

Exercise 1. Subspace topology

Let X be a set and \mathcal{T}_X a topology on X . Show that for every subset $Y \subseteq X$, the following collection of sets defines a topology on Y :

$$\mathcal{T}_Y := \{A \cap Y \subseteq Y \mid A \in \mathcal{T}_X\}.$$

A set $B \in \mathcal{T}_Y$ is called **open in Y** .

Note: This topology is called subspace topology, relative topology, induced topology, or trace topology.

Exercise 2. Subspace topology on the real number line

Let $X = \mathbb{R}$ be given with the standard topology. The two subsets $Y = [0, 2)$ and $Z = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} \mid 1 \leq x \leq \sqrt{2}\}$ carry their subspace topology, respectively. Decide which claims are true:

- (a) $[0, 1)$ is open in X .
- (b) $[0, 1)$ is open in Y .
- (c) $[0, 2) \cap Z$ is open in Z .
- (d) $\{x \in \mathbb{Q} \mid 1 < x \leq \sqrt{2}\}$ is open in X .
- (e) $\{x \in \mathbb{Q} \mid 1 < x \leq \sqrt{2}\}$ is open in Z .