

## Some problems on metric spaces.

I am assuming you know the definition of a *metric space*, *open and closed sets*, the *closure* and *interior* of a set, what it means for a function to be *continuous* or *uniformly continuous*, and the definitions of *compactness*, *connectedness*, and *completeness*.

**Problem 1.** This is a good exercise in working with some of the definitions. Let  $(X, d)$  and  $(Y, \rho)$  be metric spaces and  $A \subseteq X$ . Let  $f: A \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous function.

- (a) Show that if  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $A$  and  $Y$  is complete, then it has a continuous extension  $\hat{f}: \bar{A} \rightarrow Y$ .
- (b) Show that this is false if either the uniform continuity condition on  $f$  or the completeness condition on  $Y$  is dropped.  $\square$

**Problem 2.** Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be uniformly continuous. Show there exists constants  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $|f(x)| \leq A + B|x|$ . Use this to explain why no polynomial of degree  $\geq 2$  is uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $\square$

**Problem 3.** Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be a subgroup of the additive group of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $A$  is a closed subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Show that either  $A = \mathbb{R}$  or  $A$  is cyclic (that is for some  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  we have  $A = \{na : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ ).  $\square$

And here are some problems from the old analysis exams that are worth looking at:

- January 2019, Problem 1.
- August 2018, Problem 1.
- August 2017, Problem 4.
- January 2017, Problem 1.
- August 2016, Problem 1.
- August 2012, Problem 1. (In the problems notation  $K_\varepsilon^c$  is the complement of  $K_\varepsilon$  in  $X$ .)