

1. Each of the following statements is either true or false. If the statement holds in general, write “True”. Otherwise, write “False”. **No justification necessary.**
  - (a) Given a set  $X$ , there exists a set of strictly larger cardinality.
  - (b) The set of all finite subsets of  $\mathbb{Q}$  is countable.
  - (c) The set of all finite topological spaces (up to homeomorphism) is countable.
  - (d) The set  $\{U \subseteq \mathbb{R} \mid U \text{ is infinite}\} \cup \{\emptyset\}$  is a topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ .
  - (e) Consider  $[0, 2]$  as a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}$  with the standard topology. The subset  $(1, 2] \subseteq [0, 2]$  is open.
  - (f) Consider  $[0, 2]$  as a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}$  with the standard topology. Then  $(0, 1) \cup \{2\} \subseteq [0, 2]$  is open.
  - (g) Let  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a map from a space  $X$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  (with the standard topology). Then  $f$  is continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(B_r(x))$  is open for every **rational** numbers  $x, r \in \mathbb{Q}, r > 0$ .
  - (h) Let  $X$  be a space with the property that points  $\{x\}$  are **open**. Then  $X$  is a  $T_1$ -space.
  - (i) The Cartesian product of two quotient maps is a quotient map.
  - (j) The composite of two quotient maps is a quotient map.
  - (k) The set  $\{a, b, c, d\}$  with the topology  $\{\emptyset, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, c, d\}\}$  is connected.
2. Each of the following statements is either true or false. If the statement holds in general, write “True”. Otherwise, state a counterexample. **No justification necessary.**

Note: You can get partial credit for correctly writing “False” without a counterexample.

- (i) Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function of sets  $X$  and  $Y$ . If there is a function  $g$  so that  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow X$  is the identity map of  $X$ , then  $f$  is invertible.
- (ii) Let  $X$  be a topological space, and  $S \subseteq X$  be a subset with no limit points. Then  $S$  is closed.
- (iii) Let  $X$  be a topological space, and  $C \subseteq X$  a closed set. The inclusion map  $C \rightarrow X$  is a closed map.
- (iv) Let  $A$  be a subset of a metric space  $(X, d)$ . Then any element of  $\partial A$  must be both a limit point of  $A$ , and a limit point of  $X \setminus A$ .
- (v) Let  $X$  be a topological space, and  $S \subseteq X$ . Then  $\partial S = \partial(\overline{S})$ .
- (vi) Let  $X$  be a topological space, and  $S \subseteq X$ . Then  $\overline{S} = X \setminus \text{Int}(X \setminus S)$ .
- (vii) If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $\text{Int}(A) \subseteq \text{Int}(B)$
- (viii) If  $A \subseteq B$ , then all limit points of  $A$  are also limit points of  $B$ .
- (ix) If  $\text{Int}(A) = \text{Int}(B)$  and  $\overline{A} = \overline{B}$ , then  $A = B$ .
- (x) If  $\text{Int}(A) = \overline{A}$ , then  $A$  is both open and closed.
- (xi) Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space, and let  $x, y$  be **distinct** points in  $X$ . Let  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be the sequence  $x y x y x y x y \cdots$ . Then  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  does not converge.
- (xii) If a sequence of points  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in a topological space  $X$  converges to a point  $a_\infty$ , then  $a_\infty$  is a limit point of the set  $\{a_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .
- (xiii) Suppose  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence in a topological space, and that  $x$  is a limit point of the set  $\{a_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Then there is some subsequence converging to  $x$ .
- (xiv) There is no sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$  (with the standard topology) with the property that, for any  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , there is some subsequence converging to  $r$ .
- (xv) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be metric spaces, and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  a continuous function. If  $B \subseteq X$  is bounded, then  $f(B)$  is bounded.
- (xvi) Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be continuous function. If  $X$  is Hausdorff, then  $f(X)$  is Hausdorff.

