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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2021/2022

FOURTH YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE OF BACHELOR
OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION SCIENCE

SMA 3402: TOPOLOGY I

DATE: MAY 2022

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

a) Given that A, B and C are subsets of a universal set u. prove that

i. $An(BuC) = (AnB)u(AnC).$ (3 Marks)

ii. $A - (BuC) = (A - B)n(A - C).$ (3 Marks)

b) Prove that $A = \{2,3,4,5\}$ is not a subset of $B = \{x: x \text{ is even}\}.$ (2 Marks)

c) Find the power set $p(s)$ of $s = \{3, (1,4)\}.$ (3 Marks)

d) Consider the topology

$\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{a, b, c, d\}, \{a, b, e\}\}$ on $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}.$ Determine the derived set of $A = \{c, d, e\}.$ (5 Marks)

e) Prove that the intersection $\tau_1 n \tau_2$ of any two topologies τ_1 and τ_2 on set X is also a topology on X. (5 Marks)

f) Let $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ and $A = \{\{a, b, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{d, e\}\}.$ Find the topology on x generated by A. (4 Marks)

g) Consider the functions.

$$f = \{(1,3), (2,5), (3,3), (4,1), (5,2)\}$$

$$g = \{(1,4), (2,1), (3,1), (4,2), (5,3)\}$$
 from

$$X = \{1,2,3,4,5\} \text{ into } X.$$

- i. Determine the range of f and g . (2 Marks)
- ii. Find the composition function $g \circ f$. (3 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Define the terms:
 - i. T_1 – Space (2 Marks)
 - ii. T_2 – Space (2 Marks)
- b) Prove that the topology $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{0\}\}$ on $X = \{0,1\}$ is a T_1 – Space but not T_2 – Space (6 Marks)
- c) Prove that the property of being τ_2 – Space is hereditary. (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Define a closed set. (1 Mark)
- b) Consider the topology $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{a, b, c, d\}, \{a, b, e\}\}$ of $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$.
 - i. List the closed subsets of X . (3 Marks)
 - ii. Determine the closure of $\{c, e\}$. (3 Marks)
- c) Using the subset $A = \{a, b, d\}$ of X , find the boundary of A . (8 Marks)
- d) Let $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d, e\}\}$ be a topology on $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$.
Prove that;
 - i. $\{b, c, d, e\}$ is both open and closed. (2 Marks)
 - ii. $\{a, b\}$ is neither open nor closed. (3 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) List all topologies on $X = \{a, b, c\}$ which consists of exactly four members. (8 Marks)
- b) Prove that if A is a subset of B , then every accumulation point of A is also an accumulation point of B , ie if ACB then A^1CB^1 . (6 Marks)

c) Study the following classes of subsets of $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$;

$$\tau_1 = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d, e\}\}$$

$$\tau_2 = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$$

$$\tau_3 = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{a, b, d, e\}\}$$

Determine whether each of them is a topology on X or not.

(6 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

a) Define the terms;

i. First countable space. (2 Marks)

ii. Second countable space. (2 Marks)

iii. Separable space. (2 Marks)

b) Prove that any subspace (Y, τ_Y) of a first countable space (X, τ) is also first countable.

(6 Marks)

c) Show that every subspace of a second countable space is second countable. (4 Marks)

d) Show that the plane \mathbb{R}^2 with the usual topology satisfies the second axiom of countability.

(4 Marks)