



## Introduction to Metric and Topological Spaces

### Mathematics Bachelor's Degree - LMD - 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester

#### Series 6: Compact Spaces

##### Exercise 1:

Using (only) the definition of compactness, show that  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $[0, +\infty[$ , and  $]0, 1[$  are not compact in  $(\mathbb{R}, |\cdot|)$ .

##### Exercise 2:

Determine whether the set  $A$  is compact in  $\mathbb{X}$  in the following cases:

- 1)  $A = \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathbb{X} = \mathbb{R}$ ,
- 2)  $A = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}^* \right\}$ ,  $\mathbb{X} = \mathbb{R}$ ,
- 3)  $A$  is an infinite set in  $(\mathbb{X}, \delta)$ ,
- 4)  $A = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$ ,  $\mathbb{X} = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,
- 5)  $A = \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \geq 1, 0 \leq y \leq \frac{1}{x} \right\}$ ,  $\mathbb{X} = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,
- 6)  $A = \left\{ \left( x, \sin \frac{1}{x} \right) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 < x \leq 1 \right\}$ ,  $\mathbb{X} = \mathbb{R}^2$ .

##### Exercise 3:

Consider the metric space  $(\mathbb{Q}, d)$ , where  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ , and the set  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : 2 < x^2 < 3\}$ . Show that  $A$  is closed and bounded but not compact.

##### Exercise 4:

Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{X}})$  and  $(\mathbb{Y}, \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{Y}})$  be two topological spaces, where  $(\mathbb{Y}, \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{Y}})$  is separated, and let  $f : (\mathbb{X}, \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{X}}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Y}, \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{Y}})$  be a continuous map. Show that if  $B$  is a compact subset of  $\mathbb{Y}$ , then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is closed. Find an example that shows that  $f^{-1}(B)$  is not necessarily compact.

##### Exercise 5:

Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \mathcal{T})$  be a separated topological space. Prove the following:

1. The finite union of compact sets in  $\mathbb{X}$  is compact.
2. The arbitrary union of compact sets in  $\mathbb{X}$  is not necessarily compact.

##### Exercise 6:

Show that the discrete topological space  $(\mathbb{X}, \mathcal{T}_{disc})$  is compact if and only if  $\mathbb{X}$  is finite.

##### Exercise 7:

Let  $(\mathbb{X}, d)$  be a metric space and  $A \subset \mathbb{X}$ . Prove the following:

1. If  $A$  is precompact, then  $Cl(A)$  is also precompact.
2. If  $A$  is precompact, then  $A$  is bounded.

**Exercise 8:** Show that every finite subset of  $(\mathbb{R}, |\cdot|)$  is compact.

**Exercise 9:** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, d)$  be a metric space, and let  $A, B \subset \mathbb{X}$  such that  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . Prove the following:

1. If  $A$  is compact and  $B$  is closed, then  $\text{dist}(A, B) > 0$ .
2. Is it true that  $\text{dist}(A, B) \neq 0$  if  $A$  and  $B$  are both closed?

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