

0.1 Some more questions (the series of warming-up exercises continued)

Compact sets without isolated points are called *perfect*. A subset $X \subset \mathbb{R}$ is called *Bernstein* if for every perfect $K \subset \mathbb{R}$, both $K \cap X$ and $K \setminus X$ are non-empty. A set is *of first category* if it is a countable union of nowhere dense sets. A set is *of second category* if it is not of first category. A space is *Baire* if no non-empty open set is of first category. Continuous bijections are called *condensations*. If there is a condensation from X onto Y we say that X *condenses* onto Y .

- Show that if X is a > 1 -point compact zero-dimensional second countable space, then $X^\omega \cong 2^\omega$.¹
- Show that if X is a non-compact zero-dimensional second countable completely metrizable space, then $X^\omega \cong \omega^\omega$.
- $2^\omega \times \omega^\omega \cong \omega^\omega$
- Is \mathbb{Q}^ω homeomorphic to either of 1^ω , 2^ω , ω^ω ?
- (Noted by Ronnie Levy) Let B be a Bernstein set. Then B^ω is not homeomorphic to either of 1^ω , 2^ω , ω^ω , \mathbb{Q}^ω . *Hint:* B^ω is neither compact nor completely metrizable nor of first category in itself (since the product of countably many second countable Baire spaces is Baire - the later is a result of Ostoby found by Levy).
- Let B_1 and B_2 be two Bernstein sets. Must B_1 and B_2 be homeomorphic? *Hint:* There are 2^c Bernstein sets and only c many continuous mappings from one separable metrizable space to another.
- Let B_1 and B_2 be two Bernstein sets. Must B_1^ω and B_2^ω be homeomorphic?
- Say that X and Y are ω -equivalent if $X^\omega \cong Y^\omega$. How many classes of ω -equivalence are there in the class of all zero-dimensional second countable spaces?
- Suppose X condenses onto Y and Y condenses onto X . Must X and Y be homeomorphic?
- ω condenses onto \mathbb{Q} .
- ω^ω condenses onto \mathbb{Q}^ω .
- Can \mathbb{Q}^ω be condensed onto ω^ω ?
- Can \mathbb{Q} be condensed onto a compact space?
- Can \mathbb{P} be condensed onto a compact space?
- How many pairwise disjoint 8-s one can draw in \mathbb{R}^2 ? ... in \mathbb{R}^3 ?

¹ \cong means "is homeomorphic to".