Intro to Topology Homework 6 - due Friday Mar 2.

(Note: all solutions, including examples, should be explained, unless stated otherwise.)

For (1) and (2), let (X, d) and (Y, e) be metric spaces and $f : X \to Y$. Continuous and sequentially continuous mean w.r.t. d and e. Given $x \in X$ and $U \subseteq X$, we say U is a *neighbourhood of* x iff there's an open $U' \subseteq U$ st $x \in U'$ (all w.r.t. d).

(1) Prove that f is continuous iff sequentially continuous.

(2) Let $x \in X$. Prove that

f is continuous at x

for all open neighbourhoods U of f(x), we have that

 $f^{-1}(U)$ contains a neighbourhood of x.

In the following, given a function $f: X \to Y$ and a family $\langle A_i \rangle_{i \in J}$ with each $A_i \subseteq Y$, we write e.g.

$$\bigcap_{i \in J} f^{-1}(A_i)$$

for the intersection

$$\bigcap_{i\in J} B_i,$$

where $\langle B_i \rangle_{i \in J}$ is the family with each $B_i = f^{-1}(A_i)$. We'll use notation like this from now on without specific mention.

(3) Prove the following two laws (i.e. prove that for all sets X, Y (no metrics involved), functions $f: X \to Y$, all sets J and families $\langle A_i \rangle_{i \in J}$ with $A_i \subseteq Y$ for each $i \in J$, and for all sets $A \subseteq Y$, the following equations hold):

$$f^{-1}(\bigcap_{i\in J} A_i) = \bigcap_{i\in J} f^{-1}(A_i).$$
$$f^{-1}(Y \setminus A) = X \setminus f^{-1}(A).$$

For each of the following 6 statements, either prove it in general or give a counter-example. If giving a counter-example, give a counter-example in which $f: X \to Y, (X, d), (Y, e)$ are metric spaces, and f is continuous (w.r.t. d and e):

$$f^{"} \bigcup_{i \in J} A_i \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in J} f^{"} A_i.$$
$$f^{"} \bigcap_{i \in J} A_i \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in J} f^{"} A_i.$$

$$\begin{split} &f``\bigcup_{i\in J}A_i\supseteq\bigcup_{i\in J}f``A_i.\\ &f``\bigcap_{i\in J}A_i\supseteq\bigcap_{i\in J}f``A_i.\\ &f``\bigcup_{i\in J}A_i=\bigcup_{i\in J}f``A_i.\\ &f``\bigcap_{i\in J}A_i=\bigcap_{i\in J}f``A_i. \end{split}$$