

Syllabus of the Comprehensive Exam

MATH 521 General Topology I

Topics

- **Set Theory:** Sets, function, inverse image, direct image, cardinality, cartesian product, quotient set.
- **Topological spaces:** Spaces, subspaces, metric spaces. Closure, interior, frontier, exterior, derived set and their properties.
- **Continuous functions :** local continuity, global continuity, open maps, closed maps, homeomorphisms, stereographic projection, quotient spaces, product spaces.
- **Connected spaces:** connectedness, local connectedness, path connectedness, product of connected spaces, Intermediate value theorem.
- **Compact spaces:** compact spaces in $\mathbb{R}^n$, characterization of compact subsets of a metric space, local compactness, one-point compactification.
- **Separation axioms and countability axioms:** T_0 -spaces, T_1 -spaces, T_2 -spaces, first countable spaces, second countable spaces, separable spaces.
- **Metric spaces and metrization theorems:** Complete metric spaces, completion of a metric space, Uryshon metrization Theorem, Tietze theorem

References

- J. Munkres, *Topology*, 2nd edition, Pearson Education Limited (2014)