

2. Are the following statements true or false?
Give a proof or counterexample as appropriate
(a) A closed bounded subset of a topological space is compact.

This is false. Let \mathbb{R} be given the discrete topology. Then all sets are closed & so the set $[0, 1]$ is closed & bounded. However, the open cover $\{x\}_{x \in [0, 1]}$ cannot have a finite subcover since each point is only represented once in the cover.

(b) The image of a closed subset under a continuous map is closed.

This is false. Let $f: (\mathbb{R}, J_1) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, J_2)$ be the map $f(x) = x$ where J_1 is the discrete topology & J_2 is the indiscrete topology. Then $f^{-1}(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}$ & $f^{-1}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ so f is continuous. However, $f(\{0\}) = \{0\}$ & $\{0\}$ is closed in (\mathbb{R}, J_1) but is not in (\mathbb{R}, J_2) .

(c) If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous surjection & Y is Hausdorff then so is X .

Let $X = \{A, B, C\}$ with topology $\{X, \emptyset, \{A, B\}, \{C\}\}$

& let $Y = \{A, C\}$ with topology $\{Y, \emptyset, \{A\}, \{C\}\}$

Then $f: X \rightarrow Y$ where $f(A) = A, f(B) = A$ & $f(C) = C$ is continuous since $f^{-1}(Y) = X, f^{-1}(\emptyset) = \emptyset, f^{-1}(\{A\}) = \{A, B\}$ & $f^{-1}(\{C\}) = \{C\}$ & f is a surjection. Y is Hausdorff but X is not. (False)

(d) If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous surjection & X is Hausdorff then so is Y .

This is false. Let $f: (\mathbb{R}, J_1) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, J_2)$ where J_1, J_2, f all from part (b) which we already showed is continuous & is also surjective. J_1 is the discrete topology so it is Hausdorff. However the only open sets in Y are \mathbb{R} & \emptyset so it is not.