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Problem set 4

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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 $z \in \mathcal{D}$	$K \text{ and } r \geq 0.$ The	claim mean	s, by definition of
	, that the set		
is open. We will pr	rove this directly fr	om the defin	nition of open sets.
For every $x \in \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$		we must t	herefore find some
$\varepsilon > 0$ such that $\mathcal{B}_{\varepsilon}$	$(x) \subset X \setminus \overline{\mathcal{B}}_r(z).$		
So let $x \in \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$	·	Note that b	by definition of the
complement and th	e closed ball we the	en have	

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

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

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. Let (X, d_X) and (Y, d_Y) be two metric spaces. Let $M \ge 1$. A function $f: X \to Y$ is said to be M-bilipschitz if for all $x_1, x_2 \in X$ we have

$$\frac{1}{M} \, \mathsf{d}_X(x_1, x_2) \, \leq \, \mathsf{d}_Y \big(f(x_1), f(x_2) \big) \, \leq \, M \, \mathsf{d}_X(x_1, x_2).$$

Complete the proofs of the following statements.

a) Claim. Any M-bilipschitz function is injective.

Proof. Suppose $f: X \to Y$ is M-bilipschitz. Let $x_1, x_2 \in X$ be two different points, $x_1 \neq x_2$. Then from

we get that

$$d_Y(f(x_1), f(x_2)) \ge \frac{1}{M} d_X(x_1, x_2) > 0.$$

By _______, this implies $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$. Injectivity of f is thus proven.

b) Claim. Any surjective M-bilipschitz function is a homeomorphism. **Proof.** Suppose $f: X \to Y$ is surjective and M-bilipschitz. Then f is bijective, because it is _______ by assumption and _______ by the observation above. It remains to check that _______

The second inequality in the M-bilipschitz property shows that $f: X \to Y$ is in particular M-Lipschitz. It follows that f is continuous.

We will show that also $f^{-1}: Y \to X$ is M-Lipschitz. For this, let $y_1, y_2 \in Y$. From the first inequality in the bilipschitz property, we get

$$\frac{1}{M} d_X (f^{-1}(y_1), f^{-1}(y_2)) \le d_Y (\underline{\qquad})$$

$$= d_Y (y_1, y_2).$$

Multiplying by $M \geq 1$ we get $d_X(f^{-1}(y_1), f^{-1}(y_2)) \leq M d_Y(y_1, y_2)$, showing that f^{-1} is M-Lipschitz. It follows that f^{-1} is continuous. The proof is complete.