

MSc DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2014–15
SEMESTER-1: MATHEMATICS
COURSE CODE - P1MATTO2: BASIC TOPOLOGY

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 75

Part A

Answer any 5 Questions. Each carries 2 marks

1. State true or false:
 - (a) *A subspace of a metric space is metrizable*
 - (b) *Any discrete space is second countable.*
2. Prove that $\mathcal{C} = \{[a, b] : a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a < b\}$ cannot be a base for any topology on \mathbb{R} .
3. (a) Define second countable space?
(b) Prove or disprove: $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ is *second countable*.
4. Prove that $\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$
5. Give an example of a connected closed subset C of \mathbb{R}^2 such that $\mathbb{R}^2 - C$ has infinitely many components.
6. State the Lebesgue Covering Lemma.
7. Give an example of a T_1 -space which is not T_2 . Justify?
8. Show that \mathbb{R} is homeomorphic to $\mathbb{R} \times \{1\} = \{(x, 1) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$.

2 × 5 = 10

Part B

Answer any 5 Questions. Each carries 5 marks

9. Let d be the usual metric on \mathbb{R} . Show that $U \subset \mathbb{R}$ is an open ball if, and only if U is an open interval in \mathbb{R} .
10. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous function. The graph of f is defined to be the set

$$G = \{(x, f(x)) : x \in X\}.$$

Then G is a subspace of $X \times Y$ with product topology. Prove that G is homeomorphic to X .

11. Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be a topological space and $A \subset X$. Then show that A is compact subset of X if, and only if the subspace $(A, \mathcal{T}|_A)$ is compact.
12. Prove that a closed subspace of a Lindelöf space is Lindelöf.
13. Prove that the unit circle S^1 is compact.

14. Prove or disprove: *In a T_1 -space, limits of sequences are unique.*
15. Show that a continuous bijection from a compact space on to a Hausdorff space is a homeomorphism.
16. Show that every regular, second countable space is normal.

$5 \times 5 = 25$

Part C

Answer either (a) or (b) of the following four questions. Each carries 10 marks

17. (a) Let X be a non-empty finite set containing n elements and $T(n)$ be the number of topologies defined on X . Prove that for $n > 1$

$$2^n \leq T(n) \leq 2^{2^n - 2}$$

- (b) Let X be a set and $\mathcal{P}(X)$ denotes the power set of X . Define $\theta : \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$ by

$$\theta(A) = A \text{ for all } A \in \mathcal{P}(X).$$

- i. Show that θ satisfies the closure axioms.
 - ii. Find the corresponding topology on X .
18. (a) Let S^1 be the unit circle in \mathbb{R}^2 . Obtain S^1 as a quotient space of $[0, 1]$.
- (b) i. Let (X, \mathcal{T}_1) and (Y, \mathcal{T}_2) are topological spaces and $f : X \rightarrow Y$. Define the weak topology on X determined by f .
- ii. Let $X = X_1 \times X_2 \times \cdots \times X_n$, where $(X_i, \mathcal{T}_i), i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ are topological spaces. Show that the product topology on X is the weak topology determined by the projection functions $\pi_i : X \rightarrow X_i$.
19. (a) i. Show that every path connected space is connected.
- ii. Show by an example that the converse of the above statement need n't be true.
- (b) i. Show that the set of all rational numbers as a subspace of \mathbb{R} with usual topology is not connected.
- ii. Show that a subset of \mathbb{R} is connected if, and only if it is an interval.
20. (a) i. Prove the following (Wallace's Theorem)
Let A, B be compact subsets of topological spaces X, Y respectively. Let W be an open subset of $X \times Y$ containing the rectangle $A \times B$. Then there exist open sets U, V in X, Y respectively such that $A \subset U, B \subset V$ and $U \times V \subset W$.
- ii. Using Wallace's theorem prove that every compact Hausdorff space is T_4 .
- (b) i. Show that there can be no continuous one-to-one map from the unit circle S^1 into the real line \mathbb{R} .
- ii. Suppose (X, \mathcal{T}_1) is a compact space and (X, \mathcal{T}_2) is a Hausdorff space. If $\mathcal{T}_1 \supset \mathcal{T}_2$ show that $\mathcal{T}_1 = \mathcal{T}_2$.

$10 \times 4 = 40$