

# MATH 420 “Point Set Topology”

## Set #3 SOLUTIONS

### Section 17:

**P4:** If  $U$  is open in  $X$  and  $A$  is closed in  $X$ , then  $X - U$  is closed in  $X$  and  $X - A$  is open in  $X$ . Thus,  $U - A = U \cap (X - A)$  is the intersection of two open sets, and hence is open. Also  $A - U = A \cap (X - U)$  is the intersection of two closed sets, and hence is closed.

**P12:** Let  $A$  be a subspace of  $X$ ,  $X$  Hausdorff. Given  $a, b \in A$  distinct points, since  $X$  is Hausdorff we can find  $U, V$  open in  $X$ ,  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ ,  $a \in U$ ,  $b \in V$ . Then  $U' = U \cap A$ ,  $V' = V \cap A$  are open in  $A$ ,  $a \in U'$ ,  $b \in V'$  and  $U' \cap V' = \emptyset$ . Thus,  $A$  is Hausdorff.

**P13:**  $X$  Hausdorff  $\Rightarrow \Delta$  closed in  $X \times X$ : Let  $(a, b)$  be in  $X \times X - \Delta$ , then  $a \neq b$  in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is Hausdorff, we can find  $U$  nbhd of  $a$  and  $V$  nbhd of  $b$  such that  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Then  $(a, b) \in U \times V$  open in  $X \times X$ . Also note that if  $(z, z) \in U \times V$ , then  $z \in U \cap V$ , a contradiction to  $U, V$  being disjoint so  $U \times V \subset X \times X - \Delta$ . Thus, we see that  $X \times X - \Delta$  is open. Hence,  $\Delta$  is closed.

$\Delta$  closed in  $X \times X \Rightarrow X$  Hausdorff:  $\Delta$  closed in  $X \times X$  implies that  $X \times X - \Delta$  is open. Now if  $a, b \in X$  are distinct, then  $(a, b) \in X \times X - \Delta$ . But since  $X \times X - \Delta$  is open we can find basis set  $U \times V$  such that  $(a, b) \in U \times V \subset X \times X - \Delta$ . Since  $U \times V$  does not intersect  $\Delta$  we conclude that  $U$  and  $V$  are disjoint open sets of  $X$ . Since  $a \in U$  and  $b \in V$ , we conclude that  $X$  is indeed Hausdorff.

**P16: (a)** *Standard topology:*  $\text{closure}(K) = K \cup \{0\}$ .  
*K-topology:*  $\text{closure}(K) = K$ . (To see this, note that

$$\mathbb{R} - K = [(-100, 100) - K] \cup (99, \infty) \cup (-\infty, -99)]$$

and these three pieces are open in the *K*-topology so  $\mathbb{R} - K$  is open in the *K*-topology, and so  $K$  is closed in the *K*-topology.)

*Finite complement topology:*  $\text{closure}(K) = \mathbb{R}$ . This is because if  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , then a nbhd of  $a$  in the finite complement topology is of the form  $\mathbb{R} - F$ ,  $F$  a finite set. Since  $K$  is infinite we see  $\mathbb{R} - F$  must intersect  $K$  and so every nbhd of  $a$  intersects  $K$ , so  $a \in \text{closure}(K)$ .

*Upper limit topology:*  $\text{closure}(K) = K$ .

$$\mathbb{R} - K = (-\infty, 0] \cup \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+} A_n \cup (1, \infty)$$

where  $A_n = (1/(n+1), 1/n)$ . Each of these pieces is open in the upper limit topology (which is finer than the standard topology) and so  $\mathbb{R} - K$  is open in the upper limit topology and so  $K$  is closed in this topology.

*Ray topology, basis*  $(-\infty, a)$ :  $\text{closure}(K) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} | x \geq 0\}$ . If  $b \in \mathbb{R}, b \geq 0$  and  $b \in (-\infty, a)$ , then  $a > b$  and so  $a > 0$ . Thus,  $(-\infty, a)$  intersects  $K$ . So  $b \in \text{closure}(K)$ . On the other hand, if  $b < 0$ , then  $b \in (-\infty, b/2)$  which is disjoint from  $K$ , so  $b$  is not in  $\text{closure}(K)$ .

**(b)** Note that Hausdorff  $\Rightarrow T_1$ . Standard Topology: Hausdorff.  
K-topology: Hausdorff (finer than standard).

Finite complement topology:  $T_1$  but not Hausdorff. This is since  $\{x\}$  has complement  $\mathbb{R} - \{x\}$  which is open in finite complement topology since  $|\{x\}| = 1$  is finite. Thus,  $\{x\}$  is closed in this topology. On the other hand, given  $a, b$  distinct,  $U$  nbhd of  $a$ ,  $V$  nbhd of  $b$  in this topology, then  $U = \mathbb{R} - F$ ,  $V = \mathbb{R} - F'$  where  $F, F'$  are finite. Since  $F \cup F'$  is finite and  $\mathbb{R}$  is infinite there must be  $x \in \mathbb{R} - (F \cup F')$ , and this  $x$  will be in both  $U$  and  $V$ , so  $U$  and  $V$  intersect. Thus, this topology is not Hausdorff.

Upper Limit Topology: Hausdorff (finer than standard.)

Ray topology: Neither. It is not  $T_1$  since if  $\{x\}$  is a point, then  $\mathbb{R} - \{x\} = (-\infty, x) \cup (x, \infty)$ , and if  $y \in (x, \infty)$ , no basis element around  $y$  lies inside  $\mathbb{R} - \{x\}$ . Thus,  $\mathbb{R} - \{x\}$  is not open in this topology and so  $\{x\}$  is not closed in this topology. If a space is not  $T_1$ , it cannot be Hausdorff. (contrapositive of the statement at the top of this question's solution)

**P18:**  $\text{Closure}(A) = A \cup \{((0, 1))\}$ .  $\text{Closure}(B) = B \cup \{((1, 0))\}$ .

$\text{Closure}(C) = C \cup \{((x, 1)) | 0 \leq x < 1\} \cup \{((1, 0))\}$ .

$\text{Closure}(D) = D \cup \{((x, 1)) | 0 \leq x < 1\} \cup \{((x, 0)) | 0 < x \leq 1\}$ .

$\text{Closure}(E) = E \cup \{((1/2, 1)), ((1/2, 0))\}$ .

**P20: (a)**  $\text{Int}(A) = \emptyset$ ,  $\text{Boundary}(A) = A$ .

**(b)**  $\text{Int}(B) = B$ ,  $\text{Boundary}(B) = (\text{y-axis}) \cup (\text{nonnegative x-axis})$

**(c)**  $\text{Int}(C) = \{((x, y)) | x > 0\}$ ,  $\text{Boundary}(C) = (\text{y-axis}) \cup (\text{negative x-axis})$ .

**(d)**  $\text{Int}(D) = \emptyset$ ,  $\text{Boundary}(D) = \mathbb{R}^2$ .

**(e)**  $\text{Int}(E) = \{((x, y)) | 0 < x^2 - y^2 < 1\}$ ,

$\text{Boundary}(E) = \{((x, y)) | x^2 - y^2 = 1 \text{ or } 0\}$ .

**(f)**  $\text{Int}(F) = \{((x, y)) | x \neq 0, y < 1/x\}$ ,

$\text{Boundary}(F) = (\text{y-axis}) \cup \{((x, y)) | x \neq 0, y = 1/x\}$ .