$\mathbb{R}$eal Analysis

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1. Let X be a metric space and let $U \subset X$. Define the *boundary* of U as

$$\partial U = \bar{U} \cap \overline{(U^c)}.$$

   Show that $\partial U = U \setminus U^\circ$.

2. Prove or disprove that

$$(\partial U)^\circ = \varnothing$$

   for any subset U of any metric space X.
   HIDDEN: Disprove it. Even in the case that $X = \mathbb{R}^n$.

3. Let (X, d) be a metric space and $x \in X$. Let $\delta > 0$. Define the following sets:

$$B_\delta(x) := \{y \in X \mid d(x, y) < \delta\},$$
$$C_\delta(x) := \{y \in X \mid d(x, y) \leq \delta\}.$$

   Show that $\overline{B_\delta(x)} \subset C_\delta(x)$.
   Can this inclusion be proper?
   HIDDEN: Not if you stay in $\mathbb{R}^n$. Think about other spaces.

4. **Topological Nim**
   You and your friend want to play Topological Nim. Here's how it works:
   Let X be your favourite compact metric space and $r > 0$ your favourite (positive) real number.
   Each player removes an open disk of radius r from the space on their turn (only the center of the disk must not have been removed in a prior move), until one player—the winner—removes what remains of the space on his turn.

   Show that no matter what moves are played, the game stops after a finite number of moves. (In other words, there is no infinite sequence of legal moves.)

   Bonus: Fix $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $r > 0$. Assuming optimal play, who will win the game if

$$X = S^n = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid \|x\| = 1\}$$

   with the standard metric?
   (The answer will depend on r.)

   Credits: https://puzzling.stackexchange.com/questions/99859/

5. Show that every open set U in $\mathbb{R}$ can be written as a disjoint union of open intervals. Moreover, show that this set of open intervals is at most countable.
   HIDDEN: First part: Consider an equivalence relation $\sim$ on U where $x \sim y$ iff $[x, y] \subset U$.
   Second part: Each open interval contains a rational.

6. Let $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ be such that every $x \in I$ is an isolated point.
   Show that I is at most countable.

7. Let K be a compact subset of $\mathbb{R}^n$. Fix a constant $r > 0$.
   Show that there exists a finite collection of points $x_1, \ldots, x_k \in K$ such that the collection of open balls $\{B(x_i, 2r)\}_{i=1}^k$ forms an open cover of K while $B(x_i, r)$ are mutually disjoint.

§3. Continuity and derivatives

1. Prove or disprove:
   Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be continuously differentiable. If $f'(x_0) > 0$ for some $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$, the there exists an interval I containing x_0 such that f is increasing on I.
   HIDDEN: Prove.

2. Prove or disprove:
   Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be differentiable. If $f'(x_0) > 0$ for some $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$, the there exists an interval I containing x_0 such that f is increasing on I.
   HIDDEN: Disprove.

3. Let $\pi_1 : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be the first projection map, that is,
   $$\pi_1(x, y) = x.$$
   Show that π_1 is an *open map*, that is, $\pi_1(U)$ is open in $\mathbb{R}$ if U is open in $\mathbb{R}^2$. Is it a closed map?
   HIDDEN: No.

4. **Pasting lemma.**
   Let X be a metric space and $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ be an open cover of X.
   Let Y be an arbitrary metric space. Suppose that for each $\alpha \in I$, we have a continuous function
   $$f_\alpha : U_\alpha \to Y.$$
   Moreover, assume that whenever $x \in U_\alpha \cap U_\beta$, then $f_\alpha(x) = f_\beta(x)$. (That is, the functions agree on their common domains.)

   Show the following:

   (a) There exists a unique function $f : X \to Y$ such that
   $$f|_{U_\alpha} = f_\alpha \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in I.$$
   (What the above means is that: for all $\alpha \in I$, for all $x \in U_\alpha$, $f(x) = f_\alpha(x)$.)

   (b) The above function f is continuous.

5. Show that the above is not true if we replace "open" with "closed."
   (In particular, observe very carefully where you used open-ness of U_α.)

6. Show that the above becomes true once again after replacing "open" with "closed" if we further impose that I be finite.

Remark. The above lemma for closed sets makes it especially easy to directly verify the continuity of "piece-wise" defined functions which agree on the intersections. A particular easy case is when the sets have empty intersection. (cf. 9)

7. Give a counterexample if we further drop "closed" completely, even if I is finite. (In fact, you can give one with $X = \mathbb{R}$ and $|I| = 2$.)

