

# Math 402/571 Topology

## Midterm 1

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- 1a)** (5 pts) Define compactness.  
**1b)** (5 pts) Define connectedness.  
**1c)** (5 pts) Define limit point.  
**1d)** (5 pts) Define the topology of a metric space.
- 2)** (5 pts each) TRUE - FALSE:  
**2a)** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. If  $A$  is compact in  $X$ , then it is closed.  
**2b)** Let  $Y$  be a closed set in  $X$ . If  $Z$  is closed in  $Y$ , then  $Z$  is closed in  $X$ .  
**2c)** Any indiscrete space is path connected.  
**2d)** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Then, any path component of  $X$  is closed.
- 3)** Prove the following statements:  
**3a)** (7 pts) Every metric space is Hausdorff.  
**3b)** (13 pts) Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space, and  $A \subset X$ . Then,  
$$d(x, A) = 0 \text{ if and only if } x \in \overline{A}.$$
- 4)** Prove or give a counterexample for the following statements:  
**4a)** (10 pts) If  $X \times Y \simeq X \times Z$  then  $Y \simeq Z$ .  
**4b)** (10 pts) If every function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is continuous, then  $X$  has discrete topology.
- 5)** Prove or give a counterexample for the following statements:  
**5a)** (10 pts) A component in a topological space  $X$  is both open and closed subset of  $X$ .  
**5b)** (10 pts) Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space, and  $A \subset X$ .  $A$  is compact if and only if  $A$  is closed and bounded.
- Bonus)** (20 pts) Prove or give a counterexample for the following statement:  
Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space, and  $A \subset X$ .  
If  $A$  is compact in  $X$ , then  $\overline{A}$  is compact in  $X$ .

2) (5 pts each) For each of (a)-(d) below: If the proposition is true, write TRUE. If the proposition is false, write FALSE. No explanations are required for this problem.

2a) Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. If  $A$  is compact in  $X$ , then it is closed.

FALSE:  $X = [0, 1]$   $\tau$ : indiscrete  
 $A = \{\frac{1}{2}\} \Rightarrow A$  compact but not closed

2b) Let  $Y$  be a closed set in  $X$ . If  $Z$  is closed in  $Y$ , then  $Z$  is closed in  $X$ .

TRUE:  $Z = A \cap Y$   $\Rightarrow Z$  closed in  $X$   
 $\downarrow$  closed in  $X$   $\rightarrow$  closed in  $X$

2c) Any indiscrete space is path connected.

TRUE.  $(X, \tau_{\text{indiscrete}})$   $\forall x, y \in X$   
 let  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  s.t.  $f(a) = x$   $a \in [0, \frac{1}{2})$   
 $f(b) = y$   $b \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$   
 $f$  cts  $\Rightarrow X$  path connected.

2d) Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Then, any path component of  $X$  is closed.

FALSE: TOPOLOGIST SINE CURVE  
 $X = Y \cup Z$   $Y$  path component but not closed

3) Prove or give a counterexample for the following statements:

3a) (7 pts) Every metric space is Hausdorff.

$$(X, d). \quad x, y \in X \quad x \neq y \quad \Rightarrow \exists a = d(x, y) > 0$$

$$B_{\frac{a}{2}}(x) \cap B_{\frac{a}{2}}(y) = \emptyset$$

3b) (13 pts) Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space, and  $A \subset X$ . Then,

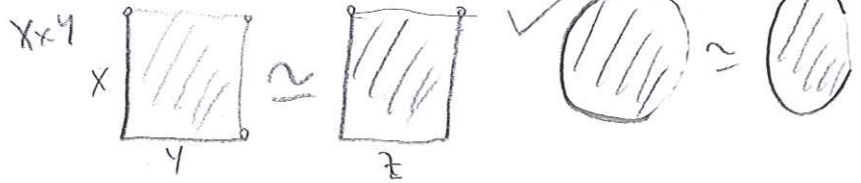
$$d(x, A) = 0 \text{ if and only if } x \in \bar{A}.$$

see HW solutions.

4) Prove or give a counterexample for the following statements:

4a) (10 pts) If  $X \times Y \simeq X \times Z$  then  $Y \simeq Z$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 X &= [0,1] \\
 Y &= [0,1] \\
 Z &= [0,1]
 \end{aligned}$$



but  $[0,1] \not\simeq [0,1]$

4b) (10 pts) If every function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, then  $X$  has discrete topology.

$$\forall a \in X \quad f_a = \begin{cases} 1 & x=a \\ 0 & x \neq a \end{cases} \text{ cts} \Rightarrow \forall a \in X \quad \{a\} = f_a^{-1}\left(\left[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\right]\right) \text{ open}$$

$\Rightarrow (X, \tau)$  discrete topology

5) Prove or give a counterexample for the following statements:

5a) (10 pts) A component in a topological space  $X$  is both open and closed subset of  $X$ .

FALSE.  $X = \mathbb{Q}$  with induced topology from  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$\{q\} \in \mathbb{Q}$  compact since largest connected set containing  $\{q\}$

however,  $\{q\}$  is not open since open sets in  $\mathbb{Q}$  are  $(a,b) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ !  
 $\downarrow$   
open interval in  $\mathbb{R}$

5b) (10 pts) Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space, and  $A \subset X$ .  $A$  is compact if and only if  $A$  is closed and bounded.

FALSE. let  $X = [0,1]$   $\tau = \text{discrete}$

$A = X$  closed & bounded

but  $A$  is not compact!

open cover  $\mathcal{O} = \{ \{x\} \mid x \in [0,1] \} \Rightarrow \exists \text{ no finite cover.}$   
 $\downarrow$   
singletons

**Bonus) (20 pts)** Prove or give a counterexample for the following statement:

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space, and  $A \subset X$ .

If  $A$  is compact in  $X$ , then  $\bar{A}$  is compact in  $X$ .

$$\text{let } X = [0, 1]$$

$$\tau = \{ O \in X \mid 1 \in O \}$$

$A = \{1\}$  is compact.

$\bar{A} = [0, 1]$  not compact.

since  $O_x = (1/x)$  is open

let  $\mathcal{U} = \{ O_x \mid x \in [0, 1] \}$  is an open cover  
of  $[0, 1]$   
with no finite subcover.