

TMA 4230 – PROBLEMS, 2015

Problem 1: Let (X, d_X) and (Y, d_Y) be two metric spaces. Then a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called a homeomorphism if it is a continuous bijection with a continuous inverse f^{-1} . In this case one says that (X, d_X) and (Y, d_Y) are homeomorphic.

(a) Suppose a, b are finite real numbers. Show that $(0, 1)$ is homeomorphic to (a, b) .

(b) Show that \mathbb{R} is homeomorphic to $(0, 1)$.

(c) Give an example that shows that completeness is not preserved under a homeomorphism.

(d) Show that the notion of a Cauchy sequence is not a topological property.

Problem 2: Let X be the set with two points, $\{a, b\}$, with the indiscrete topology. Given an example of a sequence that does not have a unique limit.

Problem 3: Let X be a topological space and S a subset of X . Show that

$$\overline{S} = S \cup \{\text{limit points}\}.$$

Furthermore, show that if a sequence $(x_i)_i$ in S converges in X , then its limit is actually in the closure of S .

Problem 4: Let ℓ^1 be the space of absolutely convergent sequences (x_i) , i.e. $\|(x_i)\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_i| < \infty$. We define $e_n = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots)$ to be the sequence which is 1 in the n -th coordinate and 0 elsewhere. Show that the set $\{e_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is bounded but that it is not totally bounded in ℓ^1 .

Problem 5: Let $[a, b]$ be a closed interval in \mathbb{R} . Show using the definition of compactness in terms of open covers that $[a, b]$ is compact.

Problem 6: Let X be a topological space and S a subset of X . Show the following statements:

(a) If X is compact and S is closed in X , then S is compact.

(b) If X is Hausdorff and S is compact, then S is closed in X .

Problem 7: Prove the following assertions:

(a) Let f be a continuous mapping between two topological spaces X and Y . If X is compact, then $f(X)$ is compact in Y .

(b) Let f be continuous mapping between a compact space and \mathbb{R} . Then $f(X)$ is contained in some interval $[a, b]$ for finite reals a, b .

(c) Compactness is a topological property.

Problem 8: The **Cantor set** \mathcal{C} is defined as $\mathcal{C} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$, where I_{n+1} is constructed by trisecting I_n and removing the middle third, I_0 being the closed interval $[0, 1]$. Show that \mathcal{C} has the following properties:

(a) \mathcal{C} is non-empty and uncountable.

(b) \mathcal{C} is closed and its complement is dense.

Problem 9: Let X be the normed space $(C[0, 1], \|\cdot\|_1)$, where $C[0, 1]$ is the set of all real-valued continuous functions on $[0, 1]$ and $\|f\|_1 = \int_0^1 |f(t)| dt$. Show that $(C[0, 1], \|\cdot\|_1)$ is not complete.

Problem 10: (One-point compactification)

Let X be a Hausdorff space. Then the *one-point compactification* of X is the space $Y = X \cup \{y_0\}$ for some point y_0 not in X with the following open sets:

(\bullet) $U \subset X \subset Y$ for any open set $U \subset X$, (\bullet) $\{y_0\} \cup (X \setminus K)$ for any compact set K of X .

- (a) Show that Y with the above mentioned open sets is a topological space.
- (b) Show that Y is compact.
- (c) Show that Y is Hausdorff if and only if X is locally compact. Recall: A topological space X is called *locally compact* at a point $x \in X$, if x has a compact neighborhood, and X is called locally compact if it is locally compact at every point.

Problem 11: Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and A a subset of X . Show that (A, d) is complete if and only if A is closed in X with respect to the metric topology.

Problem 12: (Completions of metric spaces) A completion of a metric space (X, d) is a complete metric space (\tilde{X}, \tilde{d}) and an isometry $i : X \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ such that the image $i(X)$ is dense in \tilde{X} .

