

MATH 54 - TOPOLOGY
SUMMER 2015
MIDTERM 2

DURATION: 2 HOURS

This exam consists of 5 independent problems. You may treat them in the order of your choosing, starting each problem on a new page.

Every claim you make must be fully justified or quoted as a result from the textbook.

PROBLEM 1

1. Show that a topological space is T_1 if and only if for any pair of distinct points, each has a neighborhood that does not contain the other¹.

2. Determine the interior and the boundary of the set

$$\Xi = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, 0 \leq y < x^2 + 1\}$$

where \mathbb{R}^2 is equipped with its ordinary Euclidean topology.

PROBLEM 2

Let E be a set with a metric d and \mathcal{T}_d the corresponding metric topology on E .

1. Prove that the map $d : (E, \mathcal{T}_d) \times (E, \mathcal{T}_d) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous.

2. Let \mathcal{T} be a topology on E , such that $d : (E, \mathcal{T}) \times (E, \mathcal{T}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous. Prove that \mathcal{T} is finer than \mathcal{T}_d .

Hint: it might be helpful to consider sets of the form $d^{-1}((-\infty, r))$ for $r > 0$.

¹A topological space is said T_1 if all its singletons are closed.

PROBLEM 3

The purpose of this problem is to prove that the box topology on \mathbb{R}^ω is not metrizable.

1. Recall the definition of the box topology on \mathbb{R}^ω .

Denote by $\mathbf{0}$ the sequence constantly equal to 0 and let

$$P = (0, +\infty)^\omega = \prod_{n \geq 1} (0, +\infty)$$

be the subset of positive sequences.

2. Verify that $\mathbf{0}$ belongs to \bar{P} .
3. Prove that no sequence $(p_n)_{n \geq 1} \in P^\omega$ converges to $\mathbf{0}$ in the box topology.
4. Conclude.

PROBLEM 4

1. Let X be a set.
 - (a) Recall the definition of the uniform topology on \mathbb{R}^X .
 - (b) Recall the definition of uniform convergence for a sequence of functions f_n in \mathbb{R}^X .
2. Prove that a sequence in \mathbb{R}^X converges uniformly if and only if it converges for the uniform topology.

PROBLEM 5

Consider the space \mathbb{R}^ω of real-valued sequences, equipped with the uniform topology.

1. Prove that the subset B of bounded sequences is closed in \mathbb{R}^ω for the uniform topology.
2. Let \mathbb{R}^∞ denote the subset of sequences with finitely many non-zero terms. Determine the closure of \mathbb{R}^∞ in \mathbb{R}^ω for the uniform topology.