

**Mathematics 245B**  
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**Instructions:** Try to do all three problems; they are all of equal value. There is plenty of working space, and a blank page at the end.

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Good luck!

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**Problem 1.** (a) Let  $X$  be a compact topological space, and let  $\mathcal{F} \subset C(X; \mathbf{R})$  be a collection of continuous functions from  $X$  to  $\mathbf{R}$  which is pointwise bounded (i.e. the set  $\{f(x) : f \in \mathcal{F}\}$  is bounded for all  $x \in X$ ) and equicontinuous. Prove that  $\mathcal{F}$  is uniformly bounded (i.e. there exists an  $M > 0$  such that  $|f(x)| \leq M$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ ).

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(b) Given an example to show that the results in part (a) fail if the assumption of equicontinuity is dropped.

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**Problem 2.** (a) Let  $X, Y$  be topological spaces, and suppose that  $Y$  is Hausdorff. Let  $A$  be a dense subset of  $X$ , and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : X \rightarrow Y$  be continuous functions. Show that if  $f$  and  $g$  agree on  $A$  (i.e.  $f(x) = g(x)$  for all  $x \in A$ ), then they agree on all of  $X$  (i.e.  $f$  and  $g$  are identical).

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(b) Now suppose that  $X$  is normal, and  $A$  is a subset of  $X$  which is *not* dense. Show that there exist continuous functions  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  and  $g : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  which agree on  $A$  but do not agree on all of  $X$ .

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**Problem 3.** Let  $X$  be a Banach space, and let  $l^1(\mathbf{Z})$  be the space of absolutely summable sequences  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbf{Z}}$ , with the  $l^1$  norm  $\|(x_n)_{n \in \mathbf{Z}}\|_{l^1(\mathbf{Z})} := \sum_{n \in \mathbf{Z}} |x_n|$ . For each integer  $n$ , let  $e_n \in l^1(\mathbf{Z})$  be the element of  $l^1(\mathbf{Z})$  whose  $n^{\text{th}}$  entry is 1 and whose other entries are zero (thus  $(e_n)_m = 1$  if  $m = n$  and  $(e_n)_m = 0$  otherwise).

Let  $T : l^1(\mathbf{Z}) \rightarrow X$  be a linear transformation. Show that  $T$  is continuous if and only if the set  $\{T(e_n) : n \in \mathbf{Z}\}$  is a bounded subset of  $X$ .

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