

# Homework 5

**Problem 1.** Show that  $X$  is Hausdorff if and only if the diagonal  $\Delta = \{x \times x \mid x \in X\}$  is closed in  $X \times X$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $X$  is Hausdorff and let  $A = (X \times X) \setminus \Delta$ . Pick a point  $(x, y) \in A$ . Since  $X$  is Hausdorff, we can find disjoint open neighborhoods  $U$  and  $V$  of  $x$  and  $y$  respectively. Then  $U \times V$  is an open set in  $X \times X$  which contains  $(x, y)$ . Note that since  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  we also have  $(U \times V) \cap \Delta = \emptyset$ . That is, there are no points in  $U$  that are also in  $V$  and vice-versa, so there are no points of the form  $(z, z)$  in  $U \times V$ . This shows that  $A$  is open and  $\Delta$  is closed.

Conversely, suppose that  $\Delta$  is closed in  $X \times X$ . Then  $A = (X \times X) \setminus \Delta$  is open. Pick two distinct points  $x, y \in X$  and consider the element  $(x, y) \in A$ . Since  $A$  is open there exists some basis element  $U \times V \subseteq A$  such that  $(x, y) \in U \times V$ . But then  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$  and since  $(U \times V) \cap \Delta = \emptyset$ , we have that  $U$  and  $V$  are disjoint. Thus  $X$  is Hausdorff.  $\square$

**Problem 2.** Consider the five topologies on  $\mathbb{R}$  given in Exercise 7 of §13.

(a) Determine the closure of the set  $K = \{1/n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}_+\}$  under each of these topologies.

(b) Which of these topologies satisfy the Hausdorff axiom? The  $T_1$  axiom?

*Proof.* (a) Consider  $K$  in  $\mathcal{T}_1$ . Pick any  $x \neq 0$  in  $\mathbb{R} \setminus K$  and note that we can always find a neighborhood around  $x$  disjoint from  $K$ . Namely, if  $x < 0$ , then  $(x - 1, 0)$  works and if  $x > 1$  then  $(1, x + 1)$  works. If  $0 < x < 1$  then  $1/(n + 1) < x < 1/n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  so  $x \in (1/(n + 1), 1/n)$  which is disjoint from  $K$ . Thus  $x \notin \overline{K}$ . Now if  $x = 0$  then any open neighborhood of  $x$  will necessarily contain some positive point and choosing  $1/n$  less than this point ensures that  $x \in \overline{K}$ . Thus  $\overline{K} = K \cup \{0\}$ .

Now consider  $K$  in  $\mathcal{T}_2$ . A similar argument as above holds. Since intervals are open in  $\mathcal{T}_2$ , any  $x \neq 0$  is still not in  $\overline{K}$  for the same reasons. Now if  $x = 0$  then the open set  $(-1, 1) \setminus K$  contains 0 and is disjoint from  $K$ , so  $0 \notin \overline{K}$  either. Thus  $K = \overline{K}$ .

Suppose now  $K$  is put in the  $\mathcal{T}_3$  topology. Since  $K$  is an infinite set, every open set must intersect it, as an open set can only not contain finitely many points. Thus, for any point  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  we have  $x \in \overline{K}$  since every open set containing  $x$  intersects  $K$ . Therefore  $\overline{K} = \mathbb{R}$ .

Now consider  $K$  in  $\mathcal{T}_4$ . Suppose  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus K$ . If  $x \neq 0$  and  $x < 0$  then  $(x - 1, 0]$  contains  $x$  and doesn't intersect  $K$ . Likewise if  $x > 1$  then  $(1, x + 1]$  will work. If  $0 < x < 1$  then  $1/(n + 1) < x < 1/n$  for some  $n$  so choose some point  $y$  such that  $x < y < 1/n$  so that  $x \in (1/(n + 1), y]$  and this set is disjoint from  $K$ . Finally, if  $x = 0$  then any open set containing  $x$  will contain an interval of the form  $(a, b]$  where  $x = 0 < b$ . Thus there exists some  $n$  such that  $1/n \leq b$  and so  $(a, b]$  intersects  $K$ . Therefore  $x \in \overline{K}$  and  $\overline{K} = K \cup \{0\}$ .

