

Solutions to John L. Kelley's  
*General Topology*

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ABSTRACT. This document contains solutions to the problems of John L. Kelley's *General Topology*.

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## CHAPTER 1

# Topological Spaces

**Problem 1.A** (Largest and Smallest Topologies). (a) Let  $\{\mathcal{T}_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  be a family of topologies for  $X$ , and let  $\mathcal{T} = \bigcap_{\alpha \in I} \mathcal{T}_\alpha$ . Then  $\mathcal{T}$  is a family of subsets of  $X$  and  $\emptyset, X \in \mathcal{T}$  since  $\emptyset, X \in \mathcal{T}_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in I$ . An arbitrary union of  $\mathcal{T}$ -open sets is also an arbitrary union of  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha$ -open sets for all  $\alpha \in I$ , and hence is  $\mathcal{T}$ -open. Similarly, any finite intersection of  $\mathcal{T}$ -open sets is a finite intersection of  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha$ -open sets for all  $\alpha \in I$ , and so is  $\mathcal{T}$ -open. Thus  $\mathcal{T}$  is a topology on  $X$ .

(b)

(c) Let  $\{\mathcal{T}_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  be a collection of topologies for  $X$ . By part (a),  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} \mathcal{T}_\alpha$  is a topology for  $X$  which is contained in every  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha$ . If  $\mathcal{U}$  is another topology for  $X$  contained in every  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha$ , then  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \bigcap_{\alpha \in I} \mathcal{T}_\alpha$  and so  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} \mathcal{T}_\alpha$  is the (unique) largest topology for  $X$  contained in  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in I$ . On the other hand, by Theorem 1.12, there is a unique smallest topology for  $X$  containing each  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha$  since

$$\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} \mathcal{T}_\alpha = \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} \mathcal{T}_\alpha = X.$$

**Problem 1.B** (Topologies From Neighborhood Systems). (a) (i) This holds by definition of  $\mathcal{U}_x$ .

(ii) Let  $x \in U' \subseteq U$  and  $x \in V' \subseteq V$  with  $U'$  and  $V'$  open. Then  $x \in U' \cap V' \subseteq U \cap V$  with  $U' \cap V'$  open, so  $U \cap V \in \mathcal{U}_x$ . (This is part of Theorem 1.2.)

(iii) Let  $U'$  be an open set for which  $x \in U' \subseteq V$ . Then  $x \in U' \subseteq V$  and so  $V \in \mathcal{U}_x$ . (This is also part of Theorem 1.2.)

(iv) Let  $V$  be an open set for which  $x \in V \subseteq U$ , so in particular  $V \in \mathcal{U}_x$  and  $V \subseteq U$ . Moreover,  $V$  is a neighborhood of each of its points, and so  $V \in \mathcal{U}_y$  for all  $y \in V$ .

(b) Suppose that conditions (i), (ii), and (iii) above are satisfied. If  $U \in \mathcal{T}$ , then for all  $x \in U$  we have  $U \in \mathcal{U}_x$  and hence  $x \in X$ . Thus  $\mathcal{T}$  is a family of subsets of  $X$ . We have that  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$  vacuously. From (iii) and the fact that each  $\mathcal{U}_x$  is nonempty,  $X \in \mathcal{U}_x$  for all  $x \in X$  and thus  $X \in \mathcal{T}$ . Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a subfamily of  $\mathcal{T}$ . Then for all  $x \in \bigcup \mathcal{U}$ , there is  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $x \in U$  and so  $U \in \mathcal{U}_x$ . Thus  $\bigcup \mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{U}_x$  by (iii), and so  $\bigcup \mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{T}$ . Finally if  $U, V \in \mathcal{T}$  then for all  $x \in U \cap V$ , we have  $U \in \mathcal{U}_x$  and  $V \in \mathcal{U}_x$ . Then by (ii),  $U \cap V \in \mathcal{U}_x$  and so  $U \cap V \in \mathcal{T}$ . (This part does not actually use (i).)

Now suppose also that (iv) holds, and fix  $x \in X$ . If  $U$  is a  $\mathcal{T}$ -neighborhood of  $x$ , then there is  $V \in \mathcal{T}$  such that  $x \in V \subseteq U$ . Thus  $V \in \mathcal{U}_x$ , and so  $U \in \mathcal{U}_x$  by (iii) (this implication does not require (iv)). Conversely, if  $U \in \mathcal{U}_x$  then by (iv), there is  $V \in \mathcal{U}_x$  such that  $V \subseteq U$  and  $V \in \mathcal{U}_y$  for all  $y \in V$ . Thus  $V \in \mathcal{T}$ . By (i),  $x \in V \subseteq U$  so  $U$  is a  $\mathcal{T}$ -neighborhood of  $x$ . Hence  $\mathcal{U}_x$  is the  $\mathcal{T}$ -neighborhood system of  $x$ .

**Problem 1.C** (Topologies From Interior Operators). Suppose first that  $\mathcal{T}$  is a topology for  $X$ . Then the following statements are satisfied by the interior operator  $^i$  associated to  $\mathcal{T}$ :

(a)  $X^i = X$ . (Proof: This is clear since  $X \in \mathcal{T}$ , and hence  $X$  is a neighborhood of every  $x \in X$ .)

(b) For each  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $A^i \subseteq A$ . (Proof: By definition,  $A^i$  consists only of points of  $A$ .)

(c) For each  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $A^{ii} = A^i$ . (Proof: We know by Theorem 1.9 that  $A^i$  is open, and hence also  $A^{ii} = A^i$ .)

- (d) For each  $A, B \subseteq X$ ,  $(A \cap B)^i = A^i \cap B^i$ . (Proof: Let  $x \in (A \cap B)^i$ . Then  $A \cap B$  is a neighborhood of  $x$ , and so from  $A \cap B \subseteq A, B$  we have that  $A$  and  $B$  are neighborhoods of  $x$  by Theorem 1.2. Hence  $x \in A^i \cap B^i$ . On the other hand, if  $x \in A^i \cap B^i$  then  $A$  and  $B$  are neighborhoods of  $x$ . Thus by Theorem 1.2,  $A \cap B$  is a neighborhood of  $x$ , so  $x \in (A \cap B)^i$ .)

(Note that these are “dual” to the Kuratowski closure axioms of Theorem 1.8, using that  $X \setminus A^i = \overline{X \setminus A}$  (Theorem 1.9). This provides an alternative proof of (a)-(d), and also shows that the claim below is equivalent to Theorem 1.8; in fact, the arguments below are dual to the proof of Theorem 1.8.)

We claim that, conversely, if  $^i : 2^X \rightarrow 2^X$  is any function satisfying conditions (a)-(d) above then the family  $\mathcal{T}$  of all  $A \subseteq X$  for which  $A^i = A$  is a topology for  $X$  such that  $^i$  is the interior operator associated to  $\mathcal{T}$ . We have from (a) that  $X \in \mathcal{T}$ , and from (b) that  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$ . If  $U, V \in \mathcal{T}$ , then

$$(U \cap V)^i = U^i \cap V^i = U \cap V$$

by (d), and so  $U \cap V \in \mathcal{T}$ . Observe that if  $A \subseteq B \subseteq X$ , then  $A = A \cap B$  so

$$A^i = (A \cap B)^i = A^i \cap B^i$$

by (d). Thus  $A^i \subseteq B^i$ . Now suppose  $\mathcal{U}$  is a subfamily of  $\mathcal{T}$ . Then for all  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ , we have  $U \subseteq \bigcup \mathcal{U}$  and so

$$U = U^i \subseteq \left( \bigcup \mathcal{U} \right)^i.$$

Hence  $\bigcup \mathcal{U} \subseteq \bigcup \mathcal{U}^i$ . By (b), it follows that  $(\bigcup \mathcal{U})^i = \bigcup \mathcal{U}$  and so  $\bigcup \mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{T}$ . Then  $\mathcal{T}$  is a topology for  $X$ . Let  $^\circ$  denote the interior operator associated to  $\mathcal{T}$ . Then for all  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $A^\circ$  is open by Theorem 1.9 and so  $(A^\circ)^i = A^\circ$ . Then  $A^\circ \subseteq A^i$  since  $A^\circ \subseteq A$ . On the other hand, by (c),  $A^i$  is open and thus  $A^i \subseteq A^\circ$  by Theorem 1.9. Hence  $A^i = A^\circ$ ; that is,  $^i$  is the interior operator associated to  $\mathcal{T}$ .

**Problem 1.D** (Accumulation Points in  $T_1$ -Spaces). (a) By Theorem 1.12, there is a smallest topology  $\mathcal{T}$  for  $X$  which contains  $X \setminus \{x\}$  for all  $x \in X$ , which is also the smallest topology for  $X$  for which every singleton is closed. That is,  $\mathcal{T}$  is the smallest topology such that  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is a  $T_1$ -space. (Alternatively, we may apply Problem 1.A(a): an arbitrary intersection of  $T_1$ -topologies for  $X$  is again a  $T_1$ -topology for  $X$ .)

- (b) We have by part (a) that  $\mathcal{T}$  consists of arbitrary unions of finite intersections of complements of singletons in  $X$ , so  $\mathcal{T}$  consists of  $\emptyset$  and the complements of finite subsets of  $X$ . Now suppose  $A \subseteq X$  is not  $\emptyset$  or  $X$ . Then  $A$  is open if and only if  $X \setminus A$  is finite and  $A$  is closed if and only if  $A$  is finite. Since  $X = (X \setminus A) \cup A$  is infinite, it follows that  $A$  cannot be both open and closed. Thus  $X$  is connected.
- (c) Let  $A \subseteq X$ , and let  $A'$  denote the set of accumulation points of  $A$ . Let  $x \in X \setminus A'$ . Then there is an open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $U \cap (A \setminus \{x\}) = \emptyset$ . Suppose for sake of contradiction that  $U \cap A' \neq \emptyset$ . Then for  $y \in U \cap A'$ , we have  $U \cap (A \setminus \{y\}) \neq \emptyset$ . But  $U \cap (A \setminus \{y\}) \subseteq U \cap A$  and  $U \cap (A \setminus \{x\}) = \emptyset$ , so  $U \cap (A \setminus \{y\}) = \{x\}$ . Then since  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is a  $T_1$ -space,  $U \setminus \{x\}$  is a neighborhood of  $y$  such that  $(U \setminus \{x\}) \cap (A \setminus \{y\}) = \emptyset$ . This contradicts that  $y \in A'$ , and so  $U \cap A' = \emptyset$ . Thus  $x$  is not an accumulation point of  $A'$ . By Theorem 1.5, it follows that  $A'$  is closed.

