

Functions of Real Variables 1 (62051/72051)
Home Work 1, due on Wednesday SEPTEMBER 7.
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Problem 1. Please, answer the following questions. Please, do not forget that you must explain your answers!! All sets below are subsets of \mathbb{R}^d .

- Assume $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_i, \dots$ are open sets. What can you say about

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- Assume A and B are open sets, what can you say about set $A + B$, where

$$A + B = \{a + b : a \in A, b \in B\}.$$

- Assume A is an open set what can you say about set $P_{e_1}A$, where $P_{e_1}(A)$ is an orthogonal projection of A onto subspace orthogonal to the first basis vector e_1 , i.e.

$$P_{e_1}(A) = \{(0, a_2, \dots, a_d) : (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_d) \in A\}.$$

- Is it true that a subset of a compact set is compact?
- Assume A is a compact set, what can you say about $P_{e_1}A$?

Problem 2. Prove the second part of Heine-Borel theorem: Assume $E \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ is such that for every open cover $\{O_t\}_{t \in T}$ such that $E \subset \bigcup_{t \in T} O_t$ there exists a finite

sub-cover O_{t_1}, \dots, O_{t_N} such that $E \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^N O_{t_i}$. Then E must be closed and bounded.

Hint: May use books/internet.

Problem 3. Is it true that every open set in \mathbb{R}^2 can be written as a disjoint union of open rectangles? (**Hint:** play with a unit disc. What about boundary of the rectangles?)

Problem 4. Let A and B be closed rectangles in \mathbb{R}^d , prove that

$$|A + B|^{\frac{1}{d}} \geq |A|^{\frac{1}{d}} + |B|^{\frac{1}{d}}.$$

Hint: you may need to use some classical inequality for real numbers, you do not need to prove it, just state it and provide a reference.