

## Additional Problems – 1

## I. Topological Spaces

## B. Bases

**Problem I.1+.** Prove that in a second countable space, every basis contains a countable basis.

**Problem I.2+.** Prove that if  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is a second countable space, then  $\mathcal{T} \preceq \mathbb{R}$  (i.e., there is an injective function from  $\mathcal{T}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ ).

**Problem I.3+.** This problem presents a variation on Example I.8. Recall that  $\mathbb{N}$  denotes the set of natural numbers or positive integers and  $\mathbb{Q}$  denotes the set of all rational numbers. Then  $\mathbb{Q}^{\mathbb{N}}$  denotes the set of all functions from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\mathbb{Q}$ . We now define a topology on  $\mathbb{Q}^{\mathbb{N}}$ . For each  $f \in \mathbb{Q}^{\mathbb{N}}$  and each function  $\varepsilon : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ , define

$$N(f, \varepsilon) = \{ g \in \mathbb{Q}^{\mathbb{N}} : |f(n) - g(n)| < \varepsilon(n) \text{ for every } n \in \mathbb{N} \}.$$

**a)** Prove that  $\{ N(f, \varepsilon) : f \in \mathbb{Q}^{\mathbb{N}} \text{ and } \varepsilon \in (0, \infty)^{\mathbb{N}} \}$  is a basis for a topology on  $\mathbb{Q}^{\mathbb{N}}$ .

A function  $f \in \mathbb{Q}^{\mathbb{N}}$  is said to be *eventually zero* if there is an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $f(k) = 0$  for all  $k > n$ . Let  $E$  denote the subspace of  $\mathbb{Q}^{\mathbb{N}}$  consisting of all eventually zero elements of  $\mathbb{Q}^{\mathbb{N}}$ .

**b)** Prove that  $E$  is a countable set.

**c)** Prove that for every  $f \in E$ ,  $E$  is not first countable at  $f$ .

**d)** Prove that  $E$  is Hausdorff.

**e)** Prove that  $E$  is regular.

$E$  is, in fact, normal. This follows from a theorem in a later chapter which implies that all countable regular spaces are normal.

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### C. Linearly Ordered Spaces

#### Problem I.4+.

- a) Is every separable linearly ordered space necessarily first countable?
- b) Is every separable linearly ordered space necessarily second countable?

**Problem I.5+.** a) Problem I.4 asserts that if  $(X, <)$  is a complete linearly ordered set, then it has the property that every decreasing sequence  $I_1 \supset I_2 \supset I_3 \supset \dots$  of closed bounded intervals in  $X$  has non-empty intersection. Is the converse to this assertion true? In other words, if  $(X, <)$  is a linearly ordered set with the property that every decreasing sequence of closed bounded intervals in  $X$  has non-empty intersection, then must  $(X, <)$  be complete?

b) Prove that if  $(X, <)$  is a separable linearly ordered set with the property that every decreasing sequence of closed bounded intervals in  $X$  has non-empty intersection, then  $(X, <)$  is complete.

If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a collection of sets with the property that for all  $A$  and  $B \in \mathcal{C}$ , either  $A \subset B$  or  $B \subset A$ , then we call  $\mathcal{C}$  a *nested* collection.

c) Generalize Problem I.4 by proving that if  $(X, <)$  is a complete linearly ordered set, then it has the property that every nested collection of non-empty bounded closed intervals in  $X$  has non-empty intersection.

d) Is the converse to the assertion in part c) true? In other words, if  $(X, <)$  is a linearly ordered set with the property that every nested collection of non-empty bounded closed intervals in  $X$  has non-empty intersection, then must  $(X, <)$  be complete?

A collection  $\mathcal{C}$  of sets is said to have the *finite intersection property* if every non-empty finite subcollection of  $\mathcal{C}$  has non-empty intersection. Thus  $\mathcal{C}$  has the finite intersection property if and only if whenever  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n \in \mathcal{C}$  for some positive integer  $n$ , then  $C_1 \cap C_2 \cap \dots \cap C_n \neq \emptyset$ .

e) Prove that a linearly ordered set  $(X, <)$  is complete if and only if it has the property that every collection of bounded closed intervals in  $X$  with the finite intersection property has non-empty intersection.

f) Let  $(X, <)$  be a linearly ordered set with the order topology. Prove that if  $(X, <)$  is complete, then every collection of bounded closed subsets of  $X$  with the finite intersection property has non-empty intersection.

