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MT 304 - GENERAL TOPOLOGY
(PROPER & REPEAT)

Answer all Questions

Time: Two hours

Q1. (a) Define the following:

- i. frontier point,
- ii. exterior point.

(b) Prove that the intersection of two topologies for a set X is again a topology.

(c) Prove that $A \cup A'$ is a closed set, for any set A where A' is the derived set of A .

(d) Let (\mathbb{R}, τ) be a topological space induced by the absolute value metric. Let $A = (0, 1]$. Find $Fr(A)$, the frontier of the set A .

(e) Let A be a subset of a topological space (X, τ) . Show that:

- i. $(\overline{A})^c = (A^c)^o$;
- ii. $\overline{A^c} = (A^o)^c$.

Q2. (a) Define the following terms:

- i. subspace of a topological space (X, τ) ;
- ii. connected set.

- (b) Let (X, τ_1) be a subspace of a topological space (Y, τ_2) and let (Y, τ_2) be a subspace of a topological space (Z, τ_3) . Show that (X, τ_1) is a subspace (Z, τ_3) .
- (c) Prove that the continuous image of a connected set is connected.
- (d) Let (X, τ) be a topological space. Prove that if X is connected, then X cannot be expressed as the union of two disjoint non empty closed sets.

Q3. Prove or disprove each of the following statements:

- (a) In the usual topology on \mathbb{R} , the subset $(0, 1)$ is compact.
- (b) (X, τ) is a compact topological space if and only if the collection $\{A_\alpha \mid \alpha \in I, A_\alpha \text{ are closed sets}\}$ satisfies the finite intersection property, that is $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha \neq \emptyset$.
- (c) In any topological space (X, τ) and $A \subseteq X$ a set G is open in A if and only if G is open in X .
- (d) If (X, τ) is a topological space, then every finite subset A of X is compact.

Q4. Define the *Frechet space* and the *Hausdorff space*.

- (a) Prove that every Hausdorff space is Frechet space. Is the converse true? Justify your answer.
- (b) Prove that a topological space X is a Frechet space if and only if every single point subset of X is closed.
- (c) If A is a non empty proper compact subset of a Hausdorff space, prove that A is closed.
- (d) If A and B are two non-empty disjoint proper compact subsets of a Hausdorff space, show that there exists two disjoint open subsets G and H such that $A \subseteq G$ and $B \subseteq H$.