

## Abstract

Topology Packet Answers.

# 1 The definition of Topology

- Exercise 1.2

a)  $\tau = \{V \subset \mathbb{Z} \mid 0 \in V\}$ .

This is not a topology on  $\mathbb{Z}$  because all sets must contain 0, therefore the empty set will not be included and  $\tau$  is not a valid topology.

b)  $\tau = \{V \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \mid 0 \in V\}$ .

This is a topology on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

c)  $\tau = \{V \subset \mathbb{Z} \mid 0 \in V \text{ and } 1 \in V\}$ .

This is not a topology on  $\mathbb{Z}$  because all sets must contain 0 and 1, therefore the empty set will not be included and  $\tau$  is not a valid topology.

d)  $\tau = \{V \subset \mathbb{Z} \mid 0 \in V \text{ and } 1 \in V\}$ .

This is a topology on  $\mathbb{Z}$  because the empty set will be included because the elements 0 and 1 do not have to be in every open set.

e)  $\tau = \{V \subset \mathbb{Z} \mid V \text{ is finite}\}$ .

This is not a topology on  $\mathbb{Z}$  because the total set will not be included, because  $\mathbb{Z}$  is not a finite set. f)  $\tau = \{V \subset \mathbb{Z} \mid V \text{ is infinite}\}$ .

This is not a topology on  $\mathbb{Z}$  because the empty set will not be included.

We can further generalize this by saying that all topologies on  $\mathbb{Z}$  that require a certain element to exist cannot be topologies because they lack the existence of the empty set. We can also say that all topologies  $\tau$  that require a certain element does not exist within all sets of  $\tau$  is considered a valid topology.

We can also say that if all sets within the topology  $\tau$  must be infinite or finite, these will not be considered valid topologies.

- Exercise 1.3

Among the following, which ones are topologies on the set  $\mathbb{R}$  and which ones are not?

a)  $\tau = \{(a, \infty) \mid a \in \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}\}$ .

b)  $\tau = \{[a, \infty) \mid a \in \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}\}$ .

Both of these are valid topologies on  $\mathbb{R}$  as they include the total set and the empty set. The only difference is that one topology contains  $a$  and the other one does not. u

- Exercise 1.4

Let  $X$  be any set.

- a) What is the topology on  $X$  that has the most open sets? This is called the discrete topology on  $X$ .

Answer:

The topology with the most amount of open sets on  $X$  will include the total set, the empty set, and every subset, and the power set  $\mathbb{X}$  that includes all the subsets of  $X$ .

- b) What is the topology on  $X$  that has the least open sets? This is called the indiscrete topology on  $X$ .

Answer:

The topology with the least amount of open sets would only contain the total set and the empty set.

- Exercise 1.5 Let  $X$  be an arbitrary set. Which ones of the following are topologies?
  - a) The *cofinite* topology: A set  $V \subseteq X$  is open iff  $X \setminus V$  is finite or  $V = \emptyset$ . This topology can be defined on all sets  $X$  because first it includes  $\emptyset$ . Now we must prove this condition accounts for the total set. If  $V$  is empty, then  $X \setminus V$  will be the total set, therefore this topology exists.
  - b) The *coinfinite* topology: A set  $V \subseteq X$  is open iff  $X \setminus V$  is infinite or  $V = \emptyset$  or  $V = X$ .
  - c) The *cocountable* topology: A set  $V \subseteq X$  is open iff  $X \setminus V$  is countable or  $V = \emptyset$  or  $V = X$ .