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### D. Metric Spaces

**Problem I.6+.** Prove that if  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $\rho_2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \leq \rho_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \leq \sqrt{n} \rho_2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ .

**Problem I.7+.** On the set  $[0, 1]^\mathbb{N}$  of all functions from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $[0, 1]$ , we define three metrics:

$$\text{i) } \sigma_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} 2^{-i} | \mathbf{x}(i) - \mathbf{y}(i) |.$$

$$\text{ii) } \sigma_2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \left( \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} 2^{-i} ( \mathbf{x}(i) - \mathbf{y}(i) )^2 \right)^{1/2}. \quad (\text{Here } \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in [0, 1]^\mathbb{N}.)$$

$$\text{iii) } \sigma_\infty(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sup \{ 2^{-i} | \mathbf{x}(i) - \mathbf{y}(i) | : i \in \mathbb{N} \}.$$

a) Verify that these three formulas define metrics on  $[0, 1]^\mathbb{N}$ . (Observe that the factors  $2^{-i}$  occurring in these formulas prevent these metrics from arising from norms in the obvious way that the taxicab, Euclidean and supremum metrics on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  do.)

b) Prove that these three metrics on  $[0, 1]^\mathbb{N}$  are equivalent.

The space  $[0, 1]^\mathbb{N}$  with the topology induced by any one of these three equivalent metrics is called the *Hilbert cube*.

c) Is the Hilbert cube separable?

**Problem I.8+.** Does every norm on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  induce the standard topology?

**Problem I.9+.** This problem outlines a way to decide whether  $\mathbb{R}_{\text{bad}}$  is metrizable without appealing to Theorem I.13. To begin assume there is a metric  $\rho$  on  $\mathbb{R}_{\text{bad}}$  which induces the closed-open interval topology; and for  $x \in \mathbb{R}_{\text{bad}}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , let  $N(x, \varepsilon)$  denote the  $\varepsilon$ -neighborhood of  $x$  determined by the metric  $\rho$ . For  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , define

$$S_{m,n} = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}_{\text{bad}} : [x, x+(1/m)) \subset N(x, 1/n) \subset [x, \infty) \}.$$

Now complete steps a), b) and c).

a) Prove that the collection of sets  $\{ S_{m,n} : m, n \in \mathbb{N} \}$  covers  $\mathbb{R}$ ; i.e., every element of  $\mathbb{R}$  belongs to  $S_{m,n}$  for some  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

b) Prove there are elements  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that the set  $S_{m,n}$  is uncountable.

b) Assume  $S_{m,n}$  is uncountable. Prove that there are elements  $x, y \in S_{m,n}$  such that  $x < y < x+(1/m)$ .

c) Derive a contradiction.

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**Problem I.10+.** There is a way to prove that  $\Omega$  is not metrizable using properties of compactness introduced in a later chapter. ( $\Omega$  can be shown to be sequentially compact but not compact. On the other hand, all sequentially compact metric spaces are compact.) This problem outlines a proof that  $\Omega$  is not metrizable which does not rely on compactness properties.

a) Prove that if  $A$  is an uncountable subset of  $\Omega$ , then there is an  $x \in \Omega$  such that  $(-\infty, x) \neq \emptyset$  and  $(y, x) \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for every  $y \in (-\infty, x)$ .

b) Assume there is a metric  $\rho$  on  $\Omega$  which induces the order topology; and for  $x \in \Omega$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , let  $N(x, \varepsilon)$  denote the  $\varepsilon$ -neighborhood of  $x$  determined by the metric  $\rho$ . For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , define  $S_n = \{x \in \Omega : N(x, 1/n) \subset (-\infty, x]\}$ . Prove there is an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $S_n$  is uncountable. Then use part a) of this problem to obtain a contradiction.

**Problem I.11+.** Let  $(X, \rho)$  be a metric space. For  $\varepsilon > 0$ , a subset  $S$  of  $X$  is  $\varepsilon$ -separated if  $\rho(x, y) \geq \varepsilon$  for all distinct points  $x, y \in S$ .

a) Prove that a metric space is separable if and only if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , every  $\varepsilon$ -separated subset of  $X$  is countable.

b) Prove that a metric space is separable if and only if every pairwise disjoint collection of non-empty open subsets of  $X$  is countable.

