

# PMATH 367 Topology, Solutions to Assignment 2

- 1: Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  using the lower limit topology  $\mathcal{T}$ , generated by the sets of the form  $[a, b)$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$ , and let  $Y = \mathbb{R}$  using the topology  $\mathcal{S}$  generated by the sets of the form  $[a, b)$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$  with  $a < b$ . Let  $A = (0, \sqrt{2}) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 0 < x < \sqrt{2}\}$  and let  $B = (\sqrt{2}, 3) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid \sqrt{2} < x < 3\}$ . Find the closures  $\text{Cl}_X(A)$ ,  $\text{Cl}_X(B)$ ,  $\text{Cl}_Y(A)$  and  $\text{Cl}_Y(B)$ .

Solution: Let  $I = (r, s)$  where  $r, s \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $r < s$ . We claim that in  $X$ , we have  $\bar{I} = \text{Cl}_X I = [r, s)$ . For  $x < r$  (so  $x \notin I$ ) we have  $x \notin I'$  because for  $U = [x, \frac{x+r}{2})$  we have  $x \in U$  and  $(U \setminus \{x\}) \cap I = (\frac{x+r}{2}, \frac{x+r}{2}) \cap (r, s) = \emptyset$ . For  $x = r$  we have  $x \in I'$  because when  $x = r \in U = [a, b)$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$ , we have  $a \leq x = r < b$  so that  $(U \setminus \{x\}) \cap I \supseteq (r, b) \cap (r, s) \neq \emptyset$ . For  $r < x < s$  we have  $x \in I$ . Finally, for  $x \geq s$  (so  $x \notin I$ ) we have  $x \notin I'$  because for  $U = [x, x+1)$  we have  $x \in U$  and  $(U \setminus \{x\}) \cap I = (x, x+1) \cap (r, s) = \emptyset$ . Thus  $\bar{I} = I \cup I' = [r, s)$ , as claimed.

Again, let  $I = (r, s)$  where  $r, s \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $r < s$ . We claim that in  $Y$ , if  $s \in \mathbb{Q}$  then  $I' = \text{Cl}_Y I = [r, s)$  and if  $s \notin \mathbb{Q}$  then  $\bar{I} = \text{Cl}_Y I = [r, s]$ . For  $x < r$  (so  $x \notin I$ ) we have  $x \notin I'$  because we can choose  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$  with  $a \leq x < b < r$  and then for  $U = [a, b)$  we have  $x \in U$  and  $(U \setminus \{x\}) \cap I \subseteq [a, b) \cap (r, s) = \emptyset$ . For  $x = r$  we have  $x \in I'$  because when  $x \in U = [a, b)$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$  with  $a < b$ , we have  $a \leq x = r < b$  so that  $(U \setminus \{x\}) \cap I \supseteq (r, b) \cap (r, s) \neq \emptyset$ . For  $r < x < s$  we have  $x \in I$ . For  $x = s \in \mathbb{Q}$  (so  $x \notin I$ ) we have  $x \notin I'$  because for  $U = [s, s+1)$  we have  $x \in U$  and  $(U \setminus \{x\}) \cap I = (s, s+1) \cap (r, s) = \emptyset$ . For  $x = s \notin \mathbb{Q}$  we have  $x \in I'$  because when  $x \in U = [a, b)$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$  with  $a < b$ , we have  $a \leq x < b$  and  $a \neq x$  (since  $x = s \notin \mathbb{Q}$  and  $a \in \mathbb{Q}$ ) so that  $a < x < b$ , and hence  $(U \setminus \{x\}) \cap I = ([a, s) \cup (s, b)) \cap (r, s) \supseteq [a, s) \cap (r, s) \neq \emptyset$ . Finally, when  $x > s$  (so  $x \notin I$ ) we have  $x \notin I'$  because we can choose  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$  with  $s < a < x < b$  and then for  $U = [a, b)$  we have  $x \in U$  with  $(U \setminus \{x\}) \cap I \subseteq [a, b) \cap (r, s) = \emptyset$ . Thus, if  $s \in \mathbb{Q}$  we have  $\bar{I} = I \cup I' = [r, s)$ , and if  $s \notin \mathbb{Q}$  we have  $\bar{I} = I \cup I' = [r, s]$ , as claimed.

