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- In a cofinite topology on X , exactly X and their finite subsets are closed.

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We can prove that if a collection of subsets of X satisfies the previous conditions, then their complements form a topology.

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Theorem (Closed in closed)

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Links

- Closed set - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

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- Show that if A is closed in X and B is closed in Y , then $A \times B$ is closed in $X \times Y$.