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Mathematics (First Semester)

TOPOLOGY - I

MODEL ANSWERS

1. a) Definition: Let X be a set and \mathcal{J} be a collection of subsets of X satisfying the following 3 conditions:

$T_1: \emptyset \in \mathcal{J}, X \in \mathcal{J}$; $T_2: \text{If } G_1 \in \mathcal{J} \text{ and } G_2 \in \mathcal{J}, \text{ then } G_1 \cap G_2 \in \mathcal{J}$

$T_3: \text{If } G_\lambda \in \mathcal{J} \text{ for every } \lambda \in \Lambda \text{ where } \Lambda \text{ is an arbitrary set, then } \bigcup \{G_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\} \in \mathcal{J}.$

Example: Any suitable example considered

b) Let $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ and $\mathcal{J} = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{a, b, c, d\}, \{a, b, e\}\}$

$A = \{a, c, e\}$

$X \cap A = A$; $\emptyset \cap A = \emptyset$; $\{a\} \cap A = \{a\}$; $\{a, b\} \cap A = \{a\}$

$\{a, c, d\} \cap A = \{a, c\}$; $\{a, b, c, d\} \cap A = \{a, c\}$; $\{a, b, e\} \cap A = \{a, e\}$

$\mathcal{J}_A = \{A, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, e\}\}$

c) Let (X, \mathcal{J}) be a topological space and let A be a subset of X . A point $x \in X$ is called a limit point / cluster point of A iff every nbd of x contains a point of A other than x .

d) Let $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{U})$ be the usual topological space and let $F_n = [\frac{1}{n}, 1], n \in \mathbb{N}$ so that F_n is a closed interval of \mathbb{R} . F_n is a \mathcal{U} -closed set.

Now $\bigcup \{F_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} = \{1\} \cup [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \cup [\frac{1}{3}, 1] \dots = [0, 1]$

is not closed.

Any suitable example considered.

(e) The exterior points of A is NIL.
(calculation considered)

(f) A ~~fn~~ $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous at $p \in X$ iff, for every open set $H \subset Y$ containing $f(p)$, $f^{-1}(H)$ is a superset of an open set containing p . Hence f is not continuous at $p \in X$ if there exists at least one open set $H \subset Y$ containing $f(p)$ such that $f^{-1}(H)$ doesn't contain an open set containing p .

i.e., $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is not continuous at $p \in X$ iff \exists a nbd N of $f(p)$ s.t. $f^{-1}(N)$ is not a nbd of p .

g) A subset A of a topological space X is compact if every open cover of A is reducible to a finite cover.
Any suitable related example is considered

h) Let (X, d) be a metric space and $x \in X$.
Consider the collection

$$B(x) = \{S(x, \frac{1}{n}) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

If N is any nbd of x , then $\exists \epsilon > 0$ s.t. $S(x, \epsilon) \subset N$

choose n so large that $\frac{1}{n} < \epsilon$, then

$$S(x, \frac{1}{n}) \subset S(x, \epsilon) \subset N.$$

Thus, every nbd of x contains a member of $B(x)$ and therefore $B(x)$ is a local base at x ; $B(x)$ is countable.

$\therefore X$ is a first countable.

i) A topological space (X, τ) is said to be a T_0 -space if and only if given any pair of distinct points x, y of X , there exists a nbd of one of them not containing the other.

Example: Any valid example is considered

j) Let F_1, F_2 be any pair of disjoint closed sets in a normal space X .
Then there exists a continuous map $f: X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that

Q.2 (a) we know that

$$A \subset A \cup B \Rightarrow A' \subset (A \cup B)'$$

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$$\therefore A' \cup B' \subset (A \cup B)' \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Assume $p \notin A' \cup B'$, thus $\exists G, H \in \mathcal{T}$ s.t

$$p \in G \text{ and } G \cap A = \{p\} \text{ and } p \in H \text{ and } H \cap B = \{p\}$$

But $G \cap H \in \mathcal{T}$, $p \in G \cap H$ and

$$(G \cap H) \cap (A \cup B) = (G \cap H \cap A) \cup (G \cap H \cap B) \subset (G \cap A) \cup (H \cap B) \\ \subset \{p\} \cup \{p\} = \{p\}$$

Thus $p \notin (A \cup B)'$ and so $(A \cup B)' \subset (A' \cup B')$ --- (2)

From (1) and (2) $A' \cup B' = (A \cup B)'$.

