

**HOMEWORK**  
**MATH 445**

**11/7/14**

- (1) Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a topology for  $\mathbb{R}$  defined as follows:  $U \in \mathcal{T}$  iff, for each  $p \in U$  there is an open interval  $I_p$  such that  $p \in I_p$  and  $\mathbb{Q} \cap I_p \subseteq U$ . Is  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T})$  Hausdorff? is it regular?
- (2) Let  $X$  be second countable, and  $A \subseteq X$  an uncountable subset. Prove that  $A \cap A' \neq \emptyset$ . Give an example of a space  $X$  and an uncountable subset  $A \subseteq X$  such that  $A \cap A' = \emptyset$ .
- (3) Prove that every separable metric space is second countable. Find an example of a separable space which is not second countable.
- (4) Prove that every compact metric space is separable.
- (5) Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  be a sequence of points in the product space  $\prod X_\alpha$ . Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$  if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \pi_\alpha(x_n) = \pi_\alpha(x)$  for all  $\alpha$ .
- (6) Prove or disprove:  $\mathbb{R}^\omega$  is separable.
- (7) Let  $X$  be a compact Hausdorff space. Prove that  $X$  is metrizable if and only if  $X$  is second countable. What happens if “compact” is replaced by “locally compact”?

**10/10/14**

- (1) Let  $X$  be a compact Hausdorff topological space. Let  $A, B$  be disjoint closed subsets of  $X$ . Prove that there exist disjoint open sets  $U, V$  such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ .
- (2) Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  be continuous functions and let  $Y$  be Hausdorff. Prove that  $W = \{x \in X \mid f(x) = g(x)\}$  is closed.
- (3) Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous map and suppose  $X$  is compact. Prove  $f(X)$  is compact.
- (4) Prove that the following spaces are pairwise not homeomorphic:  $[0, 1]$ ,  $(0, 1)$ , and  $[0, 1)$ .
- (5) Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are connected, prove  $X \times Y$  is connected.
- (6) Consider the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Prove if they are connected or not.  
 $A = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ ,  $B = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}\}$ ,  $C = A \cup B$ ,  
 $D = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus A$ ,  $E = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus B$ .
- (7) Classify the letters  
 $\{A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z\}$   
up to homeomorphism, where each letter is given a topology by considering it as a subset in the plane.
- (8) Prove or disprove:  $GL_2(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mid ad - bc \neq 0 \right\}$  is connected.

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- (1) Prove that the following collections of spaces are pairwise homeomorphic:
- (a)  $(0, 1)$ ,  $(0, \infty)$ ,  $(a, b)$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(b)  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$ ,  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid (x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 \leq R^2\}$ ,  $\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1, z \geq 0\}$ .

(c)  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ ,  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid 1 < x^2 + y^2 < 4\}$ ,  $\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$ .

- (2) For each of the following equivalence relations  $\sim$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , identify the the quotient space  $\mathbb{R}^2 / \sim$  (it is homeomorphic to a familiar space).

(a)  $(x_1, y_1) \sim (x_2, y_2)$  if  $x_1^2 + y_1^2 = x_2^2 + y_2^2$ .

(b)  $(x_1, y_1) \sim (x_2, y_2)$  if  $(x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ .

- (3) Let  $GL_2^+(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mid ad - bc > 0 \right\}$  with the topology induced by considering  $GL_2^+(\mathbb{R})$  and a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Prove that  $GL_2^+(\mathbb{R}) \cong S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^3$ . Hint: show that for each such matrix there exists a unique  $\theta$ ,  $p > 0$ ,  $r > 0$ , and  $q$  such that
- $$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ 0 & r \end{pmatrix}$$

- (4) Prove that the following are equivalent for a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ :
- (a)  $f$  is a continuous function.
  - (b) For all  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $f(\overline{A}) \subseteq \overline{f(A)}$ .
  - (c) For all  $B \subseteq Y$ ,  $\overline{f^{-1}(B)} \subseteq f^{-1}(\overline{B})$ .
  - (d) For every closed  $B \subseteq Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is closed in  $X$ .
  - (e) For every  $x \in X$  and every open set  $V \subseteq Y$  such that  $f(x) \in V$ , there is an open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .
- (5) (a) Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are closed subsets of  $X$  such that  $X = A \cup B$ . Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a function such that  $f|_A$  and  $f|_B$  are both continuous. Prove that  $f$  is continuous.
- (b) Suppose  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and for every  $x \in X$ , there exists an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f|_U$  is continuous. Prove that  $f$  is continuous.
- (6) Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are Hausdorff. Prove  $X \times Y$  is Hausdorff.
- (7) Suppose  $X$  is  $T_1$  and  $A \subseteq X$ . Prove that  $A'$  is closed.

**8/27/14**

- (1) Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_X)$ ,  $(Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$ , and  $(Z, \mathcal{T}_Z)$  be topological spaces. Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  be continuous functions. Prove that  $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$  is continuous.
- (2) Let  $X$  be a set and let  $\mathcal{T}_{cofin} = \{A \subseteq X \mid |X \setminus A| < \infty\} \cup \{\emptyset\}$ . Prove that  $\mathcal{T}_{cofin}$  is a topology on  $X$ .
- (3) Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{(a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}, a < b\}$ . Show that  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for the standard topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- (4) Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a basis for a topology on  $X$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  a basis for a topology on  $Y$ . Prove that  $\{A \times B \mid A \in \mathcal{A}, B \in \mathcal{B}\}$  is a basis for the product topology on  $X \times Y$ .
- (5) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces. Prove that the projections  $\pi_X: X \times Y \rightarrow X$  and  $\pi_Y: X \times Y \rightarrow Y$  defined by  $\pi_X((x, y)) = x$  and  $\pi_Y((x, y)) = y$  are continuous with respect to the product topology on  $X \times Y$ . Furthermore, prove that  $\pi_X$  and  $\pi_Y$  are *open maps*, that is for every open  $U \subset X \times Y$ ,  $\pi_X(U)$  and  $\pi_Y(U)$  are open.
- (6) Let  $X$  be a topological space and let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$  with the subspace topology. Let  $\iota: A \rightarrow X$  be the inclusion map, that is  $\iota(a) = a$ .
  - (a) Prove  $\iota$  is continuous.
  - (b) Given another topological space  $Y$  and a function  $f: Y \rightarrow A$ , prove that  $f$  is continuous if and only if  $\iota \circ f$  is continuous.
  - (c) If  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous, prove that the restriction  $g|_A: A \rightarrow Y$  is continuous.