

# University of Eswatini

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## B.Sc IV and BASS IV

Title of Paper : Metric Space  
Course Code : MAT434/M431  
Time Allowed : Three (3) Hours

### Instructions

1. This paper consists of TWO sections.
  - a. **SECTION A (COMPULSORY): 40 MARKS**  
Answer ALL QUESTIONS.
  - b. **SECTION B: 60 MARKS**  
Answer ANY THREE questions.  
Submit solutions to **ONLY THREE** questions in Section B.
2. Each question in Section B is worth 20%.
3. Show all your working.
4. Special requirements: None

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## SECTION A: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

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A1. (a) Define a metric space.

[4]

(b) Let  $X = C[-1, 1] := \{f : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ is continuous}\}$ .  
Define  $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \forall f, g \in X$  by

$$\rho(f, g) = \int_{-1}^1 |f(t) - g(t)| dt.$$

Compute

i.  $f(t) = 5t$  and  $g(t) = 0 \forall t \in [-1, 1]$ .

[3]

ii.  $f(t) = t$  and  $g(t) = 2 - t \forall t \in [-1, 1]$ .

[3]

(c) Consider  $X = \mathbb{R}^2$ . Define  $d_1 : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by  
 $d_1(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^2 |x_i - y_i|$  and  $d_\infty(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \max\{|x_1 - y_1|, |x_2 - y_2|\}$ .  
If  $\bar{x} = (-3, 4)$  and  $\bar{y} = (20, 2)$ . Find

i.  $d_1(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$

[3]

ii.  $d_\infty(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ .

[3]

(d) Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $A \subset X$ .

i. Define the limit point of  $A$  in  $X$ .

[3]

ii. Define the closure of  $A$ .

[3]

(e) Consider the mapping  $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  defined by  $\rho(x, y) = |x - y|$ .

Compute

i.  $B_1(-1)$

[3]

ii.  $\bar{B}_{\frac{3}{2}}(1)$

[3]

iii.  $S_3(0)$ .

[3]

(f) Prove that  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $f(x, y) = (\frac{y}{2}, \frac{x}{2})$  is a contraction on  $\mathbb{R}^2$   
(with respect to the Euclidean metric).

[5]

(g) Define a Homeomorphism.

[4]

## SECTION B: ANSWER ANY 3 QUESTIONS

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B2. (a) Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$ (the reals) with metric  $\rho_0$  defined by

$$\rho_0(x, y) = \begin{cases} 5, & x \neq y \\ 0, & x = y, \end{cases}$$

for arbitrary  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Describe the open balls:

(i)  $B_6(-5)$  (ii)  $B_{5.01}(-2)$  (iii)  $B_2(3)$ . [3,3,3]

(b) If  $X$  is any nonempty set, and  $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is a usual metric on  $X$  defined the function  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  by

$$d(x, y) = \frac{\rho(x, y)}{1 + \rho(x, y)}$$

Prove that  $d(x, y)$  is a metric on  $X$ . where  $\rho(x, y) = |x - y|$ . [11]

B3. (a) State the Banach contraction mapping principle. [6]

(b) Let  $X = [4, \infty)$  with the usual metric for  $\mathbb{R}$ , and let  $f : [4, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left( x + \frac{9}{x} \right) \quad \forall x \in [4, \infty).$$

Prove that

i.  $f$  is a contraction mapping on  $X$ . [8]

ii. What is the unique fixed point of  $f$ . [6]

B4. (a) Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x, y) = 3x^2 + 7y^2 - 3x + 2y - 6$ . prove that  $f$  is continuous at  $(-1, 3)$ . [10]

(b) Let  $X = \mathbb{R}^2$  with the usual metric and  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  is given by  $x_n = \left( \frac{2n}{1+2n}, \frac{2}{1+n} \right)$  determine whether  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges or not. If it converges, find the limit and prove that the sequence indeed converges to the limit points. [10]

- B5. (a) Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and suppose that  $(X, d)$  and  $(X, \rho)$  are metric spaces. When do we say that  $d$  and  $\rho$  are equivalent? [3]
- (b) In  $\mathbb{R}^n$  show that the metric  $d_2(x, y) := \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|^2}$  and  $d_\infty(x, y) := \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i - y_i|$ , are equivalent, where  $x := (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  and  $y := (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$ . [7]
- (c) State the five consequences when a function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous. [10]
- B6. (a) Prove that every subset of a metric space  $(X, \rho)$  is closed in  $X$  if and only if its complement is open in  $X$ . [7]
- (b) Let  $(X, \rho_X)$  be a metric space and let  $(Y, \rho_Y)$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Let  $A$  be a subset of  $Y$ . Prove that  $A$  is closed in  $Y$  if and only if there exists a set  $F$  which is closed in  $X$  such that  $A = Y \cap F$ . [10]
- (c) Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  (the reals) with the usual metric, and let  $Y = [1, 2]$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Let  $A = [1, \frac{3}{2})$ . Show that  $A = [1, \frac{3}{2})$  is not open in  $X = \mathbb{R}$  (with the usual metric). [3]

END OF EXAMINATION