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0. CHAPTER 0

**Question 0.4** (Prohovich).

*Proof.*

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**Question 0.5** (Golinski).

*Proof.*

□

**Question 0.7** (Ewing).  $(A \cup B) \setminus B = A$  is false

*Proof.* Let  $A = \{1, 2\}$  and  $B = \{2, 3\}$ . Then  $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and

$$(A \cup B) - B = \{1, 2, 3\} - \{2, 3\} = \{1\} \neq A$$

□

**Question 0.12** (Macula). Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function from  $X$  onto  $Y$ , and suppose  $B \subset Y$ . Prove that  $B = f(f^{-1}(B))$ .

*Proof.* Let  $a$  be any element in  $f^{-1}(B)$ . Then  $f(a) \in B$ , and so  $f(f^{-1}(B)) \subset B$ . Since  $f$  is surjective,  $f^{-1}(B)$  contains, for all  $b \in B$ , at least one element  $a$  such that  $f(a) = b$ , making  $B \subset f(f^{-1}(B))$ . Thus,  $B = f(f^{-1}(B))$ .

□

**Question 0.32** (Hafer). *QUESTION*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  and  $B$  be finite disjoint sets such that the cardinality of  $A$  is  $m$  and the cardinality of  $B$  is  $n$ . Then let  $A$  be the set of elements such that  $Z_m = \{0, \dots, m-1\}$  and  $B$  be the set of elements such that  $Z_n = \{0, \dots, n-1\}$ . Then  $Z_{n+m} = \{0, \dots, n-1, n, \dots, n+m-1\}$  which has cardinality of  $n+m$ . Now for each element  $b \in B$  we can map it directly to itself in  $Z_{n+m}$ . For each  $a \in A$  we can map each element to itself  $+n$  in  $Z_{n+m}$ . So each element in  $Z_{n+m}$  is mapped to by either some  $a \in A$  or  $b \in B$ . Since  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint no element in  $Z_{n+m}$  is mapped to by both some  $a$  and  $b$ . Hence there is a one to one mapping between  $Z_{n+m}$  and  $A \cup B$ . Therefore  $A \cup B$  has cardinality  $m+n$ .

□

**Question 0.34** (Ewing). If sets  $A, B$  have cardinalities  $n$  and  $m$ , respectively, then  $A \times B$  has cardinality  $nm$ .

*Proof.* First we show that  $\mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_m$  has cardinality  $nm$  by demonstrating that the function  $h : \mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_m \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{nm}$  defined by  $h(i, j) = im + j$  is both surjective and injective. It is surjective, because for any  $y \in \mathbb{Z}_{nm}$  we can find an  $(i, j) \in \mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_m$ , as follows: When  $y = im + j = 0$  we must have  $(i, j) = (0, 0) \in \mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_m$ , since both  $i, j$  are non-negative. For any other  $y$ , i.e., when  $y > 0$ , Euclid's

division algorithm ensures that there are integers  $i, j$  s.t.  $y = im + j$  with  $0 \leq j < m$ , and we know that  $0 \leq i < n$  because  $y \in \mathbb{Z}_{nm}$  means  $y = im + j < nm$ . So for any  $y \in \mathbb{Z}_{nm}$  there is an  $(i, j) \in \mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_m$  s.t.  $h(i, j) = y$ , i.e.,  $h$  is surjective. It is injective since Euclid's Division algorithm ensures that those integers  $i, j$  are unique for each  $y = im + j$ , i.e., whenever  $h(i_1, j_1) = y = h(i_2, j_2)$  we have  $i_1 = i_2$  and  $j_1 = j_2$ . Since  $h$  is bijective,  $\mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_m$  is equivalent to  $\mathbb{Z}_{nm}$  and so has cardinality  $nm$ . It therefore suffices to show that  $A \times B$  is equivalent to  $\mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_m$ .

Since  $A, B$  are finite with cardinalities  $n, m$ , respectively, they are equivalent to  $\mathbb{Z}_n, \mathbb{Z}_m$ , with bijections  $f_A: A \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$  and  $f_B: B \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_m$  defined by  $f_A(a) = i$ , ( $a \in A, i \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ ) and  $f_B(b) = j$ , ( $b \in B, j \in \mathbb{Z}_m$ ). Define  $g: A \times B \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_m$  by  $g(a, b) = (f_A(a), f_B(b))$ . This is surjective, because for every  $(i, j) \in \mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_m$  the bijectivity of  $f_A$  and  $f_B$  means we have  $(i, j) = (f_A(a), f_B(b))$  for some  $a \in A$  and a  $b \in B$ , which gives us an  $(a, b) \in A \times B$ . Function  $g$  is injective, because bijectivity of  $f_A$  and  $f_B$  means that whenever  $g(a_1, b_1) = g(a_2, b_2)$  we have  $f_A(a_1) = f_A(a_2)$  and  $f_B(b_1) = f_B(b_2)$  and hence  $a_1 = a_2$  and  $b_1 = b_2$ , i.e.  $(a_1, b_1) = (a_2, b_2)$ . Since  $g$  is bijective,  $A \times B$  is equivalent to  $\mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_m$  and we are done.  $\square$

## 1. CHAPTER 1

**Question 1.4** (Fasano). Let  $X$  be the plane. For  $x = (x_1, x_2)$  and  $y = (y_1, y_2)$ , let  $\sigma(x, y) = |x_1 - y_1|$ .

