

Math 429, Extra Credit Problems

These problems are hard and interesting. The solutions should be presented orally before April 14. It might improve your score, but should be used for fun. Only the first solution will be graded.

1. Construct a topology \mathcal{T} on \mathbb{R} such that a function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is nondecreasing if and only if it is continuous for the topology \mathcal{T} .
2. Find three disjoint open sets in the real line which have the same nonempty boundary.
3. How many pairwise distinct sets can one obtain from a single set by using the operators closure and interior?
4. Construct a continuous function $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that f takes every value in $[0, 1]$ an infinite number of times.
5. Describe all the homeomorphisms from the Sierpinski triangle to itself.
6. Prove that $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus S^1$ is homeomorphic to $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus (\ell \cup \{p\})$, where ℓ is a straight line and $p \notin \ell$ is a point in \mathbb{R}^3 .
7. Show that any nonempty open star-shaped set in \mathbb{R}^2 is homeomorphic to the open disc.
8. Construct two functions $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, one is closed but not continuous, and the other is open but not continuous.