**Problem 1.E** (Kuratowski Closure and Complement Problem).

**Problem 1.F** (Exercise on Spaces With a Countable Base). Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a countable base for a topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$ , and suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is another base. Let  $S$  be the set of all pairs  $(B, C)$  such that  $B, C \in \mathcal{B}$  and there is  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $B \subseteq A \subseteq C$ . Then  $S$  is countable by Theorem 0.17, and for all  $(B, C) \in S$ , let  $A_{B,C} \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $B \subseteq A_{B,C} \subseteq C$ . By Theorem 0.16,  $\mathcal{A}' = \{A_{B,C} \mid (B, C) \in S\}$  is a countable subfamily of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Now let  $U$  be open and  $x \in U$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  are bases for  $\mathcal{T}$ , there are  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $B, C \in \mathcal{B}$  such that

$$x \in B \subseteq A \subseteq C \subseteq U.$$

Then  $(B, C) \in S$  and so  $x \in A_{B,C} \subseteq U$  with  $A_{B,C} \in \mathcal{A}'$ . Thus  $\mathcal{A}'$  is also a base for  $\mathcal{T}$ , proving the claim.

**Problem 1.G** (Exercise on Dense Sets). Let  $x \in U$ , and suppose  $V$  is a neighborhood of  $x$ . Then by Theorem 1.1 and Theorem 1.2,  $U \cap V$  is a neighborhood of  $x$  and so  $U \cap V$  intersects  $A$  as  $A$  is dense in  $X$ . Then since  $U \cap V \subseteq U$ , we also have that  $U \cap V$  intersects  $A \cap U$  and so  $V$  intersects  $A \cap U$ . Thus  $x \in (A \cap U)^-$ , which shows that  $U \subseteq (A \cap U)^-$ .

**Problem 1.H** (Accumulation Points). For each  $x \in A \setminus B$ , let  $U_x$  be an open neighborhood of  $x$  for which  $U_x \cap A$  is countable. Then  $\{U_x \cap (A \setminus B)\}_{x \in A \setminus B}$  is an open cover of  $A \setminus B$  in the subspace topology. Then since  $A \setminus B$  is Lindelöf, there is a countable subset  $C$  of  $A \setminus B$  for which  $\{U_x \cap (A \setminus B)\}_{x \in C}$  is also an open cover of  $A \setminus B$ . But each  $U_x \cap (A \setminus B)$  is countable by Theorem 0.15, and so  $A \setminus B$  is countable by Theorem 0.17. Now let  $x \in B$  and  $U$  be a neighborhood of  $x$ . If  $U$  intersects only countably many points of  $B$ , then  $U \cap A = (U \cap B) \cup (U \cap (A \setminus B))$  is countable by Theorems 0.15 and 0.17. But  $U \cap A$  is uncountable since  $x \in B$ , so this is a contradiction. Thus  $U \cap B$  is uncountable; that is, any neighborhood of a point of  $B$  intersects uncountably many points of  $B$ .

**Problem 1.I** (The Order Topology). (Note: We assume that  $X$  consists of at least two points, for else the given “subbase” does not have union equal to  $X$  and is hence not a subbase of any topology for  $X$ .)

- (a) Let  $\mathcal{T}$  denote the order topology for  $X$  associated to  $<$ . Then if  $a, b \in X$  with  $a < b$ , let  $U = \{x \in X \mid x < a\}$  and  $V = \{x \in X \mid a < x\}$ . Then  $U, V \in \mathcal{T}$  and if  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ , we have  $x < a < y$  and so  $x < y$ . On the other hand, suppose  $\mathcal{U}$  is a topology for  $X$  such that for all  $a, b \in X$  with  $a < b$  there are neighborhoods  $U$  of  $a$  and  $V$  of  $b$  such that for  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ ,  $x < y$ . Fix  $a \in X$ . Then if  $x \in X$  such that  $x < a$ , there is a  $\mathcal{U}$ -open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $U \subseteq \{x \in X \mid x < a\}$ . Thus  $\{x \in X \mid x < a\}$  is  $\mathcal{U}$ -open. Similarly, if  $x \in X$  with  $a < x$ , there is a  $\mathcal{U}$ -open neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  such that  $V \subseteq \{x \in X \mid a < x\}$  so  $\{x \in X \mid a < x\}$  is  $\mathcal{U}$ -open. Then  $\mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{U}$  by definition of  $\mathcal{T}$ .
- (b)
- (c) Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$  which has an upper bound. Let  $U = \bigcup_{a \in A} \{x \in X \mid x < a\}$ . Then  $U$  is open by definition of  $\mathcal{T}$ . If  $U = \emptyset$ , then there are no  $a, b \in A$  for which  $a < b$ . It follows that  $A$  is a singleton and thus has a supremum. Now suppose  $U \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $<$  is antisymmetric, any upper bound of  $A$  is not in  $U$ , and so  $U \neq X$ . Thus since  $X$  is connected, it follows that  $U$  is not closed. By Theorem 1.5, there is an accumulation point  $x$  of  $U$  which is not contained in  $U$ . Then  $x \in \bigcap_{a \in A} \{x \in X \mid x \not< a\}$  and so for all  $a \in A$ ,  $x > a$  or  $x = a$ . Thus  $x$  is an upper bound for  $A$ . If  $y < x$ , then  $\{x \in X \mid y < x\}$  is an open neighborhood of  $x$ , which must intersect  $A$ . Thus there is  $a \in A$  such that  $y < a$ , and so  $y$  is not an upper bound of  $A$  since  $<$  is antisymmetric. Hence  $x$  is the supremum of  $A$ .
- (d) Let  $A = \{x \in X \mid a < x\}$  and  $B = \{x \in X \mid x < b\}$ . Then  $A$  and  $B$  are nonempty open subsets of  $X$  (as  $b \in A$  and  $a \in B$ ), and they are disjoint by the assumption on  $a$  and  $b$ . If  $x$  is any point of  $X$ , then  $a < x$ ,  $a = x$ , or  $x < a$ . If  $a < x$ , then  $x \in A$ . If  $a = x$  or  $x < a$ , then  $x \in B$  since  $a < b$ . Thus  $X = A \cup B$  is a separation of  $X$ , so  $X$  is not connected.

Together with part (c), we have that if  $X$  is connected under the order topology then  $X$  is order-complete and has no gaps. Conversely, suppose that  $X$  is order-complete with no gaps. Then

**Problem 1.J** (Properties of the Real Numbers). (a)

- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)

**Problem 1.K** (Half-Open Interval Space). (a)

- (b)

- (c)
- (d)
- (e)

**Problem 1.L** (Half-Open Rectangle Space). (a)

- (b)
- (c)

**Problem 1.M** (Example (the Ordinals) on 1st and 2nd Countability). (a)

- (b)
- (c)

**Problem 1.N** (Countable Chain Condition). Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a separable topological space and let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a disjoint family of open subsets of  $X$ . Let  $\mathcal{U}'$  denote the nonempty elements of  $\mathcal{U}$ , and let  $C$  be a countable dense subset of  $X$ . For each  $U \in \mathcal{U}'$ , let  $x_U \in U \cap C$ . If  $U, V \in \mathcal{U}'$  such that  $x_U = x_V$ , then  $(U \cap C) \cap (V \cap C)$  is nonempty. Hence  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , so  $U = V$ . Thus  $U \mapsto x_U$  is an injective function  $\mathcal{U}' \rightarrow C$ , and so  $\mathcal{U}'$  is countable by Theorem 0.15. Then  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \{\emptyset\} \cup \mathcal{U}'$  is countable by Theorems 0.15 and 0.17.

Now let  $X$  be an uncountable set and  $\mathcal{T}$  be the collection of complements of countable subsets of  $X$ , along with the empty set. By Theorems 0.15, 0.17, and 1.4,  $\mathcal{T}$  is a topology for  $X$ . Suppose  $U$  and  $V$  are disjoint open subsets of  $X$ . Then  $(X \setminus U) \cup (X \setminus V) = X$ , so  $U$  or  $V$  is the empty set by Theorem 0.17. Thus any disjoint subfamily  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $\mathcal{T}$  consists of at most two sets, and so  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  satisfies the countable chain condition. But for any countable subset  $C$  of  $X$ ,  $X \setminus C$  is a nonempty open subset of  $X$  which is disjoint from  $C$ . Hence  $X$  is not separable.

**Problem 1.O** (The Euclidean Plane). (a)

- (b)

**Problem 1.P** (Example on Components).

**Problem 1.Q** (Theorem on Separated Sets).

**Problem 1.R** (Finite Chain Theorem for Connected Sets). Let  $C = \bigcup \mathcal{A}$ , and suppose  $D$  is a subset of  $C$  which is both open and closed in  $C$ . Then for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have that  $D \cap A$  is both open and closed in  $A$ . Since  $A$  is connected, it follows that  $D \cap A = A$  or  $D \cap A = \emptyset$ . Thus  $A \subseteq D$  or  $A \subseteq C \setminus D$ . Suppose for sake of contradiction that there are  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $A \subseteq D$  and  $B \subseteq C \setminus D$ . Let  $A_0, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $A_0 = A$ ,  $A_n = B$ , and for all  $i = 0, \dots, n-1$ ,  $A_i$  and  $A_{i+1}$  are not separated. Then there is  $i$  such that  $A_i \subseteq D$  and  $A_{i+1} \subseteq C \setminus D$ . Thus  $A_i$  and  $A_{i+1}$  are disjoint, and since  $D$  and  $C \setminus D$  are closed in  $C$  we have that  $A_i = (A_i \cap A_{i+1}) \cap D$  and  $A_{i+1} = (A_i \cap A_{i+1}) \cap (C \setminus D)$  are closed in  $A_i \cup A_{i+1}$ . Hence  $A_i$  and  $A_{i+1}$  are separated, a contradiction. Thus either  $A \subseteq D$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  or  $A \subseteq C \setminus D$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , so  $D = C$  or  $D = \emptyset$ . Then  $C$  is connected.

If  $\mathcal{A}$  is a family of connected subsets of a topological space such that no two members of  $\mathcal{A}$  are separated, then it is clear that the finite chain condition is satisfied by  $\mathcal{A}$ . Hence  $\bigcup \mathcal{A}$  is connected, which proves Theorem 1.21.

**Problem 1.S** (Locally Connected Spaces). (a) Let  $U$  be an open set and  $C$  a component of  $U$ . Then for all  $x \in C$ ,  $C$  is the component of  $U$  containing  $x$  and hence is a neighborhood of  $x$ . Then  $C$  is a neighborhood of each of its points, and is thus open by Theorem 1.1.

- (b) Suppose that  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is a locally connected topological space. Then if  $U$  is open and  $x \in U$ , we have by part (a) that the connected component  $C$  of  $U$  containing  $x$  is open. In particular,  $C$  is an open connected subset of  $X$  for which  $x \in C \subseteq U$ . Thus the open connected subsets form a base for  $\mathcal{T}$ . Conversely, suppose the family of open connected subsets is a base for  $\mathcal{T}$ . Let  $x \in X$ , and let  $U$  be

a neighborhood of  $x$ . Then there is an open connected set  $C$  such that  $x \in C \subseteq U$ . By the proof of Theorem 1.22, the connected component of  $U$  containing  $x$  also contains  $C$ , and so is a neighborhood of  $x$ . Hence  $X$  is locally connected.

