
UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION, 2017/2018

B.Sc./ B.Ed./ BASS IV

Title of Paper : Metric Spaces

Course Number : M431

Time Allowed : Three (3) Hours

Instructions

1. This paper consists of TWO (2) Sections:

a. SECTION A (40 MARKS)

– Answer **ALL** questions in Section A.

b. SECTION B

– There are FIVE (5) questions in Section B.

– Each question in Section B is worth 20 Marks.

– Answer **ANY THREE (3)** questions in Section B.

– If you answer more than three (3) questions in Section B, **only the first three questions answered in Section B will be marked.**

2. Show all your working.

Special Requirements: NONE

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SECTION A [40 Marks]: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

- A1. Let $x, y \in X$, where X is non-empty set.
- (a) Define a metric $d(x, y)$ on X . (3)
 - (b) Show that $d(x, y) \geq 0$. (3)
- A2. In a metric space (M.S.) (X, d) given $X = R^2, x = (1, -1), y = (3, 2)$. Find a distance $d(x, y)$ in the following M.S.
- (a) Euclidean
 - (b) Chacago
 - (c) New York (3,3,3)
- A3. Let $X = R^2$ and $d(x, y) = |x_1| + |y_1| + |x_2| + |y_2|$, where $x(x_1, x_2) \in X, y(y_1, y_2) \in X$.
Is (X, d) a M.S.? Explain. (4)
- A4. Let the sequence of the continuous on $[a, b]$ functions $x_n(t), t \in [a, b]$, converges, to $x(t)$ with the "max" metric. Prove that $x_n(t_0) \rightarrow x(t_0)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for any $t_0 \in [a, b]$. (4)
- A5. State (without proof) M-test for uniform convergence. (3)
- A6. Prove that if $x_n \rightarrow x$ and $x_n \rightarrow y$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ in M.S., then $x = y$ (4)
- A7. Condider M.S. $(X, d), X = R^2$ with the Euclidean metric. Let $A \subset X$. Find a diameter of A , if
- (a) $A = (x_1, x_2) : x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1$,
 - (b) $A = (x_1, x_2) : x_1^2 + x_2^2 < 1$,
 - (c) $A = (x_1, x_2) : |x_1| < 2, |x_2| \leq 1$. (2,2,2)
- A8. Give definition of a set $A \subset X$ in M.S. (X, d) which is
- (a) Complete
 - (b) Compact. (2,2)

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY *THREE* QUESTIONS

QUESTION B1 [20 Marks]

- B1. (a) Let X be a complex plane
(i) prove that if $x, y, \in X$ then

$$|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$$

- (ii) and thus prove that (X, d) is M.S. where $d(x, y) = |x - y|$. (3,4)

- (b) Given a sequence $x_n = \frac{nt}{1 + nt}, n = 0, 1, \dots, t \in [0, 1]$

- (i) Sketch the graphs of $x_n(t)$ for some n .
(ii) Find a limit function $x(t) = \lim x_n(t)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$
(iii) Is $x(t)$ continuous on $[0, 1]$? Explain.
(iv) State a negation of definition of uniform convergence, and thus
(v) Show that the given sequence does not converge uniformly.

Hint: Take $\epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{2}$ and t_0 such that $Nt_0 < 1$ for any N . (2,2,1,3,5)

QUESTION B2 [20 Marks]

- B2. (a) Let $X = R^2$
(i) Define a New York (or two skyscrapers) distance $d(x, y), x, y \in X$.
(ii) Show that (X, d) is M.S. (2,6)
(b) Given a sequence

$$x_n(t) = n^2 t(1 - t)^n, n = 0, 1, \dots; t \in [0, 1].$$

- (i) Show that the sequence converges pointwise on $[0, 1]$.
(ii) Apply M-test to show that convergence is not uniform on $[0, 1]$.

Hint: $\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \rightarrow e$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. (2,5)

- (c) Let $X = R^2$. Consider three subsets

$$A = (x_1, x_2) : x_1^2 + x_2^2 < 1,$$

$$B = (1, 0),$$

$$C = (-1, 0).$$

Find the distances $d(C, B), d(C, A), d(A, B)$ and thus show that this distance contradicts condition M3 of a metric. (5)

QUESTION B3 [20 Marks]

B3. (a) Let $X = R^2$.

(i) Define a Chicago (or an skyscraper) distance $d(x, y)$, $x, y \in X$.

(ii) Show that (X, d) is M.S. (2,4)

(b) (i) Define an open ball is M.S. and sketch it in R^2 for

(ii) $d_\infty = \max\{|x_1 - y_1|, |x_2 - y_2|\}$

(iii) discrete metric (3,3,4)

(c) Consider a set $A \subset R^2$

$$A = (x, y) : x^2 + y^2 < 2,$$

and a sequence x_n in A .

$$x_n = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}, 1 - \frac{1}{n}\right), n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

Show that the set A is not closed. (4)

QUESTION B4 [20 Marks]

B4. (a) Let $X = R^n$

(i) Define a Post-mail distance $d(x, y)$ for $x, y \in X$.

(ii) Show that (X, d) is M.S. (2,4)

(b) Given $X = R^2$. Show that the Chicago metric d_1 and the Euclidean metric d_2 are equivalent.

Hint: Show $d_1 \geq d_2 \geq \frac{d_1}{\sqrt{2}}$. (6)

(c) (i) Show that if $f : R^2 \rightarrow R$ is continuous and if A is closed in R , then $f^{-1}(A)$ is closed in R^2 , and thus

(ii) Show that the set $D, D = \{(x, y) : ax + by \leq c, \quad a, b, c\}$ reals not all zero is closed in R^2 (5,3)

QUESTION B5 [20 Marks]

B5. (a) Let X be the set of continuous functions from $[a, b]$ to R , and for any $x, y \in X$ define

$$d(x, y) = \max |x(t) - y(t)| : t \in [a, b].$$

Prove that (X, d) is M.S. [5]

(b) For the metric $d(x, y)$ in (a) find $d(x, y)$ if $x = \sin t, \quad y = \cos t, \quad t \in [0, 2\pi]$ (3)

(c) (i) Define a convergent sequence in M.S. and thus

(ii) Show that the sequence Z_n ,

$$Z_n = \cos \frac{\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{n}, n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

converges to 1 in complex plane metric and diverges in discrete metric. (2,5)

(d) Prove that if a set A is compact in M.S., then it is complete (5)

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