Finally, consider  $K$  in  $\mathcal{T}_5$ . Suppose  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus K$ . If  $x < 0$  then  $(-\infty, 0)$  contains  $x$  and is disjoint from  $K$ . If  $x \geq 0$  then any basis element containing  $x$  will necessarily contain some positive value which means this basis element contains everything less than this value. It thus intersects  $K$  and so  $x \in \overline{K}$ . Therefore  $\overline{K} = [0, \infty)$ .

(b) We know  $\mathcal{T}_1$  is Hausdorff, as can be demonstrated by taking balls of radius half the distance between two points. It is also  $T_1$  as can be seen by looking at the complement of the open set  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (x - i, x + i) \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (x - i, x) = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{x\}$ .

The same proof as for  $\mathcal{T}_1$  shows that  $\mathcal{T}_2$  is both Hausdorff and  $T_1$ .

The  $\mathcal{T}_3$  topology is not Hausdorff since any two open sets intersect. Incidentally, a single point  $\{x\}$  is the complement of the open set  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{x\}$  so  $\mathcal{T}_3$  is  $T_1$ .

In  $\mathcal{T}_4$ , if  $x \neq y$  then without loss of generality  $x < y$  and the open sets  $(x - 1, (x + y)/2]$  and  $((x + y)/2, y]$  are disjoint neighborhoods of  $x$  and  $y$ . Note that open intervals  $(a, b)$  are part of  $\mathcal{T}_4$  so the same set used to show  $\mathcal{T}_1$  is  $T_1$  shows that  $\mathcal{T}_4$  is  $T_1$ .

Finally suppose that  $x \neq y$  in the  $\mathcal{T}_5$  topology. Without loss of generality suppose that  $x < y$  and note that any basis element containing  $y$  will necessarily contain  $x$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{T}_5$  is not Hausdorff. Now consider

some point  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $y \neq x$ . If  $x < y$  then we've already seen that every open set containing  $y$  will necessarily contain  $x$  since it will contain a basis element containing  $y$  and everything less than  $y$ . Thus  $y \in \{x\}$  and  $\{x\} = [x, -\infty)$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{T}_5$  is not  $T_1$  either.  $\square$

**Problem 3.** Let  $A \subseteq X$ ; let  $f : A \rightarrow Y$  be continuous; let  $Y$  be Hausdorff. Show that if  $f$  may be extended to a continuous function  $g : \bar{A} \rightarrow Y$ , then  $g$  is uniquely determined by  $f$ .

*Proof.* Let  $g$  and  $g'$  be two continuous extensions of  $f$  on  $\bar{A}$ . Suppose that for some  $x \in \bar{A} \setminus A$  we have  $g(x) \neq g'(x)$ . Since  $Y$  is Hausdorff, we can find two disjoint neighborhoods  $U$  and  $U'$  such that  $g(x) \in U$  and  $g'(x) \in U'$ . Both  $g$  and  $g'$  are continuous so  $g^{-1}(U)$  and  $g'^{-1}(U)$  are open sets containing  $x$  and so also is  $g^{-1}(U) \cap g'^{-1}(U)$ . But since  $x \in \bar{A}$ , this intersection contains some point  $y \in A$ . Since  $g$  and  $g'$  both agree with  $f$  on  $A$ , we have  $g(y) = g'(y)$ . Now  $g(y) \in U$  and  $g'(y) \in U'$  so  $U$  and  $U'$  can't be disjoint, a contradiction. Therefore  $g = g'$  so all continuous extensions of  $f$  are uniquely determined by  $f$ .  $\square$