- (c) Let  $A$  be the component of  $X$  containing  $x$ . By part (a),  $A$  is open, and by Theorem 1.22,  $A$  is closed. Then setting  $B = X \setminus A$ , we have that  $X = A \cup B$  is a separation of  $X$  such that  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$ .

**Problem 1.T** (The Brouwer Reduction Theorem). (a) We restate the theorem as follows: Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space such that every subspace of  $X$  is Lindelöf (in particular, this holds for any second countable space by Theorem 1.15 since any subspace of a second countable space is second countable). Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a family of subsets of  $X$  which is closed under intersections of countable nests of closed sets. Then for any closed set  $A \in \mathcal{P}$ , there is a closed subset  $B$  of  $A$  such that  $B \in \mathcal{P}$  and no proper closed subset of  $B$  is in  $\mathcal{P}$ .

Proof: Suppose  $A$  is a closed subset of  $X$ , and let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the family of closed subsets of  $A$  which lie in  $\mathcal{P}$ . Let  $\mathcal{N} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  be a nest. Then

$$X \setminus \left( \bigcap \mathcal{N} \right) = \bigcup_{N \in \mathcal{N}} (X \setminus N).$$

Since  $\mathcal{A}$  consists only of closed subsets of  $X$ , we thus have that  $\{X \setminus N \mid N \in \mathcal{N}\}$  is an open cover of  $X \setminus (\bigcap \mathcal{N})$ . But  $X \setminus (\bigcap \mathcal{N})$  is Lindelöf, and so there is a countable subnest  $\mathcal{M}$  of  $\mathcal{N}$  such that

$$X \setminus \left( \bigcap \mathcal{N} \right) = \bigcup_{M \in \mathcal{M}} (X \setminus M).$$

Taking complements,

$$\bigcap \mathcal{N} = \bigcap \mathcal{M}.$$

But  $\bigcap \mathcal{M} \in \mathcal{P}$  by the assumption on  $\mathcal{P}$ , and hence  $\bigcap \mathcal{N} \in \mathcal{P}$ . If  $\mathcal{N}$  is nonempty, then since  $\mathcal{N} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  we have that  $\bigcap \mathcal{N}$  is a closed subset of  $A$ . Hence  $\bigcap \mathcal{N}$  is a lower bound of  $\mathcal{N}$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Otherwise  $\mathcal{N}$  is empty, and so  $A$  is a lower bound of  $\mathcal{N}$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Hence every nest in  $\mathcal{A}$  has a lower bound, and so by Theorem 0.25(b) (the Minimal Principle), it follows that  $\mathcal{A}$  has a minimal element. That is, there is a closed subset  $B$  of  $A$  in  $\mathcal{P}$  for which no proper closed subset of  $B$  lies in  $\mathcal{P}$ .

(b)



## CHAPTER 2

### Moore–Smith Convergence

**Problem 2.A** (Exercise on Sequences).

**Problem 2.B** (Example: Sequences are Inadequate).

**Problem 2.C** (Exercise on Hausdorff Spaces: Door Spaces). Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a Hausdorff door space, and let  $s$  be an accumulation point of  $X$ . Then by Theorem 2.2(a), there is a net in  $X \setminus \{s\}$  converging to  $s$ . Hence by Theorem 2.2(c),  $X \setminus \{s\}$  is not closed and thus  $\{s\}$  is not open. Since  $X$  is a door space, it follows that  $\{s\}$  is open and so  $X \setminus \{s\}$  is closed. Now if  $t \in X \setminus \{s\}$  is also an accumulation point of  $X$ , we have that  $\{t\}$  is open and hence  $X \setminus \{s, t\}$  is closed.

**Problem 2.D** (Exercise on Subsequences). If  $m \in \omega$ , then  $\{i \in \omega \mid N_i < m\}$  is finite and so it has a maximal element  $n$ . Then if  $p \in \omega$  with  $p \geq n + 1$ , we have  $p \notin \{i \in \omega \mid N_i < m\}$  and hence  $N_p \geq m$ . Thus for any sequence  $S$ , we have that  $S \circ N$  is a subsequence of  $S$ .

Now suppose  $N$  is a sequence of nonnegative integers such that  $S \circ N$  is not a subsequence of  $S$ . Then by definition of a subsequence, there is  $m \in \omega$  for which the set of  $i \in \omega$  with  $N_i \geq m$  is cofinal in  $\omega$ . By well-ordering of  $\omega$ , there is a least such  $m$ . Then by choice of  $m$ ,  $\{i \in \omega \mid N_i \leq m - 1\}$  is not cofinal in  $\omega$ , and so it is bounded above. Thus  $\{i \in \omega \mid N_i = m\}$  is cofinal in  $\omega$ , so also  $\{i \in \omega \mid S_{N_i} = S_m\}$  is cofinal in  $\omega$ . Then  $S_m$  is a cluster point of  $S \circ N$ .

**Problem 2.E** (Example: Cofinal Subsets are Inadequate). (a) Since every point of  $X$  other than  $(0, 0)$  is open, it suffices to show that if  $x \in X \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$  then  $x$  and  $(0, 0)$  can be separated by disjoint neighborhoods. But  $\{x\}$  is open and also  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is an open neighborhood of  $(0, 0)$  since for all  $m \in \omega$ ,  $\{n \in \omega \mid (m, n) \in \{x\}\}$  has at most one element.

(b) We showed in part (a) that if  $x \in X \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$  then  $\{x\}$  is closed and so the claim holds for  $x$ . On the other hand,  $\{x\}$  is open for all  $x \in X \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$  by definition of the topology and so  $\{(0, 0)\}$  is the intersection of the closed neighborhoods  $X \setminus \{x\}$  for  $x \in X \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ . Since  $X$  is countable by Theorem 0.17, we have by Theorem 0.15 that  $X \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$  is countable and so  $\{(0, 0)\}$  is a countable intersection of closed neighborhoods.

(c) Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be an open cover of  $X$ , and for each  $x \in X$  let  $U_x \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $x \in U_x$ . Since  $X$  is countable,  $\{U_x \mid x \in X\}$  is countable by Theorem 0.16. Then  $\{U_x \mid x \in X\}$  is a countable subcover of  $\mathcal{U}$ , so  $X$  is Lindelöf.

(d)

(e)

**Problem 2.F** (Monotone Nets). (Note: We assume that  $>$  is antisymmetric, as in Problem 1.I.)

(a) Let  $\{S_n, n \in D, \succ\}$  be a monotone increasing net with bounded range, and let  $s$  be the supremum of the range of  $S$ . Let  $a, b \in X$  such that  $a < s < b$ . Then  $a$  is not an upper bound of the range of  $S$  since  $<$  is antisymmetric. Thus there is  $n \in D$  for which  $a < S_n$ . Then for  $m \in D$  with  $m \succ n$ ,  $S_m \geq S_n$ . Hence  $a < S_m$ . Since  $s$  is an upper bound of the range of  $S$ , we have  $a < S_m \leq s$  and so  $a < S_m < b$ .

for  $m \succ n$ . Then  $S$  is eventually in  $\{x \in X \mid a < x < b\}$ . But the collection of  $\{x \in X \mid a < x < b\}$  for  $a, b \in X$  is a base for the order topology on  $X$  and so the collection of  $\{x \in X \mid a < x < b\}$  for  $a, b \in X$  with  $a < s < b$  is a local base at  $s$ . Then  $S$  converges to  $s$ .

(b)

**Problem 2.G** (Integration Theory, Junior Grade). (Note: Since  $\mathbf{R}$  is Hausdorff, we have by Theorem 2.3 that nets in  $\mathbf{R}$  converge to at most one point. Thus if  $f$  is summable over  $A$ , we can unambiguously write  $\sum_A f$  for the unique point to which  $S$  converges.)

- (a) Suppose that  $f$  is nonnegative and that  $\{S_F \mid F \in \mathcal{A}\}$  is bounded above. The net  $S$  is monotone when  $\mathbf{R}$  is linearly ordered by  $>$ , for if  $G \supseteq F$  with  $F, G \in \mathcal{A}$  then  $S_F \geq S_G$ . Since  $(\mathbf{R}, >)$  is order-complete, we thus have by Problem 2.F(a) that  $S$  converges to the supremum of  $\{S_F \mid F \in \mathcal{A}\}$ . Conversely, suppose for sake of contradiction that  $f$  is nonnegative and summable but that  $\{S_F \mid F \in \mathcal{A}\}$  is not bounded above. Let  $S$  converge to  $s \in \mathbf{R}$ . Let  $a, b \in \mathbf{R}$  such that  $a < s < b$ . There exists  $F \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $S_F \geq b$ , since  $\{S_F \mid F \in \mathcal{A}\}$  is not bounded above. For any  $G \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $G \supseteq F$ , we have since  $f$  is nonnegative that  $S_G \geq S_F$  and thus  $S_G \geq b$ . Since  $(\mathcal{A}, \supseteq)$  is a directed set, it follows that  $S$  is not eventually in  $(a, b)$ . But  $(a, b)$  is a neighborhood of  $s$ , and so this contradicts the convergence of  $S$  to  $s$ . Hence  $\{S_F \mid F \in \mathcal{A}\}$  must be bounded above.

We now obtain the analogous result for nonpositive  $f$  by replacing the linear order  $>$  on  $\mathbf{R}$  with  $<$ . Let  $f$  be nonpositive and suppose that  $\{S_F \mid F \in \mathcal{A}\}$  is bounded below. We have that  $S$  is a monotone net when  $\mathbf{R}$  is linearly ordered by  $<$ : if  $F, G \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $G \supseteq F$ , then  $S_G \leq S_F$ . Thus by Problem 2.F(a),  $S$  converges to the infimum of  $\{S_F \mid F \in \mathcal{A}\}$ . Conversely, let  $f$  be nonpositive and summable but suppose for sake of contradiction that  $\{S_F \mid F \in \mathcal{A}\}$  is not bounded below. Let  $S$  converge to  $s \in \mathbf{R}$ . If  $a, b \in \mathbf{R}$  such that  $a < s < b$ , there exists  $F \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $S_F \leq a$  since  $\{S_F \mid F \in \mathcal{A}\}$  is not bounded below. Then for  $G \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $G \supseteq F$ , we have  $S_G \leq S_F$  so  $S_G \leq a$ . Now since  $\mathcal{A}$  is directed by  $\supseteq$ ,  $S$  is not eventually in  $(a, b)$ , a contradiction. Hence  $\{S_F \mid F \in \mathcal{A}\}$  is bounded below.

