

Homework

M472

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Exercise 1. Prove that any finite subset of a topological space is compact.

Exercise 2. Give an example (in any topological space other than a set with the stupid topology) of a set which is compact but not closed.

Exercise 3. Is \mathbb{R} with the finite complement topology a compact topological space? What subsets of it are compact?

Exercise 4. Is the closed interval $[0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}$ a compact subset of \mathbb{Q} (with subspace topology induced by the euclidean topology on \mathbb{R})?

Exercise 5. Define the diameter of a subset of \mathbb{R}^n to be the sup of the distances of all pairs of points of the subset:

$$\text{diam}(A) = \sup_{x, y \in A} d(x, y)$$

Let C_n be a sequence of closed sets in \mathbb{R}^n such that:

1. For every n , $C_{n+1} \subseteq C_n$.
2. $\text{diam}(C_n) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Prove that the intersection of all C_n 's consists of exactly one point.

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} C_n = \{\text{pt.}\}$$