

1. (a) Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{U_i\}_1^\infty$  be a countable basis for  $X$ , then for each  $U_i$  assign some  $x_i \in U_i$ . Let  $y \in X$ , and  $V$  a neighborhood of  $y$ , then since  $\mathcal{B}$  contains a neighborhood base for  $y$ , we have some  $x_i \in U_i \subset V$ , hence  $V \cap \{x_i\}_1^\infty \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $V$  was arbitrary we can conclude that  $y \in \overline{\{x_i\}_1^\infty}$ . Since  $y$  was arbitrary  $X = \overline{\{x_i\}_1^\infty}$ .  $\square$

(b) Let  $\{x_i\}_1^\infty$  be a countable dense subset of  $X$ , now define  $\mathcal{B} := \{N_{\frac{1}{n}}(x_i) \mid n, i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , where  $N_r(x) := \{y \in X \mid d(x, y) < r\}$ . There is an obvious bijection  $\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ ,  $N_{\frac{1}{n}}(x_i) \mapsto (n, i)$  so in particular  $\mathcal{B}$  is countable. Now let  $y \in X$ , and let  $U$  be a neighborhood of  $y$ . Then  $U \supset N_r(y)$  for some  $r > 0$ . Then there exists some  $x_i \in N_r(y)$  by density, by definition of the set,  $d(x_i, y) < r$ , so that  $N_{r-d(x_i, y)}(x_i) \subset N_r(y)$  by the triangle inequality. Since we have  $0 < r - d(x_i, y)$ , we may choose  $N$ , such that  $\frac{1}{N} < r - d(x_i, y)$  which gives the desired inclusion to prove that  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis.

$$N_{\frac{1}{N}}(x_i) \subset N_{r-d(x_i, y)}(x_i) \subset N_r(y) \subset U \quad \square$$

2. (a) Since we are in a metric space we may use the  $\epsilon - \delta$  definition of continuity, where it is tautological that the function  $d(x, \cdot) : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , since continuity is defined in terms of the distance function. Given this it suffices to show that for  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ ,  $|d_F(x_1) - d_F(x_2)| \leq d(x_1, x_2)$  to show continuity. Without loss of generality we may assume that  $d_F(x_1) \geq d_F(x_2)$ . Note that for any  $y \in F$ ,  $d(x_1, y) \leq d(x_1, x_2) + d(x_2, y)$ , so in particular we have for any  $y \in F$  that  $d_F(x_1) \leq d(x_1, x_2) + d_F(x_2)$ , which of course implies that  $d_F(x_1) \leq d(x_1, x_2) + d_F(x_2)$ , taken together we get the desired inequality to prove continuity of  $d_F$ :

$$|d_F(x_1) - d_F(x_2)| = d_F(x_1) - d_F(x_2) \leq d(x_1, x_2) + d_F(x_2) - d_F(x_2) = d(x_1, x_2)$$

$x \in F \implies d_F(x) = 0$  is immediate from  $d(x, x) = 0$ . Since  $F^c$  is open, any  $x \in F^c$  has some neighborhood  $N_\epsilon(x) \subset F^c$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$  implying that  $d_F(x) \geq \epsilon > 0$ .  $\square$

(b) The difference of continuous functions is continuous, we have from part (a) that  $d_{F_i}$  are continuous which implies continuity of  $g$ . Now let  $x \in F_2 \subset F_1^c$ , then by part (a), we have  $d_{F_2}(x) = 0, d_{F_1}(x) > 0$ , so that  $g(x) = d_{F_1}(x) > 0$ . If  $x \in F_1 \subset F_2^c$ , then by part (a) we have  $d_{F_1}(x) = 0$  and  $d_{F_2}(x) > 0$ , implying that  $g(x) = -d_{F_2}(x) < 0$ .  $\square$

(c) Metric spaces are Hausdorff and hence  $T_1$ , so it suffices to show that any two closed sets can be separated by disjoint open sets. Let  $F_1, F_2$  be disjoint closed sets and define  $g$  as in (b), we can use from part (b) that  $g$  is continuous. This implies that  $g^{-1}(0, \infty)$  and  $g^{-1}(-\infty, 0)$  are open. Furthermore, we have from part (b) that  $F_1 \subset g^{-1}(-\infty, 0)$  and  $F_2 \subset g^{-1}(0, \infty)$  we are done since these sets are disjoint:

$$g^{-1}(-\infty, 0) \cap g^{-1}(0, \infty) = g^{-1}((-\infty, 0) \cap (0, \infty)) = g^{-1}\emptyset = \emptyset \quad \square$$

3. This follows simply by rewriting the sets  $S$  and  $\tilde{S}$ .

$$S \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{W \cap \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} \bigcap_{i=1}^n f_{\alpha, i}^{-1}(U_{\alpha, i}) \mid A \text{ is an arbitrary index set, } n \in \mathbb{N}, U_{\alpha, i} \in Y_{\alpha, i}\}$$

$$\tilde{S} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} \bigcap_{i=1}^n f_{\alpha, i}|_W^{-1}(U_{\alpha, i}) \mid A \text{ is an arbitrary index set, } n \in \mathbb{N}, U_{\alpha, i} \in Y_{\alpha, i}\}$$

