

**MA 274: Axioms for a Topology**

Let  $X$  be a set and let  $\mathcal{T} \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$ . Then  $\mathcal{T}$  is a **topology** on  $X$  if the following hold:

(T1)  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$

(T2)  $X \in \mathcal{T}$

(T3) If  $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{T}$  then  $\bigcup \mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{T}$

(T4) If  $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{T}$  is finite, then  $\bigcap \mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{T}$