- (xvii) Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous map. Then the restriction of  $f$  to any subspace of  $X$  is continuous (with respect to the subspace topology).
- (xviii) Let  $(f_n : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of continuous functions that converge pointwise to a function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . If  $f$  is continuous, then the functions must converge uniformly.
- (xix) An injective quotient map is necessarily a homeomorphism.
- (xx) Let  $p : X \rightarrow A$  be a quotient map. If  $X$  is a  $T_1$ -space, then  $A$  is a  $T_1$ -space.
- (xxi) If  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is a connected topological space, and  $\mathcal{T}'$  is a coarser topology on  $X$ , then  $(X, \mathcal{T}')$  is also connected.
- (xxii) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty subsets of a topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$ . If  $A$  and  $B$  are connected and  $A \cap B$  is nonempty, then  $A \cup B$  is connected.
3. Let  $X$  be a set, and suppose that  $\mathcal{T}_1$  and  $\mathcal{T}_2$  are two topologies on  $X$ .
- Show that the intersection  $\mathcal{T}_1 \cap \mathcal{T}_2$  is a topology on  $X$ .
  - Show by example that the union  $\mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2$  need not be a topology on  $X$ .
4. Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space, and let  $S \subseteq X$  be a subset. Show that  $\partial(\partial S) = \partial S$  if and only if  $\partial S$  has empty interior.
5. Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space, and let  $S \subseteq X$  be a subset. Suppose that the subspace topology on  $S$  is the discrete topology. Prove or give a counterexample:  $S$  is closed as a subset of  $X$ .
6. Consider the following functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .
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| • $f(x) = x$ | • $f(x) = x^2$     | • $f(x) = x + 1$ |
| • $f(x) = 0$ | • $f(x) = \cos(x)$ | • $f(x) = -x$    |

Determine whether these functions are continuous ...

- ... when  $\mathbb{R}$  has the topology  $\mathcal{T} = \{(a, \infty) \mid a \in \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{\emptyset\} \cup \{\mathbb{R}\}$ .
  - ... when  $\mathbb{R}$  has the cofinite topology.
  - ... when  $\mathbb{R}$  has the cocountable topology.
  - ... when  $\mathbb{R}$  has the topology  $\mathcal{T} = \{\mathbb{R}\} \cup \{U \subseteq \mathbb{R} \mid 0 \notin U\}$ .
  - ... when  $\mathbb{R}$  has the topology  $\mathcal{T} = \{\emptyset\} \cup \{U \subseteq \mathbb{R} \mid 0 \in U\}$ .
7. Consider the set  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with the topology
- $$\mathcal{T} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, b, c, d\}\}.$$
- Write down a permutation of the elements of  $X$  that is not continuous.
  - Is there a nonconstant, nonidentity map  $X \rightarrow X$  that is continuous?
  - Is there a non-identity permutation of the elements of  $X$  that is a homeomorphism?
  - Let  $[0, 1]$  be the closed interval with the standard topology. Is there a non-constant continuous map  $[0, 1] \rightarrow X$ ?
  - Is there a non-constant continuous map  $X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ ?
8. Prove the following propositions.
- A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  of topological space is *continuous at the point*  $x \in X$  if for every neighbourhood  $U$  of  $f(x)$ , there is a neighbourhood  $V$  of  $x$  such that  $f(V) \subseteq U$ .

**Proposition.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  of topological spaces is continuous if and only if it is continuous at every point  $x \in X$ .

- (b) **Proposition.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function of topological spaces. Then  $f$  is continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(\text{Int}(B)) \subseteq \text{Int}(f^{-1}(B))$  for every  $B \subseteq Y$ .
- (c) **Proposition.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function of topological spaces, and let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a subbasis for  $Y$ . Then  $f$  is continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(U)$  is open for every subbasis element  $U \subseteq \mathcal{S}$ .

9. Let  $\{0, 1\}$  be a topological space with the discrete topology. Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $A \subseteq X$  a subset. Define the *characteristic function on  $A$*

$$\chi_A : X \longrightarrow \{0, 1\}$$

$$\chi_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \in A \\ 0, & x \notin A \end{cases}$$