(b) Suppose A is closed, and let $p \notin A$, i.e. $p \in A^c$. But A^c , the complement of a closed set, is open; hence $p \in A^c$ for A^c is an open set such that

$$p \notin A \text{ and } A^c \cap A = \emptyset$$

Thus $A^c \in \mathcal{A}$ if A is closed.

Now assume $A^c \in \mathcal{A}$; we show that A^c is open. Let $p \in A^c$; then $p \in A^c$, so \exists an open set G such that

$$p \in G \text{ and } (G \setminus \{p\}) \cap A = \emptyset$$

But $p \notin A$; hence $G \cap A = (G \setminus \{p\}) \cap A = \emptyset$

so $G \subset A^c$. Thus p is an interior point of A^c , and so A^c is open.

Q.3 (a) Suppose \mathcal{B} is a base for a topology \mathcal{T} on X . Since X is open, X is the union of members of \mathcal{B} . Hence X is the union of all the members of \mathcal{B} . i.e. $X = \bigcup \{B : B \in \mathcal{B}\}$.

Furthermore, if $B, B^* \in \mathcal{B}$ then, in particular, B and B^* are open. Hence the intersection $B \cap B^*$ is also open and, since \mathcal{B} is a base for \mathcal{T} , it is the union of members of \mathcal{B} . Thus (i) & (ii) of hypothesis are satisfied

converse, suppose \mathcal{B} is a class of subsets of X which satisfy (i) & (iii), above. Let \mathcal{T} be the class of all subsets of X which are unions of members of \mathcal{B} . We claim that \mathcal{T} is a topology on X .

By (i), $X = \cup \{B : B \in \mathcal{B}\}$; so $X \in \mathcal{T}$. Note that \emptyset is the union of the empty subclass of \mathcal{B} .

$\emptyset = \cup \{B : B \in \emptyset \subset \mathcal{B}\}$; hence $\emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$, and so \mathcal{T} satisfies first condition of topology definition.

Now let $\{G_i\}$ be a class of members of \mathcal{T} . By the definition of \mathcal{T} , each G_i is the union of members of \mathcal{B} ; hence the union $\cup_i G_i$ is also the union of members of \mathcal{B} and so belonging to \mathcal{T} . Thus \mathcal{T} satisfies second condition of topology.

Lastly, suppose $G, H \in \mathcal{T}$. We need to show that $G \cap H$ also belongs to \mathcal{T} . By definition of \mathcal{T} , there exists two subclass $\{B_i : i \in I\}$ and $\{B_j : j \in J\}$ of \mathcal{B} such that $G = \cup_i B_i$ and $H = \cup_j B_j$. Then, by the distributive law

$$G \cap H = (\cup_i B_i) \cap (\cup_j B_j) = \cup \{B_i \cap B_j : i \in I, j \in J\}$$

But by (ii), $B_i \cap B_j$ is the union of members of \mathcal{B} , hence $G \cap H = \cup \{B_i \cap B_j : i \in I, j \in J\}$ is also the union of members of \mathcal{B} and so belongs to \mathcal{T} which therefore satisfies first condition.

(b) Let \mathcal{B} denote the collection of all finite intersections of members of \mathcal{A} . Then by actual computation, we get

$$\mathcal{B} = \{X, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, d, c\}, \{b\}, \{a\}, \emptyset\}$$

Note that $X \in \mathcal{B}$ since it is the empty intersection of

of members of \mathcal{B}_* . Again computing the union of members of \mathcal{B} , we get

$$\mathcal{J} = \{X, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, d, e\}, \{b\}, \{a\}, \emptyset, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d, e\}.$$

Q.4 (a) Assume that f is continuous and let F be any closed set in Y . To show that $f^{-1}(F)$ is closed in X . Since f is continuous and $Y-F$ is open in Y . Then

$$f^{-1}(Y-F) = f^{-1}(Y) - f^{-1}(F) = X - f^{-1}(F)$$

is open in X . i.e. $f^{-1}(F)$ is closed in X .

Converse: Let $f^{-1}(F)$ be closed in X for every closed set F in Y . We want to show that f is a continuous function.

Let G be any open set in Y . Then $Y-G$ is closed in Y and so by hypothesis $f^{-1}(Y-G) = X - f^{-1}(G)$ is closed in X , i.e. $f^{-1}(G)$ is open in X . Hence f is continuous.

(b) The Pasting Lemma: Let $X = A \cup B$, where A and B are closed in X . Let $f: A \rightarrow Y$ and $g: B \rightarrow Y$ be continuous. If $f(x) = g(x)$ for every $x \in A \cap B$, then f and g combine to give a continuous function $h: X \rightarrow Y$, defined by setting $h(x) = f(x)$ if $x \in A$ and $h(x) = g(x)$ if $x \in B$.