**Remark.** Additional Problem I.11+. b) becomes false if the "metric" hypothesis is removed. Indeed, Additional Problem I.17+ outlines the construction of a non-separable space  $X$  in which every pairwise disjoint collection of open subsets of  $X$  is countable. Of course, this space is not metrizable.

**Problem I.12+.** Let  $X$  be an infinite set and let  $B(X)$  denote the metric space described in Example I.15.

a) Prove there is a pairwise disjoint collection  $\mathcal{U}$  of non-empty open subsets of  $B(X)$  such that  $\mathcal{U} \approx \mathcal{P}(X)$ .

b) Assume  $\mathbb{N} \times X \approx X$ . (This is not hard to prove for  $X = \mathbb{N}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$  and can be proved in general if  $X$  well-ordered. If we assume Zermelo's Well Ordering Principle, then it follows, of course, that  $X$  is well-ordered). Prove  $B(X) \approx \mathcal{P}(X)$ . Conclude that if  $D$  is any dense subset of  $B(X)$ , then  $D \approx B(X)$ .

## E. Closure and Convergence Properties

**Problem I.13+.** Prove that if  $A$  is an uncountable subset of a second countable space  $X$ , then there is a closed subset  $B$  of  $X$  such that  $A \cap B$  is uncountable and for every  $x \in B$ , every neighborhood of  $x$  intersects  $A \cap B$  in an uncountable set.

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**Problem I.14+.** Let  $X$  be a topological space. The *closure operator*  $A \mapsto \text{cl}(A)$  and the *complement operator*  $A \mapsto (X - A)$  are two functions from the collection  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  of all subsets of  $X$  to itself. They are known as the *Kuratowski operators* on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ .

- a) Given a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , find the maximum number of distinct subsets of  $X$  that can theoretically be formed from  $A$  by repeated application of the Kuratowski operators.
- b) Give an example of a subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  for which this theoretical maximum is achieved.

### F. Separation Properties

**Problem I.15+.** Is every linearly ordered space a)  $T_1$ , b) Hausdorff, c) regular, d) normal?

**Problem I.16+.** a) Prove that if  $X$  is a second countable  $T_1$  space, then  $X \preceq \mathbb{R}$ .

b) Prove that if  $X$  is a separable Hausdorff space, then  $X \preceq \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Remark.** The estimate in Additional Problem I.16+. b) can't be improved. In fact, Additional Problem I.17+. e) provides an example of a separable Hausdorff space  $X$  such that  $X \approx \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Problem I.17+.** a) Prove that if  $X$  is a separable regular space, then  $X$  has a basis  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $\mathcal{B} \preceq \mathbb{R}$ .

b) Here we outline a construction which (when combined with Additional Problem I.18+) shows that the "regular" hypothesis in part a) of this problem can't be replaced by "Hausdorff". Suppose  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is a separable Hausdorff space in which every non-empty open subset is uncountable, and suppose  $D$  is a countable dense subset of  $X$ . Set  $\mathcal{B}_* = \{ \{x\} \cup (U \cap D) : x \in U \in \mathcal{T} \}$ .

i) Prove  $\mathcal{B}_*$  is a basis for a topology on  $X$ , and let  $\mathcal{T}_*$  denote this topology.

Prove that  $(X, \mathcal{T}_*)$  is ii) Hausdorff but not regular, and iii) separable.

iv) Prove that if  $\mathcal{B}_{**}$  is any basis for  $\mathcal{T}_*$ , then  $\mathcal{B}_{**} \succeq X$ .

Now suppose that  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is a separable Hausdorff space satisfying  $X \approx \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  in which every non-empty open subset is uncountable. (Such a space is constructed in Additional Problem I.18+. See the remark following Additional Problem I.18+.) Then  $(X, \mathcal{T}_*)$  is a separable Hausdorff space with the property that if  $\mathcal{B}_{**}$  is any basis for  $\mathcal{T}_*$ , then  $\mathcal{B}_{**} \succeq \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ . We conclude that the "regular" hypothesis in part a) of this

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problem can't be replaced by "Hausdorff".

