

Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  denote the set of all integers, and let  $\mathbb{P} = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, \dots\}$  denote the set of all prime numbers. In this homework assignment you will be guided through a topological proof of the well-known fact that there are infinitely many primes, i.e., that  $\mathbb{P}$  is an infinite set.

**Definition.** For any  $c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $d > 0$ , let  $AP_{c,d} = \{c + nd \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  be the infinite arithmetic progression with initial term  $c$  and common difference  $d$ . Define  $\mathcal{B} = \{AP_{c,d} \mid c, d \in \mathbb{Z}, d > 0\}$ .

Prove the following three lemmas.

**Lemma 1.** *The set  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for a topology on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .*

Let's consider  $\mathbb{Z}$  together with the topology generated by  $\mathcal{B}$ .

**Lemma 2.** *Every non-empty open set of  $\mathbb{Z}$  is infinite.*

**Lemma 3.** *For any  $c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $d > 0$ , the set  $AP_{c,d}$  is closed.*

Now consider  $X = \mathbb{Z} - \left( \bigcup_{p \in \mathbb{P}} AP_{0,p} \right)$ . What exactly is the set  $X$ ? Is  $X$  open?

From all this, deduce the following statement.

**Theorem 4.** *There are infinitely many primes.*