- (1) Show that  $\sigma$  is a pseudometric.
- (2) Describe the  $\sigma$ -cell of radius  $r$  centered at the point  $(a, b)$ .
- (3) Find the  $\sigma$ -closure of  $S = \{x \in X : x_1^2 + x_2^2 < 1\}$

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be the plane. For  $x = (x_1, x_2)$  and  $y = (y_1, y_2)$ , let  $\sigma(x, y) = |x_1 - y_1|$ .

- (1) We start by noting that clearly  $\sigma(x, y) \geq 0$  for all  $x, y \in X$  because of the absolute value.

We next take an arbitrary point  $q = (q_1, q_2)$ . Then  $\sigma(q, q) = |q_1 - q_1| = 0$ . Thus, the  $\sigma$ -distance between any point and itself is always 0.

Next, consider the point  $r = (r_1, r_2)$ . Then by definition  $\sigma(q, r) = |q_1 - r_1| = |r_1 - q_1| = \sigma(r, q)$ . Thus,  $\sigma$  is commutative.

Finally, we wish to show that the triangle inequality holds for  $\sigma$ . That is for any points  $q = (q_1, q_2)$ ,  $r = (r_1, r_2)$ , and  $s = (s_1, s_2)$  we wish to show  $\sigma(q, s) \leq \sigma(q, r) + \sigma(r, s)$ . However, we want to note here that  $\sigma$  takes two points in  $X$  projects them down onto the horizontal axis and then calculates the distance. Thus, it will suffice to show that the triangle inequality holds for the real numbers: i.e.  $|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$ . To do this we use:

$$-|x| \leq x \leq |x| \text{ and } -|y| \leq y \leq |y|$$

Adding these together we get:

$$-|x| - |y| \leq x + y \leq |x| + |y|$$

which gives us

$$|x + y| \leq ||x| + |y|| = |x| + |y|$$

Since  $\sigma$  satisfies the above properties, it is thus a pseudometric.

- (2) By definition, the  $\sigma$ -cell of radius  $r$  centered at the point  $p = (a, b)$  is the set  $C(p; r) = \{x : \sigma(p, x) < r\}$ . Note that our pseudometric  $\sigma$  only looks at the first coordinate. That is the difference between  $(a, b)$  and  $(c, d)$  or  $(c, e)$  is the same. That tells us that our cell will have an infinite height, so we must only find the horizontal bounds. Therefore,  $C = \{(x, y) : a - r < x < a + r, y \in \mathbf{R}\}$
- (3) To find the closure of  $S$ , we use  $cl(S) = S \cup S'$ . That is we need to find the limit points of  $S$ . We first show that the point  $p_1 = (1, h)$  where  $h \in \mathbf{R}$  is a limit point. Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then choose  $s_1 = (1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2}, 0) \in S$ . It follows that  $\sigma(p_1, s_1) = |1 - (1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2})| = \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \epsilon$ . Thus  $p_1 = (1, h)$  is a limit point.

We can similarly show that  $p_2 = (-1, h)$  is a limit point choosing  $s_2 = (-1 + \frac{\epsilon}{2}, 0)$ .

We now consider any point  $p_3 = (x_1, h)$  where  $-1 < x_1 < 1$ . It quite easily follows that  $p_3$  is a limit point since we can find an infinite number of distinct points within  $S$  that are exactly 0  $\sigma$ -distance away from  $p_3$  (i.e. any point in  $S$  with  $x_1$  as it's first coordinate).

