

1. In the context of exercise 5 (iii) on page 31:

- a. Give two examples of open sets that are not  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\emptyset$ . Use at least one complete sentence to explain why the given sets are open.

$\tau_3$  consists of  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\emptyset$ , and every interval  $[n, \infty)$ , for  $n \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .

The sets  $[1, \infty)$  and  $[2, \infty)$  are open to  $\tau_3$  by definition.

- b. Give two examples of closed sets that are not  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\emptyset$ . Use at least one complete sentence to explain why the given sets are closed.

The sets  $(-\infty, 1)$  and  $(-\infty, 2)$  are closed to  $\tau_3$ . These are, in fact, the compliments to the sets defined above. Since the compliment of either set is in  $\tau_3$ , these sets are closed to  $\tau_3$ .

2. In the context of exercise 6 (ii) on page 31:

- a. Give two examples of open sets that are not  $\mathbb{N}$  or  $\emptyset$ . Use at least one complete sentence to explain why the given sets are open.

$\tau_2$  consists of  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $\emptyset$ , and every set  $\{n, n+1, \dots\}$ , for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . This is called the final segment topology.

The sets  $\{2, 3, 4, \dots\}$  and  $\{3, 4, 5, \dots\}$  are in  $\tau_2$  and are thus open sets.

- b. Give two examples of closed sets that are not  $\mathbb{N}$  or  $\emptyset$ . Use at least one complete sentence to explain why the given sets are closed.

The sets  $\{1\}$  and  $\{1, 2\}$  are closed sets to  $\tau_2$ . These sets are the compliments to the sets defined above over the positive integers,  $\mathbb{N}$ , and are thus closed sets to  $\tau_2$ .

3. Exercise 1.2: #2 (page 36). Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space with the property that every subset is closed. Prove that this is a discrete space.

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space with the property that every subset is closed. Then, the subset  $S$ ,  $S \subseteq X$ , is a closed set. The complement of  $S$  in  $X$ ,  $X \setminus S$ , is open in  $(X, \tau)$  by Definition 1.2.4. Furthermore, the complement of  $S$  in  $X$  is a subset of  $X$ ,  $(X \setminus S) \subseteq X$ . Thus, the complement of  $S$  in  $X$  is also closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since the complement of  $S$  in  $X$  is closed, its complement in  $X$ , the original set  $S$ , is open. Therefore, both  $S$  and its complement in  $X$  are clopen sets in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since every subset of  $X$  is clopen in  $X, \tau$ , the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is the discrete space by the extended Definition 1.2.6.  $\square$