

MA30041: Metric Spaces

OLD EXAMS 1: EXAMPLES OF METRIC SPACES

1.) *From the 2004/05-exam:*

- (i) What is a metric space?
- (ii) What is a discrete metric space?
- (iii) If (X, d) is a metric space, show that

$$|d(x, y) - d(z, y)| \leq d(x, z) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X. \quad (1)$$

- (iv) If (X, d) is a discrete metric space, give necessary and sufficient conditions on x, y, z for equality to hold in (1).

2.) *From the 2007/08-exam:*

- (a) What is a metric subspace $(X, d|_X)$ of a metric space (X, d) ?
- (b) Which, if any, of the following is a metric space?
 - (i) The set \mathbb{C} of complex numbers with $d(z_1, z_2) = ||z_1| - |z_2||$ for $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$.
 - (ii) The set L^+ of all lines, through the origin in the plane, with positive slope where

$$d(\ell(m_1), \ell(m_2)) = \left| \frac{1}{m_1} - \frac{1}{m_2} \right|.$$

Here, elements of L^+ are denoted by $\ell(m) = \{(x, mx) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2, m > 0$.