**Problem 4.** Show that  $(X_1 \times \cdots \times X_{n-1}) \times X_n$  is homeomorphic with  $X_1 \times \cdots \times X_n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f : (X_1 \times \cdots \times X_{n-1}) \times X_n \rightarrow X_1 \times \cdots \times X_n$  be given by  $f((a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}), a_n) = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ . Note that  $f$  is essentially an identity function and it's clear that  $f$  is a bijection. Namely, if two elements are distinct in the domain, then they are distinct in the image for the same reason and for a given point  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  in the codomain, the point  $((a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}), a_n)$  maps to it. Let  $U$  be a basis element of  $X_1 \times \cdots \times X_n$  so that  $U = U_1 \times \cdots \times U_n$ . Then  $f^{-1}(U) = (U_1 \times \cdots \times U_{n-1}) \times U_n$  which is a basis element of  $(X_1 \times \cdots \times X_{n-1}) \times X_n$ . The fact that  $f$  takes open sets to open sets follows similarly, so  $f$  is a homeomorphism.  $\square$

**Problem 5.** Given sequences  $(a_1, a_2, \dots)$  and  $(b_1, b_2, \dots)$  of real numbers with  $a_i > 0$  for all  $i$ , define  $f : \mathbb{R}^\omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^\omega$  by the equation

$$h((x_1, x_2, \dots)) = (a_1 x_1 + b_1, a_2 x_2 + b_2, \dots).$$

Show that if  $\mathbb{R}^\omega$  is given the product topology,  $h$  is a homeomorphism of  $\mathbb{R}^\omega$  with itself. What happens if  $\mathbb{R}^\omega$  is given the box topology?

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$  and  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots)$  be two distinct sequences such that  $x_i \neq y_i$  for some  $i$ . Then  $a_i x_i + b_i \neq a_i y_i + b_i$  so  $h(\mathbf{x}) \neq h(\mathbf{y})$  and  $h$  is injective. Furthermore, the point  $\mathbf{z} = ((x_1 - b_1)/a_1, (x_2 - b_2)/a_2, \dots)$  is mapped to  $\mathbf{x}$  by  $h$ , so  $h$  is surjective and a bijection.

Now let  $U = \prod U_i$  be a basis element of  $\mathbb{R}^\omega$ . Let  $h^{-1}(U) = V = \prod V_i$  and suppose that  $\mathbf{x} \in V$ . Then  $h(\mathbf{x}) \in U$  and for each  $i$  there's some basis element of  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $(p_i, q_i) \subseteq U_i$  containing  $h(\mathbf{x})_i = a_i x_i + b_i$ . That is,  $p_i < a_i x_i + b_i < q_i$  which means  $(p_i - b_i)/a_i < x_i < (q_i - b_i)/a_i$  and it follows that any point in this interval is in  $V_i$ . Thus  $((p_i - b_i)/a_i, (q_i - b_i)/a_i) \subseteq V_i$  for each  $i$  and  $\mathbf{x}$  is contained in some basis element contained in  $V$  so  $V$  is open. We therefore have that  $h$  is continuous.

Suppose now that  $W = h(U) = \prod W_i$  and  $h(\mathbf{y}) \in W$ . Since  $h$  is injective, we know  $\mathbf{y} \in U$  so for each  $i$  there exists a basis element of  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $(r_i, s_i) \subseteq U_i$  containing  $y_i$ . Then  $r_i < y_i < s_i$  and  $a_i r_i + b_i < a_i y_i + b_i < a_i s_i + b_i$  and it follows that any element of  $(r_i, s_i)$  is in this image interval. Thus  $(a_i r_i + b_i, a_i s_i + b_i) \subseteq W_i$  for each  $i$  and  $h(\mathbf{y})$  is contained in some open set contained in  $W$ . Therefore  $W$  is open and  $h$  is an open map. Since  $h$  is also continuous, we see that  $h$  must be a homeomorphism.

If  $\mathbb{R}^\omega$  is given the box topology, the same result follows since we in no way used the fact that  $U$  had only finitely many components different from  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $\square$

**Problem 6.** Consider the map  $h : \mathbb{R}^\omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^\omega$  defined in Exercise 8 of §19; give  $\mathbb{R}^\omega$  the uniform topology. Under what conditions on the numbers  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  is  $h$  continuous? A homeomorphism?

