

Topology

Problem Sheet 8

Deadline: 18 June 2024, 15h

Exercise 1 (5 Points).

Let $(X_i, \mathcal{T}_i)_{i \in I}$ be a family of topological spaces. such that the space $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$ equipped with the product topology is locally compact.

- Show that every X_i is locally compact for i in I . Furthermore, show that for all but finitely many i 's in I , the space X_i must be compact.
- For which non-empty index set I is the product $\prod_{i \in I} (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{eucl})$ locally compact?

Exercise 2 (7 Points).

Consider \mathbb{N} with the discrete topology.

- Describe all compact subsets of \mathbb{N} .
- Is \mathbb{N} compact? Is it locally compact?
- Is the map $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ continuous?

$$n \mapsto \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } n \text{ even} \\ 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Is it possible to extend f to a continuous map $\tilde{f} : X \rightarrow X$ such that $\tilde{f}|_{\mathbb{N}} = f$, where X is the one-point compactification of \mathbb{N} ?

Exercise 3 (5 Points).

For every natural number k in \mathbb{N} , consider the following loop on \mathbb{S}^1 based on $(1, 0)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_k : [0, 1] &\rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1 \\ t &\mapsto (\cos(2\pi ikt), \sin(2\pi ikt)) \end{aligned}$$

Produce an explicit homotopy between $\beta_k \star \beta_\ell$ and $\beta_{k+\ell}$.

Exercise 4 (3 Points).

Given two topological spaces X and Y , the continuous maps $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$ are *homotopic* if there is a continuous map $H : X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Y$ (with respect to the product topology on $X \times [0, 1]$) such that

$$H(x, 0) = f(x) \text{ und } H(x, 1) = g(x) \text{ für alle } x \in X.$$

If f and g are homotopic via the homotopy H with

$$f(x_0) = g(x_0) = y_0 \text{ and } H(x_0, t) = y_0,$$

show that their pushforwards f_\star and g_\star induce the same group homomorphism $\pi_1(X, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(Y, y_0)$.