- (b) Let  $\mathcal{A}_+$  denote the family of finite subsets of  $A_+$  and  $\mathcal{A}_-$  the family of finite subsets of  $A_-$ . Then  $\sum_F f \geq 0$  for all  $F \in \mathcal{A}_+$  and  $\sum_F f \leq 0$  for all  $F \in \mathcal{A}_-$ . Suppose first that  $f$  is summable over  $A$ , and suppose for sake of contradiction that  $\{S_{F_+} \mid F_+ \in \mathcal{A}_+\}$  is not bounded above. For  $a \in \mathbf{R}$  such that  $\sum_A f < a$ , there is  $F \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $S_G < a$  for all  $G \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $G \supseteq F$ . Since  $F$  is finite, it has a finite number of subsets and hence there is  $b \in \mathbf{R}$  such that  $b \leq S_{F'}$  for all  $F' \subseteq F$ . Then there is  $F_+ \in \mathcal{A}_+$  such that  $S_{F_+} \geq a - b$ . We have that  $F_+ \cup F \in \mathcal{A}$  contains  $F$ , so  $S_{F_+ \cup F} < a$ . Since

$$S_{F_+ \cup F} = S_{F_+} + S_{F \setminus F_+}$$

and  $F \setminus F_+ \subseteq F$ , it follows that

$$a = (a - b) + b \leq S_{F_+} + S_{F \setminus F_+} < a,$$

a contradiction. Hence  $\{S_{F_+} \mid F_+ \in \mathcal{A}_+\}$  is bounded above. If  $\{S_{F_-} \mid F_- \in \mathcal{A}_-\}$  is not bounded below, let  $a \in \mathbf{R}$  such that  $a < \sum_A f$  and let  $b \in \mathbf{R}$  such that  $S_{F'} \leq b$  for all  $F' \subseteq F$ . Then there is  $F \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $a < S_G$  for all  $G \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $G \supseteq F$ , and  $F_- \in \mathcal{A}_-$  such that  $S_{F_-} \leq a - b$ . Then  $F_- \cup F \in \mathcal{A}$  contains  $F$ , so  $a < S_{F_- \cup F}$ . But

$$S_{F_- \cup F} = S_{F_-} + S_{F \setminus F_-}$$

and  $F \setminus F_- \subseteq F$  implies

$$a < S_{F_-} + S_{F \setminus F_-} \leq (a - b) + b = a.$$

This is a contradiction, so  $\{S_{F_-} \mid F_- \in \mathcal{A}_-\}$  is bounded below. By part (a), we thus have that  $f$  is summable on  $A_+$  and  $A_-$ .

Now suppose  $f$  is summable over  $A_+$  and  $A_-$ . For convenience, let  $s_+ = \sum_{A_+} f$  and  $s_- = \sum_{A_-} f$ . Let  $a, b \in \mathbf{R}$  such that  $a < s_+ + s_- < b$ . We have

$$\frac{a + s_+ - s_-}{2} = s_+ + \frac{a - s_+ - s_-}{2} < s_+ < s_+ + \frac{b - s_+ - s_-}{2} = \frac{b + s_+ - s_-}{2}$$

and

$$\frac{a - s_+ + s_-}{2} = s_- + \frac{a - s_+ - s_-}{2} < s_- < s_- + \frac{b - s_+ - s_-}{2} = \frac{b - s_+ + s_-}{2}.$$

Then since  $\{S_F, F \in \mathcal{A}_+, \supseteq\}$  converges to  $s_+$  and  $\{S_F, F \in \mathcal{A}_-, \supseteq\}$  converges to  $s_-$ , are  $F_+ \in \mathcal{A}_+$  and  $F_- \in \mathcal{A}_-$  such that for  $G_+ \in \mathcal{A}_+$  with  $G_+ \supseteq F_+$  and  $G_- \in \mathcal{A}_-$  with  $G_- \supseteq F_-$ ,

$$\frac{a + s_+ - s_-}{2} < S_{G_+} < \frac{b + s_+ - s_-}{2}$$

and

$$\frac{a - s_+ + s_-}{2} < S_{G_-} < \frac{b - s_+ + s_-}{2}.$$

Now let  $F = F_+ \cup F_-$ . Then for  $G \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $G \supseteq F$ , let

$$G_+ = \{a \in G \mid f(a) \geq 0\}$$

and

$$G_- = \{a \in G \mid f(a) < 0\}.$$

Then  $G_+ \subseteq A_+$  and  $G_- \subseteq A_-$ , and from  $G_+, G_- \subseteq G$  we have that  $G_+$  and  $G_-$  are finite. Thus  $G_+ \in \mathcal{A}_+$  and  $G_- \in \mathcal{A}_-$ . Moreover,  $f$  is nonnegative on  $F_+$  and  $F_+ \subseteq F \subseteq G$ , so  $G_+ \supseteq F_+$ . Similarly,  $G_- \supseteq F_-$ . Then

$$\frac{a + s_+ - s_-}{2} < S_{G_+} < \frac{b + s_+ - s_-}{2}$$

and

$$\frac{a - s_+ + s_-}{2} < S_{G_-} < \frac{b - s_+ + s_-}{2}$$

by the choice of  $F_+$  and  $F_-$ . But  $G$  is the disjoint union of  $G_+$  and  $G_-$ , so  $S_G = S_{G_+} + S_{G_-}$ . Then from

$$\frac{a + s_+ - s_-}{2} + \frac{a - s_+ + s_-}{2} = a$$

and

$$\frac{b + s_+ - s_-}{2} + \frac{b - s_+ + s_-}{2},$$

we conclude that  $a < S_G < b$ . Hence  $S$  is eventually in  $(a, b)$ , so  $S$  converges to  $s_+ + s_-$ . That is,  $f$  is summable over  $A$  and

$$\sum_A f = \sum_{A_+} f + \sum_{A_-} f.$$

In particular, if  $f$  is summable over  $A$ , then  $f$  is summable over  $A_+$  and  $A_-$  and so

$$\sum_A f = \sum_{A_+} f + \sum_{A_-} f.$$

(c) Suppose  $f$  is summable over  $A$ . Then  $f$  is summable over  $A_+$  and  $A_-$  by part (b). We have

$$|f|(a) = \begin{cases} f(a) & a \in A_+ \\ -f(a) & a \in A_- \end{cases}$$

(d)

- (e)
- (f)
- (g)
- (h)
  - (i)
  - (ii)
  - (iii)

**Problem 2.H** (Integration Theory, Utility Grade). (a)

- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)
- (f)

**Problem 2.I** (Maximal Ideals in Lattices). (a) Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the family of ideals which contain  $A$  and are disjoint from  $B$ , and let  $\mathcal{N}$  be a nest in  $\mathcal{A}$ . If  $\mathcal{N}$  is empty, then since  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $A$  is an upper bound of  $\mathcal{N}$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ . If  $\mathcal{N}$  is nonempty, we claim that  $\bigcup \mathcal{N} \in \mathcal{A}$ . Clearly since  $A \subseteq N$  for any  $N \in \mathcal{N}$ , we have  $A \subseteq \bigcup \mathcal{N}$ . Moreover,

$$\left(\bigcup \mathcal{N}\right) \cap B = \bigcup_{N \in \mathcal{N}} (N \cap B) = \bigcup_{N \in \mathcal{N}} \emptyset = \emptyset$$

so  $\bigcup \mathcal{N}$  is disjoint from  $B$ . Suppose  $y \in \bigcup \mathcal{N}$  and  $x \in X$  such that  $y \geq x$ . Then if  $N \in \mathcal{N}$  such that  $y \in N$ , we have also that  $x \in N$  since  $N$  is an ideal of  $X$ . If  $y, z \in \bigcup \mathcal{N}$ , let  $N, M \in \mathcal{N}$  such that  $y \in N$  and  $z \in M$ . Then since  $\mathcal{N}$  is a nest, WLOG  $M \subseteq N$ . Hence  $y, z \in N$ , and so  $y \vee z \in N$ . Thus  $y \vee z \in \bigcup \mathcal{N}$ , so that  $\bigcup \mathcal{N}$  is an ideal of  $X$ . Now since  $N \subseteq \bigcup \mathcal{N}$  for all  $N \in \mathcal{N}$ , we have that  $\bigcup \mathcal{N}$  is an upper bound for  $\mathcal{N}$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Hence by Theorem 0.25(a) (the Maximal Principle), there is a maximal element  $A'$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ ; that is,  $A'$  is maximal among the ideals of  $X$  containing  $A$  and disjoint from  $B$ .

The existence of  $B'$  is proven in exactly the same manner. Let  $\mathcal{B}$  denote the family of dual ideals of  $X$  which contain  $B$  and are disjoint from  $A'$ . Since  $B$  is a dual ideal of  $X$  disjoint from  $A'$ , we have  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ . Thus the empty nest is bounded above in  $\mathcal{B}$ . Now suppose that  $\mathcal{N}$  is a nonempty nest in  $\mathcal{B}$ ; we wish to show that  $\bigcup \mathcal{N} \in \mathcal{B}$ . For any  $N \in \mathcal{N}$ , we have that  $B \subseteq N$  and so  $B \subseteq \bigcup \mathcal{N}$ . Moreover,

$$\left(\bigcup \mathcal{N}\right) \cap A' = \bigcup_{N \in \mathcal{N}} (N \cap A') = \bigcup \emptyset = \emptyset,$$

so  $\bigcup \mathcal{N}$  is disjoint from  $A'$ . Now let  $y \in \bigcup \mathcal{N}$  and suppose  $x \in X$  with  $x \geq y$ . Then if  $N \in \mathcal{N}$  such that  $y \in N$ , we have  $x \in N$  since  $N$  is a dual ideal of  $X$  and thus  $x \in \bigcup \mathcal{N}$ . For  $y, z \in \bigcup \mathcal{N}$ , there are  $N, M \in \mathcal{N}$  such that  $y \in N$  and  $z \in M$ . WLOG, since  $\mathcal{N}$  is a nest,  $M \subseteq N$ . Then  $y, z \in N$  and so since  $N$  is a dual ideal,  $y \wedge z \in N$ . Thus  $y \wedge z \in \bigcup \mathcal{N}$ , and so  $\bigcup \mathcal{N}$  is a dual ideal of  $X$ . Then  $\bigcup \mathcal{N} \in \mathcal{B}$ . Now by Theorem 0.25(a) (the Maximal Principle), there is a maximal element  $B'$  of  $\mathcal{B}$ . This  $B'$  is maximal among the dual ideals of  $X$  containing  $B$  and disjoint from  $A'$ .

- (b) For  $c \in X$ , let

$$C = \{x \in X \mid x \leq c \text{ or } x \leq c \vee y \text{ for some } y \in A'\}.$$

We claim that  $C$  is an ideal of  $X$  containing  $A'$  and  $c$ . [TODO] If  $C'$  is any ideal of  $X$  containing  $A'$  and  $c$ , then  $c \vee y \in C'$  for any  $y \in A'$ . Then if  $x \in X$  such that  $x \leq c$  or  $x \leq c \vee y$  for some  $y \in A'$ , we have  $x \in C'$  since  $C'$  is an ideal. Thus  $C \subseteq C'$ , and so  $C$  is the smallest such ideal.

If  $C$  is disjoint from  $B$ , then  $C$  is an ideal of  $X$  containing  $A'$  (and thus also  $A$ ) which is disjoint from  $B$ . Hence by maximality of  $A'$ , we have  $C \subseteq A'$ . In particular,  $c \in A'$ . Now suppose  $c$  is in neither

$A'$  nor  $B$ ; then  $C$  intersects  $B$ . Let  $y \in B \cap C$ . From  $y \in C$ , either  $y \leq c$  or there exists  $x \in A'$  such that  $y \leq c \vee x$ . But  $B$  is a dual ideal and  $c \notin B$ , so  $y \leq c$  is impossible. Thus there is  $x \in A'$  such that  $y \leq c \vee x$ , and so since  $B$  is a dual ideal,  $c \vee x \in B$ .

