

Exam in MMA 100 Topology, 7.5 HEC.

1. We define a topology \mathcal{U} on the real line \mathbb{R} so that the collection of intervals $\{[n, m); n, m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ forms a base of \mathcal{U} , i.e., \mathcal{U} consists of unions and finite intersections of these intervals $[n, m)$.
[a] Find the connected components of $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{U})$.
[b] Prove that the identity map $I_{\mathbb{Z}} : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ can be extended to a map from $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{U})$ to \mathbb{Z} . Here \mathbb{Z} is equipped with the discrete topology. (1+2p)
2. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a map where X is compact and Y is Hausdorff. Prove that for any $y \in Y$ the inverse image $f^{-1}(\{y\})$ is compact. (3p)
3. Prove that a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a map if and only if $f^{-1}(A^0) \subseteq (f^{-1}(A))^0$ for any subset $A \subseteq Y$. (Recall that B^0 denotes the set of interior points of a subset B .) (3p)
4. Let G be a topological group and let K be the connected component containing the identity of G . Prove that K is a closed normal subgroup of G . (3p)
5. Consider the identification space \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} by identifying all the integers \mathbb{Z} as a single point and each non-integer point as itself. Prove or disprove the following claims: **[a]** The natural identification map $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ is open (i.e. taking open sets to open sets); **[b]** \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} is compact. (1+2p)
6. **[a]** Formulate the definition that two spaces A and B are of the same homotopy type.
[b] Let n and s be the north and south poles of the 2-sphere S^2 . Prove that $X = S^2 \setminus \{n, s\}$ (i.e. the sphere with the south and north poles removed) is of the same homotopy type as the circle S . (1+2p)
7. We parametrize the circle S as the subset $S = \{c \in \mathbb{C}; |c| = 1\}$ in the plane \mathbb{C} and consider the action of \mathbb{Z} on $S \times \mathbb{R}$ defined by $n \cdot (c, x) = (ce^{in}, x + n)$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Prove that the orbit space $S \times \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ is homeomorphic to the torus $S \times S$. (Hint: Consider the homeomorphism $(c, x) \rightarrow (e^{-ix}c, x)$ of $S \times \mathbb{R}$ and the induced map on $S \times \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$.) (3p)
8. Recall that the projective space \mathbb{P}^2 is the orbit space $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}/\mathbb{R}^*$ where \mathbb{R}^* acts on $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}$ by scalar multiplication (i.e. \mathbb{P}^2 is the set of lines $[x]$ through 0 in \mathbb{R}^3). Let X be the subset of \mathbb{P}^2 of lines in x_1x_2 -plane, $X = \{[x] \in \mathbb{P}^2; x = (x_1, x_2, 0)\}$ and $[e_3]$ the x_3 -axis, and let Y be \mathbb{P}^2 with X and $[e_3]$ removed, $Y = \mathbb{P}^2 \setminus (X \cup \{[e_3]\})$.
[a] Prove that Y is path-connected.
[b] Find the fundamental group of Y . (1+2p)