In particular,  $\text{Cl}_X(A) = [0, \sqrt{2})$ ,  $\text{Cl}_X(B) = [\sqrt{2}, 3)$ ,  $\text{Cl}_Y(A) = [0, \sqrt{2}]$  and  $\text{Cl}_Y(B) = [\sqrt{2}, 3]$ .

2: When  $X$  is an ordered set, the **dictionary order** on  $X^2 = X \times X$  is the order given by stipulating that

$$(a, b) < (c, d) \iff (a < c \text{ or } (a = c \text{ and } b < d)).$$

(a) Let  $I = [0, 1] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and let  $X = I^2$  using the order topology for the dictionary order. Find  $\bar{A} = \text{Cl}_X A$  where  $A = \{(x, 0) \mid 0 < x < 1\}$ .

Solution: Let  $p, q \in I$  so that  $(p, q) \in I^2 = X$ . When  $0 < p < 1$  and  $q = 0$  we have  $(p, q) \in A \subseteq \bar{A}$ .

Recall, from Question 2(b) on Assignment 1, that  $(p, q) \in \bar{A}$  if and only if for every basic open set  $B$  in  $X$  with  $(p, q) \in B$ , we have  $B \cap A \neq \emptyset$ .

When  $(p, q) = (0, 0)$  we have  $(p, q) \notin \bar{A}$  because  $(0, 0) = \min X$  so  $B = [(0, 0), (0, 1))_X = \{(0, y) \mid 0 \leq y < 1\}$  is a basic open set in  $X$  with  $(0, 0) \in B$  and with  $B \cap A = \emptyset$ .

When  $(p, q) = (1, 1)$  we have  $(p, q) \notin \bar{A}$  because  $(1, 1) = \max X$  so  $B = ((1, 0), (1, 1)]_X = \{(1, y) \mid 0 < y \leq 1\}$  is a basic open set in  $X$  with  $(1, 1) \in B$  and with  $B \cap A = \emptyset$ .

When  $(p, q) = (1, 0)$  we have  $(p, q) \in \bar{A}$  because every basic open set  $B$  in  $X$  with  $(1, 0) \in B$  contains an interval of the form  $J = ((a, b), (1, 0)]_X$  with  $a < 1$  and then  $(\frac{a+1}{2}, 0) \in J \cap A \subseteq B \cap A$ .

When  $0 \leq p \leq 1$  and  $0 < q < 1$  we have  $(p, q) \notin \bar{A}$  because the interval  $B = ((p, 0), (p, 1))_X$  is a basic open set with  $(p, q) \in B$  and  $B \cap A = \emptyset$ .

Finally, when  $0 \leq p < 1$  and  $q = 1$  we have  $(p, q) \in \bar{A}$  because every basic open set  $B$  in  $X$  with  $(p, 1) \in B$  contains an interval of the form  $J = [(p, 1), (c, d))$  with  $p < c$  and then  $(\frac{p+c}{2}, 0) \in J \cap A \subseteq B \cap A$ .

Thus we have  $\bar{A} = \{(p, 0) \mid 0 < p \leq 1\} \cup \{(p, 1) \mid 0 \leq p < 1\} = ((0, 1] \times \{0\}) \cup ([0, 1) \times \{1\})$ .

(b) Let  $I = [0, 1] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and let  $X = I^2 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ . Let  $\mathcal{T}_1$  be the order topology on  $X$  using the dictionary order, let  $\mathcal{T}_2$  be the product topology on  $X$  using the order topology on each copy of  $I$ , and let  $\mathcal{T}_3$  be the subspace topology that  $X$  inherits from  $Y = \mathbb{R}^2$  using the order topology for the dictionary order. For each  $k, \ell \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  with  $k < \ell$ , determine whether  $\mathcal{T}_k \subseteq \mathcal{T}_\ell$  and whether  $\mathcal{T}_\ell \subseteq \mathcal{T}_k$ .