- (c) Since  $B \subseteq B'$ , if  $c$  is in neither  $A'$  nor  $B'$  then by part (b), there is  $x \in A'$  such that  $c \vee x \in B$ . By an argument entirely analogous to part (b), there is  $y \in B'$  such that  $c \wedge y \in A'$ . Then  $(c \vee x) \wedge y \in B'$  since  $B'$  is a dual ideal containing  $c \vee x$  and  $y$ . We also have that

$$(c \vee x) \wedge y = (c \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge y)$$

since  $X$  is distributive. From  $x \geq x \wedge y$ , we have  $x \wedge y \in A'$  and thus  $(c \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge y) \in A'$ . But  $B'$  is disjoint from  $A'$  by construction, and so we have a contradiction. Then  $A' \cup B' = X$ , proving the claim.

**Problem 2.J** (Universal Nets). (a) Suppose  $\{S_n, n \in D\}$  is a universal net in  $X$  which is frequently in  $A \subseteq X$ . Then  $S$  is not eventually in  $X \setminus A$ , and so  $S$  is eventually in  $A$  since it is a universal net.

- (b) We first show that if a net  $\{S_n, n \in D\}$  in  $X$  is eventually in  $A \subseteq X$ , then any subnet of  $S$  is eventually in  $A$ . Indeed, let  $N : E \rightarrow D$  be a function of directed sets as in the definition of a subnet of  $S$ . Since  $S$  is eventually in  $A$ , there is  $m \in D$  such that  $S_n \in A$  for  $n \geq m$ . Let  $n \in E$  such that for  $p \geq n$ ,  $N_p \geq m$ . Then  $S_{N_p} \in A$  for  $p \geq n$ , and so  $S \circ N$  is eventually in  $A$ . Now if  $S$  is a universal net in  $X$ , for any subset  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $S$  is eventually in  $A$  or eventually in  $X \setminus A$ . Hence any subnet of  $S$  is eventually in  $A$  or eventually in  $X \setminus A$ , and so is a universal net in  $X$ .

Suppose  $\{S_n, n \in D\}$  is a universal net in  $X$  and that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a function. Then  $f \circ S$  is a net in  $Y$ . For any subset  $B \subseteq Y$ ,  $S$  is eventually in  $f^{-1}(B)$  or  $X \setminus f^{-1}(B)$ . Thus there is  $n \in D$  such that either for all  $m \geq n$ ,  $S_m \in f^{-1}(B)$ , or for all  $m \geq n$ ,  $S_m \in X \setminus f^{-1}(B)$ . But  $X \setminus f^{-1}(B) = f^{-1}(Y \setminus B)$  and hence for all  $m \geq n$ ,  $f(S_m) \in B$  or for all  $m \geq n$ ,  $f(S_m) \in Y \setminus B$ . Hence  $f \circ S$  is eventually in  $B$  or  $Y \setminus B$ , so  $f \circ S$  is a universal net in  $Y$ .

- (c) Let  $S$  be a net in  $X$  and let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the family of all subsets  $A \subseteq X$  for which  $S$  is frequently in  $A$ , and let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the family of subsets of  $\mathcal{A}$  which are closed under finite intersections. Suppose that  $\mathcal{N}$  is a nest in  $\mathcal{P}$ ; we claim that  $\bigcup \mathcal{N} \in \mathcal{P}$ . Let  $A, B \in \bigcup \mathcal{N}$ . Then there are  $N, M \in \mathcal{N}$  such that  $A \in N$  and  $B \in M$ , and WLOG we assume that  $M \subseteq N$ . Then  $A, B \in N$  and so  $A \cap B \in N$ . Hence  $A \cap B \in \bigcup \mathcal{N}$ , so  $\bigcup \mathcal{N} \in \mathcal{P}$  (clearly  $\bigcup \mathcal{N} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ ). Thus  $\mathcal{N}$  has an upper bound in  $\mathcal{P}$ , and so by Theorem 0.25(a) (the Maximal Principle), there is a maximal element of  $\mathcal{P}$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a maximal element of  $\mathcal{P}$ . Suppose for sake of contradiction that there is  $A \subseteq X$  such that  $A$  and  $X \setminus A$  are not in  $\mathcal{C}$ . To yield a contradiction, it suffices by definition of  $\mathcal{C}$  to show that  $\mathcal{C} \cup \{A\}$  or  $\mathcal{C} \cup \{X \setminus A\}$  is in  $\mathcal{P}$ . [TODO: finish]

[TODO: other method]

- (d) Let  $S$  be a net in  $X$ , and let  $\mathcal{C}$  be as in part (c). By Lemma 2.5, there is a subnet  $T$  of  $S$  which is eventually in each member of  $\mathcal{C}$ . But for all  $A \subseteq X$ , we have  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  or  $X \setminus A \in \mathcal{C}$  and hence  $T$  is eventually in  $A$  or  $X \setminus A$ . Then  $T$  is a universal subnet of  $S$ .

**Problem 2.K** (Boolean Rings: There are Enough Homomorphisms). (a) We have for  $r, s \in R$  that

$$\begin{aligned} r + s &= (r + s)^2 \\ &= r^2 + rs + sr + s^2 \\ &= r + rs + sr + s, \end{aligned}$$

and so  $0 = rs + sr$ . Adding  $rs$  to both sides yields  $rs = sr$ , and so  $R$  is commutative.

- (b) Since  $R$  is a ring, it has the usual  $\mathbf{Z}$ -algebra structure. For all  $r \in R$ , we have  $2r = r + r = 0$  and thus this  $\mathbf{Z}$ -algebra structure factors through a  $\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$ -algebra structure.

(c) If  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} A\Delta\emptyset &= (A \cup \emptyset) \setminus (A \cap \emptyset) \\ &= A \setminus \emptyset \\ &= A. \end{aligned}$$

For  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ , it is clear that  $A\Delta B = B\Delta A$ . Moreover, we notice that

$$\begin{aligned} A\Delta B &= (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B) \\ &= (A \setminus (A \cap B)) \cup (B \setminus (A \cap B)) \\ &= (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A). \end{aligned}$$

Now for  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (A\Delta B)\Delta C &= ((A\Delta B) \setminus C) \cup (C \setminus (A\Delta B)) \\ &= (((A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)) \setminus C) \cup (C \setminus ((A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B))) \\ &= (A \setminus (B \cup C)) \cup (B \setminus (A \cup C)) \cup (C \setminus (A \cup B)) \cup (A \cap B \cap C) \\ &= (A \setminus (B \cup C)) \cup (A \cap B \cap C) \cup (B \setminus (A \cup C)) \cup (C \setminus (A \cup B)) \\ &= (A \setminus ((B \cup C) \setminus (B \cap C))) \cup (((B \setminus C) \setminus A) \cup ((C \setminus B) \setminus A)) \\ &= (A \setminus ((B \cup C) \setminus (B \cap C))) \cup (((B \setminus C) \cup (C \setminus B)) \setminus A) \\ &= (A \setminus (B\Delta C)) \cup ((B\Delta C) \setminus A) \\ &= A\Delta(B\Delta C). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $(\mathcal{A}, \Delta)$  is an abelian group. It is clear that  $\cap$  is associative, and so we show that  $\cap$  distributes over  $\Delta$ . For all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} A \cap (B\Delta C) &= A \cap ((B \cup C) \setminus (B \cap C)) \\ &= (A \cap (B \cup C)) \setminus (B \cap C) \\ &= ((A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)) \setminus (B \cap C) \\ &= ((A \cap B) \setminus (B \cap C)) \cup ((A \cap C) \setminus (B \cap C)) \\ &= ((A \cap B) \setminus (A \cap C)) \cup ((A \cap C) \setminus (A \cap B)) \\ &= (A \cap B)\Delta(A \cap C), \end{aligned}$$

as desired. Moreover, for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have  $A \cap X = A$  and  $X \cap A = A$  so  $(\mathcal{A}, \Delta, \cap)$  is a ring with additive unit  $\emptyset$  and multiplicative unit  $X$ . Finally, we have that  $(\mathcal{A}, \Delta, \cap)$  is also a Boolean ring: for any  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , it is clear that  $A \cap A = A$  and

$$A\Delta A = (A \cup A) \setminus (A \cap A) = A \setminus A = \emptyset.$$

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(d) Let  $r, s, t \in R$  such that  $r \geq s$  and  $s \geq t$ . Then

$$r \cdot t = r \cdot (s \cdot t) = (r \cdot s) \cdot t = s \cdot t = t,$$

so  $r \geq t$ . Thus  $\geq$  partially orders  $R$ . For  $r, s \in R$ , let  $r \vee s = r + s + r \cdot s$  and  $r \wedge s = r \cdot s$ . Then (note that by part (a),  $R$  is commutative)  $r \vee s = s \vee r$ ,  $r \wedge s = s \wedge r$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} (r \vee s) \cdot r &= (r + s + r \cdot s) \cdot r \\ &= r + s \cdot r + (r \cdot s) \cdot r \\ &= r + s \cdot r + (s \cdot r) \cdot r \\ &= r + s \cdot r + s \cdot r^2 \\ &= r + s \cdot r + s \cdot r \\ &= r \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (r \wedge s) \cdot r &= (r \cdot s) \cdot r \\ &= r^2 \cdot s \\ &= r \cdot s \\ &= r \wedge s. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $r \vee s \geq r, s$  and  $r, s \geq r \wedge s$ . On the other hand, if  $a \geq r, s$  and  $r, s \geq b$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} a \cdot (r \vee s) &= a \cdot (r + s + r \cdot s) \\ &= a \cdot r + a \cdot s + a \cdot (r \cdot s) \\ &= r + s + (a \cdot r) \cdot s \\ &= r + s + r \cdot s \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (r \wedge s) \cdot b &= (r \cdot s) \cdot b \\ &= r \cdot (s \cdot b) \\ &= r \cdot b \\ &= b. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $a \geq r \vee s$  and  $r \wedge s \geq b$ , so  $r \vee s$  is the join of  $r, s$  and  $r \wedge s$  is the meet of  $r, s$ . For  $r, s, t \in R$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (r \vee s) \vee t &= (r + s + r \cdot s) \vee t \\ &= (r + s + r \cdot s) + t + (r + s + r \cdot s) \cdot t \\ &= r + s + r \cdot s + t + r \cdot t + s \cdot t + (r \cdot s) \cdot t \\ &= r + (s + t + s \cdot t) + r \cdot (s + t + s \cdot t) \\ &= r \vee (s + t + s \cdot t) \\ &= r \vee (s \vee t) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (r \wedge s) \wedge t &= (r \cdot s) \cdot t \\ &= r \cdot (s \cdot t) \\ &= r \wedge (s \wedge t). \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$  are associative. Moreover, we have for  $r, s, t \in R$  that

$$\begin{aligned}
 r \wedge (s \vee t) &= r \cdot (s + t + s \cdot t) \\
 &= r \cdot s + r \cdot t + r \cdot (s \cdot t) \\
 &= r \cdot s + r \cdot t + r^2 \cdot (s \cdot t) \\
 &= r \cdot s + r \cdot t + (r \cdot s) \cdot (r \cdot t) \\
 &= (r \cdot s) \vee (r \cdot t) \\
 &= (r \wedge s) \vee (r \wedge t)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 r \vee (s \wedge t) &= r \vee (s \cdot t) \\
 &= r + s \cdot t + r \cdot (s \cdot t) \\
 &= r^2 + r \cdot t + r \cdot t + s \cdot r + s \cdot t + r \cdot (s \cdot t) + r \cdot (s \cdot t) + r \cdot (s \cdot t) \\
 &= r^2 + r \cdot t + r^2 \cdot t + s \cdot r + s \cdot t + s \cdot (r \cdot t) + (r \cdot s) \cdot r + (r \cdot s) \cdot t + (r \cdot s) \cdot (r \cdot t) \\
 &= (r + s + r \cdot s) \cdot (r + t + r \cdot t) \\
 &= (r \vee s) \wedge (r \vee t)
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $(R, \geq)$  is a distributive lattice.

