

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 $\overline{A} = \left\{ x \in X \mid \inf_{a \in A} d(x, a) = 0 \right\}$.
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 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 .
7. 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 ?
8. 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.

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

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

9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.

12. 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:

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

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

13. 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 $a \in B \subseteq A$.

14. 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.

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

16. **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.

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

- (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 $F(x_0, y_0)$.

17. 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. *Hint:* Consider $(\mathbb{R}, \text{cofinite})$.
18. 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 $\overline{A} \cap B = A \cap \overline{B} = \emptyset$.
19. 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.
20. Let X be a topological space.
- (a) 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 .
- (b) 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 .
21. **Definition (Totally disconnected space).** A topological space X is called *totally disconnected* if its connected components are all singletons $\{x\}$.
- (a) Let X be a topological space with the discrete topology. Show that X is totally disconnected.

- (b) Find an example of a topological space X that is totally disconnected, but not discrete.
22. Determine whether the set $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \mathbb{Q}^2$ is connected or path-connected.
23. 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.
24. **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.
- (a) 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?
- (b) Let A be a dense subset of a space X . Show that any open subset $U \subseteq X$ satisfies $\overline{U \cap A} = \overline{U}$.
- (c) 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 .
25. 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 limit point compact, and therefore not compact.