- (a) Prove that  $\chi_A$  is continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if and only if  $x \notin \partial A$ .
- (b) Prove that  $\chi_A$  is continuous if and only if  $A$  is both open and closed.
10. You proved on Homework #6 that if  $X = A \cup B$  for closed sets  $A$  and  $B$ , and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a function whose restriction to  $A$  and  $B$  are both continuous, then  $f$  is continuous. Prove or disprove that the same statement holds if  $X$  is a union of (possibly infinitely many) closed sets  $A_i$ , with  $f|_{A_i}$  continuous for each  $i$ .
11. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space, and let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a basis for the topology  $\mathcal{T}_d$  induced by  $d$ .
- (a) Let  $S \subseteq X$  be a subset, and  $s \in S$ . Show that  $s$  is an interior point of  $S$  if and only if there is some element  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $s \in B$  and  $B \subseteq S$ .
- (b) Deduce that  $\text{Int}(S) = \bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{B}, B \subseteq S} B$ .
12. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function of topological spaces. Prove that  $f$  is open if and only if  $f(\text{Int}(A)) \subseteq \text{Int}(f(A))$  for all sets  $A \subseteq X$ .
13. (a) Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_X)$  be a Hausdorff topological space, and let  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  be a finite collection of points in  $X$ . Show that there are open sets  $U_1, \dots, U_n$  such that  $x_i \in U_i$ , and which are pairwise disjoint (this means  $U_i \cap U_j = \emptyset$  for all  $i \neq j$ ).
- (b) Let  $X$  be a finite topological space. Prove if  $X$  is Hausdorff, then it has the discrete topology.
14. Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be a nonempty bounded subset. Prove that its supremum  $\sup(A)$  is either in the set  $A$ , or it is a limit point of  $A$ .
15. Let  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of points in a topological space  $X$  that converges to  $a_\infty \in X$ .
- (a) Prove that, if we replace the topology on  $X$  with any coarser topology, then the sequence  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  will still converge to  $a_\infty$ .
- (b) Show by example that, if we replace the topology on  $X$  with any finer topology, then the sequence  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  may no longer converge to  $a_\infty$ .
16. Let  $X$  be a metric space, and let  $a_\infty \in X$ . Let  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $X$  with the property that every subsequence of  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  has a subsequence that converges to  $a_\infty$ . Prove that  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $a_\infty$ .
17. Let  $X$  be a topological space  $A \subseteq X$ , and  $h : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a continuous function. Suppose there is a constant  $c$  such that  $h(x) \leq c$  for all  $x \in A$ . Prove that  $h(x) \leq c$  for all  $x \in \overline{A}$ .
18. Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  are nonempty topological spaces, and that the product topology on  $X \times Y$  is Hausdorff. Prove that  $X$  and  $Y$  are both Hausdorff.

19. (a) Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_X)$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$  be topological spaces, and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function. Recall that the *graph* of  $f$  is defined to be the subset of  $X \times Y$

$$\{ (x, f(x)) \in X \times Y \mid x \in X \}.$$

Suppose that  $Y$  is Hausdorff. Show that, if  $f$  is continuous, then the graph of  $f$  is a closed subset of  $X \times Y$  with respect to the subspace topology  $\mathcal{T}_{X \times Y}$ .

- (b) Show by example that, if  $Y$  is not Hausdorff, the graph of a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  need not be closed.
20. Let  $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$  be continuous maps between topological spaces. Show that if  $Y$  is Hausdorff, then the set  $S = \{x \in X \mid f(x) = g(x)\}$  is closed.
21. (a) Let  $S \subseteq X$  be a subset of a topological space  $X$ . Explain why, to show that  $S$  is closed, it suffices to show that  $S$  is the preimage of a closed set under a continuous function.

- (b) Show that the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (with the usual topology) are closed:

$$\{(x, y) \mid xy = 1\} \quad S^1 = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1\} \quad D^2 = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$$

22. Let  $X$  be a topological space.

- (a) Suppose that  $X$  is Hausdorff. Let  $x \in X$ . Show that the intersection of all open sets containing  $x$  is equal to  $\{x\}$ .
- (b) Show that the converse statement does not hold. Specifically, suppose  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is a infinite set with the cofinite topology. Show that  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is not Hausdorff, but for any  $x \in X$  the intersection of all open sets containing  $x$  is equal to  $\{x\}$ .

23. Let  $\mathbb{R}^\omega = \prod_{\mathbb{N}} \mathbb{R}$  (so an element of  $\mathbb{R}^\omega$  is precisely a sequence  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of real numbers.) Fix sequences  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $(b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  with  $a_n \neq 0$  for all  $n$ . Define

$$h : \mathbb{R}^\omega \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^\omega \\ (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) \longmapsto (a_1x_1 + b_1, a_2x_2 + b_2, a_3x_3 + b_3, \dots)$$

Determine whether  $h$  is a homeomorphism if its domain and codomain are given the product topology, and if they are given the box topology.

