

Please solve the following problems:

Qu.1, Qu.2, Qu.5, Qu.10, Qu.11, Qu. 13 and Qu.14;

hand in your solutions by 10.00am on Friday the 8th of March. A tutorial is on Thursday the 28th of February at 17.00 in HERB.G LT2 and a drop-in session is on Thursday the 7th of March at 17.00 in HERB.G LT2.

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### MAS3706 Topology (2019)

#### Examples Sheet 2

**Qu.1** Consider the metric space  $(\mathbb{C}^n, d_1)$ , where

$$d_1(\underline{\mathbf{v}}, \underline{\mathbf{w}}) = \sum_{j=1}^n |v_j - w_j|, \text{ for } \underline{\mathbf{v}} = (v_1, \dots, v_n), \underline{\mathbf{w}} = (w_1, \dots, w_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n.$$

Give the definition of an *open ball* in the metric space  $(\mathbb{C}^n, d_1)$ .

Are the following subsets of the metric space  $(\mathbb{C}^n, d_1)$  open?

$$(i) \{ \underline{\mathbf{v}} = (v_1, \dots, v_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n : \sum_{j=1}^n |v_j - j| < 5 \},$$

$$(ii) \bigcup_{p=1}^{\infty} \{ \underline{\mathbf{v}} \in \mathbb{C}^n : \sum_{j=1}^n |v_j| < p \}.$$

Justify your answer.

**15 marks**

**Qu.2** Consider the metric space  $(C[0, 1], d_\infty)$ , where

$$C[0, 1] = \{ f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C} : f \text{ is continuous on } [0, 1] \}$$

and

$$d_\infty(f, g) = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |f(t) - g(t)|.$$

Give the definition of an open ball in the metric space  $(C[0, 1], d_\infty)$ .

Are the following subsets of the metric space  $(C[0, 1], d_\infty)$  open?

$$(i) \{ f \in C[0, 1] : \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |f(t) - 2007| < 1 \},$$

$$(ii) \bigcap_{p=1}^{\infty} \{ f \in C[0, 1] : \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |f(t) - \cos t| < \frac{1}{p} \}.$$

Justify your answer.

**15 marks**

**Qu.3** Consider the metric space  $(\mathbb{C}^n, d_\infty)$ , where

$$d_\infty(\underline{\mathbf{v}}, \underline{\mathbf{w}}) = \max_{j=1, \dots, n} |v_j - w_j|, \text{ for } \underline{\mathbf{v}} = (v_1, \dots, v_n), \underline{\mathbf{w}} = (w_1, \dots, w_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n.$$

Show that  $W = \{ \underline{\mathbf{x}} = (x_n)_{n=1}^5 \in \mathbb{C}^5 : \max_{n=1, \dots, 5} |x_n| \leq 1 \}$  is not an open subspace of  $(\mathbb{C}^5, d_\infty)$ .

**Qu.4** Let  $a$  be a point in a metric space  $(X, d)$ , and let  $r$  be a positive real number. Show that the set

$$\{ x \in X : d(x, a) > r \}$$

is open.

- Qu.5** (i) Give the definition of a *topology* on a set  $X$ .  
(ii) Give the definition of the *discrete topology* on a set  $X$ .  
(iii) Is the usual topology on  $\mathbb{R}$  discrete? Justify your answer.

10 marks

**Qu.6** Find all topologies on the two-element set  $X = \{a, b\}$ .

**Qu.7** Find all topologies on the three-element set  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ .

**Qu.8** Prove the following statements, where  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $T_\lambda$ ,  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , are subsets of  $B$ .

- (i)  $f^{-1}(\cup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} T_\lambda) = \cup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} f^{-1}(T_\lambda)$ ;  
(ii)  $f^{-1}(\cap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} T_\lambda) = \cap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} f^{-1}(T_\lambda)$ ;  
(iii)  $f^{-1}(B \setminus T) = (A \setminus f^{-1}(T))$ ;  
(iv)  $f^{-1}(B) = A$  and  $f^{-1}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ ;  
(v) If  $g: B \rightarrow C$  then, for each  $W \subseteq C$ ,  $(f \circ g)^{-1}(W) = g^{-1}(f^{-1}(W))$ .

Recall that, for a subset  $T$  of  $B$  the **inverse image** of  $T$  under  $f$  is

$$f^{-1}(T) = \{a \in A: f(a) \in T\}.$$

Recall that, for  $S \subseteq A$ , the **complement** of  $S$  in  $A$  is  $A \setminus S = \{x \in A: x \notin S\}$ .

**Qu.9** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , where  $Y$  is a topological space. Show that

$$\{f^{-1}(U): U \text{ open in } Y\}$$

is a topology on  $X$ .

**Qu.10** Let  $X$  be any nonempty set and let  $p \in X$ . Show that

$$\tau_p = \{\emptyset\} \cup \{S \subseteq X: p \in S\}$$

is a topology. This is called a **particular point topology**. If  $X = \{0, 1\}$ , then it is called the **Sierpinski** topology.

10 marks

**Qu.11** A topological space  $X$  is **Hausdorff** if for each pair of points  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  there are disjoint open sets  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  such that  $x_1 \in U_1$  and  $x_2 \in U_2$ . Show that every metric space  $(X, d)$  is Hausdorff.

20 marks

**Qu.12** Give the definition of *topologically equivalent* metrics on a set  $X$ . Consider the following metrics on  $\mathbb{C}^3$ :

$$d_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^3 |\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{y}_i|,$$

$$d_2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^3 |\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{y}_i|^2}$$

and

$$d_\infty(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sup\{|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{y}_i|: 1 \leq i \leq 3\}$$

for  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$  and  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, y_3)$  from  $\mathbb{C}^3$ . Show that  $d_1$ ,  $d_2$  and  $d_\infty$  are topologically equivalent.

**Qu.13** Let  $C[1, 2]$  be the set of all continuous complex-valued functions defined on the closed interval  $[1, 2]$ , and let

$$d_\infty(f, g) = \sup\{|f(x) - g(x)| : 1 \leq x \leq 2\},$$

and

$$d_2(f, g) = \left\{ \int_1^2 |f(x) - g(x)|^2 dx \right\}^{1/2}$$

be metrics on  $C[1, 2]$ . Show that  $d_\infty$  and  $d_2$  are not topologically equivalent.

**20 marks**

**Qu.14** Show that the topology  $\tau_{s.i.}$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  which consists of  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\emptyset$ , and all the semi-infinite open intervals  $(a, \infty)$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , is not Hausdorff.

**10 marks**

**Qu.15** How many Hausdorff topologies are there on a finite set? Justify your answer.