

**Econ 204 Summer 2009**  
**Problem Set 3**  
Due in Lecture Friday August 7

**1. Cauchy Sequence**

Suppose  $\{x_n\} \in \mathbf{R}^n$  is a Cauchy sequence. It has a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  such that  $\lim_{n_k \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k} = x$ . Show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ .

**2. Compactness**

Use the open cover definition of compactness to show that the subset  $\left\{ \frac{n}{n^2+1}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \right\}$  of  $\mathbf{R}$  is compact.

**3. Completeness**

a. Show that  $(0, 1)$  is not complete in the Euclidean metric.

b. Show that  $\left\{ \frac{n\sqrt{2}}{m}, m \neq 0, n, m \in \mathbf{N} \right\}$  is not complete in the Euclidean metric.

**4. Completeness and Compactness**

$(\mathbf{R}, d)$  is a metric space where  $d$  is defined as follows:

$$d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \neq y \\ 0 & \text{if } x = y \end{cases}$$

(a) Show that  $(\mathbf{R}, d)$  is complete.

(b) Is  $(\mathbf{R}, d)$  bounded? Is  $(\mathbf{R}, d)$  compact? Prove your answer.

**5. Continuous Function**

Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous function ( $X$  and  $Y$  are metric spaces). Using the characterization of continuous functions in terms of open sets, the open cover definition of compactness, and the open set definition of connectedness:

a. Prove that if  $X$  is compact then  $f(X)$ , the image of  $f$ , is compact.

b. Prove that if  $X$  is connected then  $f(X)$ , the image of  $f$ , is connected.

**6. Upper Hemicontinuous**

Let  $F : C \times \mathbf{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^1$  be a continuous function, where  $C \subseteq \mathbf{R}^1$ . Let  $\Psi(\omega) = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^n : F(x, \omega) = 0\}$  be a correspondence. Show directly from the definition that if  $C$  is compact, then  $\Psi$  is an upper hemicontinuous correspondence. (Hint: The proof is by contradiction. Suppose that  $\Psi$  is not upper hemicontinuous at some  $\omega_0$ ; this tells you that there is a sequence  $\omega_n \rightarrow \omega_0$  with certain properties.)