**Remark.** Again suppose that  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is a separable Hausdorff space satisfying  $X \approx \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ . Since  $\mathcal{T} \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$ , it is possible in principle that  $\mathcal{T} \approx \mathcal{P}(X) \approx \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}))$  and, further, that if  $\mathcal{B}$  is any basis for  $\mathcal{T}$ , then  $\mathcal{B} \approx \mathcal{P}(X) \approx \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}))$ . Then  $\mathcal{T}$  would in some sense be a "largest possible topology" on a separable Hausdorff space. The construction just carried out in Additional Problem I.17+. b) does not provide such a topology because the basis  $\mathcal{B}_*$  constructed there satisfies  $\mathcal{B}_* \approx X \times \mathcal{P}(D) \approx \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ . Additional Problem I.19+ fills this gap by outlining the construction of a separable Hausdorff space with a "largest possible topology".

**Problem I.18+.** Let  $X$  be a set. Let  $\{0, 1\}^X$  denote the set of all functions from  $X$  to  $\{0, 1\}$ . For every  $f \in \{0, 1\}^X$  and every finite subset  $A$  of  $X$ , set

$$N(f, A) = \{g \in \{0, 1\}^X : g|_A = f|_A\}.$$

Set  $\mathcal{B} = \{N(f, A) : f \in \{0, 1\}^X \text{ and } A \text{ is a finite subset of } X\}$ .

a) Prove  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for a topology on  $\{0, 1\}^X$ .

Endow  $\{0, 1\}^X$  with this topology.

b) Prove that  $\{0, 1\}^X$  is a regular Hausdorff space.

c) Prove that if  $X$  is infinite, then every non-empty open subset of  $\{0, 1\}^X$  is uncountable.

d) Prove that the following are equivalent: **i)**  $X$  is countable, **ii)**  $\{0, 1\}^X$  is second countable, and **iii)**  $\{0, 1\}^X$  is first countable.

e) Prove that if  $X$  is countable, then  $\{0, 1\}^X$  is metrizable.

f) Prove that if  $X \preceq \mathbb{R}$ , then  $\{0, 1\}^X$  is separable.

g) Prove that if  $X \succ \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathcal{B}_*$  is any basis for  $\{0, 1\}^X$ , then  $\mathcal{B}_* \succ \mathbb{R}$  and  $\{0, 1\}^X$  is not separable.

h) Prove that every pairwise disjoint collection of open subsets of  $\{0, 1\}^X$  is countable.

Observe that if  $X \succ \mathbb{R}$ , then  $\{0, 1\}^X$  provides an example of the type mentioned in the remark following Addition Problem I.11+: a non-separable regular Hausdorff space in which every pairwise disjoint collection of open subsets is countable.

**Remark.** It follows that  $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{R}}$  is a separable regular Hausdorff space satisfying  $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{R}} \approx \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ . Hence, that the estimate of Additional Problem I.16+. b) can't be improved. Also this is the sort of space needed in Additional Problem I.17+. b).

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**Problem I.19+.** This problem outlines the rather lengthy construction of a separable Hausdorff space  $Y$  with the property that if  $\mathcal{B}$  is any basis for  $Y$ , then  $\mathcal{B} \approx \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}))$ . Prove the propositions labelled **a)** through **m)**.

To begin, let  $X$  denote an infinite set. Assume  $\mathbb{N} \times X \approx X$ . (As we remarked in Problem I.12+. b), this can be proved if  $X = \mathbb{N}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$  or if  $X$  well-ordered. Later we will set  $X = \mathbb{R}$ .) An *ultrafilter* on  $X$  is a collection  $\alpha$  of subsets of  $X$  satisfying

- i)  $A, B \in \alpha \Rightarrow A \cap B \in \alpha$ ,
- ii)  $A \in \alpha$  and  $A \subset B \subset X \Rightarrow B \in \alpha$ , and
- iii)  $\forall A \subset X$ , exactly one of  $A$  and  $X - A$  is an element of  $\alpha$ .

(It follows that  $X \in \alpha$  and  $\emptyset \notin \alpha$ .)

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  denote the set of all ultrafilters on  $X$ .

For each  $x \in X$ , set  $\alpha_x = \{ A \subset X : x \in A \}$ .

- a) Prove that for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\alpha_x$  is an ultrafilter on  $X$ .

The ultrafilters of the form  $\alpha_x$  (where  $x \in X$ ) are called *principal ultrafilters* on  $X$ . Let  $\mathcal{U}_p$  denote the set of all principal ultrafilters on  $X$ .

A collection  $\sigma$  of subsets of  $X$  has the *finite intersection property* if for all finite sequences  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n$  of elements of  $\sigma$ ,  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n S_i \neq \emptyset$ .

