

1. Let X be a metric space.

a) **Define:** “ $U \subset X$ is open”.

b) **Prove:** X is separable \iff there is a countable basis \mathcal{B} for the metric topology on X .

2. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a map between metric spaces.

a) **Define:** “ f is continuous” using the metric definition.

b) **Prove:** f is continuous $\iff f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$ whenever $x_n \rightarrow x$ is a convergent sequence in X .

3. Let X be an infinite set. The *Zariski topology* on X is defined by the collection of subsets

$$\mathcal{T} = \{U = X - A \mid A \subset X, A \text{ is finite}\} \cup \{\emptyset\}$$

a) Show that \mathcal{T} satisfies the axioms of a topology.

b) What is the closure of the set $A = \{1/n \mid n = 1, 2, \dots\}$ in the Zariski topology on \mathbb{R} ?

4. Let $K \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be a compact subset of the plane with the metric topology. Prove that there exists a point $\xi \in K$ so that ξ is the furthest point from the origin $(0, 0)$ in K . (“Furthest” means the maximum distance from. You may assume that compact implies sequentially compact.)

5. Let \mathcal{T} be a topology on a set X .

a) **Define:** “ (X, \mathcal{T}) is connected”.

b) Suppose that $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous onto map, where X and Y are topological spaces. Show that if X is connected, then Y is connected.

c) Suppose that (X, \mathcal{T}) is a connected topological space, and $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous map for the standard metric topology on \mathbb{R} . Prove that if there exists points $a, b \in X$ so that $f(a) < 0 < f(b)$, then there exists $c \in X$ such that $f(c) = 0$.

6. Show that a topological space X is *Hausdorff* if and only if the diagonal

$$\Delta(X) = \{(x, x) \mid x \in X\} \subset X \times X$$

is closed for the product topology. (Justify all of your claims!)