Then we can write

$$W \cap \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} \bigcap_{i=1}^n f_{\alpha, i}^{-1}(U_{\alpha, i}) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} \bigcap_{i=1}^n (f_{\alpha, i}^{-1}(U_{\alpha, i}) \cap W) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} \bigcap_{i=1}^n (f_{\alpha, i}^{-1}(U_{\alpha, i} \cap f(W))) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} \bigcap_{i=1}^n f_{\alpha, i}|_W^{-1}(U_{\alpha, i})$$

So that  $S$  and  $\tilde{S}$  define the same set.  $\square$

4. (a)  $\implies$  (b) This follows from the  $f_i$  being continuous on the weak topology they generate. C.f. Notes Prop 1.59.  $\square$

(b)  $\implies$  (a) Suppose for contraposition that  $x_\alpha \not\rightarrow x$ . Then there exists some neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$ , such that for any  $\alpha_0 \in A$ , there exists some  $\alpha \geq \alpha_0$ , such that  $x_\alpha \notin U$ . We may assume without loss of

generality that  $U$  is an open neighborhood by passing to an open subset containing  $x$ . By definition of the weak topology,  $U = \bigcup_{i \in I} \bigcap_{j=1}^N f_{i_j}^{-1}(U_{i_j})$  for open  $U_{i_j} \in \mathcal{T}(Y_{i_j})$ ,  $x$  must lie in some  $\bigcap_{j=1}^N f_{i_j}^{-1}(U_{i_j})$ , so we may once again without loss of generality rechoose  $U = \bigcap_{j=1}^N f_{i_j}^{-1}(U_{i_j})$ . Now suppose for  $j = 2, \dots, N$  there exists some  $\alpha_0^j$ , such that for any  $\alpha \geq \alpha_0^j$  we have  $f_{i_j}(x_\alpha) \in U_{i_j}$ , then taking  $\gamma \geq \alpha_0^j$ ,  $\forall j \in 2, \dots, N$ , we have for any  $\alpha_0$ , there exists some  $\alpha \geq \alpha_0, \gamma$ , such that  $x_\alpha \notin U$ , implying that  $x_\alpha \notin \bigcap_{j=1}^N f_{i_j}^{-1}(U_{i_j})$ , and since  $x_\alpha$  lies in  $f_{i_2}^{-1}(U_{i_2}), \dots, f_{i_N}^{-1}(U_{i_N})$  we must have that  $x_\alpha \notin f_{i_1}^{-1}(U_{i_1})$ , equivalently  $f_{i_1}(x_\alpha) \notin U_{i_1}$ . But  $U_{i_1}$  is open and contains  $f_{i_1}(x)$ , so we necessarily have  $f_{i_1}(x_\alpha) \not\rightarrow f_{i_1}(x)$ .  $\square$

**5. (a)  $\implies$  (b)** Let  $(x, y)$  be an accumulation point of  $\{(x, x)\}$ , then there is a  $(x_\alpha, x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A} \rightarrow (x, y)$ , from this we may define the net  $(x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$ , where we say  $x_\alpha \leq x_{\alpha'}$  when  $(x_\alpha, x_\alpha) \leq (x_{\alpha'}, x_{\alpha'})$ . Then if  $U$  is a neighborhood of  $x$ ,  $U \times X$  is a neighborhood of  $(x, y)$ , so for some  $\alpha_0$  we have for all  $\alpha \geq \alpha_0$ ,  $(x_\alpha, x_\alpha) \in U \times X$ , implying that  $x_\alpha \in U$  for all  $\alpha \geq \alpha_0$ , i.e.  $x_\alpha \rightarrow x$ . By the same argument we find that  $x_\alpha \rightarrow y$ , but since  $X$  is Hausdorff we know that nets have unique limits, and hence  $x = y$ , implying that  $(x, y) \in \{(x, x)\}$ , i.e.  $\text{acc}\{(x, x)\} \subset \{(x, x)\}$  is closed.  $\square$

**(b)** Let  $x \neq y \in X$ , then  $(x, y) \in \{(x, x)\}^c$  is open. Since  $\{U \times V \mid U, V \text{ open in } X\}$  is a basis for the product topology, we have  $\{(x, x)\}^c = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} U_\alpha \times V_\alpha$ , then for some  $U \times V$ , we have  $(x, y) \in U \times V$ , and furthermore  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ , since  $U \times V \subset \{(x, x)\}^c$ . Since  $U, V$  are open in  $X$  and we have  $x \in U, y \in V$  proves that  $X$  is Hausdorff.

**6.** Suppose that  $x \in \overline{\{x \in X \mid f(x) = g(x)\}}$ , equivalently there is some net  $x_\alpha \rightarrow x$ , such that  $f(x_\alpha) = g(x_\alpha)$ ,  $\forall \alpha$ . By continuity of  $f, g$  we have  $f(x_\alpha) \rightarrow f(x)$ ,  $g(x_\alpha) \rightarrow g(x)$ . Define a new net  $y_\alpha$ , where  $y_\alpha = f(x_\alpha) = g(x_\alpha)$ , such that  $y_{\alpha'} \geq y_\alpha$  when  $\alpha' \geq \alpha$ , then  $y_\alpha \rightarrow f(x), y_\alpha \rightarrow g(x)$ , since  $Y$  is Hausdorff, nets in  $Y$  have unique limits implying that  $f(x) = g(x)$ , so that  $x \in \{x \in X \mid f(x) = g(x)\}$ , which suffices to show that  $\{x \in X \mid f(x) = g(x)\} = \overline{\{x \in X \mid f(x) = g(x)\}}$ .  $\square$