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**Warm-up questions**

(These warm-up questions are optional, and won't be graded.)

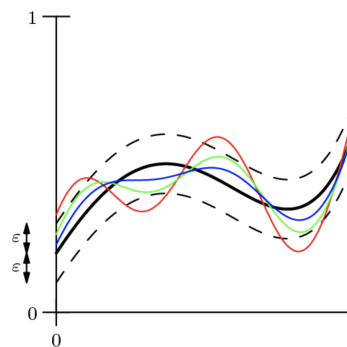
**1. (Real analysis review).**

- Show that addition, subtraction, and multiplication are continuous functions  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (with the standard topologies). Show that the quotient operation is a continuous function  $\mathbb{R} \times (\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .
- Let  $f, g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous functions. Conclude that the functions  $(f + g)$ ,  $(f - g)$  and  $(f \cdot g)$  are continuous. If  $g(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x \in X$ , conclude that the function  $f/g$  is continuous.

2. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space, and let  $Y \subseteq X$  be a subset. Show that the restriction  $d|_{Y \times Y}$  of  $d$  to  $Y \times Y \subseteq X \times X$  defines a metric on  $Y$ . Conclude that any subset of a metric space inherits a metric space structure.

3. Let  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of functions from a topological space  $X$  to a metric space  $Y$ . See Assignment Problem # 3 for the definitions of pointwise and uniform convergence.

- Show that uniform convergence implies pointwise convergence.
- Use the following picture of functions  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$ ,  $f_3$ , and  $f_\infty$  to explain the concept of uniform convergence of functions  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and how it differs from pointwise convergence.



- Let  $X$  be a set. Recall that the *discrete metric* on  $X$  is the metric  $d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & x = y \\ 1, & x \neq y \end{cases}$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Show that this metric induces the discrete topology on  $X$ .
  - Consider  $\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Show that the usual Euclidean metric on  $\mathbb{N}$  induces the discrete topology.
  - Consider  $A = \{\frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Show that the Euclidean metric on  $A$  induces the discrete topology.
  - For a metric space  $(X, d)$ , consider the set  $S_d = \{d(x, y) \mid x, y \in X\}$ . Conclude that it is possible to have two equivalent metrics  $d$  and  $\tilde{d}$  where  $S_d$  is bounded above and  $S_{\tilde{d}}$  is not; and similarly it is possible to have two equivalent metrics  $d$  and  $\tilde{d}$  where  $S_d$  is bounded below and  $S_{\tilde{d}}$  is not.
- In class we proved that the box topology on  $\mathbb{R}^\omega$  is not metrizable. Explain where our proof would fail for the product topology on  $\mathbb{R}^\omega$  (which is, in fact, metrizable).
- Let  $X$  be a topological space,  $A$  a set, and  $p : X \rightarrow A$  a surjective map. Recall that we defined the *quotient topology* on  $A$  to be the  $\mathcal{T} = \{U \subseteq A \mid p^{-1}(U) \text{ is open in } X\}$ . Verify that  $\mathcal{T}$  is in fact a topology.
- Verify that the composite of quotient maps is a quotient map.
- Show that any quotient space of a discrete topological space has the discrete topology, and that any quotient space of an indiscrete topological space has the indiscrete topology.

9. (a) Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous surjective map of topological spaces. Show that if  $f$  is either open or closed, then  $f$  is a quotient map. We will see in Assignment Problem #4 part (b) that the converse statements do not hold.
- (b) Give an example of a map  $X \rightarrow Y$  of topological spaces that is open but not closed, and an example of map that is closed but not open.
10. Consider the following functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to the set  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ . For each function, find the quotient topology on  $X$  induced by the function.

$$f_1 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{a, b, c\} \qquad f_2 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{a, b, c\} \qquad f_3 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{a, b, c\}$$

$$f_1(x) = \begin{cases} a, & x \in (-\infty, 0) \\ b, & x = 0, \\ c, & x \in (0, \infty) \end{cases} \qquad f_2(x) = \begin{cases} a, & x = 0 \\ b, & x = 1 \\ c, & x \neq 0, 1 \end{cases} \qquad f_3(x) = \begin{cases} a, & x \in (-\infty, 0) \\ b, & x = [0, 1) \\ c, & x \in [1, \infty) \end{cases}$$

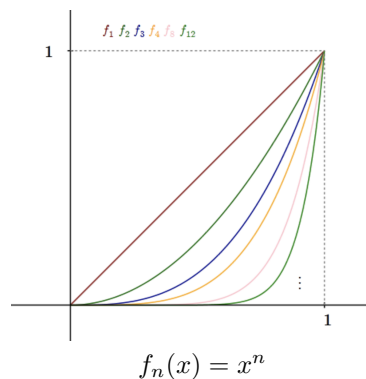
## Assignment questions

(Hand these questions in! Unless otherwise indicated, give a complete, rigorous justification for each solution.)

