

136.323 Metric spaces, Assignment No.1

The assignment is due in class on Tuesday, September 28. Late assignments receive a mark of zero.

Prove all of your statements for each of the questions.

1. Let (X, d) be a metric space. Check if d_1 , d_2 and d_3 are metrics on X :
 - a) $d_1(x,y) = \min \{1, d(x,y)\}$, [3]
 - b) $d_2(x,y) = \frac{d(x,y)}{1+d(x,y)}$, [4]
 - c) $d_3(x,y) = (d(x,y))^2$. [4]
2. Let (X, d) be a metric space.
 - a) Show that for $r > 0$ and a in X , $N(a, r)$ is always open. [4]
 - b) For $S \subset X$, S is open if and only if S is a union of open balls. [3]
 - c) For a, b in X with $d(a, b) > 2r$, $N(a, r) \cap N(b, r) = \emptyset$. [3]
 - d) Is it possible that X has more than one point and the only open sets are X and \emptyset ? [2]
3. Let $X = C([0, \frac{5}{4}])$ with d the “max’ metric.
 - a) Find $d(f, g)$ for $f(x)=x^2$ and $g(x) = x$. [3]
 - b) Let $f(x) < g(x), \forall x \in [0, \frac{5}{4}]$, and let $S = \{h \in X : f(x) < h(x) < g(x)\}$.
Is S an open set? [4]
 - c) Find S' and $\text{cl}(S)$ for $S = \{f \in X : f(\frac{1}{2}) \in (4, 5)\}$. [4]
 - d) Prove that $S = \{f \in X : \int_0^{\frac{5}{4}} f(x)dx = 0\}$ is closed. [4]
4. Question No.3, page 88 from Kasriel. [6]
5. Let (X, d) be a metric space and let $S \subset X$. A point a in X is a **boundary point** for S if $\forall r > 0, N(a, r) \cap S \neq \emptyset$ and $N(a, r) \cap S^c \neq \emptyset$. Let $\text{bd}(S)$ be the set of all boundary points of S .
 - a) Prove that $\text{cl}(S) = S \cup \text{bd}(S)$, [3]
 - b) S is open if and only if $\text{bd}(S) \cap S = \emptyset$. [3]
 - c) Find the boundary points of \mathbb{N} and \mathbb{Q} as subsets of \mathbb{R} . [2]

