

Problem 1 The set $\{X, \emptyset, A\}$ contains X and \emptyset , and is closed under arbitrary unions and intersections. Therefore it is a topology on X . It is in fact the coarsest topology on X for which the set A is an open set. ■

Problem 2 The partially ordered set $\{X, \leq\}$ is inductive if every totally (linearly) ordered subset is dominated by an element of X .

$$\forall L (L \text{ totally ordered subset of } X \Rightarrow \exists x (x \in X \wedge \forall y (y \in L \Rightarrow y \leq x)))$$

Zorn's Lemma says that any inductive partially ordered set has an element that is maximal.

$$X \text{ inductive} \Rightarrow \exists x (x \in X \wedge \forall y (y \in X \wedge x \leq y \Rightarrow x = y))$$

Problem 3 Let $B_i = A \cup A_i$. Then we have $C = A \cup \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i = \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i$. The set B_i is connected since both A and A_i are connected and have something in common. Finally C is connected since A is nonempty and contained in each B_i . ■

Problem 4 We divide the square $I \times I$ into three regions.

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \{(s, t) \mid 0 \leq s \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1/2 - s/2\}, \\ II &= \{(s, t) \mid 0 \leq s \leq 1, \quad 1/2 - s/2 \leq t \leq 1/2 + s/2\}, \\ III &= \{(s, t) \mid 0 \leq s \leq 1, \quad 1/2 + s/2 \leq t \leq 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

A possible homotopy is

$$F(s, t) = \begin{cases} f(2t) & \text{for } (s, t) \in I, \\ f(1 - s) & \text{for } (s, t) \in II, \\ f(2 - 2t) & \text{for } (s, t) \in III. \end{cases}$$

This was the “stop and wait” homotopy. A simpler solution is this.

$$F(s, t) = \begin{cases} f((1 - s)2t) & \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq 1/2, \\ f((1 - s)(2 - 2t)) & \text{for } 1/2 \leq t \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Problem 5 We write X_i for the topological space (X, \mathcal{T}_i) , $i \in \{1, 2\}$. We may assume that $\mathcal{T}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_2$, which means that the identity map $id : X_2 \rightarrow X_1$ is continuous. Since X_2 is compact, a closed set $F \subseteq X_2$ is compact. The continuous image of a compact set is compact, so F is a compact subset of the Hausdorff space X_1 . Any compact subset of a Hausdorff space is closed so in fact F is a closed subset of X_1 . The identity map takes complements to complements (in fact it does nothing). This shows that open subsets of X_2 are open in X_1 , which means that $\mathcal{T}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_1$, and so $\mathcal{T}_1 = \mathcal{T}_2$. ■

Problem 6 We say a subset $A \subseteq X$ is f -invariant if the following holds. $(a \in A \wedge f(a)=f(b)) \Rightarrow b \in A$. The f -invariant subsets of X are of the form $f^{-1}(B)$ for some $B \subseteq Y$. Since f is surjective, this set B is unique and $B = f(A)$. This means that for a surjective map f , the inverse image f^{-1} defines a bijective map between the f -invariant subsets of X and all subsets of Y . It follows that f preserves complements. This means that if $A \subseteq X$ is f -invariant, then $f(X - A) = Y - f(A)$. The same reasoning as in Problem 5 shows that f maps closed sets to closed sets, and hence it maps f -invariant open sets to open sets. If $U \subseteq Z$ is any open subset of Z then since $g \circ f$ is continuous, $V = (g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$ is both open and f -invariant, and hence $f(V) = g^{-1}(U)$ is open in Y . This shows that g is continuous. ■

Problem 7 The space $S^1 \times I$ is compact and the disc D is Hausdorff. Since the map f is surjective it follows from Problem 6 that D is a quotient space. ■

Problem 8a The open sets of X/A are exactly the π -invariant open sets of X . A π -invariant subset of X is any set containing A or disjoint from A . Since F is closed and π -invariant, its complement is open and π -invariant. This shows that $\pi(F)$ is closed. ■

Problem 8b Points are closed in a Hausdorff space, so the singleton $\{A\} \subseteq X/A$ is closed. Taking the inverse image of its complement shows that $X - A$ is open in X , and therefore A is closed. ■

Problem 9a Since \mathbb{N} is given the discrete topology, a neighborhood of a point $(z, n) \in X$ is any set containing a set of the form $I \times \{n\}$ where I is an open interval of S^1 containing z . This shows that F is closed in X . Moreover $F \cap A = \emptyset$, so by Problem 8a, $\pi(F)$ is closed in X/A . ■

Problem 9b If K is compact, since $\pi(F)$ is closed, it follows that $K \cap \pi(F)$ is compact. Since \mathbb{N} is given the discrete topology, a neighborhood of a point (z, n) where $z \neq 1$ is any set containing a set of the form $I \times \{n\}$ where I is an open interval of S^1 containing z but not 1. This shows that $\pi(F)$ is discrete. A subspace of a discrete space is also discrete, therefore $K \cap \pi(F)$ is both discrete and compact. Discrete compact spaces are finite. ■