110.413 INTRODUCTION TO TOPOLOGY

Mid-Term Examination

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50 minutes. Open book. No notes.
40 points, 10 per question.
Partial credit may be available, but only if you show your working.
Begin each of the four questions on a new page and number it clearly in the margin.
Use only the officially provided blue books.
Z₊ denotes the set of positive integers.

1. Determine whether each of the following sets is finite, countably infinite, or uncountable. Give reasons.

- (a) The set of all finite subsets of \mathbb{Q} , the rationals;
- (b) The set of all metrics on a finite set X;
- (c) The set of all topologies on a finite set X;
- (d) The set of all equivalence relations on the set \mathbb{Z}_+ .

2. Give \mathbb{Z}_+ the *finite complement* topology, in which the open sets are the empty set \emptyset and all sets of the form $\mathbb{Z}_+ - F$ where F is finite. Describe the open sets in the resulting product topology on $\mathbb{Z}_+ \times \mathbb{Z}_+$. Is this topology the same as the finite complement topology on $\mathbb{Z}_+ \times \mathbb{Z}_+$?

3. Let (X, d) be a metric space. Which of the following functions on $X \times X$ are metrics on X?

- (a) d_1 , defined by $d_1(x, y) = kd(x, y)$, where k is a positive real number;
- (b) d_2 , defined by $d_2(x, y) = d(x, y)^2$;
- (c) d_3 , defined by $d_3(x, y) = \sqrt{d(x, y)}$.

4. Let X be an ordered set, and Y a subset. Compare the *order* topology on Y, defined by treating Y as an ordered set with ordering induced from X, and the *subspace* topology, defined by treating Y as a subspace of X with its order topology, as follows:

(a) If the subset $U \subset Y$ is open in the order topology, is it necessarily open in the subspace topology?

(b) If $U \subset Y$ is open in the subspace topology, is it necessarily open in the order topology?

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