Proof: Let C be a closed subset of Y . Now

$$h^{-1}(C) = f^{-1}(C) \cup g^{-1}(C)$$

Since f is continuous, $f^{-1}(C)$ is closed in A and, therefore closed in X .

Similarly, $g^{-1}(C)$ is closed in B and therefore closed in X . Their union $h^{-1}(C)$ is thus closed in X .

Q. 5 Let A be compact relative to X and let $\{V_\lambda: \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ be a collection of sets, open relative to Y , which covers A so that $A \subset \cup \{V_\lambda: \lambda \in \Lambda\}$. Then there exists G_λ , open relative to X , such that $V_\lambda = Y \cap G_\lambda$ for every $\lambda \in \Lambda$. It then follows that

$$A \subset \cup \{G_\lambda: \lambda \in \Lambda\}$$

So that $\{G_\lambda: \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ is an open cover of A relative to X . Since A is compact relative to X , there exists finitely many indices $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ such that

$$A \subset G_{\lambda_1} \cup G_{\lambda_2} \cup \dots \cup G_{\lambda_n}.$$

Since $A \subset Y$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} A &\subset Y \cap [G_{\lambda_1} \cup G_{\lambda_2} \cup \dots \cup G_{\lambda_n}] \\ &= (Y \cap G_{\lambda_1}) \cup \dots \cup (Y \cap G_{\lambda_n}) \end{aligned}$$

Since $Y \cap G_{\lambda_i} = V_{\lambda_i}$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$), we get

$$A \subset V_{\lambda_1} \cup \dots \cup V_{\lambda_n}.$$

This shows that A is compact relative to Y .

Converse: Let A be compact relative to Y and let $\{G_\lambda: \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ be a collection of open subsets of X which covers A so that

$$A \subset \cup \{G_\lambda: \lambda \in \Lambda\}$$

Since $A \subset Y$, (1) implies that

$$A \subset Y \cap [\cup \{G_\lambda: \lambda \in \Lambda\}].$$

Since $Y \cap G_\lambda$ is open relative to Y , the collection

$$\{Y \cap G_\lambda: \lambda \in \Lambda\}$$

is an open cover of A relative to Y , the collection

$$\{Y \cap G_\lambda: \lambda \in \Lambda\}$$

is an open cover of A relative to Y . Since A is compact

relative to Y , we must have $A \subset (Y \cap G_{\lambda_1}) \cup \dots \cup (Y \cap G_{\lambda_n})$ ①

for some choice of finitely many indices, $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$. But ①

Q.6(a) Lindelof Theorem:

Every second countable space is Lindelof space

Every closed subspace of a Lindelof space is Lindelof:

Ans. Let Y be a closed subset of a Lindelof space (X, \mathcal{J}) . We wish to show that the subspace (Y, \mathcal{J}_Y) is Lindelof. Let $\{V_\lambda\}$ be any \mathcal{J}_Y -open cover of Y . Then there exists \mathcal{J} -open set G_λ such that $V_\lambda = G_\lambda \cap Y$ so that $\{G_\lambda\}$ is a \mathcal{J} -open cover of Y . The family consisting of all G_λ 's and $X - Y$ is then a \mathcal{J} -open cover of X . Since X is Lindelof, this cover has a countable subcover. If we denote this from subcover the set $X - Y$ we obtain countable subcover of Y . Let this subcover be

$$\{G_{\lambda_n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

But then $\{V_{\lambda_n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is a countable subcover of the cover $\{V_\lambda\}$ in the subspace (Y, \mathcal{J}_Y) . Hence the subspace (Y, \mathcal{J}_Y) is Lindelof.

(b) Let $f: (X, \mathcal{J}_1) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{J}_2)$

be continuous map. Let $A \subset X$ such that A is sequentially compact. To prove that $f(A)$ is sequentially compact. Let

~~$\langle y_n \rangle$~~ $\langle y_n \rangle \in f(A)$ be a sequence, $\exists x_n \in A$ such that $f(x_n) = y_n$

Now $\langle x_n \rangle$ is a sequence in A and A is ~~seq~~ compact.

Hence this ~~seq~~ must have a ~~subseq~~ $\langle x_n \rangle$ such that

$$x_n \rightarrow x \in A.$$

By continuity of f , $x_n \rightarrow x \in A \Rightarrow f(x_n) \in f(A)$

Now $\langle f(x_n) \rangle$ is a ~~subseq~~ of $\langle y_n \rangle$ of $f(A)$ converging

to $f(x) \in f(A) \Rightarrow f(A)$ is ~~seq~~ compact.

