

1. (a) Theorem 3.1 assumes  $\mathcal{F}$  is partially ordered by set inclusion. Also  $\bigcup \mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{F}$  for any chain in  $\mathcal{F}$ , so each chain has an upper bound. These are the prerequisites for Zorn's lemma and the conclusion,  $\mathcal{F}$  has a maximal element, follows.

- (b)  $\mathcal{Y}$  is nonempty since each  $X_\alpha$  is nonempty and we can always pick the pair  $(\{\alpha\}, \langle x_\alpha \rangle)$  for some  $\alpha \in A$ .

We know that  $\preceq$  is a partial ordering by checking the definition. If  $(B, \langle x_\alpha \rangle_{\alpha \in B}) \preceq (C, \langle y_\alpha \rangle_{\alpha \in C})$  and  $(C, \langle y_\alpha \rangle_{\alpha \in C}) \preceq (D, \langle z_\alpha \rangle_{\alpha \in D})$ , it follows that  $B \subset D$  and  $x_\alpha = z_\alpha \forall \alpha \in B$ . Thus  $(B, \langle x_\alpha \rangle_{\alpha \in B}) \preceq (D, \langle z_\alpha \rangle_{\alpha \in D})$ . Obviously this relation is reflexive. And if  $(B, \langle x_\alpha \rangle_{\alpha \in B}) \preceq (C, \langle x_\alpha \rangle_{\alpha \in C})$  and  $(C, \langle y_\alpha \rangle_{\alpha \in C}) \preceq (B, \langle x_\alpha \rangle_{\alpha \in B})$  then  $B = C$  and  $\langle x_\alpha \rangle = \langle y_\alpha \rangle$  and equality must hold.

3. (a) Take the set of all finite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ . It is down-closed and finite chains are closed. But it is not chain-closed since  $\mathbb{N}$  is not included in this set. Likewise there is not maximal element of the set. For any finite subset, we can always add another integer not in that set.

- (b)  $\mathcal{C}_\sigma$  contains  $\emptyset$  and  $\mathbb{N}$ . Furthermore each successive set  $\{\sigma(1) \cdots \sigma(n)\}$  is formed by adding a single unique element to the previous set. Thus we can't insert an additional set anywhere into  $\mathcal{C}_\sigma$  such that it will still be a chain. This means that any chain which includes  $\mathcal{C}_\sigma$  must be  $\mathcal{C}_\sigma$  itself, making it a maximal chain in  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$ .

- (c) It is possible to create a bijection between  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbb{Q} \cap (0, 1)$  and so between  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$  and  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Q} \cap (0, 1))$ . We can construct a chain by taking set of rational numbers from  $\mathbb{Q} \cap (0, 1)$  which converge to  $r$  for each  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ . For any two  $r_a, r_b$  not equal to each other, there is a countably infinite number of reals between the two. Thus there is an uncountable number of sets in the chain between any two sets  $A$  and  $B$  (defined by  $r_a$  and  $r_b$ ). This then means that the corresponding chain in  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$  has the same property.

- 4.8 Given that  $X$  has the cofinite topology, pick any  $x \in X$ . Every neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  contains all but a finite number of points. Let  $J$  be the largest index of any member of the sequence  $\{x_j\}$  not included in  $U$  (there are only a finite number of points to check). Then  $x_j \in U$  for all  $j > J$ , meaning  $x_j \rightarrow x$ .

- 4.13 We're given the  $U$  is open and  $A$  is dense in  $X$ , meaning  $X = A \cup \text{Acc}(A)$ . By proposition 4.1 we know that  $\overline{U} = U \cup \text{Acc}(U)$ . Also it's clear that  $\overline{U \cap A} \subseteq \overline{U}$ , so we just need to show that  $\overline{U \cap A} \subseteq \overline{U}$  or that

$$U \cup \text{Acc}(U) \subseteq (U \cap A) \cup \text{Acc}(U \cap A)$$

A point  $x \in U$  is either in  $U \cap A$  or is an accumulation point of  $A$ . If the latter is the case, then we also have  $x \in \text{Acc}(U \cap A)$ . Likewise, any  $x \in \text{Acc}(U)$  is also an accumulation point for  $U \cap A$ . Thus the above inclusion holds and  $\overline{U} = \overline{U \cap A}$ .

- 4.15 We already know that  $g$  is continuous on  $A$ . This means that  $g^{-1}$  maps any closed set  $V$  (let's say in  $\mathbb{C}$ ) to an closed set in the relative topology of  $A$ . Since  $A$  itself is closed, this means that  $g^{-1}(V)$  must also be closed in the topology of  $X$ . We also know that, since  $A$  is closed,  $A = \partial A \cup A^\circ$  and thus  $A^c \cup \partial A$  is a closed set.

Let  $h$  represent the extended function  $g$ . Then  $h^{-1}(0)$  is the union of some closed set and  $A^c \cup \partial A$  is also closed. In general,  $h^{-1}$  maps any closed set  $V \subset \mathbb{C}$  to a closed subset of  $X$ . If  $V \ni 0$  then the mapping is the same as with  $g$ . Otherwise  $h^{-1}(V) = g^{-1}(V) \cup (A^c \cup \partial A)$ . As such,  $h$  is continuous.