

Topology
Exercise sheet 1

1. Prove that the following sets are countable.
 - (a) Any infinite subset of a countable set.
 - (b) A direct product of two countable sets.
 - (c) The set of all rational numbers.
 - (d) A countable union of countable sets.
 - (e) The set of all algebraic numbers.
2. Prove that \mathbb{R} has the same cardinality as \mathbb{R}^2 .
3. Suppose X is an infinite set. A set U is open if either $U = \emptyset$ or $X \setminus U$ contains finitely many points. Check that if \mathcal{T} is a collection of such sets then it is a topology. We call this the co-finite topology.
4. Consider a co-finite topology on a finite set. What would the topology be? (i.e., what are the open sets)
5. List all possible topologies on the sets $\{a, b\}$ and $\{a, b, c\}$.
6. Find two topologies \mathcal{F}_1 and \mathcal{F}_2 on \mathbb{R} such that there is a set \mathcal{F}_1 -open set that is not \mathcal{F}_2 -open and a set V that is \mathcal{F}_2 open but not \mathcal{F}_1 open.
7. Define the co-countable topology as follows. Suppose that X is an infinite set. A set U is open if either $U = \emptyset$ or $X \setminus U$ is countable. Prove that this is a topology.