24. Find an explicit homeomorphism between the intervals  $(0, 1)$  and  $(1, \infty)$  with the Euclidean metric.
25. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Show that the function  $D(x, y) = \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)}$  defines a new metric on  $X$ .
26. Let  $f_n : X \rightarrow Y$  be a sequence of functions from a topological space  $X$  to a metric space  $(Y, d)$ . Let  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of points in  $X$  converging to  $x_\infty$ .
- (a) Show that, if the sequence  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges uniformly to a function  $f_\infty$ , then the sequence  $(f_n(x_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $f_\infty(x_\infty)$ .
- (b) Show that this conclusion need not hold if the sequence of functions  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  only converges pointwise to  $f_\infty$ .

27. Consider the sequence of functions  $f_n : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  defined by the equations  $f_n(x) = \begin{cases} nx, & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{n} \\ 1, & \frac{1}{n} \leq x \leq 1. \end{cases}$
- (a) Show that this sequence  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges pointwise to the constant function  $f(x) = 1$ .
- (b) Show that this sequence does not converge uniformly.
- (c) Conclude that, even when a sequence of continuous functions converges pointwise to a continuous function, the convergence need not be uniform.

28. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Fix  $x_0 \in X$  and  $r > 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- Show that the closure of the open ball  $B_r(x_0)$  is contained in  $\{x \mid d(x_0, x) \leq r\}$ .
  - Give an example of a metric space where the closure is always equal to this set.
  - Give an example of a metric space  $X$  and a ball  $B_r(x_0)$  whose closure is a strict subset of  $\{x \mid d(x_0, x) \leq r\}$ .
  - Show that the set  $\{x \mid d(x_0, x) \leq r\}$  is closed in any metric space.
29. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space, and let  $S \subseteq X$  be a **finite** subset of  $X$ . Prove that  $S \dots$
- is closed.
  - is bounded.
  - has no limit points.
  - Show that  $S$  may or may not have empty interior  $\overset{\circ}{S} = \emptyset$ .

30. Given an index set  $I$ , define metrics on  $\mathbb{R}^I$  as follows. For points  $\mathbf{x} = (x_i)_{i \in I}$  and  $\mathbf{y} = (y_i)_{i \in I}$ , recall that we defined the uniform metric by

$$d_U(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sup_{i \in I} \left\{ \min\{|x_i - y_i|, 1\} \right\}.$$

Moreover, when  $I = \mathbb{N}$ , define a new metric let

$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \left\{ \frac{\min\{|x_i - y_i|, 1\}}{i} \right\}.$$

- Verify that the uniform metric  $d_U$  is in fact a metric. We proved that this metric induces the uniform topology on  $\mathbb{R}^I$ .
  - Suppose  $I = \mathbb{N}$ . Verify that  $d$  is a metric.
  - Show that  $d$  induces the product topology on  $\mathbb{R}^\omega$ .
31. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Show that the map  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous with respect to the product topology on  $X$  and the standard topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Show moreover that the topology on  $X$  induced by  $d$  is the coarsest topology making  $d$  continuous.
32. Show that metrizable is a topological property. In other words, show that, if  $X$  and  $Y$  are homeomorphic topological spaces, then  $X$  is metrizable if and only if  $Y$  is.
33. Let  $X$  be a finite set (of, say,  $n$  elements), and let  $d$  be a metric on  $X$ . What is the topology  $\mathcal{T}_d$  on  $X$  induced by  $d$ ? Show in particular that this topology will be the same for every possible metric  $d$ .
34. We proved in class that, if  $d$  and  $\tilde{d}$  are two metrics on a set  $X$ , then  $d$  and  $\tilde{d}$  are topologically equivalent if they satisfy the following condition: For each  $x \in X$ , there exist positive constants  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  such that for every  $y \in X$ ,

$$\alpha d(x, y) \leq \tilde{d}(x, y) \leq \beta d(x, y).$$

(Note that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  depend on  $x$  but are independent of  $y$ .) Show that the converse of this statement fails: find a set  $X$  and equivalent metrics  $d$  and  $\tilde{d}$  on  $X$  that fail this condition.

35. Let  $(X, d_X)$  and  $(Y, d_Y)$  be metric spaces. Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a function that preserves distances in the sense that

$$d_Y(f(x_1), f(x_2)) = d_X(x_1, x_2) \quad \text{for all } x_1, x_2 \in X.$$

Show that  $f$  is continuous, and is an embedding of topological spaces. Such maps are called *isometric embeddings*.

