

## Mathematics 554 Homework.

Since our test is on Monday, I will not collect this in the usual way, but you will have a quiz on it on Friday. So look at it before Wednesday and we can go over anything you do not understand.

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $E$  be a metric space and  $U$  and  $V$  disjoint open subsets of  $E$ . Show that if  $S$  is a connected subset of  $E$  and  $S \subseteq (U \cup V) \neq \emptyset$ , then either  $S \subseteq U$  or  $S \subseteq V$ .*

**Problem 1.** Prove this. □

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $E$  be a metric space and  $A$  a clopen subset of  $E$ . Then for an connected subset  $S$  of  $E$  either  $S \subseteq A$  or  $S \subseteq \mathcal{C}(A)$ .*

**Problem 2.** Prove this. *Hint:* If  $A$  is clopen, then  $U = A$  and  $V = \mathcal{C}(A)$  are open disjoint subsets of  $E$ . □

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $E$  be a metric space and  $\{S_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$  a collection of connected subsets of  $E$ . Assume there is a  $\beta \in I$  such that*

$$S_\alpha \cap S_\beta \neq \emptyset \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in I.$$

*Then the union*

$$S = \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} S_\alpha$$

*is connected.*

**Problem 3.** Prove this. *Hint:* Here as an argument that is a little different than the one we did in class. By replacing  $E$  with  $S$  we can assume  $E = S$ . Assume that  $A$  is a clopen subset of  $E = S$  and we want to show that  $A = \emptyset$  or  $S = E$ . Use Proposition 2 to show that for each  $\alpha$  that  $S_\alpha \subseteq A$  or  $S_\alpha \subseteq \mathcal{C}(A)$ . First assume  $S_\beta \subseteq A$  and  $S_\alpha \subseteq A$  for all  $\alpha$  and therefore  $E = \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} S_\alpha \subseteq A$  and therefore  $A = E$ . Do a similar argument in the case  $S_\beta \subseteq \mathcal{C}(A)$ .

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a Lipschitz map between metric spaces and let  $U \subseteq Y$  be an open subset of  $Y$ . Then*

$$U = \{x \in X : f(x) \in U\}$$

*is an open subset of  $X$ .*

**Problem 4.** Prove this. *Hint:* Because  $f$  is Lipschitz there is a constant  $M > 0$  such that for all  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  the inequality

$$d_Y(f(x_1), f(x_2)) \leq M d_X(x_1, x_2)$$

for all  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ .

- (a) Let  $x_0 \in U$ , then by definition  $f(x_0) \in U$ . Explain why there is  $r > 0$  such that  $B_Y(f(x_0), r) \subseteq U$ . (Do not make this hard, the answer should just be “This follows from the definition of  $U$  being an fill in blank set.”)

- (b) Use the Lipschitz condition to show if  $x \in B_X(x_0, r/M)$ , then  $f(x) \in B_Y(f(x_0), r) \subseteq V$ .  
 (c) Explain why (b) implies  $U$  is open. (Again to not make this hard.)

**Proposition 5.** *Let  $X$  be a metric space and  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a Lipschitz map. Then the image*

$$f[X] = \{f(x) : x \in [a, b]\}$$

*is connected.*

**Problem 5.** Prove this. *Hint:* Toward a contradiction assume that  $f[X]$  is not connected and let  $f[X] = A \cup B$  be a disconnection of  $X$ . Then use Theorem 4 to show

$$X = \{x \in X : x \in A\} \cup \{x \in X : x \in B\}$$

is a disconnection of  $X$ . □

**Definition 6.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a map between metric spaces. Then  $f$  is ***continuous*** at  $x_0 \in X$  if and only if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that for  $x \in X$

$$d_X(x, x_0) < \delta \quad \text{implies} \quad d_Y(f(x), f(x_0)) < \varepsilon.$$

**Problem 6.** Memorize this. □