

- (1) Let I be an operation on the set of all subsets of a set X such that
- (i) $I(X) = X$,
 - (ii) $I(A) \subseteq A$,
 - (iii) $I(I(A)) = I(A)$,
 - (iv) $I(A \cap B) = I(A) \cap I(B)$,
- for all $A, B \subseteq X$. Declare $A \subseteq X$ to be open if $I(A) = A$.
- (a) Show that this defines a topology on X . (3p)
 - (b) Show that every topology on X is induced by an operation I as above. (2p)
- (2) Consider the graph of a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ between topological spaces,
- $$\Gamma(f) = \{(x, y) \in X \times Y \mid y = f(x)\}.$$
- (a) Suppose that Y is Hausdorff. Show that if f is continuous, then $\Gamma(f)$ is closed in $X \times Y$. (3p)
 - (b) Suppose that Y is compact. Show that if $\Gamma(f)$ is closed in $X \times Y$, then f is continuous. (3p)
- (Hint: For (b) you may use the fact that the projection $X \times Y \rightarrow X$ is a closed map if Y is compact.)
- (3) Let A and B be subsets of a topological space X .
- (a) Show that if A and B are closed, and $A \cup B$ and $A \cap B$ are connected, then A and B are connected. (4p)
 - (b) Give an example to show that this is not necessarily true if one of the sets A, B is not closed. (2p)
- (4) Consider the configuration space of two points on the sphere,
- $$\mathfrak{C}_2(S^2) = \{(x, y) \in S^2 \times S^2 \mid x \neq y\}.$$
- (a) Show that $\mathfrak{C}_2(S^2)$ is homotopy equivalent to S^2 . (3p)
 - (b) The unordered configuration space is the orbit space
- $$\mathfrak{C}_2^u(S^2) = \mathfrak{C}_2(S^2)/C_2$$
- where the cyclic group C_2 of order 2 acts by permuting the two points. Compute the fundamental group of $\mathfrak{C}_2^u(S^2)$. (3p)
- (5) Let n be a positive integer and let X_n be the quotient space obtained from the unit disk in the complex plane,
- $$D^2 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| \leq 1\},$$
- by identifying points on the boundary that are $2\pi/n$ radians apart, i.e., we identify z with $e^{2\pi i/n}z$ if $|z| = 1$.
- (a) Compute the fundamental group of X_n . (3p)
 - (b) For which n is every non-trivial covering space of X_n simply connected? (2p)
 - (c) For which n is X_n a surface? (2p)