Finally, consider  $p_4 = (x_2, h)$  where  $-1 > x_2$  or  $x_2 > 1$ . Without loss of generality, assume  $x_2 > 1$  (the other case is similar). Then  $x_2 = 1 + \alpha$  where  $\alpha > 0$ . But then for  $\epsilon = \frac{\alpha}{2} > 0$  there doesn't exist any  $s \in S$  such that  $\sigma(p_4, s) < \epsilon$ . Thus  $p_4$  cannot be a limit point. From these cases, we have shown that  $cl(S) = S \cup S' = \{(x_1, x_2) \in X : |x_1| < 1\}$ . □

**Question 1.6** (Zheng).

*Proof.* □

**Question 1.8** (Moore).

*Proof.* □

**Question 1.9** (Kelly).

*Proof.* □

**Question 1.10** (Fernandez). *Let  $X$  be the set of real numbers, and let  $d$  be the pseudometric given by  $d(x, y) = 1$  if  $x \neq y$  and  $d(x, x) = 0$  (Example 1.1(e)).*

- (1) *Describe the closure of the cell  $C(0; 1)$ .*
- (2) *Describe the set  $B(0; 1) = \{y \in X : d(0, y) \leq 1\}$*

*Proof.* (1) The cell  $C(0; 1) = \{x : d(0, x) < 1\} = \{0\}$ . If  $d(0, x) < 1$  then  $x = 0$  by definition of the pseudometric. The  $d$ -derived set  $C'(0; 1) = \emptyset$  since there are no  $d$ -limit points of the set.

By definition of closure  $cl(C(0; 1)) = C(0; 1) \cup C'(0; 1) = \{0\}$ .

- (2) The set  $B(0; 1) = \{y \in X : d(0, y) \leq 1\} = X$ . If  $d(0, y) < 1$  then  $y = 0$  and if  $d(0, y) = 1$  then  $y$  is all other real numbers. Therefore  $B(0; 1) = X$  □

**Question 1.11** (Prohovich).

*Proof.* □

**Question 1.12** (Ewing). *If  $(X, d)$  is the space of real numbers with the usual pseudometric and for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $A_n = (1/n, 1]$ , find  $cl(\cup\{A_n\})$  and  $\cup\{cl(A_n)\}$ .*

- (a)  $cl(\cup\{A_n\}) = [0, 1]$

*Proof.* We must show that all and only points in  $[0, 1]$  are either in  $\cup\{A_n\}$  or limit points of  $\cup\{A_n\}$ . First note that  $\cup\{A_n\}$  contains all  $1/n$  with  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and all real numbers  $x$  greater than some  $1/n$  and less than or equal to 1. Because we can always find an  $n > 1/x$  and hence  $1/n < x$  for any real number  $x \in (0, 1]$ , this means  $\cup\{A_n\} = (0, 1]$ . Now consider four cases:

- Points  $x > 1$  are neither in  $(0, 1] = \cup\{A_n\}$  nor limit points for  $\cup\{A_n\}$ , since for  $\epsilon < x - 1$ , there are no points  $y \in (0, 1]$  s.t.  $|x - y| < \epsilon$ .
- All points  $x \in (0, 1] = \cup\{A_n\}$  are in  $cl(\cup\{A_n\})$  by definition of closure.
- The point  $x = 0$  is a limit point of  $\cup\{A_n\}$  and hence in  $cl(\cup\{A_n\})$ , since all points  $1/n$  are in  $\cup\{A_n\}$  and hence for any  $\epsilon > 0$  we can find a  $1/n < \epsilon$  s.t. there is a point  $y$  with  $1/n < y < \epsilon \leq 1$ , i.e.,  $y$  in  $\cup\{A_n\} \subset cl(\cup\{A_n\})$ .
- All points  $x < 0$  are neither in  $(0, 1] = \cup\{A_n\}$  nor limit points for  $\cup\{A_n\}$ , since for  $\epsilon < |x|$  there are no points  $y \in (0, 1]$ , s.t.  $|y - x| < \epsilon$ .

Therefore all and only points in  $[0, 1]$  are either elements or limit points of  $cl(\cup\{A_n\})$ , i.e.,  $cl(\cup\{A_n\}) = [0, 1]$ . □

$$(b) \cup \{cl(A_n)\} = (0, 1]$$

*Proof.* Notice that for any  $A_n = (1/n, 1]$ ,

- No points  $x > 1$  are elements of  $cl(A_n)$  or limit points, since for  $\epsilon < x - 1$ , there are no points  $y \in (1/n, 1]$  s.t.  $|x - y| < \epsilon$ .
- All points  $x \in (1/n, 1]$  are in that  $A_n$  and hence in that  $cl(A_n)$ .
- The point  $x = 1/n$  is a limit point of that  $A_n$ , since for all  $\epsilon > 0$  all points  $y$  s.t.  $1/n < y < \epsilon$  are in that  $A_n$ .
- All points  $x < 1/n$  are neither elements nor limit points of  $A_n$ , since every element in  $A_n$  must be greater than  $1/n$  and given any  $\epsilon < |x - 1/n|$  there can be no  $y \in (1/n, 1]$  s.t.  $|x - y| < \epsilon$ .

