Proposition 1. *Find an infinite collection of open intervals in $\mathbb{R}$ whose intersection is not an open interval.*

Proof. $\bigcap\{(\frac{-1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}) : n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\} = \{0\}$ which is not an open interval or even open. $\square$

Proposition 2. *Any finite union of closed sets is closed, and any arbitrary intersection of closed sets is closed.*

Proof. We proceed by showing that any finite union of closed sets is closed:
Let C, D be closed sets.
Let A, B be compliments of C, D so A, B are open.
Then, A $\cap$ B is also open.
Thus, X$\backslash$(A $\cap$ B) is closed.
By Demorgan's Law, X$\backslash$(A $\cap$ B) = X$\backslash$A $\cup$ X$\backslash$B = C $\cup$ D which is closed.

Now that we've shown that C $\cup$ D is closed for all C, D; Assume $C_1 \cup C_2 \cup ... \cup C_n$ is closed for closed sets C_i. Then for $C_1 \cup ... \cup C_n \cup C_{n+1}$, let $K = C_1 \cup ... \cup C_n$.
Thus $K \cup C_{n+1} = C_1 \cup ... \cup C_n \cup C_{n+1}$ is closed.
Now we show that any arbitrary intersection of closed sets is closed.
Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a collection of closed sets.
Let $\mathcal{U} = \{X\backslash C : C \in \mathcal{C}\}$, so $\mathcal{U}$ is a collection of open sets.
Then, $\bigcup\mathcal{U}$ is also open.
Thus, $X\backslash\bigcup\mathcal{U}$ is closed.
By Demorgan's Law, $X\backslash\bigcup\mathcal{U} = \bigcap\mathcal{C}$
Therefore, $\bigcap\mathcal{C}$ is closed. $\square$

Lemma 3. *A set U is open if and only if for every point $x \in U$, there exists an open set U_x where $x \in U_x \subseteq U$*

Proof. Suppose U is open, then for all x $\in$ U there exists an open U_x = U, such that x $\in$ $U_x \subseteq$ U. To show the converse, suppose that for each x $\in$ U there is an open set U_x where x $\in$ $U_x \subseteq$ U. For $x \in U, x \in U_x$ so $x \in \bigcup\{U_x : x \in U\}$. Thus $U \subseteq \bigcup\{U_x : x \in U_x\}$. Now let y $\in$ U_x for some x $\in$ U, then $U_x \subseteq$ U. Thus U $\supseteq \bigcup\{$ U_x : x $\in$ U $\}$. Therefore U = $\bigcup\{$ U_x : x $\in$ U $\}$. $\square$

Proposition 4. *A set K in a topological space X is closed if and only if K contains all its limit points.*

Proof. Suppose K contains all its limit points. If K = X, then K is closed because $\emptyset$ is open. Otherwise let x $\in$ X$\backslash$K, so x is not a limit point of K. Then, $\exists$ $x \in U_x \in \tau$ such that $U_x \cap$ K = $\emptyset$ since $x \notin K$. So, $x \in U_x \subseteq$ X$\backslash$K. By the lemma, X$\backslash$K is open so K is closed.

To show the converse is true as well, let x $\in$ X$\backslash$K, which is an open set by the lemma. Since (X$\backslash$K)$\cap$K is the empty set, x is not a limit point of K. So, if ℓ is any limit point of K, then $\ell \notin$ X$\backslash$K, so $\ell \in$ K and K contains all of its limit points. $\square$

Proposition 5. *Verify the discrete and indiscrete topologies are topologies*

Proof. To prove the discrete topology is an actual topology, first we define that the discrete topology on a set X is $\tau = \mathcal{P}(\mathrm{X})$. $\emptyset$, X $\in \mathcal{P}(\mathrm{X})$, So $\emptyset$, X $\in \tau$. Now, let $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \tau = \mathcal{P}(\mathrm{X})$, then the $\bigcup \mathrm{U} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathrm{X})$. Let U, V $\in \tau = \mathcal{P}(\mathrm{X})$ then the intersection U $\cap$ V $\in \mathcal{P}(\mathrm{X}) = \tau$. Now to show that the indiscrete topology is an actual topology, we define that the indiscrete topology on a set X is given as $\tau = \{\emptyset$, X$\}$. Clearly, $\emptyset$, X $\in \tau$. Let $\mathcal{U}$ be a collection of open sets in X, then $\bigcup \mathcal{U} =$ X, thus $\bigcup \mathcal{U} \in \tau$. $\square$

Definition 6. A collection of sets $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ is called a basis if:

1. For all $x \in X$, there exists $B \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $x \in B$.
2. For all $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$ with $x \in B_1 \cap B_2$, there exists $B_3 \in \mathcal{B}$ with $x \in B_3 \subseteq B_1 \cap B_2$.

