

1. Let  $X$  be a Hausdorff space. Show that  $\{x\}$  is closed for all  $x \in X$  and that  $A'$  is closed for every  $A \subset X$ . Show that in any topological space, the derived set  $A'$  of a closed set  $A$  is closed.
2. Let  $X$  be an uncountable set. Show that the family  $\tau$  consisting of the emptyset and all subsets of  $X$  with countable complement is a topology on  $X$ . Fix  $x \in X$  and let  $Y = X \setminus \{x\}$ . Show that  $Y$  is dense in  $X$  but no sequence in  $Y$  converges to  $x$ . Is the space  $(X, \tau)$  metrizable? Identify the convergent sequences in  $X$  and the continuous functions  $X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .
3. The diagonal of a set  $Y$  is the set  $\Delta_Y = \{(x, y) \in Y \times Y : x = y\}$ . Show that a topological space  $Y$  is Hausdorff if and only if  $\Delta_Y$  is closed in  $Y \times Y$ . Deduce or otherwise show that if  $f, g: X \rightarrow Y$  are continuous functions from a space  $X$  to a Hausdorff space  $Y$ , then  $\{x \in X : f(x) = g(x)\}$  is closed in  $X$ ; in particular, if  $f$  and  $g$  agree on a dense subset of  $X$ , then  $f = g$  on  $X$ .
4. (a) Show that a space with a countable base is separable and that every separable *metric* space has a countable base. Deduce that a subspace of a separable metric space is separable.  
(b) Prove that the family of all half-open intervals  $[a, b)$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  is a base for a topology  $\tau$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $X = (\mathbb{R}, \tau)$ . Show that  $X$  is separable but has no countable base. Show that  $X \times X$  with the product topology is separable. Identify the subspace topology on  $Y = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x+y=0\}$ . Is  $Y$  separable?
5. Let  $X$  be a topological space. Show that the set  $C(X) = \{f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f \text{ is continuous}\}$  is a linear subspace of the real vector space of all functions  $X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Show that if  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly on  $X$  and  $f_n \in C(X)$  for all  $n$ , then  $f \in C(X)$ . Deduce that  $C_b(X) = C(X) \cap \ell_\infty(X)$  is complete in the uniform metric.
6. Let  $X$  be a topological space,  $R$  be an equivalence relation on  $X$  and  $q: X \rightarrow X/R$  be the quotient map. Show that
  - (a) if  $X/R$  is Hausdorff, then  $R$  is closed in  $X \times X$ , and
  - (b) if  $R$  is closed in  $X \times X$  and  $q$  is an open map, then  $X/R$  is Hausdorff.
7. Which of the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  are (a) connected, (b) path-connected?  
  - (i)  $D_1((-1, 0)) \cup D_1((1, 0))$
  - (ii)  $D_1((-1, 0)) \cup B_1((1, 0))$
  - (iii)  $\{(x, y) : x = 0 \text{ or } y/x \in \mathbb{Q}\}$
  - (iv)  $\{(x, y) : x = 0 \text{ or } y/x \in \mathbb{Q}\} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ .
8. Let  $f: X \rightarrow S$  be a function from a connected space  $X$  to a set  $S$ . Assume  $f$  is *locally constant*: every  $x \in X$  has a neighbourhood on which  $f$  is constant. Show that  $f$  is constant.
9. Show that homeomorphic spaces have the same number of connected components. Show that no two of  $[0, 1]$ ,  $[0, 1)$  and  $(0, 1)$  are homeomorphic. Show also that the letters A and H drawn in the plane are not homeomorphic.

10. Let  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be such that every continuous function  $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded. Show that  $A$  is compact.

11. Let  $X$  be a Hausdorff space. Let  $\tau = \{U \subset X : U = \emptyset \text{ or } X \setminus U \text{ is compact}\}$ . Show that  $\tau$  is a topology on  $X$ . When is  $\tau$  Hausdorff?

12. Let  $A$  be an infinite subset of a compact topological space  $X$ . Show that  $A' \neq \emptyset$ .

13. (a) Let  $R$  be the equivalence relation on the unit square  $Q = [0, 1]^2$  defined as follows:  $(x_1, y_1) \sim (x_2, y_2)$  if and only if either  $(x_1, y_1) = (x_2, y_2)$ , or  $\{x_1, x_2\} = \{0, 1\}$  and  $y_1 = y_2$ , or  $x_1 = x_2$  and  $\{y_1, y_2\} = \{0, 1\}$ . Show that any two of the following spaces (in their natural topologies) are homeomorphic:  $Q/R$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$ ,  $S^1 \times S^1$  and the subspace

$$T^2 = \{( (2 + \cos \theta) \cos \varphi, (2 + \cos \theta) \sin \varphi, \sin \theta) : \theta, \varphi \in [0, 2\pi] \}$$

of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(b) Let  $R$  be the equivalence relation on  $Q = [0, 1]^2$  defined as follows:  $(x_1, y_1) \sim (x_2, y_2)$  if and only if either  $(x_1, y_1) = (x_2, y_2)$ , or  $\{x_1, x_2\} = \{0, 1\}$  and  $y_1 = y_2$ , or  $y_1 = y_2 = 0$ , or  $y_1 = y_2 = 1$ . Show that  $Q/R$  is homeomorphic to the sphere  $S^2 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \|x\| = 1\}$ .

14. (a) Let  $R_1$  be an equivalence relation on a topological space  $X$  and  $R_2$  be an equivalence relation on the quotient space  $X/R_1$ . Define

$$R = \{(x, y) \in X \times X : (q(x), q(y)) \in R_2\}$$

where  $q: X \rightarrow X/R_1$  is the quotient map. Show that  $R$  is an equivalence relation on  $X$  and that  $X/R$  is homeomorphic to  $(X/R_1)/R_2$ .

(b) For a topological space  $X$  and for  $A \subset X$ , we let  $X/A$  denote the quotient space of  $X$  by the relation identifying the points of  $A$ :  $x \sim y$  if and only if either  $x = y$  or  $x, y \in A$ . Now consider the subset  $A = \{(0, 0, 1), (0, 0, -1)\}$  of the two-dimensional sphere  $S^2$ , and the subset  $B = \{(2 + \cos \theta, 0, \sin \theta) : \theta \in [0, 2\pi]\}$  of  $T^2$  (see previous question). Show that  $S^2/A$  and  $T^2/B$  are homeomorphic.

15. (a) Show that the coordinate projections  $\pi_X$  and  $\pi_Y$  on a product space  $X \times Y$  are open maps. Show that if  $Y$  is compact, then  $\pi_X$  is a *closed map*: for a closed subset  $F$  of  $X \times Y$ , its projection  $\pi_X(F)$  is closed in  $X$ . Give an example of a closed set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  whose projections are not closed in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(b) Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a function between topological spaces. The *graph of  $f$*  is the set  $\Gamma = \{(x, y) \in X \times Y : y = f(x)\}$ . Show that if  $f$  is continuous and  $Y$  is Hausdorff, then  $\Gamma$  is closed in the product topology. Conversely, show that if  $\Gamma$  is closed and  $Y$  is compact, then  $f$  is continuous.

16. Given topological spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  and continuous bijections  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow X$ , show that  $X$  and  $Y$  need not be homeomorphic.

+17. Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a function under which the image of any path-connected set is path-connected and the image of any compact set is compact. Show that  $f$  must be continuous.