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**Problem 2.L** (Filters). (a) Suppose  $U$  is an open subset of  $X$ ,  $x \in U$ , and  $\mathcal{F}$  is a filter in  $X$  which converges to  $x$ . Then  $U$  is a neighborhood of  $x$ , so  $U \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $U \subseteq X$  such that  $U$  belongs to every filter which converges to a point of  $U$ . By Theorem 1.2, for any  $x \in U$  the neighborhood system  $\mathcal{U}_x$  of  $x$  is a dual ideal of the Boolean ring  $(2^X, \Delta, \cap)$ . Moreover, every neighborhood of  $x$  is nonempty since it contains  $x$ , and hence  $\mathcal{U}_x$  is a filter in  $X$ . It is immediate that  $\mathcal{U}_x$  converges to  $x$ , and hence  $U \in \mathcal{U}_x$ . Then  $U$  is a neighborhood of  $x$ , and so by Theorem 1.1,  $U$  is open.

- (b) Suppose  $A \setminus \{x\}$  belongs to some filter  $\mathcal{F}$  in  $X$  which converges to  $x$ . Then for all neighborhoods  $U$  of  $x$  we have  $U \in \mathcal{F}$  and hence  $U \cap (A \setminus \{x\}) \in \mathcal{F}$ . Since  $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{F}$ , it follows that  $U$  intersects  $A \setminus \{x\}$  and so  $x$  is an accumulation point of  $A$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $x$  is an accumulation point of  $A$ . As shown in part (a), the neighborhood system  $\mathcal{U}_x$  of  $x$  is a filter in  $X$ . By Problem 2.I(b), the smallest dual ideal of  $(2^X, \Delta, \cap)$  containing  $\mathcal{U}_x$  and  $A \setminus \{x\}$  is

$$\mathcal{F} = \{B \subseteq X \mid A \setminus \{x\} \subseteq B \text{ or } U \cap (A \setminus \{x\}) \subseteq B \text{ for some } U \in \mathcal{U}_x\}.$$

But any neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  intersects  $A \setminus \{x\}$  since  $x$  is an accumulation point of  $A$ , and thus  $\mathcal{F}$  consists of nonempty sets. Hence  $\mathcal{F}$  is a filter in  $X$  which converges to  $x$  and contains  $A \setminus \{x\}$ .

- (c) By definition, every  $\mathcal{F} \in \varphi_x$  contains  $\mathcal{U}_x$ . Thus  $\mathcal{U}_x \subseteq \bigcap \varphi_x$ . Conversely, we saw in part (a) that  $\mathcal{U}_x$  is a filter. Then  $\mathcal{U}_x \in \varphi_x$  and so  $\bigcap \varphi_x \subseteq \mathcal{U}_x$ , proving the claim.
- (d) Since  $\mathcal{F}$  converges to  $x$ , we have  $\mathcal{U}_x \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ . Then from  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{G}$ , we also have  $\mathcal{U}_x \subseteq \mathcal{G}$  and so  $\mathcal{G}$  converges to  $x$ .



- (e) Suppose for sake of contradiction that  $A, B \subseteq X$  such that  $A, B \notin \mathcal{F}$  but  $A \cup B \in \mathcal{F}$ . Then since  $\mathcal{F}$  is an ultrafilter, we must have that the smallest dual ideal of  $(2^X, \Delta, \cap)$  containing  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $A$  is  $2^X$  and the smallest dual ideal containing  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $B$  is  $2^X$ . Then by Problem 2.I(b), there exist  $F, G \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $A \cap F = B \cap G = \emptyset$ . Then  $(A \cup B) \cap (F \cap G) \in \mathcal{F}$ , but

$$\begin{aligned} (A \cup B) \cap (F \cap G) &= (A \cap (F \cap G)) \cup (B \cap (F \cap G)) \\ &= ((A \cap F) \cap G) \cup ((B \cap G) \cap F) \\ &= \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

since  $(A \cap F) \cap G \subseteq A \cap F = \emptyset$  and  $(B \cap G) \cap F \subseteq B \cap G = \emptyset$ . This is a contradiction (since  $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{F}$ ), so  $A$  or  $B$  is in  $\mathcal{F}$ .

If  $X = \emptyset$ , then the empty filter is the only ultrafilter in  $X$  and so the second claim in the problem statement is false. Now suppose  $X \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $\{X\}$  is a filter in  $X$  which contains  $\emptyset$  and so  $\emptyset$  is not an ultrafilter in  $X$ . Thus if  $\mathcal{F}$  is an ultrafilter in  $X$ ,  $\mathcal{F}$  is nonempty and so it follows that  $X \in \mathcal{F}$  as  $X$  contains every subset of  $X$ . Then for any  $A \subseteq X$ , we have  $A \cup (X \setminus A) = X \in \mathcal{F}$  so that  $A$  or  $X \setminus A$  lies in  $\mathcal{F}$ .

- (f) (a) Since the order on  $D$  is reflexive,  $\{x_n, n \in D\}$  is not eventually in  $\emptyset$ . Thus  $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{F}$ . If  $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ , let  $n, m \in D$  such that  $x_p \in A$  for all  $p \geq n$  and  $x_p \in B$  for all  $p \geq m$ . Since  $D$  is directed, there is  $p \in D$  such that  $p \geq n, m$ . Then for  $q \geq p$ , we have  $q \geq n, m$  so  $x_q \in A \cap B$ . Then  $A \cap B \in \mathcal{F}$ . Finally, suppose  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  and that  $B$  is a subset of  $X$  containing  $A$ . Then there is  $n \in D$  such that  $x_m \in A$  for  $m \geq n$ , and so also  $x_m \in B$  for  $m \geq n$ . Thus  $B \in \mathcal{F}$ , so that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a filter in  $X$ .
- (b) (Note: We assume  $\mathcal{F}$  is nonempty so that  $D$  is nonempty.) We first show that  $D$  is directed by  $\geq$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}$  is nonempty, there is  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ . But  $\mathcal{F}$  is a filter and so  $F \neq \emptyset$ . Thus there is  $x \in F$ , so  $(x, F) \in D$ ; that is,  $D$  is nonempty. If  $(x, F), (y, G), (z, H) \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $(z, H) \geq (y, G)$  and  $(y, G) \geq (x, F)$ , then  $H \subseteq G$  and  $G \subseteq F$ . Thus  $(z, H) \geq (x, F)$ , so  $\geq$  is a partial order on  $D$ . For any  $(x, F) \in D$ , we clearly have  $F \subseteq F$  and so  $(x, F) \geq (x, F)$ . Finally, let  $(x, F), (y, G) \in D$ . Then  $F, G \in \mathcal{F}$  so  $F \cap G \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $F \cap G \subseteq F, G$ . Letting  $z \in F \cap G$  ( $F \cap G$  is nonempty since  $\mathcal{F}$  is a filter), we then have  $(z, F \cap G) \in D$  with  $(z, F \cap G) \geq (x, F), (y, G)$ . Hence  $D$  is directed by  $\geq$ . Now we have that  $\{f(x, F), (x, F) \in D\}$  is a net in  $X$ . Suppose  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ , and let  $x \in A$ . Then for any  $(y, B) \in D$  such that  $(y, B) \geq (x, A)$ , we have  $y \in B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ . Hence  $f(y, B) = y \in A$ , so that  $\{f(x, F), (x, F) \in D\}$  is eventually in  $A$ . Conversely, let  $A \subseteq X$  such that  $\{f(x, F), (x, F) \in D\}$  is eventually in  $A$ . Then there is  $(x, F) \in D$  such that  $y \in A$  whenever  $(y, G) \geq (x, F)$ . Since  $(y, F) \geq (x, F)$  for all  $y \in F$ , we thus have  $y \in A$  for all  $y \in F$ . Hence  $F \subseteq A$ , and so  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  since  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ .

## CHAPTER 3

### Product and Quotient Spaces

**Problem 3.A** (Connected Spaces). Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous map of topological spaces and suppose  $Y$  is not connected. Then there are disjoint closed subsets  $A, B$  of  $Y$  such that  $Y = A \cup B$ . Thus

$$X = f^{-1}(Y) = f^{-1}(A \cup B) = f^{-1}(A) \cup f^{-1}(B),$$

where  $f^{-1}(A)$  and  $f^{-1}(B)$  are closed subsets of  $X$ . Moreover,  $f^{-1}(A)$  and  $f^{-1}(B)$  are disjoint since  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint. Hence  $X$  is not connected, which shows the contrapositive of the required statement.

**Problem 3.B** (Theorem on Continuity). Let  $Y$  be a topological space and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  a function which is continuous on  $A$  and on  $B$ . Suppose  $V$  is an open subset of  $Y$ . Then since  $f|_A : A \rightarrow Y$  is continuous, we have that

$$(f|_A)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(V) \cap A$$

is open in  $A$ . Similarly, since  $f|_B : B \rightarrow Y$  is continuous,

$$(f|_B)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(V) \cap B$$

is open in  $B$ . Thus by Corollary 1.19,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$  as desired.

**Problem 3.C** (Exercise on Continuous Functions). Let  $E$  denote the subset of  $X$  on which  $f$  and  $g$  agree, and let  $x \in X \setminus E$ . Then  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are distinct points of  $Y$ , so there are disjoint neighborhoods  $U$  and  $V$  of  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$ , respectively. Then  $f^{-1}(U)$  and  $g^{-1}(V)$  are neighborhoods of  $x$  by Theorem 3.1(d), and so  $f^{-1}(U) \cap g^{-1}(V)$  is a neighborhood of  $x$  by Theorem 1.2. If  $y \in f^{-1}(U) \cap g^{-1}(V)$ , then  $f(y) \in U$  while  $g(y) \in V$ , so  $f(y) \neq g(y)$  as  $U$  and  $V$  are disjoint. Thus  $f^{-1}(U) \cap g^{-1}(V)$  is contained in  $X \setminus E$ , and hence  $X \setminus E$  is open by Theorem 1.1. Now  $E$  is a closed subset of  $X$ .