The set $\{\bigcup \mathcal{B}' : \mathcal{B}' \subseteq \mathcal{B}\}$ is called the topology generated by $\mathcal{B}$.

Theorem 7. *The "topology generated by $\mathcal{B}$" is actually a topology.*

Proof. If τ is a topology on X then $\tau \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$. τ is generated by $\{\bigcup \mathcal{B}' : \mathcal{B}' \subseteq \mathcal{B}\}$. So $\{\bigcup \mathcal{B}' : \mathcal{B}' \subseteq \mathcal{B}\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$. $\emptyset, X \in \{\bigcup \mathcal{B}' : \mathcal{B}' \subseteq \mathcal{B}\}$ so $\emptyset, X \in \tau$. Let $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{B}'$, then $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \tau$ and $\bigcup \mathcal{U} \in \tau$. For $U, V \in \{\bigcup \mathcal{B}' : \mathcal{B}' \subseteq \mathcal{B}\}, U = B_1$ and $V = B_2, B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $B_1 = \mathcal{B}$ and $B_2 = \mathcal{B}$. Then $U \cap V \in \{\bigcup \mathcal{B}' : \mathcal{B}' \subseteq \mathcal{B}\}$ and $U \cap V \in \tau$. $\square$

Theorem 8. *Let τ be a topology on X. Then $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \tau$ generates τ if:*
1. For all $x \in U \in \tau$, there exists $B \in \mathcal{B}$ where $x \in B \subseteq U \in \tau$
2. For all B_1, $B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$ with $x \in (B_1 \cap B_2)$, there exists $B_3 \in \mathcal{B}$ with $x \in B_3 \subseteq B_1 \cap B_2$.

Theorem 9. *If $\mathcal{B}$ is a basis for τ, then $\tau = \{\bigcup \mathcal{B}^{'} : \mathcal{B}^{'} \subseteq \mathcal{B}\}$. (Every open set is a union of basic sets)*

Proof. Let $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \tau$, then for any $\mathcal{B}^{'} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$, $\mathcal{B}^{'} \in \tau$. Thus $\tau = \{\bigcup \mathcal{B}^{'} : \mathcal{B}^{'} \subseteq \mathcal{B}\}$. $\square$

Theorem 10. $\{\mathbb{X}\}$ *is a basis for* $\tau = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{X}\}$. *(indiscrete)*

Proof. Let $\mathcal{B} = \mathbb{X}$ and let $x \in \mathbb{X}$ so $x \in \mathcal{B}$. Then there is $B \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ such that $x \in B$. Now consider $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$. $B_1 = \mathbb{X}$ and $B_2 = \mathbb{X}$ Let $x \in B_1 \cap B_2$ and let $B_3 \subseteq B_1 \cap B_2$, then $x \in B_3 = \mathbb{X}$ $\square$

Theorem 11. $\{\{x\} : x \in X\}$ *is a basis for* $\tau = \mathcal{P}(X) = \{\ U : U \subseteq X\}$. *(discrete)*

Proof. Let $x \in U \in \tau = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{X})$. Then for $B = \{x\} \in \mathcal{B}, x \in B \subseteq U$. Let $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$. Then $B_1 = \{x\}$ and $B_2 = \{x\}$. Let $y \in B_1 \cap B_2$ and let $B_3 \subseteq B_1 \cap B_2$, then $y \in B_3 = \{x\}$ so $\{y\} = \{x\}$. $\square$

Definition 12. The Euclidean topology on $\mathbb{R}$ is the topology generated by the basis
$\{(a, b) : a < b \in \mathbb{R}\}$.

Theorem 13. $\{(a,\ b) : a < b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ *is a basis.*

Proof. Let $\mathcal{B} = \{(a, b) : a < b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ and let $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}$ so $(a, b) \in \mathcal{B}$. Then there is $B \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ such that $(a, b) \in B$. Now consider $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$. $B_1 = \mathcal{B}$ and $B_2 = \mathcal{B}$. Let $(a, b) \in B_1 \cap B_2$ and let $B_3 \subseteq B_1 \cap B_2$, then $(a, b) \in B_3 = \mathcal{B}$. $\square$

Theorem 14. $\{(a,\ b) : a < b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ *is a basis for the Euclidean topology.*

Proof. By the same argument as above this also holds true because $\{(a, b) : a < b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ also contains all of the $(a', b') \in \mathbb{R}$. $\square$