- b) Prove that if  $\sigma$  is a collection of subsets of  $X$  with the finite intersection property, then there is an ultrafilter  $\alpha$  on  $X$  such that  $\sigma \subset \alpha$ .

A collection  $\sigma$  of subsets of  $X$  is *independent* if for all finite sequences  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m, T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n$  of distinct elements of  $\sigma$ ,  $\left( \bigcap_{i=1}^m S_i \right) \cap \left( \bigcap_{j=1}^n (X - T_j) \right) \neq \emptyset$ .

- c) Prove that if  $\sigma$  is an independent collection of subsets of  $X$ , then for each subset  $\tau$  of  $\sigma$ , there is an ultrafilter  $\alpha_\tau$  on  $X$  such that  $\tau \cup \{ X - S : S \in \sigma - \tau \} \subset \alpha_\tau$ . Also prove that the function  $\tau \mapsto \alpha_\tau : \mathcal{P}(\sigma) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  is one-to-one. Conclude that  $\mathcal{P}(\sigma) \preceq \mathcal{U}$ .

- d) Prove that there exists an independent collection  $\sigma$  of subsets of  $X$  such that  $\sigma \approx \mathcal{P}(X)$ .

**Outline of proof of d):** For any set  $S$ , let  $\mathcal{F}(S)$  denote the collection of all finite subsets of  $S$ . Set  $Y = \mathcal{F}(X) \times \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{F}(X))$ .

- i) Prove  $X \approx Y$ .

For every  $A \subset X$ , define  $A^* \subset Y$  by  $A^* = \{ (F, \Phi) \in Y : F \cap A \in \Phi \}$ .

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- ii) Prove that the function  $A \mapsto A^* : \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Y)$  is one-to-one.
- iii) Prove that  $\{ A^* : A \in \mathcal{P}(X) \}$  is an independent collection of subsets of  $Y$ .
- iv) Prove that there exists an independent collection  $\sigma$  of subsets of  $X$  such that  $\sigma \approx \mathcal{P}(X)$ .

e) Prove that  $\mathcal{U} \approx \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(X))$ .

f) Prove that  $\mathcal{U}$  is an independent collection of subsets of  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ .

Set  $\mathcal{B} =$

$$\left\{ \left( \bigcap_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \right) \cap \left( \bigcap_{j=1}^n (\mathcal{P}(X) - \beta_j) \right) : m, n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n \in \mathcal{U} \right\},$$

and set  $\mathcal{B}_p =$

$$\left\{ \left( \bigcap_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \right) \cap \left( \bigcap_{j=1}^n (\mathcal{P}(X) - \beta_j) \right) : m, n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n \in \mathcal{U}_p \right\}.$$

g) Prove that  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for a topology  $\mathcal{T}$  on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ , and  $\mathcal{B}_p$  is a basis for a topology  $\mathcal{T}_p$  on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  such that  $\mathcal{T}_p \subset \mathcal{T}$ .

h) Prove that for every  $A \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ , if  $\mathcal{B}(A)$  is any basis for  $\mathcal{T}$  at  $A$ , then  $\mathcal{B}(A) \approx \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(X))$ .

i) Prove that  $(\mathcal{P}(X), \mathcal{T}_p)$  and  $(\mathcal{P}(X), \mathcal{T})$  are Hausdorff spaces.

**(Parenthetical observation:** Identify  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  with  $\{0, 1\}^X$  by identifying each subset  $A$  of  $X$  with its characteristic function  $\chi_A : X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ . ( $\chi_A(x) = 1$  if  $x \in A$  and  $\chi_A(x) = 0$  if  $x \in X - A$ .) Observe that this identification carries the topology  $\mathcal{T}_p$  onto the topology defined on  $\{0, 1\}^X$  in Additional Problem I.18+.)

Now set  $X = \mathbb{R}$ .

j) Prove that  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}), \mathcal{T}_p)$  is separable.

Let  $\Delta$  be a countable dense subset of  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}), \mathcal{T}_p)$ .

Set  $\mathcal{T}^\# = \{ (\alpha - \Delta) \cap (\beta \cap \Delta) : \alpha \in \mathcal{T}, \beta \in \mathcal{T}_p, \text{ and } \alpha \subset \beta \}$ .

k) Prove that  $\mathcal{T}^\#$  is a topology on  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ , and  $\mathcal{T}_p \subset \mathcal{T}^\#$ .

l) Prove that  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}), \mathcal{T}^\#)$  is a separable Hausdorff space.



