

# MA222 Metric Spaces

## Course Program

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- Part 1 (a) Norms and metrics. Definitions and examples. Balls in different metrics. Metrics on spaces of sequences and spaces of functions.
- (b) Subspaces and product spaces (of metric spaces).
- (c) Open and closed sets, continuous functions.
- (d) Convergence of sequences in metric spaces and closed sets.
- (e) Equivalent metrics and isometries.
- Part 2 (a) Topology: definitions and examples. Topological properties vs. metric properties.
- (b) Subspaces and product spaces (of topological spaces)
- (c) Topological constructions: boundary, interior, closure. Cantor sets,  $F_\sigma$ ,  $G_\delta$ ,  $F_{\sigma\delta}$  properties, dense, nowhere dense, and meagre sets.
- (d) Product, composition, and a linear combination of continuous functions.
- (e) Induced topology.
- (f) Metrizable, Hausdorff property and Zariski topology.
- (g) Normal topological spaces, Urysohn Lemma and Tietze Theorem.
- (h) Closure in metrizable and non-metrizable topological spaces.
- (i) Homeomorphisms and topological invariants.
- Part 3 (a) Compactness. Examples. Subspaces, intersections, unions and products of compact spaces. Tychonov's theorem.
- (b) Compactness and (semi)continuity
- (c) Compact sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and nets.
- (d) Uniform continuity.
- (e) Sequential compactness in metric spaces.
- (f) \* Relative compactness.
- Part 4 (a) Connectedness. Examples. Connected subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- (b) Unions, products, and continuous images of connected sets. Connected components.
- (c) Path-connectedness.
- (d) Open sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- (e) (Path)connectedness as a topological invariant.

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- Part 5
- (a) Completeness. Examples. Cauchy sequences. Completeness of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
  - (b) Complete and closed subspaces of a metric space.
  - (c) Completeness of the spaces of bounded and continuous functions.
  - (d) Banach fixed point Theorem and applications.
  - (e) Total boundedness. Definitions, properties, and a criterion.
  - (f) Compactness and total boundedness.
  - (g) Equicontinuity and uniform equicontinuity.
  - (h) Arzela-Ascoli Theorem and applications.
  - (i) Baire's category theorem and applications.
  - (j) Topological completeness and  $G_\delta$  property.
  - (k) Completion: definition, existence, and examples.
  - (l) Compact metric spaces as images of the Cantor set. Peano curves.
  - (m) Baire classes.

The following books, jointly covering the course material, are available for download via the University Library:

1. Topology: an Introduction. S. Waldmann. Springer, 2014.
2. First Course in Metric Spaces. B. K. Tyagi. Foundation Books, 2012.
3. Elementary Theory of Metric Spaces: a Course in Constructing Mathematical Proofs. R. B. Reisel. Springer New York, 1982.
4. Metric Spaces. E.T. Copson. Cambridge University Press, 1968.

In addition, I can also recommend excellent synopsis by David Preiss (from 2015) and complete lecture notes by David Epstein (from 2000).