

TOPOLOGY: HOMEWORK 10

1. For $n > 1$, prove that \mathbb{R}^n and \mathbb{R} are not homeomorphic. (Notice that this doesn't prove, for example, that \mathbb{R}^2 and \mathbb{R}^3 cannot be homeomorphic.)
2. Find (with proof) the connected components and path components of \mathbb{R}_ℓ and $\mathbb{R}_\ell \times \mathbb{R}$.
3. Let $GL_n(\mathbb{R}) = \{A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) \mid \det(A) \neq 0\}$ be the set of invertible matrices.
 - (a) Prove that $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ is an open subset of $M_n(\mathbb{R})$.
 - (b) Show that $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ is not connected.¹ Determine (without proof) the connected components of $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$.
4. Determine whether the following spaces are compact or not (with proof):
 - (a) The n -sphere S^n in \mathbb{R}^n .
 - (b) $\mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$.
 - (c) The closed interval $[0, 1]$ in \mathbb{R}_ℓ . (**Hint:** It's not.)
5. Let A and B be subsets of a topological space X . Prove or disprove:
 - (a) If A and B are compact, then $A \cup B$ is compact.
 - (b) If A is open, then A is not compact.
6. Let A and B be compact subsets of a topological space X .
 - (a) Prove that if X is Hausdorff, then $A \cap B$ is compact.
 - (b) By example, show that $A \cap B$ need not be compact. (**Hint:** Consider the double-headed snake (X, \mathcal{T}_B) from problem 1 on the midterm and find appropriate sets A and B . To show that A and B are compact, construct a homeomorphism to a *known* compact set.)

¹Fun fact: $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$, the invertible matrices with complex entries, is actually path connected!