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FOURTH YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

SMA 3451: TOPOLOGY II

DATE: JANUARY 2022

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) i. Define a base for a topology τ . (2 Marks)
- ii. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \mathcal{P}(X)$ (the power set of X). Determine the base for the topology τ . (3 Marks)
- b) i. Define a compact subset of a topological space X . (2 Marks)
- ii. Given that $A = (0,1)$ is an open interval of the real line \mathbb{R} . Prove that A is not compact in \mathbb{R} . (4 Marks)
- c) i. Distinguish between a countably compact subset and sequentially compact subset of a topological space X . (4 Marks)
- ii. Prove that every bounded closed interval $A = [a, b]$ is countably compact. (4 Marks)
- d) prove that the class of open intervals $A = \left\{ (2,3), \left(2, \frac{3}{2}\right), (2,1) \left(2, \frac{3}{4}\right), \left(2, \frac{3}{5}\right), \dots \right\}$ satisfies the finite intersection property. (5 Marks)
- e) Let $A = (0,1)$, $B = (1,2)$ and $C = (2,8)$ be interval on \mathbb{R} . Prove that
- i. A and B are separated sets. (3 Marks)
- ii. B and C are not separated. (3 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) i. Define a disconnected subset A of a topological space X . (2 Marks)
- iii. Consider the following topology on $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ and $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b, c\}, \{c, d, e\}\}$.
- Show that the subset $A = \{a, d, e\}$ of X is disconnected. (6 Marks)
- b) Let X be a topological space. Prove that X is disconnected if there exists a non-empty proper subset of X which is both open and closed. (8 Marks)
- c) Given that $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ and $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d, e\}\}$. Determine the components of X . (4 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the term arcwise connected set. (3 Marks)
- b) Prove that continuous image of arcwise connected. (10 Marks)
- c) Show that a continuous image of a sequentially compact. (7 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the terms;
- i. Simply connected spaces. (2 Marks)
- ii. Homotopic spaces (2 Marks)
- iii. Disconnection of a set (2 Marks)
- b) Given that A and B are connected sets which are not separated, prove that $A \cup B$ is connected. (8 Marks)
- c) Let $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ and $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d, e\}\}$ to be a topology on X .
- i. Determine the disconnection of X
- ii. The relative topology on the subset $A = \{b, d, e\}$. (4 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Define the terms;
- i. Product topology for topological spaces x and y . (3 Marks)
 - ii. Basic neighborhoods of $(x, y) \in X \times Y$. (2 Marks)
- b) Consider the topologies $\tau_1 = \{X, \phi, \{d\}, \{b, c\}\}$ on $X = \{b, c, d\}$ and $\tau_2 = \{Y, \phi, \{u\}\}$ of $Y = \{u, v\}$
- i. Determine the defining subbase of the product topology on $X \times Y$. (5 Marks)
 - ii. Determine the defining base for the product topology on $X \times Y$. (5 Marks)
- c) Prove that a finite subset of a topological space X is sequentially compact. (5 Marks)