

Mathematical Sciences (MV), GU  
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No aids (closed book, closed notes).  
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### Exam in MMA 100 Topology, 7.5 HEC.

8 problems. 24 points =  $8 \times 3$ . Grade limits: 12p for Godkänd (Pass). 18p for Väl Godkänd (Very Good). Each problem is graded as a whole; so it is not necessarily the case that if a problem has 4 parts then each part is worth  $3/4$  of a point.

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1. In the following  $X$  and  $Y$  are topological spaces and  $A \subseteq X$  and  $B \subseteq Y$ .
  - [a] Consider the statement  $\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$ . Prove or give a counterexample.
  - [b] Consider the statement  $\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$ . Prove or give a counterexample.
  - [c] Show that if  $C$  and  $D$  are closed sets in  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively, then  $C \times D$  is closed in  $X \times Y$ .
  - [d] Consider the statement  $\overline{A \times B} = \overline{A} \times \overline{B}$ . Prove or give a counterexample.
  
2.
  - [a] Explain how a metric space gives rise to a topology.
  - [b] Assume that  $X$  and  $Y$  are metric spaces which are homeomorphic as topological spaces and assume that  $X$  is a complete metric space. Is  $Y$  necessarily then a complete metric space? Prove or give a counterexample.
  - [c] Give an example of a topological space for which each 1 point set is closed but such that the topology does not arise from a metric; i.e., the space is not metrizable. Briefly justify the claim that your example works.
  
3.
  - [a] Prove that a compact subspace of a Hausdorff space is closed.
  - [b] Give a counterexample to [a] if the Hausdorff assumption is removed.
  - [c] Assuming [a], prove that a continuous bijection from a compact space to a Hausdorff space is a homeomorphism.
  - [d] Show that [c] is false if the compactness assumption is removed.

4. Consider the set  $[0, 1]^N$  both in the product topology and in the uniform topology (the latter one is the topology generated by the metric  $d(x, y) = \sup_i |x_i - y_i|$ ).  $N$  denotes the positive integers.
- [a] Is  $[0, 1]^N$  in the product topology metrizable? If so, describe a metric which generates it. Give a very brief explanation of why it works.
- [b] Is  $[0, 1]^N$  in the uniform topology compact? Justify your answer.
- [c] Is the metric space  $[0, 1]^N$  in the uniform metric complete? Briefly justify your answer.
- [d] Let  $A$  be the set of elements in  $[0, 1]^N$  which are eventually 0. Determine the closure of  $A$  both in the product topology and in the uniform topology. Justify your answer.
5. Consider the 2-dimensional plane  $R^2$  equipped with the equivalence relation  $(x, y) \sim (x', y')$  if  $xy = x'y'$  and consider the resulting quotient space  $Y = R^2 / \sim$ .
- [a] Explain what we mean by the “resulting quotient space  $Y = R^2 / \sim$ ”.
- [b] Show that  $Y$  is T1 meaning that all 1 point sets are closed.
- [c] Show that  $Y$  is homeomorphic to the real numbers.
6. [a] State what it means for two mappings from  $S^1$  to a space  $X$  to be homotopic.
- [b] Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $a \in X$ . State what it means for two paths from  $a$  to  $a$  to be path-homotopic.
- [c] Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $a \in X$ . Let  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$  and  $\gamma_3$  be three paths from  $a$  to  $a$  and let  $*$  denote the usual concatenation of paths. Explain why it is not usually the case that  $(\gamma_1 * \gamma_2) * \gamma_3 = \gamma_1 * (\gamma_2 * \gamma_3)$ . Explain why this does not contradict the associativity property of the fundamental group.
- [d] Give an example of a topological space  $X$ , an element  $a \in X$  and two paths from  $a$  to  $a$  which are homotopic but not path-homotopic. Explain your answer.

7. **[a]** Define what it means for a set  $A$  to be a retract of  $X$ .
- [b]** If  $A$  is a retract of  $X$  and both are pathwise connected, show that the homomorphism induced by the inclusion map from  $A$  to  $X$  is injective.
- [c]** Give an example of a retract for which the injective homomorphism from part **[c]** is not a bijection.
- [d]** Define a deformation retract from  $X$  to  $A$ , state what it implies about the injective homomorphism from part **[c]** and give an example of a space where the above can be applied to compute the fundamental group. You can assume that the fundamental group of the circle is  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
8. **[a]** Define a covering map. Consider the mapping from  $(0, \infty)$  to  $S^1$  given by  $x \rightarrow e^{2\pi ix}$ . Is this a covering map? Why or why not?
- [b]** If  $X$  to  $A$  is a covering map, and  $f$  is a mapping from some space  $Y$  to  $A$ , define what a lifting of  $f$  is.
- [c]** Give an example of a mapping  $f$  where a lifting does not exist and state some sufficient condition under which it does exist. Give a very brief explanation of why your sufficient condition is in fact sufficient.
- [d]** Show that a covering map does not necessarily send a closed set to a closed set. It suffices to look at the standard covering map from the real numbers to the circle.