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CODE: MTH 402

TITLE: GENERAL TOPOLOGY II

CREDIT UNIT: 3

INSTRUCTION: COMPLETE ANSWERS TO TIME: 3 HOURS

ANY FIVE (5) QUESTIONS BEAR FULL MARKS
TOTAL: 70%

- 1(a) Let Y be a subspace of X . If U is open in Y and Y is open in X .
Show that U is open in X . -7marks
- 1(b) Show that the mapping $f: S \rightarrow S^+$ defined by $f(x) = e^x$ is a homeomorphism
from R to S^+ -7marks
- 2(a) Let R be endowed with standard topology. Show that for all $x \in R$,
 $w = \{ (x - \varepsilon, x + \varepsilon) \mid \varepsilon > 0 \}$ is a neighbourhood basis of x . -
7marks
- 2(b) Let Y be a topological space and let $y \in Y$. Suppose Y is first countable, show
that there exist a countable basis of y , say $V = \{ V_n \mid n \geq 1 \}$ such that V_{n+1}
 $\subset V_n$ -7marks
- 3(a) What does it mean to say that a topological space is Hausdorff? -
2½marks
- 3(b) Give an example to show that every discrete space is Hausdorff. -
2½marks
- 3(c) Let P be the Hausdorff space, then for all $p \in P$, show that the singleton
set $\{x\}$ is closed. -9marks

4(a) State the properties under which d is a metric on S , given a function $d: S \times S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, for all $x, y, z \in S$.
-6marks

4(b) Let S and T be two topological spaces. Let B be the collection of all sets of the form $V \times W$, where V is an open subset of S and W is an open subset of T i.e. $B = \{V \times W: V \text{ is open in } S \text{ and } W \text{ is open in } T\}$. Show that B is the basis for a topology on $S \times T$. -8marks

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5(a) Prove that the intersection $\tau = \bigcap_{\alpha} \tau_{\alpha}$ of topologies $\{\tau_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$ on X is itself a topology in X (where Δ is some indexing set)
-7marks

5(b) Let X be a set, and let B be a basis for a topology τ on X . Show τ equals the collection of all unions of elements of B .
-7marks

6(a) Let X and Y be topological spaces. When is a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ said to be continuous?
-7marks

6(b) Let S be the subspace of \mathbb{R} given by $X = [0,1] \cup [2,4]$, Define $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $f(s) = \dots$. Prove that f is continuous.
-7marks

7(a) Let d be a metric on the set X . show that the collection of all ε -balls $B_d(x, \varepsilon)$ for $x \in X$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ is a basis for a topology on X , called the metric topology induced by d .
-7marks

7(b) Let B and B' be bases for the topology τ and τ' respectively on X . Show that the following are equivalent.

- i) τ' is finer than τ
 - ii) For each $x \in X$ and each basis element $B \in B$ such that $x \in B$, we know that $\bigcup_{B' \in B'} B' \in \tau$ by definition and that $\tau \subset \tau'$, by condition (i) therefore $B \in \tau'$
- 7marks

