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**2021\_2 Examinations.**

**Course Code: MTH402**  
**Course Title: General Topology II**  
**Credit Unit: 3**  
**Time Allowed: 3 Hours**  
**Total: 70 Marks**  
**Instruction: Answer Question One (1) and Any Other 4 Questions**

1. (a) Let  $X$  be a set. Define a basis for a topology on  $X$ . **(6 marks)**  
(b) What conditions make a collection  $C$  of subsets of a set  $X$ , a basis for a topology on  $X$ ? **(3 marks)**  
(c) Let  $X$  be a set. Let a topology on  $X$  be a collection  $\tau$  of subsets of  $X$ . Show that arbitrary unions  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i$  of elements of  $\tau$  are in  $\tau$ . **(6 marks)**  
(d) Show that if  $\mathbf{B}$  is a basis for the topology on  $X$  and  $\mathbf{C}$  is the basis for the topology on  $Y$ , then the collection  $D = \{B \times C : B \in \mathbf{B} \text{ and } C \in \mathbf{C}\}$  is a basis for the topology on  $X \times Y$ . **(7 marks)**
2. (a) Define a metric on a set  $X$ . **(3 marks)**  
(b) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two topological spaces. Let  $\mathbf{B}$  be the collection of all sets of the form  $U \times V$ , where  $U$  is an open subset of  $X$  and  $V$  is an open subset of  $Y$ . i.e.,  $\mathbf{B} = \{U \times V : U \text{ is open in } X \text{ and } V \text{ is open in } Y\}$ . Show that  $\mathbf{B}$  is basis for topology on  $X \times Y$ . **(3 marks)**  
(c) Prove that the collection  $S = \{\pi_1^{-1}(U) : U \text{ is open in } X\} \cup \{\pi_2^{-1}(V) : V \text{ is open in } Y\}$  is a subbasis for the product on  $X \times Y$ . **(6 marks)**
3. (a) Let  $A$  be a subset of the topological space  $X$ . Let  $A^0$  be the set of all limit points of  $A$  and  $\bar{A}$  be the closure of  $A$ . Show that  $\bar{A} = A \cup A^0$ . **(5 marks)**  
(b) Show that if  $X$  is a Hausdorff space, then for all  $x \in X$ , the singleton set  $\{x\}$  is closed **(7 marks)**

4. (a) Define the following terms:
- (i) basis for a topology on a set  $X$ . **(3 marks)**
  - (ii) topology generated by a basis. **(3 marks)**
- (b) Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  the topology on the range  $Y$  is given by a basis  $\mathcal{B}$ , show that  $f$  is continuous if and only if any basis element  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ , the set  $f^{-1}(B)$  is open in  $X$ . **(6 marks)**
5. (a) State whether each of the following is Hausdorff space or not:
- (i) Every metric topology. **(1 mark)**
  - (ii) Every discrete space. **(1 mark)**
  - (iii) The real line  $\mathbb{R}$  with the finite complement topology. **(1 mark)**
  - (iv)  $\mathbb{R}$  with the finite complement topology. **(1 mark)**
- (b) Show that the Union of a collection of connected subspaces of  $X$  that have one point in common is connected. **(8 marks)**
6. (a) Show that the real line  $\mathbb{R}$  endowed with the standard topology is not compact. **(4 marks)**
- (b) State the tube lemma. **(3 marks)**
- (c) Let  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  be topological spaces. If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  are continuous, show that the map  $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$  is continuous. **(5 marks)**