

**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  $B$ ?

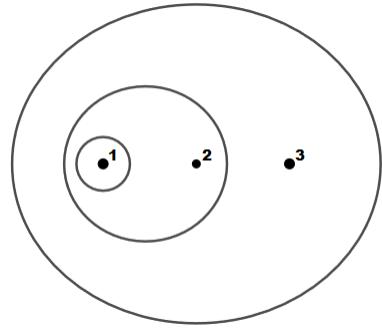
**Exercise 10.** Let  $A \subset B \subset X$ . We denote by  $\text{int } A$  the interior of  $A$  as a subset of  $X$ , and by  $\text{int}_B A$  the interior of  $A$  in the relative topology on  $B$ . Show that  $\text{int } A \subset \text{int}_B A$ .

**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  $\mathcal{T}_{\text{co}}$  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?