

Let X and X' denote a single set in the topologies τ and τ' respectively. Let $i: X' \rightarrow X$ be the identity function

(a) show that i is continuous $(\Rightarrow) \tau' \supset \tau$
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" \Rightarrow " if A is open in X then $i^{-1}(A)$ is open in X' . Since we did not specify X or X' , X could be the whole space. Thus every $A \in \tau$ is also in τ' so $\tau' \supset \tau$

" \Leftarrow " again we can assume X to be the entire space since this is in τ thus for $A \in \tau$ $i^{-1}(A) \subseteq A \in \tau'$ so the inverse image of any open set is open thus i is continuous. \square