

*Do all the theory problems. Then do at least five problems, one of which is of type B or C (two if you are a graduate student). If you do more than five, best five will be counted.*

**Theory 1, 2 & 3.** (3pts each) Surprise! These can come from the whole course, and will not be the ones I already asked.

*Note: The actual final exam will not include all of the following problems. Therefore one cannot just learn the solutions to five from this selection and do those on the exam.*

TYPE A PROBLEMS (5PTS EACH)

**A1.** Let  $A$  be a subset of a the topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$ . Show that  $\text{Cl } A = \text{Int } A$  if and only if  $A$  is both open and closed. (Hint: don't do anything complicated. Use properties of interior and closure.)

**A2.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space. Show that a subset  $A \subseteq X$  is dense if and only if for every open set  $U$ ,  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ .

**A3.** Let  $f : (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{S})$  be the function between topological spaces defined by  $f(x) = y_0$ , where  $y_0$  is a fixed element of  $Y$ . Show that  $f$  is continuous.

**A4.** Let  $X$  be any set with three elements or more and  $\mathcal{B}$  be the collection of all two-element subsets of  $X$ . Show that  $\mathcal{B}$  is not a base for any topology.

**A5.** Let  $X$  be a topological space and let  $A \subset X$  be a closed set. Show that  $F \subseteq A$  is closed in  $A$  if and only if  $F$  is closed in  $X$ .

**A6.** Let  $X$  be a topological space and define  $f : X \times X \rightarrow X \times X$  as  $f(x, y) = (y, x)$ . Show that  $f$  is a homeomorphism. What is its inverse?

**A7.** Show that any subset of  $(\mathbf{R}, \mathcal{H})$  with at least two elements is disconnected.

**A8.** Let  $\mathbf{R}$  have the topology  $\mathcal{T} = \{U \subseteq \mathbf{R} \mid U = \mathbf{R} \text{ or } [-2, 2] \subseteq U^c\}$ . Is  $(\mathbf{R}, \mathcal{T})$  connected?

**A9.** Is the set  $\mathbf{Q} \cap [0, 1]$  (with usual topology) compact? Prove your answer.

**A10.** Show that  $(1, 4)$  is not a compact subset of  $(\mathbf{R}, \mathcal{H})$ .

**A11.** Show that  $[3, \infty)$  is a compact subset of  $(\mathbf{R}, \mathcal{C})$ .

TYPE B PROBLEMS (8PTS EACH)

Note that **B1** has been changed from its original (mistaken) form.

**B1.** Let  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be the function given below. Determine whether  $f$  is  
a)  $\mathcal{U}$ - $\mathcal{U}$  continuous      b)  $\mathcal{C}$ - $\mathcal{C}$  continuous

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ x - 1, & \text{if } x \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

**B2.** Show that the collection  $\mathcal{B} = \{B_{\frac{1}{n}}(x) \mid x \in \mathbf{R}, n \in \mathbf{N}\}$  is a base for  $(\mathbf{R}, \mathcal{U})$ , where the balls are defined using the usual metric  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ .

**B3.** Let  $X$  have the discrete topology. Show that the product topology on  $X \times X$  is the discrete topology (i.e. every subset of  $X \times X$  is open in the product topology).

**B4.** Show that any connected subset  $A$  of  $(\mathbf{R}, \mathcal{U})$  has the property: if  $x < y$  are elements of  $A$ , then any  $z \in (x, y)$  is also in  $A$ .

**B5.** Let  $A \subseteq \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}$  be the set  $A = ([0, 1) \times \mathbf{R}) \cup \{(1, n) \mid n \in \mathbf{Z}\}$ . Is  $A$  connected? Prove your answer.

**B6.** Show that the punctured plane  $\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} - \{(0, 0)\}$  is a connected space, with the topology relative to the usual product topology on  $\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}$ . (Use known theorems and properties of connectedness rather than the definition.)

**B7.** Let  $X$  be a Hausdorff space, and let  $X \times X$  have the product topology. Define  $Z \subseteq X \times X$  to be the set  $Z = \{(x, x) \in X \times X \mid x \in X\}$ . Show that  $Z$  is a closed subset of  $X \times X$ .

TYPE C PROBLEMS (12PTS EACH)

**C1.** A collection  $\mathcal{T}$  of subsets of the set of natural numbers  $\mathbf{N}$  is defined as follows:  $U \in \mathcal{T}$  provided that for every  $m \in U$ , all the divisors of  $m$  are also in  $U$ , where 1 is considered a divisor.

For example:  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12\}$ ,  $\{1, 2, 4, 8\}$ ,  $\{1, 7\}$ ,  $\{3^k \mid k \geq 0\}$  are in  $\mathcal{T}$ ;  
 $\{2, 5, 10\}$ ,  $\{14, 28\}$ ,  $\{1, 5, 6, 30\}$  are not in  $\mathcal{T}$ .

- a) Show that  $\mathcal{T}$  is a topology on  $\mathbf{N}$ .
- b) Find  $\text{Cl}A$ , where  $A = \{15\}$ .

**C2.** Let  $X = \mathbf{R}^2 - \{(0, 0)\}$  and  $Y = \{(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 > 1\}$ . Show that  $X$  and  $Y$  are homeomorphic. First sketch what the homeomorphism does, then write a formula for it and prove it is a homeomorphism.

**C3.** Let  $X$  be the square  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  with the usual product topology and  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  a continuous function so that  $f(0, 0) = -3$  and  $f(1, 1) = 2$ . Show that there is a point  $(c, d)$  in  $(0, 1) \times (0, 1)$  (the “interior”) such that  $f(c, d) = 0$ .

**C4.** Give an example of a compact subset of  $(\mathbf{R}, \mathcal{U})$  that is not a closed interval. Then show: if  $A \subseteq (\mathbf{R}, \mathcal{U})$  is a compact and connected subset, then  $A$  is a closed interval.