

If $f: X_1 \rightarrow X_2$ is a homeomorphism of locally compact Hausdorff spaces, show that f extends to a homeomorphism of their 1-point compactifications.

Let Y_1, Y_2 be the 1-point compactifications of X_1, X_2 . Let y_1, y_2 be the points not in X_1, X_2 . Define \tilde{f} by:

$$\tilde{f}: Y_1 \rightarrow Y_2 \text{ by } \tilde{f}(x) = \begin{cases} y_2, & x = y_1 \\ f(x), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Let U be open in Y_1 . If $y_1 \notin U$ then

$\tilde{f}(U)$ is open in X_2 . Thus it is the intersection of some open set U_2 with X_2 but this set is just $\tilde{f}(U)$ so it is open in Y_2 .

If U contains y_1 , we know that U^c is closed and thus compact. Therefore $f(U^c)$ is compact and thus closed so $f(U^c)^c = \tilde{f}(U)$ is open.

Bijection