

This worksheet contains a number of review problems to practice for the final. Students are **not** responsible for knowing any new definitions or results introduced on this handout. Correspondingly, you may **not** quote these results on the final without proof.

1. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space, and let  $A$  be a set. Let  $f : A \rightarrow X$  be an injective function. Prove that the function  $f$  allows us to define a metric  $D$  on  $A$ , given by  $D(a, b) = d(f(a), f(b))$ .
2. Let  $X$  be a metric space, and  $A \subseteq X$ . Prove that  $\bar{A} = \left\{ x \in X \mid \inf_{a \in A} d(x, a) = 0 \right\}$ .
3. Let  $X$  be a metric space.
  - (a) Show that the union of a finite number of balls in  $X$  is bounded.
  - (b) Show that the union of a finite number of bounded subsets of  $X$  is bounded.
4. Let  $X$  be a set and let  $p \in X$ . Prove that  $\mathcal{T} = \{X\} \cup \{U \subseteq X \mid p \notin U\}$  is a topology on  $X$ .
5. Show that a topological space  $X$  has the discrete topology if and only if its singleton sets  $\{x\}$  are open.
6. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous function of topological spaces. Show that, if  $S \subseteq X$  is sequentially compact, then  $f(S) \subseteq Y$  is sequentially compact.
7. Let  $X$  be a topological space with basis  $\mathcal{B}$ , and let  $S$  be a subset of  $X$ . Prove that the set  $\mathcal{B}_S = \{S \cap B \mid B \in \mathcal{B}\}$  is a basis for the subspace topology on  $S$ .
8. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space, and  $S \subseteq X$  a subset. We now have two ways of defining a topology on  $S$ : we can restrict the metric  $d$  from  $X$  to  $S$ , and take the induced topology. Or, we can take the topology induced by  $d$  on  $X$ , and give  $S$  the subspace topology. Verify that these two topologies on  $S$  agree, so there is no ambiguity in how it should be topologized.
9. Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space and let  $A \subseteq B \subseteq X$ . Prove that the subspace topology on  $A$  (as a subset of  $X$ ) is the same as the subspace topology on  $A$  as a subset of  $B$  (with the subspace topology  $\mathcal{T}_B$ ).
10. Let  $X$  be a topological space with the indiscrete topology.
  - (a) Describe all closed subsets of  $X$ .
  - (b) Suppose  $X$  contains more than one point. Show that  $X$  is not metrizable.
  - (c) Show that  $X$  is compact.
  - (d) Show that  $X$  is path-connected and connected.
  - (e) Show that any sequence in  $X$  converges to every point of  $X$ . Conclude in particular that  $X$  is sequentially compact.
  - (f) Let  $A \subsetneq X$  be a proper subset. Show that the interior of  $A$  is  $\emptyset$ .
  - (g) Let  $A \subseteq X$  be a nonempty subset. Show that the closure of  $A$  is  $X$ .
  - (h) Let  $A \subseteq X$  be subset of  $X$ . When is it true that every point of  $X$  is an accumulation point of  $A$ ? When is it true that every point of  $X \setminus A$  is an accumulation point of  $A$ ?
11. Recall that Sierpiński space  $\mathbb{S}$  is the set  $\mathbb{S} = \{0, 1\}$  with the topology  $\{\emptyset, \{0\}, \{0, 1\}\}$ .

- (a) Show that  $\mathbb{S}$  is not Hausdorff.
- (b) Show that every continuous function  $\mathbb{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (with the standard topology) is constant.
- (c) There are 4 possible functions  $\mathbb{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$ . Determine which of these maps are continuous, and which are not continuous. Which are homeomorphisms?
- (d) Show that  $\mathbb{S}$  is path-connected and connected.
- (e) Show that  $\mathbb{S}$  and all of its subsets are compact.
- (f) Show that every sequence in  $\mathbb{S}$  converges to 1. Under what conditions will a sequence converge to 0?
- (g) Find all possible bases for  $\mathbb{S}$ .
- (h) Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space. Show that  $U \subseteq X$  is open if and only if the following map is continuous.

$$\chi_U : X \longrightarrow \mathbb{S}$$

$$\chi_U(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \in U \\ 1, & x \notin U. \end{cases}$$

12. Let  $A, B$  be subsets of a topological space  $X$ . Show that  $\text{Int}(A) \cup \text{Int}(B) \subseteq \text{Int}(A \cup B)$ , but that equality may not hold in general.

