

7.01 Show that every set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  is a compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  in the finite complement topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  and  $\{U_\alpha\}$  be an open cover. Notice, that any set in the cover its complement has finitely many elements, namely  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are not in this set. Then,  $\{U_{\{\alpha_i\}}\}_i^n = 1$  is a finite subcover.

Therefore,  $A$  is a compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  in the finite complement topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

7.02 Prove Theorem 7.6 : Let  $X$  be a topological space.

(a) If  $C_1, \dots, C_n$  are each compact in  $X$ , then  $\bigcup_{j=1}^n C_j$  is compact in  $X$

Let  $\{C_1, \dots, C_n\}$  be a collection of compact subspaces of  $X$ . We define  $C = \bigcup_{j=1}^n C_j$ . Suppose  $O$  is a cover for  $C$ . Then, notice each  $C_j$  is compact and so has a finite subcover  $O_j$ . We then will have  $O' = \bigcup_{j=1}^n O_j$ .

Thus,  $O'$  is an open cover for  $C$ .

Therefore,  $C$  is compact.

(b) If  $X$  is Hausdorff, and  $\{C_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  is a collection of sets that are compact in  $X$ , then  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} C_\alpha$  is compact in  $X$ .

Notice, that each  $C_j$  in the collection is closed since it's in a Hausdorff space. Thus, the finite intersection of the collection is also closed. Since every  $C_\alpha$  lives inside  $A$  for some  $\alpha \in A$ , we also have that the collection is bounded. Since the collection is both closed and bounded, we must have the collection is compact.

7.03 Provide an example demonstrating that an arbitrary union of compact sets in a topological space  $X$  is not necessarily compact.

Let  $X$  be an infinite set with the discrete topology. Notice, the collection of singletons gives an open cover with no subcover. Thus, an arbitrary union of compact sets in a topological space  $X$  is not necessarily compact.

7.12 Show that the Tube Lemma does not necessarily hold if we drop the assumption that  $Y$  is compact. That is, provide an example of a noncompact space  $Y$  and an open set  $U$  in  $X \times Y$  such that  $U$  contains a slice  $\{x\} \times Y \subset X \times Y$  but does not contain an open tube  $W \times Y$  containing the slice.

7.17 Use compactness to prove that the plane is not homeomorphic to the sphere. (Recall, in Section 6.2 we distinguished between a number of pairs of spaces, including the line and the plane and the line and the sphere, but we indicated that we were not yet in a position to distinguish between the plane and the sphere. With compactness, we can now make that distinction.)

Notice the sphere is compact. Suppose that there exists a continuous bijection from the sphere to the plane. Thus, the plane would have to be compact since we've supposed there exists a continuous function mapping the sphere to the plane. This is a contradiction as the plane is not compact. Since, the sphere is compact and the plane is not, we cannot have a homeomorphism.

7.18 In this exercise we demonstrate that if we drop the condition that  $X$  is Hausdorff in Theorem 7.6, then the intersection of compact sets in  $X$  is not necessarily a compact set. Define the extra-point line as follows. Let  $X = \mathbb{R} \cup \{p_e\}$ , where  $p_e$  is an extra point, not contained in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be the collection of subsets of  $X$  consisting of all intervals  $(a, b) \subset \mathbb{R}$  and all sets of the form  $(c, 0) \cup \{p_e\} \cup (0, d)$  for  $c < 0$  and  $d > 0$ .

- (a) Prove that  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for a topology on  $X$ .
  - (b) Show that the resulting topology on  $X$  is not Hausdorff.
  - (c) Find two compact subsets of  $X$  whose intersection is not compact. Prove that the sets are compact and that the intersection is not.
- 7.19 (a) Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Prove that if  $A$  is compact in  $X$ , then  $A$  is closed in  $X$  and bounded under the metric  $d$ .  
 Suppose  $A$  is compact in  $X$ . Consider  $\{B(0, n) | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Notice this is an open cover for  $X$ . This must also be an open cover for  $A$  since  $A$  is a subset of  $X$ . Thus,  $A$  is bounded.  
 Let  $x \in A^c$ . For every  $y \in A$ , there are open neighborhoods of  $y$ ,  $U_y$  and  $V_y$  of  $x$  such that  $U_y \cap V_y = \emptyset$ . Then,  $\{U_y | y \in A\}$  is an open cover of  $A$ . Since,  $A$  is compact we then have that  $U$  and  $V$  are open and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . We then have that  $A^c$  is open. Thus,  $A$  is closed.  
 Therefore, if  $A$  is compact in  $X$ , then  $A$  is closed and bounded.
- (b) Provide an example demonstrating that a subset of a metric space can be closed and bounded but not compact.

Let  $X$  be the integers and let our metric be defined as such:

$$d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \neq y \\ 0 & \text{if } x = y \end{cases}$$

Notice,  $d(x, y)$  is bounded since each point is within a distance 1 of some other point. Notice, every subset of  $X$  is open and thus also closed. Thus, we are bounded and closed. It is not compact as there are no finite subcovers, since  $X$  is infinite.

## Summary