Q.7(a) Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be a T_1 -space and let f be a one-one mapping to (X, \mathcal{T}) onto another topological-space (Y, \mathcal{T}') . We shall show that (Y, \mathcal{T}') is also a T_1 -space. Let y_1, y_2 be two distinct points of Y . Since f is one-one onto mapping there exists distinct points x_1, x_2 of X such that $f(x_1) = y_1$, and $f(x_2) = y_2$. Since (X, \mathcal{T}) is a T_1 -space, there exists \mathcal{T} -open sets G and H such that

$$x_1 \in G \text{ but } x_2 \notin G \text{ and } x_2 \in H \text{ but } x_1 \notin H.$$

Since f is an open mapping, $f(G)$ and $f(H)$ are \mathcal{T}' -open sets such that $y_1 = f(x_1) \in f(G)$ but $y_2 = f(x_2) \notin f(G)$ and

$$y_2 = f(x_2) \in f(H) \text{ but } y_1 = f(x_1) \notin f(H).$$

Hence (Y, \mathcal{T}') is also a T_1 -space. Since the property of being a T_1 -space is preserved under one-one onto open mapping, it is certainly preserved under homeomorphism. Hence it is a topological property.

(b) Let A be compact subset of a Hausdorff-space (X, \mathcal{T}) . Then to show that A^c is closed.

We shall show that A^c is open. Let $p \in A^c$. Since X is Hausdorff, for every $q \in A$ there exists open nbds of p and q which we denote respectively by $M(q)$ and $N(q)$ such that $M(q) \cap N(q) = \emptyset$. Now

the collection $\{N(q) : q \in A\}$ is an open cover of A . Since A is compact there exists finite number of points, $q_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ such that

$$A \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n N(q_i). \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Let } M = \bigcap M(q_i), \quad N = \bigcup N(q_i).$$

Then M is an open nbd of p . We claim that $M \cap N = \emptyset$.

We have $x \in N \Rightarrow x \in N(q_i)$ for some i

$$\Rightarrow x \notin M(q_i)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \notin M$$

Thus $M \cap N = \emptyset$ and since $A \subset N$, we have $A \cap M = \emptyset \Rightarrow M \subset A^c$.

Q.8(a) The closed subsets are $X, \{b, c\}, \{a\}, \emptyset$

Considers the closed set $\{b, c\}$ and the point a not belonging to it. Then $\{b, c\}$ and $\{a\}$ are open sets such that

$$\{b, c\} \subset \{b, c\}, a \in \{a\} \text{ and } \{b, c\} \cap \{a\} = \emptyset.$$

Similarly considers the closed set $\{a\}$ and the point b not belonging to it. Then $\{a\}$ and $\{b, c\}$ are open sets such that

$$\{a\} \subset \{a\}, b \in \{b, c\}, \text{ and } \{a\} \cap \{b, c\} = \emptyset.$$

Again for the closed set $\{a\}$ and the point c , there exist open sets $\{a\}$ and $\{b, c\}$ such that $\{a\} \subset \{a\}, c \in \{b, c\}$ and $\{a\} \cap \{b, c\} = \emptyset$.

It follows that X is regular space.

Since there does not exist a \mathcal{T} -open set containing the point b and not containing the point c , the space is not \mathcal{T}_1 -space and consequently it is neither \mathcal{T}_2 nor \mathcal{T}_3 .

(b). Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be a normal space and (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y) any closed subspace of X . We have to show that (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y) is also normal. Let L^*, M^* be disjoint \mathcal{T}_Y -closed subsets of Y . Then there exist \mathcal{T} -closed subsets L, M of X such that $L^* = L \cap Y$ and $M^* = M \cap Y$. Since Y is \mathcal{T} -closed it follows that L^*, M^* are disjoint \mathcal{T} -closed subsets of X . Then by normality of X , there exist \mathcal{T} -open subsets G, H of X such that $L^* \subset G, M^* \subset H$ and $G \cap H = \emptyset$.

Since $L^* \subset Y$ and $M^* \subset Y$, these relations imply that

$$L^* \subset G \cap Y, M^* \subset H \cap Y \text{ and } (G \cap Y) \cap (H \cap Y) = \emptyset$$

Setting $G \cap Y = G^*$ and $H \cap Y = H^*$, we see that G^*, H^* are

\mathcal{T}_Y -open subsets of Y such that

$$L^* \subset G^*, M^* \subset H^* \text{ and } G^* \cap H^* = \emptyset.$$

Hence (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y) is a normal space.

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