CHAPTER 1

TOPOLOGICAL SPACES AND CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

1 Topological Spaces

Definition 1.1. (Topology) A *topology* τ on a set X is a collection $\mathscr{B}$ of sets called *open sets* such that:

1. $\varnothing$ and X belong to $\mathscr{B}$

2. For any collection of sets $U_\alpha \in \mathscr{B}$, $\cup_\alpha U_\alpha$ is also in $\mathscr{B}$ (closed under arbitrary unions)

3. For any finite collection $\{U_1, U_2 \cdots U_k\}$ of sets of $\mathscr{B}$, $\cap_{i=1}^k U_i \in \mathscr{B}$ (closed under finite intersections)

Definition 1.2. (Discrete and Indiscrete topology)

1. The topology $(\varnothing, X)$ of a set X is called the *indiscrete topology*.

2. The topology in which every subset of X is an open set is called the *Discrete topology*