*Proof.* Let  $U$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^\omega$  with the uniform topology and let  $\mathbf{x} \in h^{-1}(U)$ . We wish to find some  $\delta$  such that for each  $\mathbf{x}'$  with  $\bar{\rho}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') < \delta$  or equivalently, that for each coordinate  $i$  we have  $\bar{d}(x_i, x'_i) < \delta$ , it happens that  $\mathbf{x}' \in h^{-1}(U)$ .

Let  $\mathbf{y} = h(\mathbf{x}) \in U$  so there exists some  $\varepsilon$ -ball around  $\mathbf{y}$  such that  $B = B_{\bar{\rho}}(\mathbf{y}, \varepsilon) \subseteq U$ . This means that for each  $\mathbf{z} \in B$  and for each coordinate  $i$ , we have  $\bar{d}(y_i, z_i) < \varepsilon$ . We've already shown in Problem 5

that  $h$  is bijective and  $h^{-1}(\mathbf{y}) = ((y_1 - b_1)/a_1, (y_2 - b_2)/a_2, \dots) = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$ . Thus if  $h(\mathbf{x}') = \mathbf{y}'$  then  $h^{-1}(\mathbf{y}') = \mathbf{x}' = ((y'_1 - b_1)/a_1, (y'_2 - b_2)/a_2, \dots)$ . If  $\mathbf{y}' \in U$  then  $\bar{d}(y_i, y'_i) = \bar{d}(y_i - b_i, y'_i - b_i) < \varepsilon$  for each  $i$  and  $\bar{d}(x_i, x'_i) = \bar{d}((y_i - b_i)/a_i, (y'_i - b_i)/a_i) < \varepsilon/a_i$ . So to find a small enough  $\delta$ , we need the sequence  $(a_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  to be bounded above. Then choose  $\delta$  to be  $\varepsilon/a$  where  $a = \sup\{a_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Now if  $\bar{\rho}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') < \delta$ , then for each  $i$  we have  $\bar{d}((y_i - b_i)/a_i, (y'_i - b_i)/a_i) = \bar{d}(x_i, x'_i) < \delta = \varepsilon/a$ . Then  $\bar{d}(y_i, y'_i) = \bar{d}(y_i - b_i, y'_i - b_i) < \varepsilon a_i/a < \varepsilon$  since  $a_i/a < 1$ . Thus  $\bar{\rho}(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}') < \varepsilon$  and  $\mathbf{x}' \in h^{-1}(U)$ .

For  $h$  to be a homeomorphism we need  $h$  to be an open mapping. Thus, suppose  $\mathbf{x} \in U$  and draw an  $\varepsilon$ -ball  $B$  around  $\mathbf{x}$ . Then for each  $\mathbf{x}' \in B$  and each coordinate  $i$  we have  $\bar{d}(x_i, x'_i) < \varepsilon$ . Now note that if  $h(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{y}$  and  $h(\mathbf{x}') = \mathbf{y}'$  then  $\bar{d}(y_i, y'_i) = \bar{d}(a_i x_i + b_i, a_i x'_i + b_i) = \bar{d}(a_i x_i, a_i x'_i) < a_i \varepsilon$ . So now we need  $(a_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  to be bounded below by  $a' \neq 0$ . Then choose  $\delta = \varepsilon a'$  so that if  $\bar{\rho}(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}') < \delta$  then for each  $i$  we have  $\bar{d}(a_i x_i, a_i x'_i) = \bar{d}(a_i x_i + b_i, a_i x'_i + b_i) = \bar{d}(y_i, y'_i) < \delta$  so  $\bar{d}(x_i, x'_i) < \delta/a_i = \varepsilon a'/a_i < \varepsilon$  since  $a'/a_i < 1$ . This means  $\mathbf{x}' \in U$  so  $h(U)$  is open. Therefore, for  $h$  to be a homeomorphism we need the sequence  $(a_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  to be bounded with a lower bound greater than 0.  $\square$

**Problem 7.** Let  $X$  be the subset of  $\mathbb{R}^\omega$  consisting of all sequences  $\mathbf{x}$  such that  $\sum x_i^2$  converges. Then the formula

$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (x_i - y_i)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

defines a metric on  $X$ . On  $X$  we have the three topologies it inherits from the box, uniform and product topologies on  $\mathbb{R}^\omega$ . We have also the topology given by the metric  $d$ , which we call the  $\ell^2$ -topology.

