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(2019 Admission Onwards)
MATHEMATICS
MAT1C04 : Basic Topology

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

PART – A

Answer any four questions from this Part. Each question carries 4 marks. (4×4=16)

1. Prove that every 0-dimensional T_0 space is totally disconnected.
2. Let X be a set with at least two members and let \mathcal{T} be the trivial topology on X . Then show that (X, \mathcal{T}) is not metrizable.
3. Define usual topology and lower limit topology on \mathbb{R} .
4. Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be a topological space, let A be a subset of X and let \mathcal{B} be a basis for \mathcal{T} . Then prove that $\{B \cap A : B \in \mathcal{B}\}$ is a basis for the subspace topology on A .
5. Let (X_1, \mathcal{T}_1) and (X_2, \mathcal{T}_2) be Hausdorff spaces and let \mathcal{T} be the product topology on $X = X_1 \times X_2$. Then prove that (X, \mathcal{T}) is a Hausdorff space.
6. Examine whether $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ with usual topology is connected or not.

PART – B

Answer any four questions from this Part without omitting any Unit. Each question carries 16 marks. (4×16=64)

Unit – I

7. a) Let d be the usual metric for \mathbb{R}^n . Then show that
 $A = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : \text{for each } i = 1, 2, \dots, n, x_i \text{ is rational}\}$ is a countable dense subset of \mathbb{R}^n .
 b) Prove that every complete metric space is of the second category.

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- c) Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be a topological space, let (Y, d) be a metric space, let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function and for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $f_n : X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous function such that the sequence $\langle f_n \rangle$ converges uniformly to f . Then prove that f is continuous.
8. a) Prove that a family \mathcal{B} of subsets of a set X is a basis for some topology on X if and only if : (1) $X = \cup \{B : B \in \mathcal{B}\}$ and (2) if $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$ and $x \in B_1 \cap B_2$, then there exists $B \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $x \in B$ and $B \subseteq B_1 \cap B_2$.
 b) Let \mathcal{T} and \mathcal{T}' be topologies on a set X and let \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{B}' be bases for \mathcal{T} and \mathcal{T}' respectively. Then prove that the following conditions are equivalent :
 i) \mathcal{T}' is finer than \mathcal{T} .
 ii) For each $x \in X$ and each $B \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $x \in B$, there is a member B' of \mathcal{B}' such that $x \in B'$ and $B' \subseteq B$.
 c) Show that the lower-limit topology on \mathbb{R} is not the usual topology on \mathbb{R} .
9. a) Let A be a subset of a topological space (X, \mathcal{T}) , and let $x \in X$. Then prove that $x \in \bar{A}$ if and only if every neighborhood of x has a nonempty intersection with A .
 b) Let A be a subset of a topological space (X, \mathcal{T}) . Then prove that $\bar{A} = A \cup A'$.
 c) Prove that every second countable space is separable.

Unit – II

10. a) Let $\{(X_\alpha, \mathcal{T}_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ be an indexed family of topological spaces, and for each $\alpha \in \Lambda$, let $(A_\alpha, \mathcal{T}_{A_\alpha})$ be a subspace of $(X_\alpha, \mathcal{T}_\alpha)$. Then prove that the product topology on $\prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha$ is the same as the subspace topology on $\prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha$ determined by the product topology on $\prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$.
 b) Let $\{(X_\alpha, \mathcal{T}_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ be an indexed family of first countable spaces, and let $X = \prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$. Then prove that (X, \mathcal{T}) is first countable if and only if \mathcal{T}_α is the trivial topology for all but a countable number of α .
11. a) Let (A, \mathcal{T}_A) be a subspace of a topological space (X, \mathcal{T}) . Prove that a subset C of A is closed in (A, \mathcal{T}_A) if and only there is a closed subset D of (X, \mathcal{T}) such that $C = A \cap D$.
 b) Let (X, \mathcal{T}) and (Y, \mathcal{U}) be topological spaces, let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function, and let $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ be a collection of open subsets of X such that $X = \cup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} U_\alpha$ and $f|_{U_\alpha} : U_\alpha \rightarrow Y$ is continuous for each $\alpha \in \Lambda$. Then prove that f is continuous.
 c) Prove that the function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by $f(x) = (x, 0)$ for each $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is an embedding of \mathbb{R} in \mathbb{R}^2 .

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12. a) Let (X, \mathcal{T}) , (Y_1, \mathcal{U}_1) and (Y_2, \mathcal{U}_2) be topological spaces and let $f : X \rightarrow Y_1 \times Y_2$ be a function. Then prove that f is continuous if and only if $\pi_1 \circ f$ and $\pi_2 \circ f$ are continuous.
 b) Let (X_1, \mathcal{T}_1) and (X_2, \mathcal{T}_2) be Hausdorff spaces, and let \mathcal{T} denote the product topology on $X = X_1 \times X_2$. Then prove that (X, \mathcal{T}) is Hausdorff.
 c) Let (X_1, \mathcal{T}_1) and (X_2, \mathcal{T}_2) be topological spaces, and let π_1 and π_2 denote the projection maps. Then prove that $S = \{\pi_1^{-1}(U) : U \in \mathcal{T}_1\} \cup \{\pi_2^{-1}(V) : V \in \mathcal{T}_2\}$ is a subbasis for the product topology on $X_1 \times X_2$.

Unit – III

13. a) Let $\{(X_\alpha, \mathcal{T}_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ be a collection of topological spaces, and let \mathcal{T} be the product topology on $X = \prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$. Then prove that (X, \mathcal{T}) is locally connected if and only if for each $\alpha \in \Lambda$, $(X_\alpha, \mathcal{T}_\alpha)$ is locally connected and for all but a finite number of $\alpha \in \Lambda$, $(X_\alpha, \mathcal{T}_\alpha)$ is connected.
 b) Prove that a topological space (X, \mathcal{T}) is locally connected if and only if each component of each open set is open.
 c) Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be a topological space and suppose $X = A \cup B$, where A and B are nonempty subsets that are separated in X . If H is a connected subspace of X , then prove that $H \subseteq A$ or $H \subseteq B$.
14. a) Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be a topological space and let $A \subseteq X$. Then prove that the following conditions are equivalent :
 i) The subspace (A, \mathcal{T}_A) is connected.
 ii) The set A cannot be expressed as the union of two nonempty sets that are separated in X .
 iii) There do not exist $U, V \in \mathcal{T}$ such that $U \cap A \neq \emptyset, V \cap A \neq \emptyset, U \cap V \cap A \neq \emptyset$ and $A \subseteq U \cup V$.
 b) Prove that the closed unit interval I has the fixed-point property.
 c) Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be a topological space and suppose $X = A \cup B$, where A and B are nonempty subsets that are separated in X . If H is a connected subspace of X , then prove that $H \subseteq A$ or $H \subseteq B$.
15. a) Prove that each path component of a topological space is pathwise connected.
 b) Show that the topologist's sine curve is not pathwise connected.
 c) Define path product of two paths in a topological space.