Solution: We remark that  $\mathcal{T}_1$  is the topology used in Part (a) and  $\mathcal{T}_2$  is the standard topology on  $I^2$ .

$\mathcal{T}_1 \not\subseteq \mathcal{T}_2$ : for example, for  $a, b, c \in I$  with  $b < d$ , the interval  $B = ((a, b), (a, d))_{I^2} = \{(a, y) \mid b < y < d\}$  is a basic open set in  $\mathcal{T}_1$ , but  $B \notin \mathcal{T}_2$ .

$\mathcal{T}_2 \not\subseteq \mathcal{T}_1$ : for example, the rectangle  $R = [0, 1] \times [0, 1) = \{(x, y) \mid 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y < 1\}$  is a basic open set in  $\mathcal{T}_2$ , but  $R \notin \mathcal{T}_1$  because, for example,  $(1, 0) \in R$  and every basic open set  $B$  in  $\mathcal{T}_1$  with  $(1, 0) \in B$  contains an interval of the form  $J = ((a, b), (1, 0)]$  with  $a < 1$ , and then  $(\frac{a+1}{2}, 1) \in J$  so that  $J \not\subseteq R$  hence  $R \not\subseteq A$ .

$\mathcal{T}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_3$ : indeed, every basic open set in  $\mathcal{T}_1$  is a union of sets of the forms

$$\begin{aligned} \{a\} \times [0, d) &= \{(a, y) \mid 0 \leq y < d\} \text{ where } 0 \leq a \leq 1, 0 < d \leq 1 \\ \{a\} \times (c, 1] &= \{(a, y) \mid c < y \leq 1\} \text{ where } 0 \leq a \leq 1, 0 \leq c \leq 1 \\ \{a\} \times (c, d) &= \{(a, y) \mid c < y < d\} \text{ where } 0 \leq a \leq 1, 0 \leq c < d \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

and each of these is in  $\mathcal{T}_3$ .

$\mathcal{T}_3 \not\subseteq \mathcal{T}_1$ : for example, for the set  $U = \{1\} \times [0, 1] = \{(1, y) \mid 0 \leq y \leq 1\}$ , we have  $U \in \mathcal{T}_3$  (because  $U = V \cap X$  where  $V$  is the interval  $V = ((1, -2), (1, 2))_{\mathbb{R}^2} = \{(1, y) \mid -2 < y < 2\}$ , which is a basic open set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  using the order topology for the dictionary order), but  $U \notin \mathcal{T}_1$  because  $(1, 0) \in U$  and every basic open set  $B$  in  $\mathcal{T}_1$  with  $(1, 0) \in B$  contains an interval of the form  $J = ((a, b), (1, 0)]$  with  $a < 1$ , and then  $(\frac{a+1}{2}, 0) \in J$  so that  $J \not\subseteq U$  hence  $B \not\subseteq U$ .

$\mathcal{T}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_3$  for the same reason that  $\mathcal{T}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_3$ : every basic open set in  $\mathcal{T}_2$  is a union of sets of the above forms  $\{a\} \times [0, d)$ ,  $\{a\} \times (c, 1]$  and  $\{a\} \times (c, d)$  each of which is open in  $\mathcal{T}_3$ .

$\mathcal{T}_3 \not\subseteq \mathcal{T}_2$  for the same reason that  $\mathcal{T}_1 \not\subseteq \mathcal{T}_2$ : when  $a, b, c \in I$  with  $b < d$ , and  $B = \{(a, y) \mid b < y < d\}$  we have  $B \in \mathcal{T}_3$ , but  $B \notin \mathcal{T}_2$ .

**3:** Determine (with proof) which of the following statements are true for all topological spaces  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$ .

(a) If  $X$  is connected and  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $X$ , then  $X/\sim$  is connected.

