



Exercise Sheet no. 5 of “Topology”

Exercise E42

Let (X, d) be a metric space. A subset $S \subseteq X$ is called *bounded*, if

$$\text{diam}_d(S) := \sup\{d(x, y) : x, y \in S\} < \infty.$$

- Show that every compact subset $C \subseteq X$ is bounded and closed.
- Give an example of a metric space with a bounded and closed subset which is not compact.

Exercise E43

Let $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence in the topological space X . Show that, if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$, then the set $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{x\}$ is compact.

Exercise E44

The Cantor Set as a product space

We consider the compact product space $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$, where $\{0, 1\}$ carries the discrete topology. The image C of the function

$$f: \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f(x) := 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x_n}{3^n}$$

is called the *Cantor set*. Show that:

- f is continuous and injective.
- $f: \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow C$ is a homeomorphism and C is compact.
- $C = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} C_n$, where

$$C_1 = [0, 1] \setminus \left] \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3} \right[= \left[0, \frac{1}{3} \right] \cup \left[\frac{2}{3}, 1 \right],$$

each C_n is a union of 2^n closed intervals of length $\frac{1}{3^n}$, and C_{n+1} arises from C_n by deleting in each interval of C_n the open middle third.

Exercise E45

Let (X, d) be a compact metric space. Show that:

- X is separable, i.e., X contains a countable dense subset.
- If Y is a metric space and $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous, then f is *uniformly continuous*, i.e., for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that for each $x \in X$ we have: $f(B_\delta(x)) \subseteq B_\varepsilon(f(x))$.

Exercise E46

Let X be a set and

$$\tau := \{\emptyset\} \cup \{A \subseteq X : |A^c| < \infty\}$$

be the cofinite topology introduced in Exercise E10. Show that (X, τ) is quasicompact.

Exercise E47

On the compact space $X := [0; 1] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, we consider the equivalence relation defined by $x \sim y$ if either $x = y$ or $(x = 0 \text{ and } y = 1)$ or $(x = 1 \text{ and } y = 0)$. Show that:

- (a) The quotient space $[X] := X / \sim$ is Hausdorff and compact.
- (b) $[X]$ is homeomorphic to $\mathbb{S}^1 := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$. Hint: Consider $f: [X] \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1, f([t]) := e^{2\pi it}$ and Proposition 4.1.6.

Exercise E48

For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ let the group \mathbb{Z}^n act on \mathbb{R}^n by addition: $\sigma(z, r) := z + r$ for $z \in \mathbb{Z}^n, r \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

- (a) Show that the quotient space $\mathbb{R}^n / \mathbb{Z}^n$ corresponding to σ is Hausdorff.
- (b) Why is the quotient map $q: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n / \mathbb{Z}^n, r \mapsto r + \mathbb{Z}^n$ open?
- (c) Show that $[0; 1]^n$ intersects every equivalence class in $\mathbb{R}^n / \mathbb{Z}^n$ non-trivially. Conclude with Exercise E29(b) that $\mathbb{R}^n / \mathbb{Z}^n$ is compact.
- (d) Let $\mathbb{T}^n := (\mathbb{S}^1)^n$ be the n -fold topological product of the circle, the n -dimensional torus. Show that $\mathbb{R}^n / \mathbb{Z}^n$ is homeomorphic to \mathbb{T}^n .

Exercise E49

Let $\mathcal{H} := \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} [-\frac{1}{n}; \frac{1}{n}] \subseteq \ell^2(\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{R}) = \left\{x \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}} : \|x\|_2 := \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n^2} < \infty\right\}$ be the *Hilbert cube*. Show that the inclusion $j: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \ell^2(\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{R}), x \mapsto x$ is a topological embedding, i.e. the corestriction of j onto its image is a homeomorphism. Here, \mathcal{H} is given the product topology and $\ell^2(\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{R})$ the topology associated to the metric $d(x, y) := \|x - y\|_2$.

Exercise E50

Let X be a locally compact space and $Y \subseteq X$ be a subset. Show that Y is locally compact with respect to the subspace topology if and only if there exists an open subset $O \subseteq X$ and a closed subset A with $Y = O \cap A$. Hint: If Y is locally compact, write it as a union of compact subsets of the form $O_i \cap Y, O_i$ open in X , where $O_i \cap Y$ has compact closure, contained in Y . Then put $O := \bigcup_{i \in I} O_i$ and $A := \overline{Y \cap O}$.

Exercise E51

Show that a locally compact space is regular, i.e., a T_3 -space. Hint: Urysohn's Theorem.