

# Solutions for the 2019-09-27 Topology exam.

## Exercise 1:

(a) We recall that a space has the discrete topology iff singletons  $\{a\}$  are open

Let  $X$  a space with the discrete topology and  $S \subseteq X$  a subset endowed with the subspace topology

then  $s \in S$ ,  $\{s\} = \{s\} \cap S$

as  $\{s\}$  is open in  $X$   $\{s\}$  is open in  $S$

thus  $S$  is discrete

(b) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be discrete spaces. Then

$$\mathcal{B}_X := \{ \{x\} \mid x \in X \}$$

$$\mathcal{B}_Y := \{ \{y\} \mid y \in Y \}$$

are basis for the topology on  $X$  and  $Y$ . Thus the product topology on  $X \times Y$  is generated by

$$\mathcal{B}_{X \times Y} := \{ \{x\} \times \{y\} \mid x \in X, y \in Y \}$$

$$= \{ \{(x, y)\} \mid x \in X, y \in Y \}$$

we deduce that  $(X \times Y)$  is discrete

(c) Let  $\pi: X \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}$  be a quotient map and suppose that  $X$  is discrete. We recall that by the definition of quotient topology

$V \subseteq \mathcal{Q}$  is open iff  $\pi^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$

as any set is open in  $X$  any set is open in  $\mathcal{Q}$  which therefore has the quotient topology

a1) Suppose now that  $X$  is a trivial top space. Therefore  $\mathcal{O}_X = \{\emptyset, X\}$ .  
 Let  $S \subseteq X$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_S = \{\emptyset \cap S, X \cap S\} = \{\emptyset, S\}$   
 thus  $S$  is trivial.

b1) Let  $X, Y$  trivial topological spaces, the product topology is generated by  $\{X \times Y\}$  and therefore is trivial.

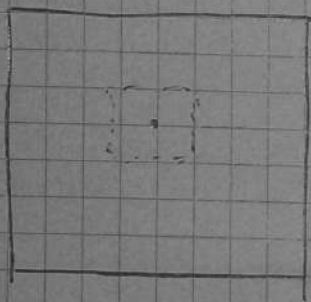
c1) Let  $\pi: X \rightarrow Q$  a quotient map.

• Let  $V \subseteq Q$ .  $\pi^{-1}(V) = \emptyset$  iff  $V = \emptyset$  as  $\pi$  is surjective.

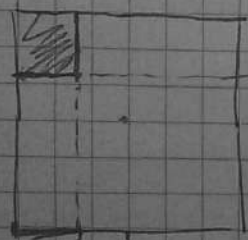
$$\pi^{-1}(V) = X \Leftrightarrow V = Q$$

We deduce that  $V$  is open in  $Q$  iff  $V = \emptyset$  or  $V = Q$ .  
 Thus  $Q$  is trivial.

### Exercise 2



(a)



$$X \setminus \left( \left[ -1, \frac{1}{2} \right] \times \left[ \frac{1}{2}, 1 \right] \right) = \underbrace{(-1, 1) \times (-1, \frac{1}{2})}_{\text{open}} \cup \underbrace{\left( -\frac{1}{2}, 1 \right) \times (-1, 1)}_{\text{open}}$$

As the union of opens is open we deduce that the complementary of  $\left[ -1, \frac{1}{2} \right] \times \left[ \frac{1}{2}, 1 \right]$  is open. Therefore  $\left[ -1, \frac{1}{2} \right] \times \left[ \frac{1}{2}, 1 \right]$  is closed.

(b) use all the sets

$(a,b) \times (c,d)$  with  $a, c < 0$  and  $b, d > 0$  contain  $(0,0)$

we deduce immediately that  $X$  is not  $T_2$

(c) Again by construction all the open sets (not  $\emptyset$ ) contain  $(0,0)$  so there are not no  $\emptyset$  open sets which are disjoint. We deduce that  $X$  is connected

(d) as the sets  $(a,b) \times (c,d)$  with  $a, c < 0$  and  $b, d > 0$

are open in the Euclidean topology we deduce that this is finer than the given topology. Thus the identity map

$\text{id}: \mathbb{I}^2 \rightarrow X$  is continuous

On the other side  $S = (-1, -\frac{1}{2}) \times (-1, -\frac{1}{2})$  is open in  $\mathbb{I}^2$  but not in  $X$ . If we consider

$\text{id}: X \rightarrow \mathbb{I}^2$  we have that

$\text{id}^{-1}(S) = S$  is not open hence  $\text{id}$  is

not continuous

(e) The property of being compact is stable when passing to a coarser topology. As the topology on  $X$  is coarser than the Euclidean topology and  $\mathbb{I}$  with the Euclidean top. is compact (e.g. it is closed and Bounded, so we can use Heine Borel) we deduce that  $X$  is compact



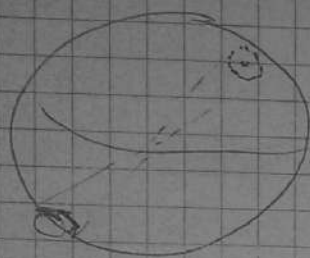
### Exercise 3

- (a) This is not a covering, as it is not surjective  
 (b) This is not a covering, as it is not surjective  
 (c) This is a covering. ~~the~~ As seen in class we can view this as a quotient map

$$S^2 / \mathbb{Z}_2$$

where  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \curvearrowright S^2$  by  $[X] \mapsto -X$

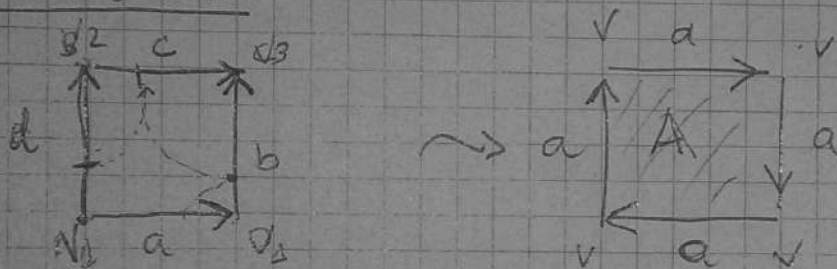
This action is totally discontinuous



as if we take a small enough neighbourhood of  $x \in S^2$ ,  $V$  we can have  $V \cap -V = \emptyset$

Thus the map is a covering

### Exercise 4



0 Skeleton =  $\{ \{v\} \}$

1 Skeleton =  $\{ \{v\}, \{a\} \}$

2 ——— =  $\{ \{v\}, \{a\}, A \}$

As there is a unique vertex  $VK$  theorem state that

$$\pi_1(X) = \langle a, a^4 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$$

### Exercise 5

This is a theoretical question so we refer to the textbook