

**MATH 535, Topology, Homework 1**

**1. (2+3+3 pts)**

Let  $G$  be a group. Our aim in this question is to first endow  $\mathcal{P}(G)$  with a topology and then construct *the space of subgroups of  $G$*  as a subspace of  $\mathcal{P}(G)$ .

For each **finite** subset  $F, K \subseteq G$ , let  $U_{F,K} = \{S \in \mathcal{P}(G) : F \subseteq S, K \subseteq S^c\}$ .

a) Show that the collection

$$\mathcal{B} = \{U_{F,K} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(G) : F, K \text{ are finite subsets of } G\}$$

is a basis for a topology on  $\mathcal{P}(G)$ .

For the remainder of this question, you will consider  $\mathcal{P}(G)$  with the topology  $\tau_{\mathcal{B}}$  where  $\tau_{\mathcal{B}}$  is the topology generated by the basis  $\mathcal{B}$  in part a.

b) Show that the set

$$\text{Sub}(G) = \{H \in \mathcal{P}(G) : H \text{ is a subgroup of } G\}$$

is a closed subset of  $\mathcal{P}(G)$ .

**Hint.** Show that the complement of this set is open. In order to do that, ask yourself this: When is a subset  $H \subseteq G$  not a subgroup? Is the set of  $H$ 's which do not contain the identity an open set? Is the set of  $H$ 's which do not contain the inverse of some element an open set? Is the set of  $H$ 's which in not closed under group multiplication an open set?

For the last part of this question, suppose that  $G = \mathbb{Z}$  and consider  $\text{Sub}(\mathbb{Z})$  with the subspace topology as a subspace of  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})$ .

c) Show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n\mathbb{Z} = \{0\}$  in the topological space  $\text{Sub}(\mathbb{Z})$ .

**2. (2 pts)** Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ . Prove that if  $A$  is closed, then  $A'$  is closed.

**3. (2 pts)** Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be a linearly ordered set. Prove that the corresponding order topology on  $X$  is Hausdorff.