

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Score (Out of 8 points):

1. (6 points) Consider the following topological spaces  $X$  and their subsets  $S$ . In each case, compute the interior  $\text{Int}(S)$ , the closure  $\bar{S}$ , the boundary  $\partial S$ , and the set  $S'$  of accumulation points of  $S$ . **No justification necessary.**

(a) Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with the topology  $\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, c, d\}\}$ ,  $S = \{a, c\}$ .

$\text{Int}(S)$ :      $\{a\}$          $\bar{S}$ :      $\{a, c, d\}$          $\partial S$ :      $\{c, d\}$          $S'$ :      $\{c, d\}$     

(b) Let  $S = (-\infty, 0) \cup \{1\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , where  $\mathbb{R}$  has the topology  $\{(a, \infty) \mid a \in \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{\emptyset\} \cup \{\mathbb{R}\}$ .

$\text{Int}(S)$ :      $\emptyset$          $\bar{S}$ :      $(-\infty, 1]$          $\partial S$ :      $(-\infty, 1]$          $S'$ :      $(-\infty, 1)$     

(c) Let  $S = \{0, 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , where  $\mathbb{R}$  has the cofinite topology.

$\text{Int}(S)$ :      $\emptyset$          $\bar{S}$ :      $\{0, 1\}$          $\partial S$ :      $\{0, 1\}$          $S'$ :      $\emptyset$

2. (2 points) For each of the following statements: if the statement is always true, write “True”. Otherwise, state a counterexample. **No further justification needed.**

Note: If the statement is not always true, you can receive partial credit for writing “False” without a counterexample.

- (a) Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $X$ . Then  $A$  is closed if and only if it contains its boundary.

**True.** *Hint:* You have proved that  $A$  is closed if and only if  $A = \bar{A}$ . The equation  $\partial A = \bar{A} \setminus \text{Int}(A)$  implies that  $\bar{A} = \text{Int}(A) \cup \partial A$ . Use this to argue that  $A = \bar{A}$  if and only if  $A$  contains its boundary.

- (b) Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $X$ . Then  $\partial(\partial A) = \partial A$ .

**False.** For example, let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  with the Euclidean topology, and  $A = \mathbb{Q}$ . Then  $\partial \mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{R}$ , but  $\partial(\partial \mathbb{Q}) = \partial \mathbb{R} = \emptyset$ .