13. Consider the following topologies on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

- The topology induced by the Euclidean metric
- $\mathcal{T} = \{\mathbb{R}, \emptyset\}$
- $\mathcal{T} = \{\mathbb{R}, (0, 1), \emptyset\}$
- $\mathcal{T} = \{\mathbb{R}, \{0, 1\}, \{0\}, \{1\}, \emptyset\}$
- $\mathcal{T} = \{A \mid A \subseteq \mathbb{R}\}$
- $\mathcal{T} = \{A \mid A \subseteq \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R} \setminus A \text{ is finite}\} \cup \{\emptyset\}$
- $\mathcal{T} = \{A \mid A \text{ is a union of intervals of the form } [a, b] \text{ for } a, b \in \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{\emptyset\}$
- $\mathcal{T} = \{(-\infty, a) \mid a \in \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{\emptyset\} \cup \{\mathbb{R}\}$
- $\mathcal{T} = \{(a, \infty) \mid a \in \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{\emptyset\} \cup \{\mathbb{R}\}$
- $\mathcal{T} = \{A \mid A \subseteq \mathbb{R}, 0 \in A\} \cup \{\emptyset\}$
- $\mathcal{T} = \{A \mid A \subseteq \mathbb{R}, 0 \notin A\} \cup \{\mathbb{R}\}$
- $\mathcal{T} = \{A \mid A \subseteq \mathbb{R}, 1 \in A\} \cup \{\emptyset\}$

- (a) For each topology, think about what convergence means for a sequence of real numbers. Write down some sequences and determine which (if any) real numbers they converge to.
- (b) Write down some subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ . For each topology, determine each subset's interior, closure, boundary, and accumulation points.
- (c) Write down some subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ . For each topology, determine whether the subset is  $T_1$ , Hausdorff, compact, connected, or path-connected.
14. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function of topological spaces. Suppose that  $X$  can be written as a union of **open** subsets  $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$ . Suppose moreover that for each  $i \in I$ , the restriction  $f|_{U_i} : U_i \rightarrow Y$  of  $f$  to  $U_i$  is continuous with respect to the subspace topology on  $U_i$ . Show that  $f$  is continuous.
15. Let  $f, g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous functions.
- (a) Show that the set  $\{x \in X \mid f(x) \leq g(x)\}$  is closed.

(b) Show that the “minimum” function  $m(x)$  is continuous:

$$m : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$m(x) = \min\{f(x), g(x)\}.$$

16. Let  $X$  be a topological space with basis  $\mathcal{B}$ .

(a) Let  $U \subseteq X$ . Show that  $U$  is open if and only if, for each  $u \in U$ , there is some  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $u \in B \subseteq U$ .

(b) Let  $A \subseteq X$ . Show that  $a \in \text{Int}(A)$  if and only if there is some  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $a \in B \subseteq A$ .

17. (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 product topology  $\mathcal{T}_{X \times Y}$ .

(b) Find a counterexample when  $Y$  is not Hausdorff.

18. Let  $A \subseteq X$  and  $B \subseteq Y$  be subsets of topological spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Show that  $\overline{A \times B} = \overline{A} \times \overline{B}$  as subsets of  $X \times Y$  with the product topology.

19. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Hausdorff topological spaces. Prove that the product  $X \times Y$  (with the product topology) is Hausdorff.

20. Let  $X, Y, Z$  be topological spaces, and endow  $X \times Y$  with the product topology. Let  $f$  be a function  $f : Z \rightarrow X \times Y$ , so  $f$  has the form

$$f : Z \rightarrow X \times Y$$

$$f(z) = (f_X(z), f_Y(z))$$

for coordinate functions  $f_X : Z \rightarrow X$  and  $f_Y : Z \rightarrow Y$ . Show that  $f$  is continuous if and only if its coordinate functions  $f_X$  and  $f_Y$  are continuous.

21. **Definition (Continuity in each variable).** Let  $X, Y, Z$  be topological spaces, and  $X \times Y$  the topological space with the product topology. Let  $F : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  be a function. Then  $F$  is *continuous in each variable separately* if for each  $y_0 \in Y$ , and for each  $x_0 \in X$ , the following maps are continuous.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \longrightarrow & Z & & Y & \longrightarrow & Z \\ x & \longmapsto & F(x, y_0) & & y & \longmapsto & F(x_0, y). \end{array}$$

(a) Show that, if  $F$  is continuous, then it is continuous in each variable.

(b) Show that the converse is false. *Hint:* Consider the function  $F : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$F(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0), \end{cases}$$

and use the following result from real analysis.

**Lemma.** Let  $F : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function, and fix a point  $(x_0, y_0)$  in  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ . If  $F$  is continuous at  $(x_0, y_0)$ , then for any parameterized line

$$x(t) = x_0 + at, \quad y(t) = y_0 + bt \quad (a, b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ any constants}),$$

the limit  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} F(x(t), y(t))$  exists and equals  $F(x_0, y_0)$ .