(a) Show that on  $X$ , we have the inclusions

$$\text{box topology} \supseteq \ell^2\text{-topology} \supseteq \text{uniform topology}.$$

(b) The set  $\mathbb{R}^\infty$  of all sequences that are eventually zero is contained in  $X$ . Show that the four topologies that  $\mathbb{R}^\infty$  inherits has a subspace of  $X$  are all distinct.

(c) The set

$$H = \prod_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+} [0, 1/n]$$

is contained in  $X$ ; it is called the Hilbert cube. Compare the four topologies that  $H$  inherits as a subspace of  $X$ .

*Proof.* (a) Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^\omega$  and let  $B = B_{\bar{\rho}}(\mathbf{x}, \varepsilon) \subseteq X$  be an  $\varepsilon$ -ball containing  $x$ . We wish to find some  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) < \delta$  then  $\bar{\rho}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) < \varepsilon$ , that is  $\mathbf{y} \in B$ . Choose  $\delta = \varepsilon$  and let  $\mathbf{y} \in C$  where  $C = B_{\ell^2}(\mathbf{x}, \delta)$ . Then

$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (x_i - y_i)^2 < \delta^2$$

In particular, each term  $(x_i - y_i)^2 < \delta^2$  and  $|x_i - y_i| < \delta = \varepsilon$ . Thus  $\bar{\rho}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) < \varepsilon$  and  $\mathbf{y} \in B$ . Hence  $C \subseteq B$  and contains  $\mathbf{x}$  so the  $\ell^2$  topology is finer than the uniform topology.

Now let  $B = B_{\ell^2}(\mathbf{x}, \varepsilon)$  be an  $\varepsilon$ -ball around  $\mathbf{x}$ . Choose an arbitrary point  $\mathbf{y} \in B$ . For each  $i$  pick  $\delta_i < |x_i - y_i|$  and let  $U = \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} (x_i - \delta_i, x_i + \delta_i)$ . Now if  $\mathbf{z} \in U$  then for each  $i$  we have  $|x_i - z_i| < \delta_i < |x_i - y_i|$ . In particular,

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (x_i - z_i)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} < \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (x_i - y_i)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} < \varepsilon.$$

Thus  $\mathbf{z} \in B$  and  $U \subseteq B$  and contains  $\mathbf{x}$ . Therefore the box topology is finer than the  $\ell^2$  topology.

(b) Let  $\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \mathcal{T}_3$  and  $\mathcal{T}_4$  be the topologies  $\mathbb{R}^\infty$  inherits as a subspace of  $X$  with the product, uniform,  $\ell^2$  and box topologies respectively. Since  $\mathbb{R}^\infty \subseteq X$ , we know that these topologies are the same as the ones  $\mathbb{R}^\infty$  inherits from  $\mathbb{R}^\omega$ . We will consider them as such. We know that on  $\mathbb{R}^\omega$  the uniform topology is finer than the product topology. Thus, given a basis element  $U \in \mathcal{T}_1$  with  $U = \mathbb{R}^\infty \cap V$  for an open set  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^\omega$

in the product topology,  $V$  is also open in the uniform topology and we have  $U \in \mathcal{T}_2$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{T}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_2$ . Using part (a) and a similar method as above, we also see that  $\mathcal{T}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_3 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_4$ .

Now consider the 0 sequence and the set  $U = \mathbb{R}^\infty \cap \prod_{i=1}^\infty (-i, i)$  as a basis element of  $\mathcal{T}_4$ . Note that for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  we can find some  $n$  such that  $1/n < \varepsilon/2$ . Then consider the sequence  $\mathbf{x} = (0, 0, \dots, 0, \varepsilon/2, 0, \dots)$  where  $\varepsilon/2$  is in the  $n^{\text{th}}$  coordinate. Then  $\mathbf{x} \notin U$ , but it's in a  $\varepsilon$ -ball around 0. Therefore for each  $\varepsilon$  we can find a ball containing the 0 sequence which isn't contained in  $U$ . Thus  $\mathcal{T}_4 \not\subseteq \mathcal{T}_3$  which also implies  $\mathcal{T}_4 \not\subseteq \mathcal{T}_2$  and  $\mathcal{T}_4 \not\subseteq \mathcal{T}_1$ .

