

Do three questions from Section A and three questions from Section B. You may work on as many questions as you wish, but indicate which ones you want graded. When in doubt about the wording of a problem or what results may be assumed without proof, ask for clarification. Do not interpret a problem in such a way that it becomes trivial.

**Section A: Do THREE problems from this section.**

- (1) Given any topological space  $Z$  and subset  $D \subseteq Z$ , let  $Cl_Z(D)$  denote the closure of  $D$  in  $Z$ . Show that if  $X$  and  $Y$  are topological spaces and  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $B \subseteq Y$ , then  $Cl_{X \times Y}(A \times B) = Cl_X(A) \times Cl_Y(B)$ .
- (2) Let  $X$  be a connected space and  $A, B \subseteq X$  be closed subsets of  $X$  with  $X = A \cup B$  and  $A \cap B$  a connected subset of  $X$ . Show that both  $A$  and  $B$  are connected.
- (3) Let  $X$  be the set of real numbers, let  $\mathcal{T}_E$  be the Euclidean topology on  $X$ , and let  $\mathcal{T}_0$  be the excluded point topology (that is,  $\mathcal{T}_0 = \{U \subseteq X \mid 0 \notin U\} \cup \{X\}$ ). For each of the following topological spaces, determine whether or not the space is compact.
  - (3a) The set  $X$  with the topology  $\mathcal{T}_E \cap \mathcal{T}_0$ .
  - (3b) The set  $X$  with the topology generated by the subbasis  $\mathcal{T}_E \cup \mathcal{T}_0$ .
- (4) Suppose that the space  $X$  has the fixed point property (that is, for any continuous function  $f : X \rightarrow X$  there is a point  $p \in X$  with  $f(p) = p$ ). Suppose also that  $A \subseteq X$  is a subspace admitting a retraction  $r : X \rightarrow A$ . Show that  $A$  also has the fixed point property.

**Section B: Do THREE problems from this section.**

- (5) Let  $X = S^1 \times S^1$ , also thought of as the standard quotient of the unit square  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ , and let  $A = \{(x, x) : x \in S^1\}$  be the diagonal of  $X$ . Show that  $A$  is a retract of  $X$ , but not a deformation retract of  $X$ .
- (6) A group  $G$  is called *residually finite* if for every  $g \in G$  with  $g \neq 1$ , there is a finite group  $H$  and a (surjective) homomorphism  $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$  with  $\varphi(g) \neq 1$ . Let  $G$  be a residually finite group and let  $X$  be the presentation complex for a presentation of  $G$ , with vertex  $x_0$ . Show that for any loop  $\gamma : I \rightarrow X$  at  $x_0$  with  $1 \neq [\gamma] \in \pi_1(X, x_0)$ , there is a finite-sheeted covering space  $p : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  and basepoint  $\tilde{x}_0 \in p^{-1}(\{x_0\})$  such that  $\gamma$  does not lift to a loop at  $\tilde{x}_0$ .
- (7) Let  $p : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  and  $q : \tilde{Y} \rightarrow Y$  be covering spaces of path-connected, locally path-connected spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  with  $\tilde{X}$  and  $\tilde{Y}$  locally path-connected and simply-connected. Show that if  $X$  and  $Y$  are homeomorphic, then  $\tilde{X}$  and  $\tilde{Y}$  are homeomorphic.
- (8) Construct a  $\Delta$ -complex structure, and use it to compute the simplicial homology groups, for the connected sum of two projective planes.