

Math 104 Homework 7

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1 Q 1

Consider an open set cover of $X \times Y$. Now project this onto X , where the projection just means we take the x component of each element of each set. We know that there is a finite open set cover of X , so take this. Now, for each set S in this finite open set cover, consider the set of all open sets of the original open set sets that intersect S . We know that there is a finite set covering for the projection of these onto Y . If we take the set of all of these sets, it is finite (since it is finite times finite) and it covers everything in $X \times Y$. Therefore we have found a finite open set cover for $X \times Y$.

2 Q 2

2.1 Open

False. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $f(x) = \sin(x)$. Consider $A = (-104, 104) \subset \mathbb{R}$ be an open subset. However, the map $f(A)$ is the not open subset $[-1, 1]$. Thus, f does not have to preserve openness.

2.2 Closed

False. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2+1}$. Consider $A = [0, +\infty) \subset \mathbb{R}$ be a closed subset. However, the map $f(A)$ is the not closed subset $(0, 0.5]$. Thus, f does not have to preserve closedness.

2.3 Bounded

False. From problem 3 we know there exists a surjective continuous map $f : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. We know at least one of $(0, 0.5)$ and $[0.5, 1)$ must be unbounded as one of them must contain $+\infty$. Thus, f does not have to preserve boundedness.

2.4 Compact

True. Consider an open set covering of $f(A)$. By definition, the preimage of each of these sets is an open set of A , so the preimage is a set covering of A . But we know there is a finite open set covering of A . Taking the corresponding images of those sets gives us a finite open set covering of $f(A)$, showing that $f(A)$ must also be compact.

2.5 Connected

True. We can try the contrapositive. Assume $f(A)$ not connected, so we can write it as a disjoint union of two open subsets. Look at the preimages of those two open subsets. We know they must be disjoint because a function maps one value to only one value. We also know that both of them are open as f is continuous. Finally, we know that they union to A because their image unions to $f(A)$. Thus, we have written A as a disjoint union of two open subsets, so A is not connected as well. This proves that f must preserve connectedness.

3 Q 3

Assume that such an f exists. We know that $[0, 1]$ is compact, which means that from question 2 we know that \mathbb{R} must also be compact. However, this is not the case; therefore, such an f cannot exist.