

(Exercise sessions: 3.-4.2.2022)      Hand-in due: Tue 8.2.2022 at 23:59

**Fill-in-the-blanks 1.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Complete the proof of the following claim.

**Claim.** For any  $z \in X$  and  $r \geq 0$ , the closed ball  $\overline{\mathcal{B}}_r(z) \subset X$  is a closed set.

**Proof.** Let  $z \in X$  and  $r \geq 0$ . The claim means, by definition of \_\_\_\_\_, that the set \_\_\_\_\_ is open. We will prove this directly from the definition of open sets. For every  $x \in$  \_\_\_\_\_ we must therefore find some  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\mathcal{B}_\varepsilon(x) \subset X \setminus \overline{\mathcal{B}}_r(z)$ .

So let  $x \in$  \_\_\_\_\_. Note that by definition of the complement and the closed ball we then have

$$d(z, x) > r.$$

Let  $\varepsilon = d(z, x) - r$ , and notice that from the above we get that  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Suppose now that  $y \in \mathcal{B}_\varepsilon(x)$ , i.e.,  $d(x, y) < \varepsilon$ . Then by the triangle inequality lower bound we get

$$\text{_____} \geq d(z, x) - d(x, y) > d(z, x) - \varepsilon = \text{_____}.$$

This shows that  $\mathcal{B}_\varepsilon(x) \subset X \setminus \overline{\mathcal{B}}_r(z)$ . The proof is complete.  $\square$

**Fill-in-the-blanks 2.** Complete the proofs of the following statements.

a) **Claim.** If  $(X, d)$  is a metric space and  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a convergent sequence in the space  $X$ , then the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is bounded.

**Proof.** Let  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a convergent sequence in  $X$  and denote its limit by

$$a = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n.$$

Apply the definition of limit by choosing  $\varepsilon = 1$ . Then there exists an  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that

$$\text{_____} < 1 \quad \text{whenever} \quad \text{_____}.$$

Since  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n_1-1}$  is a finite list of points, we can define

$$R = \max\{1, d(x_1, a), \text{_____,} \dots, \text{_____}\} < \infty.$$

Then for all members  $x_k$  of the sequence we have

$$d(x_k, a) \leq \text{_____},$$

so the members of the sequence are contained in the closed ball

$$\text{_____}.$$

This proves that the sequence is bounded. □

b) **Claim.** Consider the metric space  $(\mathbb{R}, d_{0/1})$ , where on the real line  $\mathbb{R}$  we use the discrete 0/1-metric  $d_{0/1}$ . Then the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $(\mathbb{R}, d_{0/1})$  defined by the formula  $x_n = \frac{1}{n}$  does not have 0 as its limit.

**Proof.** For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$d_{0/1}(x_n, 0) = \text{_____},$$

so there does not exist \_\_\_\_\_ such that

$$\text{_____} < 1/2 \quad \text{for all} \quad \text{_____}.$$

The defining condition of limit therefore is not fulfilled for  $\varepsilon = 1/2$ , so the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  does not converge to 0. □