Solution: This is true. Indeed, suppose that  $X$  is connected and let  $\sim$  be an equivalence relation on  $X$ . Let  $q : X \rightarrow X/\sim$  be the quotient map. Since  $X$  is connected and  $q$  is continuous, the image  $q(X) = X/\sim$  is connected (by Theorem 3.2).

(b) If  $a \in X$  then  $X$  is not homeomorphic to  $X \setminus \{a\}$ .

Solution: This is false. For example, if  $X = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , then  $X \setminus \{0\} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  is homeomorphic to  $X$ . Indeed the map  $f(x) = x + 1$  is a homeomorphism from  $X$  to  $X \setminus \{0\}$  with inverse  $g(u) = u - 1$ .

(c) If  $X \subseteq Z$  is closed in  $Z$ ,  $Y \subseteq Z$  and  $X \cong Y$  then  $Y$  is closed in  $Z$ .

Solution: This is false. For example, the  $x$ -axis is a closed subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and it is homeomorphic to the open interval  $(0, 1)$  along the  $x$ -axis in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , but this open interval is not closed in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (its not open in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  either).

(d) If  $\{\pm 1\}$  acts on  $\mathbb{C}$  by multiplication, then  $\mathbb{C}/\{\pm 1\} \cong \mathbb{C}$ .

Solution: This is true. Define  $f : \mathbb{C}/\sim \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by  $f([z]) = z^2$ , or in cartesian coordinates by  $f(x + iy) = (x^2 - y^2) + i(2xy)$ . Note that  $f$  is continuous by Theorem 2.19 because, letting  $q : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\sim$  be the quotient map, the map  $(f \circ q) : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is given by  $(f \circ q)(x) = f([z]) = z^2$  so that  $f \circ q$  is continuous. The inverse  $g : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\sim$  is given by  $g(w) = \sqrt{w}$  where  $\sqrt{w}$  denotes the set of square roots of  $w$  (so that for  $z, w \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $z^2 = w$  we have  $\sqrt{w} = \{\pm z\}$ ). In polar coordinates,  $g$  is given by  $g(re^{i\theta}) = \{\pm \sqrt{r}e^{i\theta/2}\}$ .

It is clear that  $f$  and  $g$  are inverses of one another, but it is not immediately clear from any of our theorems that  $g$  is continuous. To prove that  $g$  is continuous, let us express  $g$  in cartesian coordinates. For  $z = x + iy$  and  $w = u + iv$  we have

$$z^2 = w \iff (x^2 - y^2) + i(2xy) = u + iv \iff (x^2 - y^2 = u \text{ (1) and } 2xy = v \text{ (2)})$$

To solve this pair of equations for  $x$ , square both sides of (2) to get  $4x^2y^2 = v^2$ , then multiply both sides of (1) by  $4x^2$  to get  $4x^4 - 4x^2y^2 = 4x^2u$ , so we have  $4x^4 - v^2 = 4x^2u$ , which we can write as  $x^4 - ux^2 - \frac{1}{4}v^2 = 0$ . This is quadratic in  $x^2$ , and the quadratic formula gives  $x^2 = \frac{u \pm \sqrt{u^2 + v^2}}{2}$ . Since the left side is positive, we use the  $+$  sign to get  $x^2 = \frac{u + \sqrt{u^2 + v^2}}{2}$ , and hence  $x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{u^2 + v^2 + u}{2}}$ . A similar calculation gives  $y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{u^2 + v^2 - u}{2}}$ . Also note that in order to have  $2xy = v$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  must be of the same sign when  $v \geq 0$  and the opposite sign when  $v < 0$ . Thus the function  $g$  is given, in cartesian coordinates, by

$$g(u + iv) = \begin{cases} \left[ \sqrt{\frac{u^2 + v^2 + u}{2}} + i \sqrt{\frac{u^2 + v^2 - u}{2}} \right], & \text{if } v \geq 0 \\ \left[ \sqrt{\frac{u^2 + v^2 + u}{2}} - i \sqrt{\frac{u^2 + v^2 - u}{2}} \right], & \text{if } v \leq 0 \end{cases}.$$