- Let  $(\mathbf{x}_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of points in the product space  $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$ .
  - Show that  $(\mathbf{x}_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to a point  $\mathbf{x}_\infty \in \prod_{i \in I} X_i$  in the product topology if and only if, for every  $i \in I$ , the sequence  $(\pi_i(\mathbf{x}_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $X_i$  converges to the point  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}_\infty)$  in  $X_i$ .
  - Prove or disprove the same statement for the box topology on  $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$ .
- Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space, and let  $Y \subseteq X$  be a subset. In Warm-Up Problem #2 (which you should check but do not need to write up), we saw that the restriction  $d|_{Y \times Y}$  of  $d$  to points in  $Y$  defines a metric on  $Y$ . There are now two ways we can define a topology on  $Y$ : as the topology induced by the restriction of the metric  $d$  to  $Y$ , or as a subspace of  $X$  with the topology induced by  $d$ . Verify that these two topologies are equal.
- Definition (Pointwise and Uniform Convergence).** Let  $X$  be a topological space, and  $(Y, d)$  a metric space. Let  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of functions  $f_n : X \rightarrow Y$ .
  - Then the sequence  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  *converges at a point*  $x \in X$  if the sequence  $(f_n(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of points in  $Y$  converges.
  - The sequence  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  *converges pointwise* to a function  $f_\infty : X \rightarrow Y$  if for every point  $x \in X$  the sequence  $(f_n(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of points in  $Y$  converges to the point  $f_\infty(x) \in Y$ .
  - The sequence  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  *converges uniformly* to a function  $f_\infty : X \rightarrow Y$  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $d(f_n(x), f_\infty(x)) < \epsilon$  for every  $n \geq N$  and  $x \in X$ .

In other words, if the sequence  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges pointwise to  $f_\infty$ , then for each  $\epsilon > 0$  the choice of  $N$  may depend on the point  $x \in X$ . To converge uniformly to  $f_\infty$ , there must exist a choice of  $N$  that is independent of the point  $x$ .

- Let  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of **continuous** functions from a topological space  $X$  to a metric space  $Y$ . Suppose that this sequence converges uniformly to a function  $f_\infty : X \rightarrow Y$ . Show that  $f_\infty$  is continuous.
- Consider the sequence of functions  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  from  $[0, 1]$  to  $[0, 1]$  (with the usual metric) defined by  $f_n(x) = x^n$ . Show that this sequence converges pointwise, but conclude from part (a) that it does not converge uniformly.



- (c) **Definition (The uniform metric on  $\mathbb{R}^I$ ).** Given an index set  $I$ , define the *uniform metric* on  $\mathbb{R}^I$  as follows. For points  $\mathbf{a} = (a_i)_{i \in I}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = (b_i)_{i \in I}$ , let

$$d(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = \sup_{i \in I} \left\{ \min\{|a_i - b_i|, 1\} \right\}.$$

(You do not need to verify that this is a metric). The topology induced by  $d$  is called the *uniform topology*.

Prove that the uniform topology is finer than (or equal to) the product topology, and coarser than (or equal to) the box topology on  $\mathbb{R}^I$ .

- (d) Consider a sequence  $f_n : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of functions from a topological space  $X$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . We can view these functions as elements of the product space  $\mathbb{R}^X$ . Prove that the sequence  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges uniformly if and only if it converges as a sequence of elements in  $\mathbb{R}^X$  with the uniform topology.
4. (a) Let  $X$  be a topological space. Let  $p : X \rightarrow Y$  be a surjective map to a set  $Y$ , and endow  $Y$  with the quotient topology induced by  $p$ . Show that  $C \subseteq Y$  is closed in  $Y$  if and only if  $p^{-1}(C)$  is closed in  $X$ .
- (b) Let  $\pi_1 : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be projection onto the first factor. Consider the restriction  $\pi_1|_A$  of  $\pi_1$  onto the subspace  $A = \{(x, y) \mid x \geq 0 \text{ and/or } y = 0\}$ . Show that  $\pi_1|_A$  is a quotient map, but that it is neither open nor closed.
- (c) Let  $p : X \rightarrow Y$  be a quotient map of topological spaces. Show by example that the restriction of  $p$  to a subspace  $A \subseteq X$  need not give a quotient map from  $A$  to  $p(A)$ .
- (d) Prove the following result.

**Theorem (Restrictions of quotient maps).** Let  $p : X \rightarrow Y$  be a quotient map of topological spaces. If  $A \subseteq X$  is an open subset that is saturated with respect to  $p$ , then the restriction of  $p$  to  $A$  defines a quotient map from  $A$  to  $p(A)$ .

*Remark:* A similar argument shows that, if  $A$  is closed, then  $p|_A$  is a quotient map.

5. Consider the topology on  $\mathbb{R}$  generated by the basis

$$\{(a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{(a, b) \setminus K \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}, \quad K = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.$$

This is called the *K-topology* on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $Y$  be the quotient space obtained from  $\mathbb{R}$  by identifying all elements of  $K$  to a single point, and let  $p : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow Y$  be the quotient map.

- (a) Show that  $Y$  is a  $T_1$ -space, but isn't Hausdorff. Conclude in particular from Homework 5 Problem #3 that the diagonal is not closed in  $Y \times Y$ .
- (b) Show that the product map  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow Y \times Y$  is not a quotient map.

This exercise shows that the product of quotient maps need not be a quotient map.

## 6. Bonus (Optional).

**Definition (Topological group).** A *topological group* is a topological space that is also a group, such that the multiplication and inversion maps are continuous:

$$\begin{array}{ll} G \times G \rightarrow G & G \rightarrow G \\ (g, h) \mapsto gh & g \mapsto g^{-1}. \end{array}$$

- (a) Prove that any open subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is also closed.
- (b) Suppose  $H \subseteq G$  is a subgroup. Show that its topological closure  $\overline{H}$  is also a subgroup.
- (c) Suppose that  $H \subseteq G$  is a normal subgroup. Show that the quotient topology on the quotient group  $G/H$  makes it a topological group.
- (d) Show that  $G/H$  is Hausdorff if and only if  $H$  is closed.