by $\text{int } A$ the interior of A as a subset of X , and by $\text{int}_B A$ the interior of A in the relative topology on B . Show that $\text{int } A \subset \text{int}_B A$.

Exercise 11. Let $X = \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathcal{T}_{\text{co}} = \{\emptyset\} \cup \{A \subset \mathbb{R} : \mathbb{R} \setminus A \text{ is countable}\}$. Is \mathcal{T}_{co} a topology on \mathbb{R} ?

Exercise 12. Suppose that X is an infinite set with a topology in which every infinite set is open. Show that X has the discrete topology.

Exercise 13. Let \mathcal{T}_1 and \mathcal{T}_2 be topologies on X . Show that $\mathcal{T}_1 \cap \mathcal{T}_2$ is also a topology. What about $\mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2$?

Exercise 14. Let $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$. We have drawn one topology $\mathcal{T} = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{1, 2\}, X\}$ for X in the attached picture:



How many topologies of X exist in total?