8. Given an example of a continuous bijection $f : X \to Y$ such that $f^{-1} : Y \to X$ is not continuous.

9. Justify that the following is an example for the above question:
$f : [0,1] \cup (2,3] \to [0,2]$ defined by

$$f(x) := \begin{cases} x & x \in [0,1] \\ x-1 & x \in (2,3] \end{cases}.$$

10. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a function between metric spaces.

    (a) f is said to be *open continuous* if $f^{-1}(U)$ is open in X whenever U is open in Y.

    (b) f is said to be *closed continuous* if $f^{-1}(U)$ is closed in X whenever U is closed in Y.

    Show that f is continuous iff f is open continuous iff f is closed continuous.

11. Let K be a compact metric space and Y an arbitrary metric space.
Assume that $f : K \to Y$ is a continuous bijection.

    (a) Let $C \subset K$ be closed. Show that C is compact.

    (b) Show that $f(C)$ is compact.

    (c) Show that $f(C)$ is closed.

    Conclude that $f^{-1} : Y \to K$ is continuous.

12. The following question appeared on a test:

    > Given an example of a continuous bijection $f : X \to Y$ such that $f^{-1} : Y \to X$ is not continuous.

    The lazy TA sees that a student has started their answer as

> The following is example:
> Let $f : S^1 \to S^1$ be defined as...

The TA sees that and marks it wrong straight away. Was the TA justified (mathematically, not morally) in doing so? Why?

13. Let $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ and $f : I \to \mathbb{R}$ be continuous. We know that if I is compact, then f is bounded and it achieves (both) its bounds.
Show that if I is not compact, then one can always construct:

    (a) a continuous f which is not bounded,

    (b) a continuous f which is bounded but fails to achieve one (or both) of its bounds.

14. Let $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ and $f : I \to \mathbb{R}$ be continuous. We know that if I is compact, then f is uniformly continuous.
Can we again do something like the previous case?
That is: if I is not compact, then can one always construct a continuous f which is *not* uniformly continuous?
HIDDEN: No. Show that every function $f : \mathbb{Z} \to Y$ is not only continuous but uniformly continuous.

15. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be continuous such that
$$\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x) \text{ and } \lim_{x\to-\infty} f(x)$$
both exist and are finite.
Show that f is bounded.

16. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a continuously differentiable function such that $\lim\limits_{x\to\infty} f(x)$ exists and is finite.
Prove or disprove:
$$\lim_{x\to\infty} f'(x) = 0.$$
HIDDEN: The limit need not exist.

17. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable function such that $\lim\limits_{x\to\infty} f(x)$ exists and is finite. Further assume that f' is uniformly continuous.
Prove or disprove:
$$\lim_{x\to\infty} f'(x) = 0.$$
HIDDEN: Prove.

18. Suppose f is continuous on $[0,1]$ with $f(0) = f(1) = 0$. For all $x \in (0,1)$, there exists $h > 0$ with $0 \leq x - h < x < x + h \leq 1$ such that $f(x) = \dfrac{f(x+h) + f(x-h)}{2}$.
    Show that $f(x) = 0$ for all $x \in [0,1]$.
    (Note that given any x, the above only says that there's a *particular* h with the given property.)

§4. Integration

1. Does there exist a function $f : [0, 1] \to \mathbb{R}$ such that it takes only a finitely many values and is Riemann Integrable on $[0, 1]$ but is not locally constant?
   HIDDEN: Yes. Find/show the existence of one.

§5. Sequence and series of functions

1. **(Non-)converse of Weierstrass M-test**
   Construct an example of a family $(f_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ of functions $f_n : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ such that $\sum f_n$ converges uniformly but $\sum M_n$ does not, where $M_n := \sup_{x\in\mathbb{R}} |f_n(x)|$.
   HIDDEN: Consider f_n such that f_n takes value $1/n$ at n and 0 otherwise.

2. Recall that if $f : K \to \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous function and K is compact, then there exists a sequence $(P_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ of polynomials such that $P_n \to f$ uniformly on K.
   Show that this need not be true if K is not compact.
   HIDDEN: Consider $K = \mathbb{R}$ and $f = \exp$.

3. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be continuous. Show that there exists a sequence $(P_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ of polynomials such that $P_n \to f$ **pointwise** on $\mathbb{R}$.