Let  $A = \{u + iv \mid v \geq 0\}$  and  $B = \{u + iv \mid v \leq 0\}$ . Let  $g_1 : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $g_2 : B \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be the continuous maps given by  $g_1(u + iv) = \sqrt{\frac{u^2 + v^2 + u}{2}} + i \sqrt{\frac{u^2 + v^2 - u}{2}}$  and  $g_2(u + iv) = \sqrt{\frac{u^2 + v^2 + u}{2}} - i \sqrt{\frac{u^2 + v^2 - u}{2}}$ . Since the quotient map  $q$  is continuous, the maps  $q \circ g_1 : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\sim$  and  $q \circ g_2 : B \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\sim$  are continuous. Since  $\mathbb{C} = A \cup B$ , and  $A$  and  $B$  are closed in  $\mathbb{C}$ , and  $g$  is given by  $g(w) = (q \circ g_1)(w)$  when  $w \in A$  and by  $g(w) = (q \circ g_2)(w)$  when  $w \in B$ , it follows that  $g$  is continuous by Theorem 1.36 (The Glueing Lemma). We also remark that  $g$  is well-defined because when  $v = 0$  so that  $u + iv = u$ , for  $u \geq 0$  we have  $g_1(u) = \sqrt{u} = g_2(u)$  and for  $u \leq 0$  we have  $g_1(u) = -\sqrt{-u} = -g_2(u)$  so, in either case,  $[g_1(u)] = [g_2(u)]$ .

4: (a) The **open Möbius strip** is the quotient space  $\mathbb{M}^2 = ([0, 1] \times (0, 1)) / \sim$  where

$$(a, b) \sim (c, d) \iff \left( (a, b) = (c, d) \text{ or } (\{a, c\} = \{0, 1\} \text{ and } b + d = 1) \right).$$

A line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is determined by its equation  $ax + by + c = 0$  where  $(a, b) \neq (0, 0)$ , and two such equations determine the same line if and only if they differ by a non-zero scalar multiple, so we can identify the set of all lines with the quotient space  $X/\mathbb{R}^*$  where  $X = \{(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid (a, b) \neq (0, 0)\}$  and where the group of non-zero numbers  $\mathbb{R}^*$  acts by scalar multiplication. Show that  $X/\mathbb{R}^*$  is homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{M}^2$ .

Solution: The equivalence classes in  $X$  under the action of  $\mathbb{R}^*$  are the lines through the origin, excluding the origin (and excluding the  $z$ -axis). Each of these lines passes through the unit sphere at two antipodal points. Let  $H$  be the closed, punctured hemisphere

$$H = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{S}^2 \mid y \geq 0, z \neq \pm 1\} \subseteq X.$$

We have a homeomorphism  $f_1 : [0, 1] \times (0, 1) \rightarrow H$  given by

$$(x, y, z) = f_1(u, v) = \left( 2\sqrt{v - v^2} \cos(\pi u), 2\sqrt{v - v^2} \sin(\pi u), 2v - 1 \right).$$

with inverse  $g_1 = f_1^{-1} : H \rightarrow [0, 1] \times (0, 1)$  given by

$$(u, v) = g_1(x, y, z) = \left( \frac{1}{\pi} \cos^{-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}, \frac{z+1}{2} \right).$$

Let us use these maps to obtain a continuous map  $f : \mathbb{M}^2 \rightarrow X/\mathbb{R}^*$  with continuous inverse  $g : X/\mathbb{R}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{M}^2$ . Let  $p : X \rightarrow X/\mathbb{R}^*$  and  $q : [0, 1] \times (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}^2$  be the quotient maps. Let  $f_2 = p \circ f_1 : [0, 1] \times (0, 1) \rightarrow X/\mathbb{R}^*$ , which is continuous. Note that  $f_2$  is constant on equivalence classes in  $\mathbb{M}^2$  because

$$f_1(1, 1 - v) = (-2\sqrt{(1 - v) - (1 - v)^2}, 0, 2(1 - v) - 1) = (-2\sqrt{v - v^2}, 1 - 2v) = -f_1(0, v).$$

