

# Chapter 3 Exercises

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## P 1 Exercise 3.12

- (c) If  $(p_i)$  is a sequence of points in  $S$  and  $p \in S$ , then  $p_i \rightarrow p$  in  $S$  if and only if  $p_i \rightarrow p$  in  $X$ .
- (d) Every subspace of a Hausdorff space is Hausdorff.
- (e) Every subspace of a first countable space is first countable.
- (f) Every subspace of a second countable space is second countable.

## (sol) 1.1 Exercise 3.12

- (c) Assume  $p_i \rightarrow p$  in  $S$ . Since for all open neighborhoods  $V_p$  in  $S$ , there exists  $U_p$  in  $X$  such that  $V_p \subseteq U_p$ ,  $p_i \rightarrow p$  in  $X$  as well.  
Assume  $p_i \rightarrow p$  in  $X$ . Since it is a sequence of points in  $S$ , by definition, for each open set intersect  $S$ , blah blah blah,  $p_i \rightarrow p$  in  $S$  as well.
- (d) Let  $X$  be Hausdorff. Let  $S$  be a subspace. Let  $x, y \in S$ . Then there exists  $U_x$  an  $U_y$  open sets of  $X$  such that they are disjoint. Since they are disjoint, intersecting them with  $S$  still leaves them disjoint.
- (d) Every point has a neighborhood basis in  $X$ ; taking the intersection of that neighborhood with  $S$ , each basis element intersected with  $S$  is open in  $S$  and by definition is a basis for that neighborhood.
- (e) By part b, the basis for the subspace is the collection of basis elements intersected with  $S$ , which is countable since the original basis is countable.

## P 2 Exercise 3.13

Let  $X$  be a topological space and let  $S$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Show that the inclusion map  $S \hookrightarrow X$  is a topological embedding.

## (sol) 2.1 Exercise 3.13

Restricting the co-domain to just  $S$  yields the bijective identity, which is a homeomorphism.

**P 3 Exercise 3.14**

Give an example of a topological embedding that is neither an open map nor a closed map.

**(sol) 3.1 Exercise 3.14**

The inclusion map is a topological embedding. So for any topological space  $X$ , choose a subset that is neither closed nor open, and thus the inclusion map from such a subset to  $X$  is neither open nor closed.

**P 4 Exercise 3.15**

A surjective topological embedding is a homeomorphism.

**(sol) 4.1 Exercise 3.15**

The restriction of a surjective topological embedding is the whole co-domain itself, thus the whole map is both injective and surjective so it's bijective and thus a homeomorphism with respect to the whole co-domain.

**P 5 Exercise 3.25**

$$\mathcal{B} = \{U_1 \times \cdots \times U_n : U_i \text{ is an open subset of } X_i, i = 1, \dots, n\}$$

Prove that  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for a topology.

**(sol) 5.1 Exercise 3.25**

Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be the topology as follows: a subset of  $X_1 \times \cdots \times X_n$  is open if and only if the projections into  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are open.

By definition, each set in  $\mathcal{B}$  is open. Let  $U, V$  be arbitrary open subsets of the product space. Then its components  $U_i$ s and  $V_i$ s are all open in  $X_i$ . Then  $U_i \cap V_i$  is open in  $X_i$ . Then

$$U_1 \cap V_1 \times \cdots \times U_n \cap V_n$$

is open in the product space and is contained in

$$(U_1 \times \cdots \times U_n) \cap (V_1 \times \cdots \times V_n)$$

Thus  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{T}$ . □

**P 6 3.29**

Prove the preceding corollary using only the characteristic property of the product topology.

If  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are topological spaces, each canonical projection  $\pi_i : X_1 \times \dots \times X_n \rightarrow X_i$  is continuous.

**(sol) 6.1 3.29**

Let  $Y = X_1, \dots, X_n$  and let  $f$  be the identity map. Since the identity is always continuous, each  $f_i = \pi_i \circ f$  is also continuous. And since  $f$  is identity,  $f_i = \pi_i$ . So the result follows.  $\square$

**P 7 3.32**

Prove proposition 3.31:

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be topological spaces.

(a) The product topology is "associative" in the sense that the three topologies on the set  $X_1 \times X_3 \times X_3$ , obtained by thinking of it as  $X_1 \times X_3 \times X_3$  or  $(X_1 \times X_3) \times X_3$  or  $X_1 \times (X_3 \times X_3)$  are equal.

**(sol) 7.1 3.32**

(a) Let  $f((x_1, x_2), x_3) = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$ . Bijection is clear. Now just need to prove continuity of  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$ .

**P 8****(sol) 8.1**