

**Problem 1.** 1. Let  $X$  be a set endowed with the cofinite topology. Prove that a sequence  $(x_n)$  converges to a point  $x \in X$  if and only if for every  $y \neq x$ , the set  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid x_n = y\}$  is finite.

2. Consider  $\mathbb{R}$  with the cofinite topology. Towards what points does the sequence  $x_n = \frac{1}{n}$  converge?

**Problem 2.** Assume that  $X$  is a topological spaces with subbasis  $\mathcal{S}$ , and let  $x \in X$ . Prove that a sequence  $(x_n)$  converges to  $x$  if and only if for every  $S \in \mathcal{S}$  containing  $x$ , there exists some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x_n \in S$  for every  $n \geq N$ .

**Problem 3.** Let  $\{X_i \mid i \in \Lambda\}$  be a collection of topological spaces, and let  $(x_n)$  be a sequence of elements in the Cartesian product  $\prod_{i \in \Lambda} X_i$ . For each  $j \in \Lambda$ , let  $p_j: \prod_{i \in \Lambda} X_i \rightarrow X_j$  denote the projection to the  $j$ -th coordinate.

1. Endow  $\prod_{i \in \Lambda} X_i$  with the product topology. Prove that  $(x_n)$  converges to a point  $x \in \prod_{i \in \Lambda} X_i$  if and only if for each  $j \in \Lambda$ , the sequence of  $j$ -th coordinates  $p_j(x_n)$  in converges to  $p_j(x)$  in  $X_j$ .

2. Is the statement in Part 2 true if we consider the box topology on  $\prod_{i \in \Lambda} X_i$ ?

**Problem 4.** In this exercise we endow  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the standard topologies, and quotients with the quotient topology. For the following quotient spaces, describe a homeomorphism to a simpler, known space.

1.  $\mathbb{R}/\sim$  where  $x \sim y$  if and only if  $\text{sgn}(x) = \text{sgn}(y)$ .<sup>1</sup>

2.  $\mathbb{R}^2/\sim$  where  $(x, y) \sim (x', y')$  if and only if  $x = x'$ .

**Problem 5.** Let  $S^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid \|x\| = 1\}$  be the unit sphere with the induced topology, where  $\|x\| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + \cdots + x_{n+1}^2}$ . Consider the quotient space  $\mathbb{R}P^n = S^n/\sim$  where where  $x \sim y$  if and only if  $y = x$  or  $y = -x$ . This space is called real projective space.

1. Find a continuous bijection  $\mathbb{R}P^1 \rightarrow S^1$ .

2. Consider the disk  $D^2 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \|x\| \leq 1\}$  with the induced topology from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (note that  $D^2$  contains  $S^1$  as the *boundary* points). Consider on  $D^2$  the equivalence relation  $\sim'$  such that  $x \sim' -x$  for every  $x \in S^1 \subseteq D^2$  (i.e. opposite boundary points of  $D^2$  are identified).

Find a continuous bijection  $\mathbb{R}P^2 \rightarrow D^2/\sim'$ .

<sup>1</sup>The sign function  $\text{sgn}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by  $\text{sgn}(0) = 0$  and  $\text{sgn}(x) = \frac{x}{|x|}$  for  $x \neq 0$ .