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**Exercise 1.** A topological space  $X$  is *connected* if it cannot be written as a disjoint union of two open non-empty subsets.

- (1) Let  $\{A_n\}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , be a sequence of connected subspaces of  $X$  with the property that  $A_k \cap A_{k+1} \neq \emptyset$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Show that  $Y := \cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$  is connected.
- (2) Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous map between topological spaces. Let  $A \subset X$  be a connected subset. Show that  $f(A)$  is connected.
- (3) Let  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a continuous map, where we consider  $[0, 1]$  with the subspace topology induced by the usual metric on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Show that there exists a point  $x \in [0, 1]$  such that  $f(x) = x$ .

**Exercise 2.** Recall that a differentiable map  $f: M \rightarrow N$  between differentiable manifolds is an *immersion* if its differential is everywhere injective. Let  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . In the following we write  $\alpha = \alpha_{x,y}$  for the positive number  $x^2 + y^2 + 1 = \|(x, y)\|^2 + 1$ . Let  $\varphi_{\pm}: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be given by  $(x, y) \mapsto \frac{1}{\alpha}(2x, 2y, \pm(\alpha - 2))$ . Show that both maps are immersions, whose image is contained in the two-dimensional sphere  $S^2$ . Furthermore show the following: If  $N^{\pm} = (0, 0, \pm 1)$ , then  $\varphi_{\pm}: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow S^2 \setminus \{N^{\pm}\}$  are homeomorphisms (in fact, they are even diffeomorphisms) with inverse maps  $\psi_{\pm}(x, y, z) = (\frac{x}{1 \mp z}, \frac{y}{1 \mp z})$

**Exercise 3.** [1, Ex. 2.1.1] Show that  $\mathbb{P}^1$  is simply connected by proving that it is diffeomorphic to  $S^2$ .

**Exercise 4.** [1, Ex. 2.1.2] Show that  $\mathbb{C}^n$  does not have any compact submanifolds of positive dimension.

**Exercise 5.** [1, Ex. 2.1.4] Show that any holomorphic map from  $\mathbb{P}^n$  to a complex torus is constant.

*Hint:* Use that  $\mathbb{P}^n$  is simply connected and the lifting property for continuous maps. You may assume that a lift is holomorphic.

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