

1. (3 marks)

- (a)  $\psi : X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X) : x \mapsto \{x\}$  is one-to-one since  $\psi(x) = \psi(y) \implies \{x\} = \{y\} \implies x = y$ .
- (b) If  $z \in A$  then  $z \notin \psi(z) = A$ , which is a contradiction. If  $z \notin A$  then  $z \in \psi(z) = A$  which is also a contradiction. Since both cases lead to a contradiction, we conclude that there can be no such one-to-one and onto map  $X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  so  $|X| < |\mathcal{P}(X)|$ .

2. (4 marks)

- (a)(T1)  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$  by definition and  $A \setminus A = \emptyset$  is finite so  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ .
- (T2) First note that if all the  $U_i$  are empty, then  $\cup_{i \in I} U_i = \emptyset$  and so  $\cup_{i \in I} U_i \in \mathcal{F}$ . If one of the  $U_i$  is nonempty, say  $U_j$ , then  $A \setminus U_j$  is finite, so by de Morgan's laws

$$A \setminus \left( \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i \right) = \bigcap_{i \in I} (A \setminus U_i) \subset A \setminus U_j.$$

Hence  $A \setminus (\cup_{i \in I} U_i)$  is finite and thus  $\cup_{i \in I} U_i \in \mathcal{F}$ .

- (T3) Let  $U, V \in \mathcal{F}$ . If  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ , then  $U \cap V \in \mathcal{F}$ . If  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , then  $U \neq \emptyset$  and  $V \neq \emptyset$  so  $A \setminus U$  and  $A \setminus V$  are finite and  $A \setminus (U \cap V) = (A \setminus U) \cup (A \setminus V)$  is finite, giving  $U \cap V \in \mathcal{F}$ .
- (b)(T1)  $\emptyset = f^{-1}(\emptyset) \in \mathcal{I}_f$  and  $B = f^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{I}_f$ .
- (T2) Suppose  $U_i, i \in I$ , are open in  $B$  and  $U_i = f^{-1}(V_i)$ , where  $V_i$  are open in  $A$ . Then by Lemma 3(1) of Lecture 1,  $\cup_{i \in I} U_i = \cup_{i \in I} f^{-1}(V_i) = f^{-1}(\cup_{i \in I} V_i) \in \mathcal{I}_f$ .
- (T3) Let  $U_1, U_2 \in \mathcal{I}_f$ , with  $U_i = f^{-1}(V_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , where  $V_1, V_2$  are open in  $A$ . Then by Lemma 3(2) of Lecture 1,  $U_1 \cup U_2 = f^{-1}(V_1) \cup f^{-1}(V_2) = f^{-1}(V_1 \cup V_2) \in \mathcal{I}_f$ .

3. (3 marks)

- (a) Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a map of topological spaces. Let  $C$  be a closed subset of  $B$ . Then  $B \setminus C$  is open in  $B$  so  $f^{-1}(B \setminus C)$  is open in  $A$  by the definition of continuity. Since  $f^{-1}(B \setminus C) = A \setminus f^{-1}(C)$  by Lemma 4(7) of Lecture 1,  $f^{-1}(C)$  is closed in  $A$ . The converse follows by reverting the arguments.
- (b) Since the solution set of  $f(x) = 0$  is precisely  $f^{-1}(0)$ , it is closed by the result of (a).
- (c) **Bonus questions (3 marks)** some proof

4. (4 marks)

- (a) Assume  $f(U) \subset V$ . Then  $x \in U \implies f(x) \in V \implies x \in f^{-1}(V)$ .
- (b) Assume  $f$  is continuous,  $V$  is open in  $B$  and  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ . Then  $f(x) \in V$  so by the definition of continuity, there is an open set  $U_x$  of  $A$  such that  $x \in U_x$  and  $f(U_x) \subset V$ . By part (a)  $U_x \subset f^{-1}(V)$ .
- (c) Let  $U = f^{-1}(V)$ . For all  $z \in U$  we have  $z \in U_z$  so  $z \in \bigcup_{x \in U} U_x$ . Thus  $U \subset \bigcup_{x \in U} U_x$ . On the other hand, for all  $y \in \bigcup_{x \in U} U_x$  there is an  $x \in U$  such that  $y \in U_x \subset U$ . Hence  $y \in U$ . So  $\bigcup_{x \in U} U_x \subset U$ . Therefore,  $\bigcup_{x \in U} U_x = U$ . As the sets  $U_x$  are open,  $\bigcup_{x \in U} U_x$  is open (by T2). So  $U$  is open.

- (d) Suppose that  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $A$  for every open subset  $V$  of  $B$ . Let  $a \in A$  and let  $V$  be an open subset of  $B$  such that  $f(a) \in V$ . By assumption  $U = f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $A$  and  $a \in U$  since  $f(a) \in V$ . The result of Lemma 4(5) of Lecture 1 gives  $f(f^{-1}(V)) \subset V$ . Hence  $f$  is continuous in the sense of Definition 9 of Lecture 3.

**Bonus questions (3 marks)**

Some proof.