

1. If  $(X, d)$  is a metric space show that then  $(X, \rho)$  is a metric space with  $\rho = \frac{d}{1+d}$ . Show that both metrics induce the same topology.

**Proof that  $\rho$  is a metric:**

- (a) We need to show  $\rho(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ .

If  $\rho(x, y) = 0$  then  $\frac{d(x, y)}{1+d(x, y)} = 0$ . As  $1 + d(x, y) \neq 0$  we may multiply both sides by  $1 + d(x, y)$ . This gives us  $d(x, y) = 0$ . Since  $d$  is a metric,  $x = y$ .

For the converse, if  $x = y$  then  $d(x, y) = 0$ . Thus  $\rho(x, y) = 0$ .

- (b) We need to show if  $x \neq y$  then  $\rho(x, y) = \rho(y, x)$ .

If  $x \neq y$  then  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ . Consequently,

$$\rho(x, y) = \frac{d(x, y)}{d(x, y) + 1} = \frac{d(y, x)}{d(y, x) + 1} = \rho(y, x).$$

- (c) Finally, we need that for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,  $\rho(x, z) \leq \rho(x, y) + \rho(y, z)$ . Let  $A = d(x, y)$ ,  $B = d(y, z)$ ,  $C = d(x, z)$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(x, y) + \rho(y, z) - \rho(x, z) &= \frac{A}{A+1} + \frac{B}{B+1} - \frac{C}{C+1} \\ &= \frac{A+B-C+AB[2+C]}{(A+1)(B+1)(C+1)} \\ &\geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

This is because  $d(x, y) + d(y, z) \geq d(x, z)$ . In terms of our substitution,  $A+B-C \geq 0$ .

Thus  $\rho$  satisfies the triangle inequality.

**Proof that  $d$  and  $\rho$  induce the same topology:** It is enough to show that they have the same base. Let  $B_d(x, \epsilon_d)$  be an open ball of radius  $\epsilon_d$  in  $(X, d)$  and  $B_\rho(x, \epsilon_\rho)$  be an open ball of radius  $\epsilon_\rho$  in  $(X, \rho)$ . Then  $B_d(x, \epsilon_d) = B_\rho\left(x, \frac{\epsilon_d}{\epsilon_d+1}\right)$  and  $B_\rho(x, \epsilon_\rho) = B_d\left(x, \frac{\epsilon_\rho}{1-\epsilon_\rho}\right)$ . We may achieve the latter as  $\rho(x, y) < 1$  meaning that we only need to consider  $0 \leq \epsilon_\rho < 1$ . Thus both topologies have the same base and are therefore equivalent.

2. Consider Cantor's Intersection Theorem from class. Show that if the condition that  $d(F_n) \rightarrow 0$  is removed then  $F = \cap_n F_n$  may be empty.

**Cantor's Intersection Theorem:**

Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $\{F_n\}_n$  be a decreasing sequence of non-empty closed subsets of  $X$  such that  $d(F_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then  $F = \cap_n F_n$  contains exactly one point.

3. In a metric space  $(X, d)$ , show that a set  $A$  is nowhere dense if and only if its complement is everywhere dense.