Show the following assertions, which will demonstrate that each metric space has a unique completion:

- (a) Consider the set of all Cauchy sequences in X . We define two Cauchy sequences $x = (x_k)_k$ and $y = (y_k)_k$ to be equivalent, if $d(x, y)$ converges to 0. Show that this defines an equivalence relation.
- (b) Let \tilde{X} be the set of equivalence classes on the set of Cauchy sequences. Denote by $[x]$ the equivalence class of $[x = (x_k)]$. Define a metric on \tilde{X} by $\tilde{d}([x], [y]) := \lim_k d(x_k, y_k)$. Show that \tilde{d} is well-defined and a metric on \tilde{X} .
- (c) Show that there is an isometry $i : X \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ such that $i(X)$ is dense in \tilde{X} .
- (d) Suppose a metric space (X, d) has two completions, (\tilde{X}, \tilde{d}) and (\hat{X}, \hat{d}) , i.e. there exist isometries $i : X \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ and $j : X \rightarrow \hat{X}$. Show that there exists a unique bijective isometry $k : \hat{X} \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ such that $k \circ i = j$.

Problem 13: Show that the set of bounded sequences ℓ^∞ with the sup-norm $\|x\|_{\ell^\infty} = \sup_k |x_k|$ is a Banach space and that it is not separable.

Problem 14: Let f be a real-valued function on a vector space X . Assume that f satisfies (i) $f(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in X$, and (ii) $f(\lambda x) = |\lambda|f(x)$ for $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. Show:

- (a) If f is convex, then the triangle inequality is satisfied and $x \mapsto f(x)$ defines a norm on X .
- (b) If the sublevel set $\{x \in X : f(x) \leq 1\}$ is convex, then f is a norm on V .

Problem 15: Suppose (X, d) is a complete metric space.

- (1) If a set in X is a countable intersection of open sets, then one calls it a G_δ -set. Make sure that you understand that all open sets are G_δ -sets, but not all G_δ -sets are open.
- (2) Suppose $(G_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ is a sequences of dense G_δ -sets in X . Then $\cap_{n=1}^\infty G_n$ is also a dense G_δ -set.

Problem 16: Show that for a function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ the points of continuity of f form a G_δ -set. Use the following notion: For any open interval I in \mathbb{R} , let the *oscillation* of f

over I be given by

$$\text{osc}_I(f) := \sup\{|f(x) - f(y)| : [x, y] \subset I\}.$$

Try to understand why this definition makes sense and then consider a sequence of positive real numbers $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and define sets

$$U_n = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \text{There exists an open interval } I \text{ in } \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } x \in I \text{ \& } \text{osc}_I(f) < \varepsilon_n\}.$$

Problem 17: Define a function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $f(x) = 0$ for all non-zero x not in \mathbb{Q} , $f(0) = 1$ and $f(x) = 1/q$ for all non-zero x in \mathbb{Q} where $x = p/q$ is written in lowest terms.

(a) Show that the previous result on the set of continuity points applied to the function f implies that $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ is a G_δ -set.

(b) Show that there exists no function that has \mathbb{Q} as the set of points of continuity.

Problem 18: (Some variations on Banach-Steinhaus) Let X and Y be Banach spaces and $(T_n)_n$ a sequence in $\mathcal{B}(X, Y)$. Suppose that $\lim_n T_n x$ exists for each $x \in X$. Show that

(a) $\sup_n \|T_n\| < \infty$.

(b) Define the operator $Tx := \lim_n T_n x$ for all $x \in X$. Then T is a bounded linear operator.

Problem 19: Let X and Y be Banach spaces and $(T_n)_n$ a sequence in $\mathcal{B}(X, Y)$. Show that the set $V = \{x \in X : \lim T_n x \text{ exists}\}$ is a closed linear subspace of X .

Problem 20: Let f be a function from $[0, 1]$ to $[0, 1]$ with closed graph. Show that f is continuous on $[0, 1]$.

Problem 21: Let X be a Banach space that contains a dense subspace V which is a G_δ -set. Show that $V = X$.

Problem 22: Let X and Y be Banach spaces. Show that any bounded open map between X and Y may be written as $T = T_0 \circ Q$, where Q is the quotient map from X onto $X/\ker(T)$ and T_0 is an isomorphism between $X/\ker(T)$ and Y .

Problem 23: Find a sequence $a = (a_n)_n$ in ℓ^∞ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|c - c^{(n)}\|_\infty = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{k > n} |c_k| \neq 0,$$

where $c^{(n)} = (c_1, \dots, c_n, 0, 0, \dots)$.

Problem 24: Let X and Y be normed spaces and T a bounded operator from X to Y . Show that $T^{**}(x) = T(x)$ for all $x \in X$.