If  $E$  is also dense in  $X$ , then  $E = \overline{E} = X$  and so  $f = g$ .

**Problem 3.D** (Continuity at a Point; Continuous Extension). (a) Suppose first that  $f$  is continuous at  $x$ .

Then  $x \in \overline{X_0}$  by definition. Let  $y \in Y$  such that every neighborhood of  $y$  has inverse image under  $f$  equal to the intersection of  $X_0$  with a neighborhood of  $x$ . Let  $S$  be a net in  $X_0$  converging to  $x$ . Let  $V$  be a neighborhood of  $y$ ; by choice of  $y$  there exists a neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  for which  $f^{-1}(V) = X_0 \cap U$ . But since  $S$  is in  $X_0$  and converges to  $x$ , it is eventually in  $X_0 \cap U$ . Hence  $f \circ S$  is eventually in  $V$ , and thus  $f \circ S$  converges to  $y$ . If  $T$  is another net in  $X_0$  converging to  $x$ , then  $f \circ S$  and  $f \circ T$  both converge to  $y$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $x \in \overline{X_0}$  and that for any two nets  $S$  and  $T$  in  $X_0$  converging to  $x$ , we have that  $f \circ S$  and  $f \circ T$  converge to the same point of  $Y$ . By Theorem 2.3, the limit of a net in  $Y$  is unique if it exists. Hence there is  $y \in Y$  such that  $f \circ S$  converges to  $y$  whenever  $S$  is a net in  $X_0$  converging to  $x$ . Let  $V$  be a neighborhood of  $y$ , and suppose for sake of contradiction that there is no neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  for which  $X_0 \cap U \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ . We can then define a net  $S$  in  $X_0$  with domain  $\mathcal{U}_x$  (directed by  $\subseteq$ ) as follows: for all  $U \in \mathcal{U}_x$ , let  $S_U$  be an element of  $X_0 \cap U$  which is not in  $f^{-1}(V)$ . Then for all  $U \in \mathcal{U}_x$ ,  $S$  is eventually in  $U$ . Hence  $S$  is a net in  $X_0$  converging to  $x$  and thus  $f \circ S$  converges to  $y$ . But by definition of  $S$ ,  $f \circ S$  is in  $Y \setminus V$  and hence cannot converge to  $y$ . This is a contradiction, and

so there is a neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  for which  $X_0 \cap U \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ . Then  $U \cup f^{-1}(V)$  is a neighborhood of  $x$  (by Theorem 1.2) and

$$f^{-1}(V) = (X_0 \cap U) \cup f^{-1}(V) = X_0 \cap (U \cup f^{-1}(V))$$

since  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq X_0$ . Thus  $f$  is continuous at  $x$ .

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**Problem 3.E** (Exercise on Real-Valued Continuous Functions). (a) As explained in the hint, it suffices to show that the function  $\mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  given by multiplication by  $a$  is continuous. If  $a = 0$ , then  $h$  is the constant function with value zero and is hence continuous. Now suppose  $a \neq 0$ . Since  $\mathbf{R}$  is equipped with the order topology, it suffices by Theorem 3.1(c) to show that  $\{y \in \mathbf{R} \mid ay < b\}$  and  $\{y \in \mathbf{R} \mid b < ay\}$  are open for each  $b \in \mathbf{R}$ . Indeed, if  $a > 0$ , then

$$\{y \in \mathbf{R} \mid ay < b\} = \{y \in \mathbf{R} \mid y < b/a\}$$

and

$$\{y \in \mathbf{R} \mid b < ay\} = \{y \in \mathbf{R} \mid b/a < y\}$$

are open; if  $a < 0$ , then

$$\{y \in \mathbf{R} \mid ay < b\} = \{y \in \mathbf{R} \mid b/a < y\}$$

and

$$\{y \in \mathbf{R} \mid b < ay\} = \{y \in \mathbf{R} \mid y < b/a\}$$

are open.

- (b) Like in part (a), it suffices to show that  $|\cdot| : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is continuous. Let  $A = \{y \in \mathbf{R} \mid y \leq 0\}$  and  $B = \{y \in \mathbf{R} \mid 0 \leq y\}$ . Then

$$\mathbf{R} \setminus A = \{y \in \mathbf{R} \mid 0 < y\}$$

and

$$\mathbf{R} \setminus B = \{y \in \mathbf{R} \mid y < 0\}$$

are open, so  $A$  and  $B$  are closed. Thus by Theorem 1.17,  $A \setminus B$  and  $B \setminus A$  are separated. [TODO]

(c)

(d)

(e)

**Problem 3.F** (Upper Semi-Continuous Functions). (a) (Note: in the problem statement,  $\geq$  should be replaced by  $\leq$ .) Suppose that  $\{S_n, n \in D\}$  is a net of real numbers which converges to  $s$  relative to  $\mathcal{U}$ . Then for all  $a \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $s < a$ , we have that  $U = \{t \in \mathbf{R} \mid t < a\}$  is a  $\mathcal{U}$ -neighborhood of  $s$  and so  $S$  is eventually in  $U$ . Hence there is  $p \in D$  such that  $S_m \in U$  for  $m \geq p$ . Now for all  $n \in D$  with  $n \geq p$ , we have that

$$\{S_m \mid m \in D \text{ and } m \geq n\} \subseteq U$$

and hence

$$\sup\{S_m \mid m \in D \text{ and } m \geq n\} \leq a.$$

[TODO]

- (b) By Theorem 3.1(b),  $f$  is  $\mathcal{U}$ -continuous if and only if the inverse image of each  $\mathcal{U}$ -closed set is closed in  $X$ . But  $f^{-1}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$  and  $f^{-1}(\mathbf{R}) = X$  are of course closed in  $X$  and so  $f$  is  $\mathcal{U}$ -continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(\{t \in \mathbf{R} \mid t \geq a\})$  is closed in  $X$  for all  $a \in \mathbf{R}$ . That is,  $f$  is  $\mathcal{U}$ -continuous if and only if  $f$  is upper semicontinuous.

We know from Theorem 3.1(f) that  $f$  is  $\mathcal{U}$ -continuous if and only if for all nets  $\{x_n, n \in D\}$  in  $X$  converging to  $x$ ,  $\{f(x_n), n \in D\}$  converges to  $f(x)$  relative to  $\mathcal{U}$ . By part (a), the  $\mathcal{U}$ -convergence of  $\{f(x_n), n \in D\}$  to  $f(x)$  is equivalent to  $\limsup\{f(x_n), n \in D\} \leq f(x)$ , proving the claim.

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- (c) Let  $a \in \mathbf{R}$ . Then for  $x \in X$ ,  $i(x) \geq a$  if and only if  $f(x) \geq a$  for all  $f \in F$ . Hence

$$\{x \in X \mid i(x) \geq a\} = \bigcap \{\{x \in X \mid f(x) \geq a\} \mid f \in F\}$$

is closed in  $X$  since each  $\{x \in X \mid f(x) \geq a\}$  is closed by upper semicontinuity of  $f$ .

- (d) As described in the problem statement, we define  $f^-$  as follows: for each neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$ , let  $S_U = \sup\{f(y) \mid y \in U\}$  (which exists since  $f$  is bounded). If  $U, V \in \mathcal{U}_x$  with  $U \subseteq V$  then  $S_U \leq S_V$ . Thus by Problem 2.F(a),  $\lim\{S_U, U \in \mathcal{U}_x, \subseteq\}$  exists and is equal to  $\inf\{S_U \mid U \in \mathcal{U}_x\}$ . Then set  $f^-(x) = \lim\{S_U, U \in \mathcal{U}_x, \subseteq\}$ . For all  $U \in \mathcal{U}_x$ , we have that  $x \in U$  and so  $S_U \geq f(x)$  by definition of  $S_U$ . Hence  $f^- \geq f$ .

Let  $a \in \mathbf{R}$ . Then for  $x \in X$ ,  $f^-(x) \geq a$  if and only if  $S_U \geq a$  for all  $U \in \mathcal{U}_x$ . Equivalently, for all  $U \in \mathcal{U}_x$ , there exists  $y \in U$  for which  $f(y) \geq a$ , that is,  $x \in \{y \in X \mid f(y) \geq a\}^-$ . Hence

$$\{x \in X \mid f^-(x) \geq a\} = \{y \in X \mid f(y) \geq a\}^-$$

is closed and so  $f^-$  is upper semicontinuous.

Now suppose  $g : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is another upper semicontinuous function with  $g \geq f$ . Then for all  $x \in X$ ,  $\{y \in X \mid g(y) \geq f^-(x)\}$  is a closed set containing  $\{y \in X \mid f(y) \geq f^-(x)\}$ . Hence

$$\{y \in X \mid g(y) \geq f^-(x)\} \supseteq \{y \in X \mid f^-(y) \geq f^-(x)\}.$$

Since  $x$  lies in the latter set, it follows that  $g(x) \geq f^-(x)$ . Thus  $g \geq f^-$ , which shows that  $f^-$  is the unique smallest upper semicontinuous function greater than or equal to  $f$ .