Next let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and consider the  $\varepsilon$ -ball around the 0 sequence in  $\mathcal{T}_3$ . Let  $\delta > 0$  and consider the sequence  $\delta = (\delta, \delta, \dots, \delta, 0, 0, \dots)$  which has  $\delta$  in the first  $n$  places with  $\sqrt{n} > \varepsilon/\delta$ . Then the distance between the 0 sequence and  $\delta$  in the  $\ell^2$  metric is  $\sqrt{n}\delta > \varepsilon$ . Thus, for each  $\delta$ -ball in  $\mathcal{T}_2$  we can find a point not in the  $\varepsilon$ -ball in  $\mathcal{T}_3$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{T}_3 \not\subseteq \mathcal{T}_2$  and as above we also have  $\mathcal{T}_3 \not\subseteq \mathcal{T}_1$ .

Finally, note that if we choose an arbitrary  $\varepsilon$ -ball in  $\mathcal{T}_2$ , we can find a basis element of  $\mathcal{T}_1$  which isn't contained in it because all but finitely many coordinates of this basis element will be the entire space. Thus  $\mathcal{T}_2 \not\subseteq \mathcal{T}_1$ . We have now shown  $\mathcal{T}_1 \subsetneq \mathcal{T}_2 \subsetneq \mathcal{T}_3 \subsetneq \mathcal{T}_4$ .

(c) Let  $\mathcal{T}_i$  with  $1 \leq i \leq 4$  be defined as they were in part (b) where  $H$  takes the place of  $\mathbb{R}^\infty$ . Note that the inclusions  $\mathcal{T}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_3 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_4$  follow from a similar proof to the one in the first part of part (b).

Consider the open set  $U = \prod_{i=1}^\infty [0, 1/(2i)]$  in  $\mathcal{T}_4$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and let  $n$  be the first positive integer such that  $1/(2n) < \varepsilon/2$ . Then the sequence  $(0, 0, \dots, 0, \varepsilon/2, 0, \dots)$  where  $\varepsilon/2$  is in the  $n^{\text{th}}$  coordinate is not contained in  $U$ . Note that this sequence is contained in  $H$  since  $1/(2n) < \varepsilon/2 < 1/n$ . Thus this sequence is contained in an  $\varepsilon$ -ball in  $\mathcal{T}_3$  containing the 0 sequence which is not contained in  $U$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{T}_4 \not\subseteq \mathcal{T}_3$ . By the above inclusions we also have  $\mathcal{T}_4 \not\subseteq \mathcal{T}_2$  and  $\mathcal{T}_4 \not\subseteq \mathcal{T}_1$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and consider  $B$  an  $\varepsilon$ -ball in  $\mathcal{T}_3$  containing  $\mathbf{x}$ . Note that  $\sum_{i=1}^\infty 1/i^2 = k$  for some finite number  $k$ . This means there exists a partial sum,  $\sum_{i=1}^j 1/i^2$  such that this sum is less than  $\varepsilon$  away from  $k$ . Moreover, the remaining sum  $\sum_{i=j+1}^\infty 1/i^2 < \varepsilon$ . So after some  $j^{\text{th}}$  coordinate,  $B$  contains all values from the intervals  $[0, 1/i]$ . Said another way,  $B$  contains only finitely many coordinates which are not the entire space. Since the remaining coordinates are intersections of  $\mathbb{R}^\omega$  with some interval, we see that  $B \in \mathcal{T}_1$  and so we have  $\mathcal{T}_3 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_1$ . Note that this also implies  $\mathcal{T}_3 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_2$  and  $\mathcal{T}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_1$ . Therefore, we have  $\mathcal{T}_1 = \mathcal{T}_2 = \mathcal{T}_3 \subsetneq \mathcal{T}_4$ .  $\square$

