

Problems in Topology (Math436)

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Read Chapter 5 (beginning).

- (1) Problem 5 page 52.
- (2) A topological space (X, \mathcal{T}) is called *Hausdorff space* or T_2 -space if for any two points $x, y \in X$, $x \neq y$ there are open sets U and V , with $x \in U$ and $y \in V$ and $U \cap V = \emptyset$.
 - (a) Show that every metric space is Hausdorff.
 - (b) Let X be an infinite set and \mathcal{T} the cofinite topology (i.e. $\mathcal{T} = \{A \subset X : X \setminus A \text{ finite}\} \cup \{\emptyset\}$). Show that (X, \mathcal{T}) is not Hausdorff.
- (3) Let (X, \mathcal{T}) a topological space. Using only the definition (this means don't pass to the complement and use results for closures of sets) of A° for $A \subset X$ show for $A, B \subset X$:
 - (a) If $A \subset B$ then $A^\circ \subset B^\circ$.
 - (b) $(A^\circ)^\circ = A^\circ$.
 - (c) $(A \cap B)^\circ = A^\circ \cap B^\circ$.
 - (d) $A^\circ \cup B^\circ \subset (A \cup B)^\circ$.
- (4) Problem 9 Page 53.
- (5) (*) (Definition of topologies via a *Closure Operator*):

Suppose X is a nonempty set and let $P(X)$ denote the power set of X . The *Kuratovski Closure Operator* is a map

$$C : P(X) \rightarrow P(X)$$

satisfying the following conditions

- i) $C(\emptyset) = \emptyset$,
- ii) $A \subset C(A)$, for every $A \in P(X)$,
- iii) $C(C(A)) = C(A)$ for every $A \in P(X)$,
- iv) $C(A \cup B) = C(A) \cup C(B)$ for all $A, B \in P(X)$.

Prove:

- (a) C is *isotone* (i.e. if $A \subset B$ then $C(A) \subset C(B)$)
- (b) Define $\mathcal{F} = \{A \subset X : C(A) = A\}$. Show that $\mathcal{T} = \{U : X \setminus U \in \mathcal{F}\}$ is a topology.
- (c) Let \mathcal{T} be the topology in (b). Show that with respect to \mathcal{T} it follows

$$\overline{A} = C(A), \text{ for all } A \in P(X).$$