Since  $f_2$  is continuous and constant on equivalence classes, it induces the continuous map  $f : \mathbb{M}^2 \rightarrow X/\mathbb{R}^*$  given by  $f([x, y, z]) = f_2(x, y, z)$ , that is by

$$f([u, v]) = \left[ (2\sqrt{v - v^2} \cos(\pi u), 2\sqrt{v - v^2} \sin(\pi u), 2v - 1) \right].$$

For the inverse map, let  $A = \{(a, b, c) \in X \mid b \geq 0\}$  and  $B = \{(a, b, c) \in X \mid b \leq 0\}$ , and note that  $A$  and  $B$  are closed in  $X$  with  $X = A \cup B$ . Define continuous maps  $h : A \rightarrow H$  by  $h(w) = \frac{w}{\|w\|}$  and  $k : B \rightarrow H$  by  $k(w) = -\frac{w}{\|w\|}$ . These give continuous maps  $(q \circ g_1 \circ h) : A \rightarrow \mathbb{M}^2$  and  $(q \circ g_1 \circ k) : B \rightarrow \mathbb{M}^2$ . These maps agree on  $A \cap B$ , so they combine to give a continuous map  $g_2 : X \rightarrow \mathbb{M}^2$  given by  $g_2(w) = q(g_1(h(w))) = [g_1(\frac{w}{\|w\|})]$  when  $w \in A$ , and by  $g_2(w) = q(g_1(k(w))) = [g_1(-\frac{w}{\|w\|})]$  when  $w \in B$ . This map is constant on equivalence classes in  $X/\mathbb{R}^*$ , so it induces the continuous map  $g : X/\mathbb{R}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{M}^2$  given by  $g(w) = g_2([w])$ , that is by

$$g([a, b, c]) = \begin{cases} \left[ \frac{1}{\pi} \cos^{-1} \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}, \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{c}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \right) \right] & \text{if } b \geq 0 \\ \left[ \frac{1}{\pi} \cos^{-1} \frac{-b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}, \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{c}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \right) \right] & \text{if } b \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

(b) Let  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  be the vector space of  $n \times n$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{R}$  using its standard inner product given by  $\langle A, B \rangle = \text{trace}(B^T A)$ . The **special linear group** is the group  $SL_n(\mathbb{R}) = \{A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) \mid \det A = 1\}$ . Show that  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  is homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{R}^2$ .

Solution: The first row of a matrix in  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  lies in  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ , and we have  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\} \cong \mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{R}^1$  with a homeomorphism  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{R}^1$  given by  $f(a, b) = \left( \left( \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \right), \ln \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \right)$ . Given the first row  $(a, b)$  for a matrix in  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ , the second row  $(c, d)$  satisfies  $ad - bc = 1$ , so it lies on the line  $ay - bx = 1$  which is given parametrically by  $(x, y) = \left( \frac{-b}{a^2 + b^2}, \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} \right) + t(a, b)$ . Note that when  $(c, d) = \left( \frac{-b}{a^2 + b^2}, \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} \right) + t(a, b)$ , we have  $(c, d) \cdot (a, b) = (a^2 + b^2)t$  and so  $t = \frac{ac + bd}{a^2 + b^2}$ . We use this to obtain a homeomorphism  $g : SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{R}^2$  given by

$$g \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \left( \left( \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \right), \ln \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}, \frac{ac + bd}{a^2 + b^2} \right).$$

You can verify that the inverse  $h = g^{-1} : \mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  is given by

$$h((x, y), r, t) = \begin{pmatrix} xe^r & ye^r \\ txe^r - ye^{-r} & tye^r + xe^{-r} \end{pmatrix}.$$