

Economics 204, Fall 2012  
Problem Set 3  
Due Friday, August 3 in Lecture

1. Give an example of each of the following (and prove that your example indeed works):
  - (a) A complete metric space that is bounded but not compact.
  - (b) A metric space none of whose closed balls are complete.
2. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space.
  - (a) Suppose that for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ , every open  $\varepsilon$ -ball in  $X$  has compact closure. Show that  $X$  is complete.
  - (b) Suppose that for each  $x \in X$  there exists some  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $B_\varepsilon(x)$  has compact closure. Show that  $X$  need not be complete.
3. Show that a metric space  $(X, d)$  is compact if and only if every infinite subset  $S \subseteq X$  has a limit point.<sup>1</sup> Use the open-cover definition of compactness to prove the 'only if' part.
4. Prove or give a counter-example (you don't need to prove that the sets from your counterexamples are connected/disconnected) for each of the following claims:
  - (a) The interior of a connected set is connected.
  - (b) The closure of a connected set is connected.
  - (c) The interior of a disconnected set (i.e. a set that is not connected) is disconnected.
  - (d) The closure of a disconnected set is disconnected.
5. Suppose  $\Gamma : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  is an upper hemicontinuous, compact-valued correspondence, where  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$  for some  $n, m$ . Show directly from the definition of upper hemicontinuity that  $\Gamma(K) = \bigcup_{x \in K} \Gamma(x)$  is a compact subset of  $Y$  for every compact subset  $K \subseteq X$ .
6. Prove that if the graph of a correspondence is open, then the correspondence is lower hemicontinuous.

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<sup>1</sup>Recall from Problem Set 2 that  $x$  is a limit point of the set  $S$  in a metric space  $(X, d)$  iff every open ball around  $x$  contains at least one element of  $S$  distinct from  $x$ . Note that a limit point of a set need not be contained in the set itself!