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Answer all questions

Time: Two hours

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Q1. (a) Define the following:

- i. Metric Space;
- ii. Complete Metric Space.

(b) Let  $X$  be a set of all bounded sequence of real numbers. Define  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$d(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{|x_i - y_i|}{2^i},$$

where  $x = \{x_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $y = \{y_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  are two arbitrary elements of  $X$ . Show that  $(X, d)$  is a metric space.

- (c) Prove that every open ball is an open set.
- (d) Prove that  $\mathbb{R}$  with the usual metric is complete.

Q2. (a) Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and let  $A \subseteq X$ . Define the term *Closure of A*. Prove that, the closure of  $A$  is the smallest closed set containing  $A$ .

(b) Let  $A, B$  be any two subsets of a metric space  $(X, d)$ . Prove that

- i.  $(A^\circ \cap B^\circ) = (A \cap B)^\circ$ .
- ii.  $(A^\circ \cup B^\circ) \subseteq (A \cup B)^\circ$ .

Give an example to show  $(A^\circ \cup B^\circ) \neq (A \cup B)^\circ$ .

- (c) Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and let  $A \subseteq X$ . Define the term *frontier point of A*.  
Prove that  $Fr(A) = \overline{A} \cap \overline{A^c}$ .

Q3. (a) Define the following:

i. Connected Set;

ii. Compact Set.

- (b) Let  $(Y, d_Y)$  be a subspace of a metric space  $(X, d)$ . Prove that  $Y$  is connected if and only if the only subset of  $Y$  both open and closed in  $Y$  is  $Y$  itself.

(c) Show that  $[a, b]$  is compact in  $(\mathbb{R}, | \cdot |)$ .

- (d) Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  and  $d$  the usual metric. Prove that  $(0, 1)$  is a compact set in  $(\mathbb{R}, d)$ .  
Justify your answer.

Q4. (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  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  in  $X$  converging to  $a$  we have  $\{f(a_n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converging to  $f(a)$ .

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

(c) Show that  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = x \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ , where  $(\mathbb{R}, d)$  is the usual metric space.

(d) Let  $(X, d_X)$  be a discrete metric space and let  $(Y, d_Y)$  be any metric space. Prove that every function from  $X$  to  $Y$  is continuous on  $X$ .

(e) Prove that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous if and only if  $f(\overline{A}) \subseteq \overline{f(A)} \quad \forall A \subseteq X$ .