

**Qualifying Examination**  
**MA 571**  
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Assume: All spaces are Hausdorff. All maps are continuous.  
Products have the product topology.

1. An embedding is an injective continuous map which is a homeomorphism onto its image.
  - a) Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a one to one continuous map, and let  $X$  be compact. Show that  $f$  is an embedding.
  - b) Give an example of a map  $f : \mathbb{R}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  which is one to one but is not an embedding.
  
2. Let  $Y = \prod_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} X_\alpha$  be the product of a family of spaces  $\{X_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\}$  with the product topology. Show that  $Y$  is connected if and only if  $X_\alpha$  is connected for all  $\alpha$ .
  - a) When  $\mathcal{A}$  is finite
  - b) When  $\mathcal{A}$  is arbitrary
  
3. Let  $X$  be a locally compact space.
  - a) Show  $X$  is completely regular.
  - b) Let  $A$  be a subspace homeomorphic to the unit interval  $I$ . Show there exists a retraction  $r : X \rightarrow A$ .
  
4. The Hahn-Mazurkiewicz theorem [Hocking and Young p.129]. Let  $X$  be a Hausdorff space. We say  $X$  is a Peano space if there exists a surjective map  $f : I \rightarrow X$ . Then  $X$  is Peano space if and only if  $X$  is compact, connected, locally connected, and metrizable.
  - a) Describe a map  $I \rightarrow I \times I$  which is onto.
  - b) Show the product of arbitrarily many unit intervals may not be metrizable.
  - c) Give an example of a closed, connected bounded set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  which is not the image of some  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ .
  - d) Suppose that  $p : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  is the simply connecting covering space over a Peano space  $X$ . Show that  $\tilde{X}$  is a Peano space if and only if  $\pi_1(X)$  is finite.

5. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a closed map onto a compact space  $Y$  such that every fiber  $f^{-1}(y)$  is compact. Show that  $X$  is compact.