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FACULTY OF SCIENCES  
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS  
2021\_2 Examinations

Course Code: MTH401

Course Title: General Topology

Credit Unit: 3

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Total: 70 Marks

Instruction: Answer Question One (1) and Any Other 4 Questions

1a) Define the following terms:

- i) An open set in a metric space, (2 marks)
- ii) An interior point in a metric space, (2 marks)
- iii) A closed set in a metric space. (2 marks)
- b) State without prove the Cauchy schwartz's inequality. (4 marks)
- c) Show that  $K = (0,2) \cap [3,4]$  is a subspace of a metric space  $(E, d)$  is disconnected. (6 marks)
- d) Show that  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is connected. (6 marks)

2a) Define a metric on a nonempty set  $E$ . (2 marks)

b) State without prove the Minkowski's inequality. (4 marks)

c) Verify that  $d_\infty(x,y) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{|x_i - y_i|\}$  is a metric on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . (6 marks)

3a) Define the following terms: i. an open ball centred at  $x_0$  of radius  $r > 0$ . ii. A sphere centred at  $x_0$  of radius  $r > 0$ . iii. a close ball centred at  $x_0$  of radius  $r > 0$ . (6 marks)

b) Show that in any metric space  $(E, d)$ , each open ball is an open set  $E$ . (6 marks)

4a) Define the following terms:

- i) a limit of a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  (2 marks)
- ii) a Cauchy sequence (2 marks)
- iii) a subsequence of a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  (2 marks)

b) Given that  $\{x_n\} = \{x_n^{(1)}, x_n^{(2)}\}$  is a sequence in  $E = (E_1, d_1) \times (E_2, d_2)$ . Show that the following are equivalent :

- i)  $\{x_n\}$  converges in  $E$  with respect to the metric  $\rho_{max}$ . (2 marks)
- ii)  $\{x_n\}$  converges in  $E$  with respect to the metric  $\rho_2$ . (2 marks)

iii)  $\{x_n\}$  converges in  $E$  with respect to the metric  $\rho_1$ . iv)  $\{x_n^{(1)}\}$  and  $\{x_n^{(2)}\}$  converges in  $(E_1, d_1)$  and  $(E_2, d_2)$  respectively. **(2 marks)**

5a) State without prove the Pasting Lemma on the union of closed sets. **(4 marks)**

bi) Show that  $(E, d)$ , if is a metric space,  $a \in E$  (a fixed element) and  $f: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x) = d(x, a)$  for all  $x \in E$ . Then  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $E$ . **(4 marks)**

bii) Given that  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2}, & \text{for } x^2 + y^2 \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{for } x = y = 0 \end{cases}$$

Verify the continuity of  $f$  at  $(0,0)$ . **(4 marks)**

6a) Show that every compact subset of a metric is closed and bounded. **(6 marks)**

b) Show that every real-valued continuous function defined on a compact set is uniformly continuous. **(6 marks)**