

Solve 4 of the following 5 problems. Each problem is worth 25 points. You have an hour and fifty minutes. Neatness counts! Language counts!

**Problem 1.**

1. Define the "finite-complement topology" on a given set  $X$ . *No need to prove it is a topology.*
2. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be sets taken with their finite-complement topologies. Prove that a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous if and only if it is either constant or "finite to one" (meaning that  $\forall y \in Y, |f^{-1}(y)| < \infty$ ).

**Tip.** Don't start working! Read the whole exam first. You may wish to start with the questions that are easiest for you.

**Problem 2.**

1. Define "a topological space  $X$  is Hausdorff ( $T_2$ )".
2. Prove that a topological space  $X$  is Hausdorff if and only if the diagonal  $\Delta = \{(x, x) : x \in X\}$  is a closed subset of  $X \times X$ .

**Tip.** "If and only if" always means that there are two things to prove.

**Problem 3.** Let  $B$  be the set of bounded sequences of real numbers. It is a subset of the set  $X = \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$  of all sequences of real numbers.

1. Prove that if  $X$  is taken with the box topology, then  $B$  is both an open and a closed subset. *can use  $B \cap B = \emptyset \Rightarrow B$  is closed.*
2. Prove that if  $X$  is taken with the product (cylinders) topology, then  $B$  is neither open nor closed.

**Problem 4.** Given a set  $X$  equipped with a metric  $d$ , prove that there exists a unique topology on  $X$  for which the following two properties hold:

1. For every  $x \in X$ , the function  $f_x: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f_x(y) = d(x, y)$  is continuous. *cannot use " $d: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is cont."*
2. If  $Z$  is any other topological space, and  $g: Z \rightarrow X$  is a function for which for every  $x \in X$  the function  $h_x: Z \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $h_x(z) = d(x, g(z))$  is continuous, then  $g$  itself is continuous.

**Tip.** "There exists a unique" means two things: "there exists", and "if/once exists, it is unique". Both require a proof!

**Problem 5.** Let  $(X_n, d_n)$  be a sequence of metric spaces whose diameters are at most 1:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall x, y \in X_n, d_n(x, y) \leq 1$ . Prove that the product  $X = \prod_n X_n$  is metrizable. *okay not to prove that  $\sup_n d_n(x_n, y_n)$  is a metric*

**Tip.** Once you have finished writing an exam, if you have time left, it is always a good idea to go back and re-read and improve everything you have written, and maybe even completely rewrite any parts that came out messy.

**Good Luck!**