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In (a), (b), and (c) the sets can be expressed as

$$\prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i$$

where

(a) $A_i = \mathbb{Z}$

(b) $A_i = [i, \infty)$

(c) $A_i = \begin{cases} \mathbb{R} & \text{for } i < 100 \\ \mathbb{Z} & \text{for } i \geq 100 \end{cases}$

In (d) this is impossible as follows: the set contains $(0, 0, 0, 0, \dots)$ and $(0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, \dots)$, so A_2 and A_3 must each contain 0 and 1, but then the product must contain $(0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, \dots)$ which is a contradiction.

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$\emptyset \in \mathcal{T}_c$ since $X - \emptyset$ is all of X . $X \in \mathcal{T}_c$ since $X - X = \emptyset$ which is countable.

Let $\{U_\alpha\}$ be an indexed family of elements of \mathcal{T}_c . WLOG assume they are non-empty. $X - \bigcup U_\alpha = \bigcap (X - U_\alpha)$ which is an intersection of countable sets so it is countable. Thus arbitrary unions of elements of \mathcal{T}_c are in \mathcal{T}_c .

Let U_1, \dots, U_n be elements of \mathcal{T}_c . If any of them are empty then their intersection is also empty so it is in \mathcal{T}_c . Otherwise, $X - \bigcap U_i = \bigcup (X - U_i)$ is a finite union of countable sets so it is countable. Thus finite intersections of \mathcal{T}_c are in \mathcal{T}_c .

\mathcal{T}_∞ is not a topology on \mathbb{Z} because

$$\bigcup_{i \neq 0} \{i\}$$

is a union of elements in \mathcal{T}_∞ but its complement is $\{0\}$ which is finite, nonempty, and not all of \mathbb{Z} .

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(a) Each \mathcal{T}_α contains the empty set and the whole space since they are topologies so their intersection does too. Let $\{U_\alpha\}$ be an indexed family of elements in $\bigcap \mathcal{T}_\alpha$. Then each element of $\{U_\alpha\}$ is in each \mathcal{T}_α so arbitrary unions and finite intersections of them must also be in each \mathcal{T}_α and thus in $\bigcap \mathcal{T}_\alpha$ so $\bigcap \mathcal{T}_\alpha$ is a topology on X .

For a simple counterexample to $\bigcup \mathcal{T}_\alpha$ being a topology, consider $X = \{a, b, c\}$, $\mathcal{T}_a = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$, and $\mathcal{T}_b = \{X, \emptyset, \{b\}\}$. $\mathcal{T}_a \cup \mathcal{T}_b$ contains $\{a\}$ and $\{b\}$ but not their union.

(b) $\bigcup \mathcal{T}_\alpha$ contains X so it forms a subbasis for X . Let \mathcal{T}_3 be the topology generated by this subbasis. \mathcal{T}_3 contains $\bigcup \mathcal{T}_\alpha$. Any topology containing $\bigcup \mathcal{T}_\alpha$ must also contain all unions of finite intersections of those sets so it must contain \mathcal{T}_3 so \mathcal{T}_3 must be the smallest topology containing $\bigcup \mathcal{T}_\alpha$. $\bigcap \mathcal{T}_\alpha$ is the largest thing contained in all \mathcal{T}_α by definition and it is a topology by part (a).

(c) We follow part (b): $\mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2 = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a\}\}$ is a subbasis and the the topology generated by it, $\{X, \emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a\}, \{b\}\}$, is smallest

topology containing the union. $\mathcal{T}_1 \cap \mathcal{T}_2 = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$ is the largest topology contained in the intersection.

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Let \mathfrak{B}_i be the basis given in the text for \mathcal{T}_i . We will make some use of Lemma 13.3.

$\mathfrak{B}_1 \subset \mathfrak{B}_2$ so $\mathcal{T}_1 \subset \mathcal{T}_2$, but not the reverse since $0 \in (-1, 1) - K \in \mathfrak{B}_2$ but any element of \mathfrak{B}_1 containing 0 must also contain $1/n$ for some positive integer n . Let U be a nontrivial element of \mathcal{T}_3 . Its complement contains a finite set of points so they are ordered. Thus one can express it as a union of open intervals (some of them may be semi-infinite but these too can be expressed as a countable union of open intervals) so $\mathcal{T}_3 \subset \mathcal{T}_1$. If $x \in B \in \mathfrak{B}_2$, B is either of the form (a, b) or $(a, b) - K$. In either case, we can choose c to be the larger of x or the greatest number $1/n$ less than x (here $n \in \mathbb{N}$). Then $x \in (c, x] \in \mathfrak{B}_4$ so $\mathcal{T}_2 \subset \mathcal{T}_4$. However, $3 \in (2, 3] \in \mathfrak{B}_4$, but anything in \mathfrak{B}_2 containing 3 must also contain something greater so \mathcal{T}_4 is not contained in \mathcal{T}_2 . $1 \in \mathbb{R} - 0 \in \mathfrak{B}_3$ but any element of \mathfrak{B}_5 containing 1 must also contain 0 so \mathcal{T}_3 is not contained in \mathcal{T}_5 . $(-\infty, 0) \in \mathcal{T}_5$ is nonempty but has an infinite complement so it's not in \mathcal{T}_3 . Lastly, choose $y \in (-\infty, d) \in \mathfrak{B}_5$. Then $y \in (y - 1, d) \in \mathfrak{B}_1$ so $\mathcal{T}_5 \subset \mathcal{T}_1$.

Combining all of this information we see that \mathcal{T}_4 contains all 4 other topologies, \mathcal{T}_2 contains all but \mathcal{T}_4 , and \mathcal{T}_1 contains only \mathcal{T}_3 and \mathcal{T}_5 which don't contain any of the other topologies (since they are both contained in all of the other topologies but not each other).

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(a) Choose $x \in (a, b)$ where a and b are real. There exist rational numbers c and d such that $a < c < x < d < b$ so $x \in (c, d) \in \mathfrak{B}$ so this "new" topology contains the standard one. The reverse containment comes from the fact that \mathfrak{B} is contained in the standard basis.

(b) $\pi \in [\pi, 4)$ which is in the basis for the lower limit topology, but if q and r are rational, $[q, r)$ either isn't contained in $[\pi, 4)$ (if $q < \pi$) or it doesn't contain π (if $q > \pi$).