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m) Prove that for every  $A \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) - \Delta$ , if  $\mathcal{B}^\#(A)$  is any basis for  $\mathcal{T}^\#$  at  $A$ , then  $\mathcal{B}^\#(A) \approx \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}))$ . Conclude that if  $\mathcal{B}^\#$  is any basis for  $\mathcal{T}^\#$ , then  $\mathcal{B}^\# \approx \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}))$ .  $\square$

**Problem I.20+.** A space  $X$  is *completely normal* if it has the following property: if  $A$  and  $B$  are subsets of  $X$  satisfying  $\text{cl}(A) \cap B = \emptyset = A \cap \text{cl}(B)$ , then  $A$  and  $B$  have disjoint neighborhoods in  $X$ . Prove that every metric space is completely normal.

**Problem I.21+.** a) Let  $X$  be an infinite set with the finite complement topology, and let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of distinct points of  $X$ . Observe that  $X$  is  $T_1$  but not Hausdorff. Prove that  $\{x_n\}$  converges to every point of  $X$ .

b) Prove that if  $X$  is a Hausdorff space, then every converging sequence in  $X$  has a unique limit.

c) Assume  $X$  is a first countable space. Prove:  $X$  is Hausdorff  $\Leftrightarrow$  every converging sequence in  $X$  has a unique limit.

d) Find a space which is not first countable and not Hausdorff in which every converging sequence has a unique limit.

**Remark.** The following two problems are related to Example I.17.

**Problem I.22+.** Suppose that the topological space  $X$  has a subset  $Y$  with the following two properties.

i) For each  $y \in Y$ ,  $\{W_n(y) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a basis for  $X$  at  $y$  such that  $W_{n+1}(y) \subset W_n(y)$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

ii) There is a bijection  $t \mapsto y_t : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow Y$  satisfying the condition: for each  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  and each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $|s - t| < \delta$ , then  $W_n(y_s) \cap W_n(y_t) \neq \emptyset$ .

a) Prove that the sets  $\{y_t : t \in \mathbb{Q}\}$  and  $\{y_t : t \in \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}\}$  don't have disjoint neighborhoods in  $X$ . (Here  $\mathbb{Q}$  denotes the set of rational numbers.)

Assume that the set  $Y$  has no limit points in  $X$ .

b) Prove that  $X$  is not normal.

**Problem I.23+.** Prove that if a separable space  $X$  has a subset  $Y$  which has no limit points in  $X$  such that  $Y \approx \mathbb{R}$ , then  $X$  is not normal.

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### G. Subspaces and Finite Product Spaces

**Problem I.24+.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces and let  $A \subset X$  and  $B \subset Y$ . Prove that  $\text{fr}(A \times B) = (\text{fr}(A) \times B) \cup (A \times \text{fr}(B))$ .

**Problem I.25+.** Recall the definition of *completely normal* from Additional Problem I.20+. A space  $X$  is *hereditarily normal* if each subspace of  $X$  is normal. Prove that for a space  $X$ , the following three assertions are equivalent.

- i)  $X$  is completely normal.
- ii) If  $Y$  is a subspace of  $X$ , then any two disjoint relatively closed subsets of  $Y$  have disjoint neighborhoods in  $X$ .
- iii)  $X$  is hereditarily normal.

The following problem describes a space with properties similar to the space described in Example I.18. This problem is an alternative version of Problem I.21.

**Problem I.26+.** Let  $\Omega^+ = \Omega \cup \{\omega^+\}$  be the space described in Example I.11. Set  $Y = \{0\} \cup \{1/n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , and regard  $Y$  as a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $\Omega^+ \times Y$  have the product topology.

- a) Prove that  $\Omega^+ \times Y$  is a normal Hausdorff space.
- b) Prove that the subspace  $(\Omega^+ \times Y) - \{(\omega^+, 0)\}$  of  $\Omega^+ \times Y$  is not normal.
- c) Is the space  $\Omega^+ \times Y$  completely normal?

**Problem I.27+.** Is every linearly ordered space completely normal?  
(Equivalently: is every linearly ordered space hereditarily normal?)

**Problem I.28+.** A space is *hereditarily separable* if each of its subspaces is separable. (Problem I.16 asks for a separable space which is not hereditarily separable.) Is every separable linearly ordered space hereditarily separable?