Thus all and only points in  $[1/n, 1]$  are either elements or limit points of the corresponding  $A_n = (1/n, 1]$  and hence  $cl(A_n) = [1/n, 1]$ . Taking the union of all such  $cl(A_n)$ , however, we observe that  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  implies  $0 \notin \cup \{cl(A_n)\}$  and, of course, neither  $x < 0$  nor  $x > 1$  are either, while for every  $x \in (0, 1]$  we can find  $n > 1/x$  and hence a  $cl(A_n)$  of which it is an element, making that  $x$  also an element of  $\cup \{cl(A_n)\}$ . Thus  $\cup \{cl(A_n)\} = (0, 1]$ .  $\square$

**Question 1.13** (Golinski). *In a pseudometric space, is the intersection of a collection of open sets necessarily an open set?*

*Proof.* There are two cases we can deal with for this problem, a finite collection of open sets and an infinite collection of open sets.

First, let's say we are given a finite collection of open sets. We know that a set is open if it is a neighborhood (or open ball) of all its points.

Let  $\{O_i\}$  be a finite collection of open sets and  $S = \bigcap_{i=1}^n O_i$ . If  $S$  is the empty set then it is open by theorem 1.10a. If  $S$  doesn't equal the empty set, then we want to prove that it is open.

Suppose  $x \in S$ , then  $x \in O_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . for each  $i$  there exists so  $r_i > 0$  so there is some  $B(x, r_i) \subset O_i$ . We can let  $r = \min\{r_i\}$  so  $B(x, r) \subset B(x, r_i) \subset O_i$  for every  $i$ . Therefore  $B(x, r) \subset \cap O_i = S$ .

This proves that a finite collection of open sets is an open set because we have shows that there is an open ball centered at each point of  $S$  and included in  $S$ .

Next we want to see if an infinite collection of open sets is open.

An infinite collection of open sets is closed, so I will provide a counterexample.

Take the set  $S = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} (-1/i, 1/i)$ . In this case,  $S = \{0\}$  which is closed.

Therefore, we have proved that for a finite collection of open sets the intersection is open, but that this is not necessarily the case for an infinite collection.  $\square$

**Question 1.14** (Berkowitz).

*Proof.*

$\square$

**Question 1.15** (Macula). (a) *In a pseudometric space  $(X, d)$ , can it ever happen that a cell  $C(x; r)$  is a closed set? Explain.*

(b) *Can it ever happen that  $B(x; r) = \{y \in X : d(x, y) \leq r\}$  is an open set?*

*Proof.* (a) Yes. Let  $X$  be a set and let  $d$  be the trivial pseudometric. Then for any  $r > 0$ ,  $C(x; r) = X$ , hence is closed.

(b) Yes. Let  $X$  be a set and let  $d$  be the trivial pseudometric. Then for any  $r > 0$ ,  $B(x; r) = X$ , hence is open. □

**Question 1.17** (Hafer).

*Proof.* Let  $x \in cl(A)$

$$\iff \forall \epsilon > 0, B(x, \epsilon) \cap A \neq \emptyset$$

$$\iff \forall \epsilon > 0 \exists a \in A \text{ s.t. } d(x, a) < \epsilon$$

$$\iff \inf\{d(x, a) : a \in A\} = 0$$

$$\iff d(x, A) = 0$$
□

## 2. CHAPTER 2

**Question 2.3** (Zheng).

*Proof.* □

**Question 2.4** (Zhang).

*Proof.* □

**Question 2.5** (Wang).

*Proof.* □

**Question 2.6** (Prohovich).

*Proof.* □

**Question 2.7** (Macula).

*Proof.* □

**Question 2.8** (Kelly).

*Proof.* □

**Question 2.9** (Hafer).

*Proof.* □

**Question 2.10** (Golinski).

*Proof.* □

**Question 2.11** (Fernandez).

*Proof.* □

**Question 2.12** (Fasano).

*Proof.* □

**Question 2.13** (Ewing).

*Proof.* □

**Question 2.14** (Berkowitz).

*Proof.* □

**Question 2.15** (Kelly).

<i>Proof.</i>	□
<b>Question 2.16</b> (Wang).	
<i>Proof.</i>	□
<b>Question 2.17</b> (Berkowitz).	
<i>Proof.</i>	□
<b>Question 2.18</b> (Golinski).	
<i>Proof.</i>	□
<b>Question 2.19</b> (Zheng).	
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<b>Question 2.20</b> (Zhang).	
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<b>Question 2.21</b> (Prohovich).	
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<b>Question 2.22</b> (Fasano).	
<i>Proof.</i>	□
<b>Question 2.23</b> (Ewing).	
<i>Proof.</i>	□
<b>Question 2.24</b> (Hafer).	
<i>Proof.</i>	□
<b>Question 2.25</b> (Macula).	
<i>Proof.</i>	□
<b>Question 2.26</b> (Fernandez).	
<i>Proof.</i>	□

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