

# Topology I

Resit Exam  
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1. Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . A subset  $X$  of  $V$  is called **convex** if for any  $A$  and  $B$  in  $X$ , the segment  $AB = \{tA + sB : s + t = 1\}$  is a subset of  $X$ .

1a. Show that any subset  $X$  of  $V$  is contained in a smallest convex subset  $C(X)$  of  $V$  (called the convex hull of  $X$ ). (5 pts.)

1b. Let  $A_i = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbf{R}^n$ . What is the convex hull of  $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ ? (3 pts.)

2. Let  $(X, d)$  a metric space. Given  $a \in X$  and  $\emptyset \neq B \subseteq X$ , let

$$d(a, B) = \inf\{d(a, b) : b \in B\}.$$

2a. Why does  $d(a, B)$  exist for all  $B (\neq \emptyset)$ ? (2 pts.)

2b. Show that  $\{a \in X : d(a, B) = 0\}$  is the closure of  $B$ . (5 pts.)

2c. Find an example of a metric space  $X$  and a nonempty closed subset  $B \subseteq X$  such that for all  $b \in B$ ,  $d(a, B) < d(a, b)$ . (5 pts.)

3. Let  $S$  be the set of all sequences of natural numbers (= the set of all functions from  $\mathbf{N}$  into  $\mathbf{N}$ ). For  $f = (f_0, f_1, f_2, \dots)$  and  $g = (g_0, g_1, g_2, \dots) \in S$ , define  $d(f, g) = 1/2^n$  where  $n$  is the first integer such that  $f_n \neq g_n$ . (If there is no such  $n$  then  $f = g$  and  $d(f, g)$  is defined to be 0).

3a. Show that  $d(f, g) \leq \max(d(f, h), d(h, g))$  and that the equality holds in case  $d(f, h) \neq d(h, g)$ . (5 pts.)

3b. Show that  $(S, d)$  is a metric space. (3 pts.)

3c. Let  $f \in S$ . Find the open ball of center  $f$  and radius 1. (3 pts.)

3d. How many open balls are there in  $S$ ? (5 pts.)

3e. Show that  $S$  is not compact. (5 pts.)

3f. Show that every open (resp. closed) ball of  $S$  is also closed (resp. open). (5 pts.)

3g. Show that every open (resp. closed) subset of  $S$  is closed (resp. open). (3 pts.)

3h. Let  $\varphi_i = (\delta_m)_n$ . Show that  $(\varphi_i)_i$  is a Cauchy sequence. Does it have a limit? (8 pts.)

3i. Is  $S$  a complete metric space? (10 pts.)

3j. Consider the set  $S_0$  of all sequences of 0's and 1's. Note that  $S_0 \subseteq S$ . Show that  $S_0$  is a closed subset of  $S$ . (7 pts.)

4. Recall that a topological space  $X$  is **connected** if it is not the union of the disjoint nonempty open subsets. Let  $X$  be a topological space.

4a. Let  $A \subseteq X$  be a connected subspace of  $X$ . Show that  $\overline{A}$  is connected. (5 pts.)

4b. Show that the relation " $x \equiv y$  iff  $x$  and  $y$  belong to a connected subspace of  $X$ " is an equivalence relation on  $X$ . (5 pts.)

4c. Show that each equivalence class for the above relation is a maximal connected subspace (5 pts.) and is clopen (5 pts.). Each equivalence class is called a **connected component** of  $X$ .

A **topological group**  $G$  is both a Hausdorff topological space and a group such that the multiplication map  $m : G \times G \rightarrow G$  and the inversion map  $i : G \rightarrow G$  given by  $m(x, y) = xy$  and  $i(x) = x^{-1}$  are continuous.

4d. Show that in a topological group, the connected component of 1 is a closed normal subgroup of  $G$ . (6 pts.)