- (e) We note that if  $f$  is bounded, then  $-f$  is also bounded. Hence  $f_- = -(-f)^-$  is well-defined and so is  $Q_f = f^- - f_-$ . By definition, we have that

$$Q_f = f^- - (-(-f)^-) = f^- + (-f)^-$$

is the sum of two upper semicontinuous real-valued functions on  $X$ . Hence by part (c),  $Q_f$  is also upper semicontinuous. We also observe that by part (e), for all  $x \in X$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f_-(x) &= -(-f)^-(x) \\ &= -\inf_{U \in \mathcal{U}_x} \sup_{y \in U} (-f(y)) \\ &= \sup_{U \in \mathcal{U}_x} \inf_{y \in U} f(y). \end{aligned}$$

Now we show that  $f$  is continuous if and only if  $Q_f = 0$ . By Theorem 3.1(d), it suffices to show that  $f$  is continuous at  $x \in X$  if and only if  $Q_f(x) = 0$ . We have that  $f^- \geq f$  and  $(-f)^- \geq -f$ , so  $f_- \leq f$ . Then

$$Q_f = f^- - f_- \geq f - f = 0.$$

Thus if  $Q_f(x) \neq 0$ , we have  $Q_f(x) > 0$  and so  $f^-(x) > f_-(x)$ . From  $f^-(x) \geq f(x) \geq f_-(x)$ , it follows that either  $f^-(x) > f(x)$  or  $f_-(x) < f(x)$ . WLOG, suppose that  $f^-(x) > f(x)$ . Then  $(f^-(x) + f(x))/2 > f(x)$ , and so  $\{t \in \mathbf{R} \mid t < (f^-(x) + f(x))/2\}$  is a neighborhood of  $f(x)$  in  $\mathbf{R}$ . Hence if  $f$  were continuous at  $x$ , there exists  $U \in \mathcal{U}_x$  such that  $f(y) < (f^-(x) + f(x))/2$  for all  $y \in U$ . Then

$$\sup_{y \in U} f(y) < f^-(x)$$

and so

$$\inf_{U \in \mathcal{U}_x} \sup_{y \in U} f(y) < f^-(x).$$

But by part (e),

$$\inf_{U \in \mathcal{U}_x} \sup_{y \in U} f(y) = f^-(x),$$

a contradiction. Hence  $f$  is not continuous at  $x$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $Q_f(x) = 0$ . Then from  $f^-(x) \geq f(x) \geq f_-(x)$ , we have that  $f^-(x) = f(x) = f_-(x)$ . If  $a \in \mathbf{R}$  such that  $f(x) < a$ , then  $f^-(x) < a$  and thus by part (e),  $\sup_{y \in U} f(y) < a$  for some neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$ . Thus  $f(y) < a$  for all  $y \in U$ , and so  $f(U) \subseteq \{t \in \mathbf{R} \mid t < a\}$ . Similarly, if  $a \in \mathbf{R}$  such that  $a < f(x)$ , then  $a < f_-(x)$  and so there exists a neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  for which  $a < \inf_{y \in U} f(y)$ . Then  $a < f(y)$  for all  $y \in U$  and so  $f(U) \subseteq \{t \in \mathbf{R} \mid a < t\}$ . Since the collection of all  $\{t \in \mathbf{R} \mid t < a\}$  for  $f(x) < a$  and  $\{t \in \mathbf{R} \mid a < t\}$  for  $a < f(x)$  is a local subbase at  $x$ , it thus follows from Theorem 1.2 and Theorem 3.1(e) that  $f$  is continuous at  $x$ .

- (f) By Theorem 3.12, the projection  $P : G \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  is closed. For any  $a \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $(X \times \{t \in \mathbf{R} \mid t < a\}) \cap G$  is an open subset of  $G$ . For  $x \in X$ , we have that  $(\{x\} \times \mathbf{R}) \cap G$  is contained in  $(X \times \{t \in \mathbf{R} \mid t < a\}) \cap G$  if and only if  $f(x) < a$ . Hence the union of all elements of  $\mathcal{D}$  contained in  $(X \times \{t \in \mathbf{R} \mid t < a\}) \cap G$  is equal to  $(\{x \in X \mid f(x) < a\} \times \mathbf{R}) \cap G$ . By Theorem 3.10, this is an open subset of  $G$ . [TODO]

**Problem 3.G** (Exercise on Topological Equivalence). (a)

- (b)
- (c)
- (d)

**Problem 3.H** (Homeomorphisms and One-to-One Continuous Maps).

**Problem 3.I** (Continuity in Each of Two Variables).

**Problem 3.J** (Exercise on Euclidean  $n$ -Space).

**Problem 3.K** (Exercise on Closure, Interior, and Boundary in Products). (a)

- (b)
- (c)

**Problem 3.L** (Exercise on Product Spaces).

**Problem 3.M** (Product of Spaces with Countable Bases).

**Problem 3.N** (Example on Products and Separability). (a)

- (b)
- (c)

**Problem 3.O** (Product of Connected Spaces).

**Problem 3.P** (Exercise on  $T_1$ -Spaces).

**Problem 3.Q** (Exercise on Quotient Spaces).

**Problem 3.R** (Example on Quotient Spaces and Diagonal Sequences). (a)

- (b)
- (c)
- (d)

**Problem 3.S** (Topological Groups). (a)

- (b)
- (c)

- (d)
- (e)
  - (a)
  - (b)
  - (c)
  - (d)
- (f)
- (g)
- (h)
- (i)

**Problem 3.T** (Subgroups of a Topological Group). (a)

- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)
- (f)

**Problem 3.U** (Factor Groups and Homeomorphisms). (a)

- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)
- (f)

**Problem 3.V** (Box Spaces). (a)

- (b)
- (c)

**Problem 3.W** (Functionals on Real Linear Spaces). (a)

- (b)
- (c)

**Problem 3.X** (Real Linear Topological Spaces). (a)

- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)

## CHAPTER 4

# Embedding and Metrization

**Problem 4.A** (Regular Spaces). (a)

(b)

**Problem 4.B** (Continuity of Functions on a Metric Space).

**Problem 4.C** (Problem on Metrics).

**Problem 4.D** (Hausdorff Metric for Subsets). (a)

(b)

**Problem 4.E** (Example (the Ordinals) on the Product of Normal Spaces). (a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

**Problem 4.F** (Example (the Tychonoff Plank) on Subspaces of Normal Spaces).

**Problem 4.G** (Example: Products of Quotients and Non-Regular Hausdorff Spaces). (a)

(b)

(c)

**Problem 4.H** (Hereditary, Productive, and Divisible Properties).

**Problem 4.I** (Half-Open Interval Space). (a)

(b)

(c)

**Problem 4.J** (The Set of Zeros of a Real Continuous Function). (a)

(b)

**Problem 4.K** (Perfectly Normal Spaces). (a)

(b)

**Problem 4.L** (Characterization of Completely Regular Spaces).

**Problem 4.M** (Upper Semi-Continuous Decomposition of a Normal Space).

## CHAPTER 5

# Compact Spaces

**Problem 5.A** (Exercise on Real Functions on a Compact Space). (a)

- (b)
- (c)

**Problem 5.B** (Compact Subsets). (a)

- (b)
- (c)
- (d)

**Problem 5.C** (Compactness Relative to the Order Topology).

**Problem 5.D** (Isometries of Compact Metric Spaces).

**Problem 5.E** (Countably Compact and Sequentially Compact Spaces). (a)

- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)

**Problem 5.F** (Compactness; the Intersection of Compact Connected Sets). (a)

- (b)

**Problem 5.G** (Problem on Local Compactness).

**Problem 5.H** (Nest Characterization of Compactness).

**Problem 5.I** (Complete Accumulation Points).

**Problem 5.J** (Example: Unit Square With Dictionary Order).

**Problem 5.K** (Example (the Ordinals) on Normality and Products).

**Problem 5.L** (The Transfinite Line).

**Problem 5.M** (Example: The Helly Space). (a)

- (b)
- (c)
- (d)

**Problem 5.N** (Examples on Closed Maps and Local Compactness). (a)

- (b)

**Problem 5.O** (Cantor Spaces). (a)

- (b)



- (c)
- (d)
- (e)
- (f)
- (g)

**Problem 5.P** (Characterization of the Stone-Čech Compactification).

**Problem 5.Q** (Example (the Ordinals) on Compactification).

**Problem 5.R** (The Wallman Compactification). (a)

- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)
- (f)
- (g)

**Problem 5.S** (Boolean Rings: Stone Representation Theorem). (a)

- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)

**Problem 5.T** (Compact Connected Spaces (the Chain Argument)). (a)

- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)
- (f)
- (g)

**Problem 5.U** (Fully Normal Spaces).

**Problem 5.V** (Point Finite Covers and Metacompact Spaces). (a)

- (b)
- (c)

**Problem 5.W** (Partition of Unity).

**Problem 5.X** (The Between Theorem for Semi-Continuous Functions).

**Problem 5.Y** (Paracompact Spaces). (a)

- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)

## CHAPTER 6

# Uniform Spaces

**Problem 6.A** (Exercise on Closed Relations).

**Problem 6.B** (Exercise on the Product of Two Uniform Spaces). (a)

(b)

(c)

**Problem 6.C** (A Discrete Non-Metrizable Uniform Space).

**Problem 6.D** (Exercise: Uniform Spaces with a Nested Base).

**Problem 6.E** (Example: A Very Incomplete Space (the Ordinals)).

**Problem 6.F** (The Subbase Theorem for Total Boundedness).

**Problem 6.G** (Some Extremal Uniformities). (a)

(b)

**Problem 6.H** (Uniform Neighborhood Systems). (a)

(b)

(c)

**Problem 6.I** (Écarts and Metrics).

**Problem 6.J** (Uniform Covering Systems).

**Problem 6.K** (Topologically Complete Spaces: Metrizable Spaces). (a)

(b)

(c)

**Problem 6.L** (Topologically Complete Spaces: Uniformizable Spaces). (a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

**Problem 6.M** (The Discrete Subspace Argument; Countable Compactness). (a)

(b)

**Problem 6.N** (Invariant Metrics).

**Problem 6.O** (Topological Groups: Uniformities and Metrization). (a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

**Problem 6.P** (Almost Open Subsets of a Topological Group). (a)

- (b)
- (c)
- (d)

**Problem 6.Q** (Completion of Topological Groups). (a)

- (b)
- (c)
- (d)

**Problem 6.R** (Continuity and Openness of Homomorphisms: The Closed Graph Theorem). (a)

- (b)
- (c)

**Problem 6.S** (Summability). (a)

- (b)
- (c)

**Problem 6.T** (Uniformly Locally Compact Spaces). (a)

- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)

**Problem 6.U** (The Uniform Boundedness Theorem). (a)

- (b)

**Problem 6.V** (Boolean  $\sigma$ -Rings). (a)

- (b)
- (c)

## CHAPTER 7

# Function Spaces

**Problem 7.A** (Exercise on the Topology of Pointwise Convergence).

**Problem 7.B** (Exercise on Convergence of Functions).

**Problem 7.C** (Pointwise Convergence on a Dense Subset).

**Problem 7.D** (The Diagonal Process and Sequential Compactness). (a)  
(b)

**Problem 7.E** (Dini's Theorem).

**Problem 7.F** (Continuity of an Induced Map).

**Problem 7.G** (Uniform Equicontinuity). (a)  
(b)  
(c)

**Problem 7.H** (Exercise on the Uniformity  $\mathcal{U} \mid \mathcal{A}$ ).

**Problem 7.I** (Continuity of Evaluation).

**Problem 7.J** (Subspaces, Products, and Quotients of  $k$ -Spaces). (a)  
(b)  
(c)

**Problem 7.K** (The  $k$ -Extension of a Topology). (a)  
(b)  
(c)  
(d)

**Problem 7.L** (Characterization of Even Continuity).

**Problem 7.M** (Continuous Convergence). (a)  
(b)  
(c)

**Problem 7.N** (The Adjoint of a Normed Linear Space). (a)  
(b)  
(c)  
(d)  
(e)  
(f)

**Problem 7.O** (Tietze Extension Theorem).

**Problem 7.P** (Density Lemma for Linear Subspaces of  $C(X)$ ).

**Problem 7.Q** (The Square Root Lemma for Banach Algebras). (a)

(b)

(c)

**Problem 7.R** (The Stone-Weierstrass Theorem). (a) (a)

(b)

(c)

(b)

**Problem 7.S** (Structure of  $C(X)$ ). (a) (a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

(f)

(g)

**Problem 7.T** (Compactification of Groups; Almost Periodic Functions). (a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

(f)

(g)

(h)