

Homework 9: The Quotient Topology

Assignments should be **stapled** and written clearly and legibly.

- §3.3, #3.23, 3.24, 3.27, 3.33(a)(b)(c)(h)(j)(k)
- Let X and S be sets, and let $g : X \rightarrow S$ be a surjective map. Define a relation \sim on X by $x \sim y$ if $g(x) = g(y)$.
 - Verify that \sim is an equivalence relation.
 - What are the equivalence classes of \sim ?
 - Prove that there exists a bijection $\bar{g} : (X/\sim) \rightarrow S$.
 - The map \bar{g} appears as a dashed line in the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{g} & S \\
 \pi \downarrow & \nearrow \bar{g} & \\
 X/\sim & &
 \end{array}$$

(Here π is the standard projection.) Prove that this diagram commutes, i.e., prove that $g = \bar{g} \circ \pi$. We sometimes say that *the map g factors through X/\sim* .

- Let X be a topological space, S a set, and $g : X \rightarrow S$ a surjective map. Give S the quotient topology. Let C be a subset of S . Prove that C is closed in S if and only if $g^{-1}(C)$ is closed in X .