22. Let  $X$  be a topological space.
- Suppose that  $X$  is Hausdorff. Let  $x \in X$ . Show that the intersection of all open sets containing  $x$  is equal to  $\{x\}$ .
  - Show that the converse statement does not hold. *Hint:* Consider  $(\mathbb{R}, \text{cofinite})$ .
23. Let  $X$  be a topological space, and let  $A, B \subseteq X$ . Then  $A$  and  $B$  form a separation of  $X$  if and only if they are disjoint nonempty sets such that  $A \cup B = X$  and  $\overline{A} \cap B = A \cap \overline{B} = \emptyset$ .
24. Let  $X$  be a topological space, and let  $\{C_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a (nonempty) collection of connected subsets of  $X$ . Suppose that, for some fixed  $j \in I$ , the intersection  $C_i \cap C_j \neq \emptyset$  for all  $i \in I$ . Prove that  $\bigcup_{i \in I} C_i$  is connected.
25. Let  $X$  be a topological space.
- Suppose that  $X = U \cup V$  is a separation of  $X$ . Prove or disprove:  $U$  and  $V$  is a union of connected components of  $X$ .
  - Suppose that  $X = U \cup V$  is a decomposition of  $X$  into two nonempty disjoint subsets, each of which is a union of connected components of  $X$ . Prove or disprove:  $U$  and  $V$  are a separation of  $X$ .
26. **Definition (Totally disconnected space).** A topological space  $X$  is called *totally disconnected* if its connected components are all singletons  $\{x\}$ .
- Let  $X$  be a topological space with the discrete topology. Show that  $X$  is totally disconnected.
  - Find an example of a topological space  $X$  that is totally disconnected, but not discrete.
27. Determine whether the set  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \mathbb{Q}^2$  is connected or path-connected.
28. Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_X)$  be a compact topological space, and let  $(Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$  be a Hausdorff topological space. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous map. Show that  $f$  is a *closed map*, that is,  $f(C) \subseteq Y$  is closed whenever  $C \subseteq X$  is closed.
29. **Definition (Dense subsets; nowhere dense subsets).** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space. A subset  $A \subseteq X$  is called *dense* if  $\overline{A} = X$ . The subset  $A$  is called *nowhere dense* if the interior of  $\overline{A}$  is empty.
- Give an example of a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  that is dense, and a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  that is nowhere dense. Give an example of a set that is neither. Can a set be both dense and nowhere dense?
  - Let  $A$  be a dense subset of a space  $X$ . Show that any open subset  $U \subseteq X$  satisfies  $\overline{U \cap A} = \overline{U}$ .
  - Show that a subset  $A \subseteq X$  of a space  $X$  is nowhere dense if and only if  $X \setminus \overline{A}$  is a dense open subset of  $X$ .

- (d) Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous function of topological spaces, and let  $A \subseteq X$  be a dense subset. Suppose that  $Y$  is Hausdorff. Explain why a continuous map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is completely determined by its values on  $A$ .
30. (a) Let  $X$  be a topological space, and  $A \subseteq X$ . Show that, if  $A$  has no accumulation points, then  $A$  is closed.
- (b) Prove the following.

**Theorem.** Let  $X$  be a topological space. If  $X$  is compact, then every infinite subset  $S$  of  $X$  has an accumulation point.

*Hint:* First show that  $\{(X \setminus S) \cup \{s\}\}_{s \in S}$  is an open cover of  $X$ .

31. Let  $K = \{\frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Let  $\mathbb{R}_K$  denote the set  $\mathbb{R}$  with the topology defined by the basis

$$\mathcal{B} = \{(a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{(a, b) \setminus ((a, b) \cap K) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\},$$

called the  $K$ -topology. The space  $\mathbb{R}_K$  is a useful source of counterexamples in point-set topology.

- (a) Verify that  $\mathcal{B}$  really is a basis, so it generates a well-defined topology.
- (b) Explain why any set that is open in the standard topology on  $\mathbb{R}$  is also open in  $\mathbb{R}_K$ . This is the statement that the topology on  $\mathbb{R}_K$  is *finer* than the topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- (c) Show that  $\mathbb{R}_K$  is Hausdorff (and therefore also  $T_1$ ).
- (d) Show that the set  $K$  is closed in  $\mathbb{R}_K$ .
- (e) What are the limits of the sequence  $(\frac{1}{n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $\mathbb{R}_K$ ?
- (f) What are the accumulation points of the set  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}_K$ ?
- (g) Prove that  $[0, 1] \subseteq \mathbb{R}_K$  is not compact. *Hint:* Problem 30.