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**SECOND SEMESTER**

**MT 202 - METRIC SPACE**

**Proper & Repeat**

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Answer all questions

Time: Two hours

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Q1. Define the term *Complete Metric Space*.

(a) Show that the space  $C_{[a,b]}$ , the set of all real valued continuous functions on the interval  $[a, b]$ , with the function  $d : C_{[a,b]} \times C_{[a,b]} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$d(f, g) = \left( \int_a^b (f(x) - g(x))^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{for } f, g \in [a, b],$$

is a metric space and also show that it is not a complete metric space.

(b) Prove that a subset  $A$  of  $X$  is nowhere dense in  $X$  if and only if  $(\bar{A})^\circ = \emptyset$ .

Q2. (a) Let  $(X, d)$  be any metric space and let  $A$  be any non empty subset of  $X$ . Prove that  $x \in \bar{A}$  if and only if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $A$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

(b) Prove that separated sets are disjoint. Is the converse part true? Justify your answer.

(c) Prove that a metric space  $(X, d)$  is disconnected if and only if it can be written as a union of two non empty disjoint open sets.

(d) Prove that a metric space  $(X, d)$  is disconnected if and only if there exists a non empty proper subset of  $X$  which is both open and closed.

Q3. Define the term *Compact Set*.

(a) Show that  $[a, b]$  is compact in  $(\mathbb{R}, |\cdot|)$  and also show that  $(0, 1)$  is not compact in  $(\mathbb{R}, |\cdot|)$ .

(b) Prove that continuous image of a compact subset is compact.

(c) If  $A$  is compact subset of  $(X, d)$ . Prove that  $A$  is closed.

Q4. Define the term *Continuous Function* between two metric spaces.

(a) Let  $(X, d_1)$  and  $(Y, d_2)$  be any two metric spaces and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function. Prove that  $f$  is continuous at  $a \in X$  if and only if for every sequence  $\{a_n\}$  in  $X$  converging to  $a$  we have  $\{f(a_n)\}$  converging to  $f(a)$ .

(b) Let  $(X, d_1)$  and  $(Y, d_2)$  be any two metric spaces and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function. Prove that  $f$  is continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(G)$  is open in  $X$ , whenever  $G$  is open in  $Y$ .

(c) Prove that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(B^\circ) \subseteq (f^{-1}(B))^\circ$

(d) Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}, & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0); \\ 0, & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

where  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  are considered with respect to the usual metric. Discuss the continuity at the origin.