**Problem 8.** Show that  $2^\omega$  and the Cantor middle thirds set (as a subspace of the reals) are homeomorphic.

*Proof.* Let  $C$  be the Cantor middle thirds set. Consider the elements of  $[0, 1]$  in ternary notation. Note that  $1/3 = 0.1 = 0.0222\dots$  and  $2/3 = 0.2 = 0.1222\dots$  and every element of  $(1/3, 2/3)$  has the form  $0.1d_1d_2d_3\dots$ . Thus, the remaining elements in  $[0, 1]$  after the first middle third is removed are of the form  $0.0d_1d_2d_3\dots$  or  $0.2d_1d_2d_3\dots$  where  $1/3 = 0.0222\dots$  and  $2/3 = 0.2$ . In particular, the first digit is not 1. After removing the second set of middle thirds, the points remaining only have 0 or 2 for their second digit as well as their first digit. Continuing in this way, it follows that  $C$  only contains points in  $[0, 1]$  which can be expressed without using 1s in ternary notation. Moreover, it contains every number of this form, for if  $x = 0.d_1d_2d_3\dots$  where  $d_i \neq 1$  then  $d_i$  determines which third  $x$  belongs to in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  iteration of the construction of  $C$ . Since  $d_i \neq 1$  for all  $i$ ,  $x$  is never in the middle third at any point in the construction, and so  $x \in C$ .

Now let  $f : C \rightarrow 2^\omega$  be defined by taking an element of  $C$  and replacing the digits which equal 2 with 1. Then  $f$  takes elements of  $C$  to infinite sequences of 0s and 1. By the above argument,  $f$  is surjective since any element of  $2^\omega$  can be seen as an element of  $C$  by replacing 1s with 2s. Also,  $f$  is injective since if  $x \neq y$  in  $C$  then they differ at some digit  $d_i$  which means they get mapped to sequences in  $2^\omega$  which differ at the  $i^{\text{th}}$  coordinate. Thus,  $f$  is a bijection.

Let  $U$  be basis element in  $2^\omega$ . Then  $U$  consists of all extensions of some finite sequence  $d_1d_2\dots d_n$  where  $d_i$  is 0 or 1. We have  $f^{-1}(U)$  is the corresponding set of extensions of  $d'_1d'_2\dots d'_n$  where  $d'_i = 2$  if  $d_i = 1$  and  $d'_i = 0$  otherwise. Consider some  $x = d'_1d'_2\dots d'_n\dots$  in  $f^{-1}(U)$ . Choose  $\varepsilon < .00\dots 01$  where there are  $n$  0s. Suppose  $y$  is a point which is less than  $\varepsilon$  away from  $x$ . Then  $|x - y| < .00\dots 01$  so  $x$  and  $y$  must agree on their first  $n$  digits. Thus  $y \in f^{-1}(U)$  and this shows that  $f^{-1}(U)$  is open. Thus,  $f$  is continuous.

Now let  $U$  be an open set in  $C$  and choose  $f(x) \in f(U)$ . Note that since  $f$  is a bijection, all inverse images of a single point are a single point. Since  $U$  is open, there exists some  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that for all  $y$  with  $|x - y| < \varepsilon$  we have  $y \in U$ . This means that  $x$  and  $y$  must agree on some finite number of digits, namely, the

number of leading 0s in the ternary expansion of  $\varepsilon$ . Suppose this number of 0s is  $n$ . Now consider the open set  $V$  of  $2^\omega$  consisting of all extensions of  $d_1d_2\ldots d_n$  where  $d_i$  is 0 or 1 depending on the  $i^{\text{th}}$  digit of  $x$ . Pick some  $z \in V$  and note that  $f(x)$  and  $z$  by definition agree on the first  $n$  terms so their inverses in  $C$  must also agree on their first  $n$  digits. This means  $|f(x) - f^{-1}(z)| < \varepsilon$  so  $f^{-1}(z) \in U$  and  $z \in f(U)$ . Therefore  $V \subseteq f(U)$  and  $f(U)$  is open. Thus  $f$  is an open map and a homeomorphism.  $\square$