

- (1) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces. Decide whether the following statements are true or false. If true, give a proof. If false, give a counterexample.
- (a) The equality  $\overline{A \times B} = \overline{A} \times \overline{B}$  holds for all subsets  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $B \subseteq Y$ .
  - (b) If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous, then  $f^{-1}(A^\circ) = f^{-1}(A)^\circ$  for all  $A \subseteq Y$ .
  - (c) Every continuous bijection between homeomorphic spaces is a homeomorphism.
  - (d) If  $X$  is compact, then the topology on  $X$  is induced by a metric. [20 points]
- (2) A *partial order* on a set  $X$  is a binary relation  $\leq$  satisfying
- (Reflexivity)  $x \leq x$  for all  $x \in X$ ,
  - (Transitivity) if  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq z$ , then  $x \leq z$ ,
  - (Antisymmetry) if  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq x$ , then  $x = y$ .
- Declare a subset  $U \subseteq X$  to be open if  $x \leq y$  and  $y \in U$  implies  $x \in U$ .
- (a) Prove that this defines a topology on  $X$ .
  - (b) Prove that a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  between partially ordered sets is continuous if and only if it is order-preserving in the sense that
$$x \leq y \Rightarrow f(x) \leq f(y).$$
  - (c) Consider the set of positive integers  $\mathbb{Z}_+$  with the topology induced by the partial order given by the divisibility relation;  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $x$  divides  $y$ . Is  $\mathbb{Z}_+$  compact in this topology? Connected? Hausdorff? [20 points]
- (3) Let  $a > 1$  be a real number and consider the map
- $$\mathbb{Z} \times (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\},$$
- $$(k, x) \mapsto a^k x.$$
- (a) Show that the map defines an action of the discrete group  $\mathbb{Z}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ .
  - (b) Show that the orbit space is compact.
  - (c) Show that the orbit space is homeomorphic to  $S^{n-1} \times S^1$ . [15 points]
- (4) Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  are homotopy equivalent topological spaces. Show that  $X$  is path-connected if and only if  $Y$  is. [10 points]
- (5) Let  $X$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  given by the union of the unit circles in the  $xy$ -,  $xz$ - and  $yz$ -planes, respectively. Calculate the fundamental group, the Euler characteristic and the Betti numbers of  $X$ . [15 points]
- (6) Let  $G$  be a topological group acting on a topological space  $X$ . Show that if both  $G$  and the orbit space  $X/G$  are connected, then so is  $X$ . [20 points]

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