36. Let  $J$  be an uncountable index set, and consider the product  $\mathbb{R}^J$  with the product topology associated to the standard topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ . In this question, we will show that this product is Hausdorff but not metrizable. Define the subset  $A = \{(x_j)_{j \in J} \mid x_j = 1 \text{ for all but finitely many } j \in J\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^J$ . Let  $\mathbf{0}$  denote the element  $(0)_{j \in J} \in \mathbb{R}^J$  that is constant 0 in every component.

- (a) Consider an arbitrary basis element  $U = \prod_{j \in J} U_j$  for the product topology on  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $\mathbf{0} \in U$ . Explain why  $U$  contains an element of  $A$ . Conclude that  $\mathbf{0} \in \overline{A}$ .
- (b) Let  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of points  $a_n = (a_{n,j})_{j \in J} \in A$ . Explain why there is an index  $j \in J$  such that  $a_{n,j} = 1$  for every  $n$ . *Hint:  $J$  is uncountable.*
- (c) Construct a neighbourhood  $V = \prod_{j \in J} V_j$  of  $\mathbf{0}$  that does not contain  $a_n$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Deduce that the sequence  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  does not converge to  $\mathbf{0}$ .
- (d) Conclude that the product  $\mathbb{R}^J$  is Hausdorff, but not metrizable.
37. Let  $X$  be a topological space, and  $X^*$  a quotient space of  $X$ . Show that  $X^*$  is a  $T_1$ -space if and only if every equivalence class in  $X^*$  is closed as a subset of  $X$ .
38. Let  $\pi_1 : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the projection onto the first factor. Show that the restriction of  $\pi_1$  to the subset

$$\{(x, y) \mid xy = 1\} \cup \{(0, 0)\}$$

is continuous and surjective, but is not a quotient map.

39. Let  $p : X \rightarrow Y$  be a quotient map of topological spaces, and  $A \subseteq X$  a subset. Show that, if  $p$  is an open map, then the restriction of  $p$  to  $A$  is also a quotient map.
40. Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  be the subspace  $\{(x, n) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, x \in [0, 1]\}$  consisting of the horizontal line  $[0, 1] \times \{n\}$  for each natural number  $n$ . Let  $Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  be the subspace  $\{(x, \frac{x}{n}) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, x \in [0, 1]\}$  consisting of the line of slope  $\frac{1}{n}$  through the origin for each natural number  $n$ . Define a map  $g : X \rightarrow Y$  by  $g(x, n) = (x, \frac{x}{n})$ .
- (a) Verify that  $g$  is continuous and surjective.
- (b) Determine whether  $g$  is a quotient map.
41. Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $Y \subseteq X$ . Show that a separation of  $Y$  is precisely a pair of disjoint nonempty set  $A, B \subseteq Y$  whose union is  $Y$ , such that neither set contains a limit point of the other.
42. Let  $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of connected subsets of a space  $X$ . Suppose that  $A_n \cap A_{n+1} \neq \emptyset$  for each  $n$ . Show that the union  $\bigcup_n A_n$  is connected.
43. Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space. Let  $\{A_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a family of connected subspaces in  $X$  such that  $A_{n+1} \subseteq A_n$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Is  $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$  necessarily connected?
44. Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space, and let  $A, B \subseteq X$ . Suppose  $A \cup B$  and  $A \cap B$  are connected. Prove that if  $A$  and  $B$  are both closed or both open, then  $A$  and  $B$  are connected.
45. **Definition (Adherent sets).** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_X)$  be a topological space, and let  $A, B \subseteq X$ . Then  $A$  and  $B$  are called *adherent* if

$$(A \cap \overline{B}) \cup (\overline{A} \cap B) \neq \emptyset.$$

- (a) Give examples of disjoint adherent subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  (with the Euclidean metric).
- (b) Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_X)$  be a topological space and  $A, B, C \subseteq X$ . Prove or give a counterexample: if  $A$  and  $B$  are adherent, and  $B$  and  $C$  are adherent, then  $A$  and  $C$  are adherent.
- (c) Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_X)$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$  be topological spaces, and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous map. Prove that, if  $A$  and  $B$  are adherent subsets of  $X$ , then  $f(A)$  and  $f(B)$  are adherent subsets of  $Y$ .
- (d) Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_X)$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$  be Hausdorff topological spaces. Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  has the property that, whenever  $A$  and  $B$  are adherent subsets of  $X$ , then  $f(A)$  and  $f(B)$  are adherent subsets of  $Y$ . Prove that  $f$  is continuous.