

TOPOLOGY
HOMEWORK 1

1. Are the following functions metrics on given sets?

- (a) $\rho(x, y) = \min\{1, d(x, y)\}$, where $x, y \in (X, d)$ and (X, d) is a metric space.
- (b) $\rho_1(x, y) = \frac{d(x, y)}{1+d(x, y)}$, where $x, y \in (X, d)$ and (X, d) is a metric space.
- (c) $\rho_2(n, m) = |\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{m}|$, where $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$

2. Consider the set $C([0, 1]) = \{f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f \text{ is continuous}\}$ endowed with the supremum metric:

$$d(f, g) = \sup\{|f(x) - g(x)| : x \in [0, 1]\}.$$

Which of the sets below are open in that space? Why/Why not?

- $A = \{f \in C([0, 1]) : f(x) > 0 \text{ for } x \in [0, 1]\}$
- $B = \{f \in C([0, 1]) : \exists x \in [0, 1] \ f(x) = 0\}$
- $C = \{f \in C([0, 1]) : \int_0^1 |f(x)| dx < 1\}$
- $D = \{f \in C([0, 1]) : f \text{ is strictly increasing}\}$

3. Consider the following metric on $C([0, 1])$:

$$\rho(f, g) = \int_0^1 |f(x) - g(x)| dx.$$

Which sets A, B, C, D from the previous exercise are open in the metric space $(C([0, 1]), \rho)$?

4. Let $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$ be the set of all sequences of positive integers (we assume here that $0 \notin \mathbb{N}$). For $a = (n_1, n_2, \dots)$ and $b = (m_1, m_2, \dots) \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$ define

$$d(a, b) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\min\{i : n_i \neq m_i\}} & \text{if } a \neq b \\ 0 & \text{if } a = b \end{cases}$$

(a) Prove that d is a metric on $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$ and $d(a, b) \leq \max\{d(a, c), d(b, c)\}$ for any $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$.

(b) Show that any two balls in the space $(\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}, d)$ are either disjoint or one of them is contained in the other.

(c) Which of the following sets are open in $(\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}, d)$:

- $A = \{(n_1, n_2, \dots) : n_i = 1 \text{ for at least three indexes } i\}$
- $B = \{(n_1, n_2, \dots) : n_i = 1 \text{ for infinitely many } i\}$

(d) Let $<$ be the lexicographical order on $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$ (i.e. $(n_1, n_2, \dots) < (m_1, m_2, \dots)$ if for some i , $n_i < m_i$ and $n_j = m_j$ for $j < i$). For $a < b$ set $(a, b) = \{x : a < x < b\}$. Show that intervals of the form (a, b) are open in $(\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}, d)$.

5. Show that the interval $[0, 1]$ is not a union of intervals of the form (a, b) . Show that $(0, 1)$ is not an intersection of intervals of the form $[a, b]$.

6. Prove that $\overline{A} = \bigcap \{K \subseteq X : K \text{ is closed in } X\}$, i.e. the closure \overline{A} of a set A in a space X is the minimal closed set in X containing A .

7. Prove that $\text{Int}(A) = \bigcup \{U \subseteq A : U \text{ is open in } X\}$, i.e. $\text{Int}(A)$ is the maximal open subset of A .

8. Show that the closure operator has the following properties:

$$\overline{A \cap B} \subseteq \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}, \quad \overline{A \setminus B} \subseteq \overline{A} \setminus \overline{B}.$$

Give examples showing that the opposite inclusions do not hold.

9. Prove that for a topological space X we have:

- (i) $\text{Int}(X) = X$
- (ii) $\text{Int}(A) \subseteq A$
- (iii) $\text{Int}(A \cap B) = \text{Int}(A) \cap \text{Int}(B)$
- (iv) $\text{Int}(\text{Int}(A)) = \text{Int}(A)$

10. Find the closure, interior and boundary of the following subsets of the real line:

$$\emptyset, \quad \mathbb{R}, \quad \mathbb{N}, \quad \mathbb{Q}, \quad \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{N}, \quad \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}, \quad [3, 8), \quad (0, \infty)$$