

Solutions

[Q1] Let $f: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be $f(x, y) = x + y$ and $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be $g(x) = -x$.

These are both linear hence continuous.

[Q2] We identify $M_2(\mathbb{R})$ with \mathbb{R}^4 , giving it a topology, then multiplication

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M_2(\mathbb{R}) \times M_2(\mathbb{R}) & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & M_2(\mathbb{R}) \\ \mathbb{R}^8 & & \mathbb{R}^4 \end{array}$$

is in each coordinate a polynomial function, hence continuous.

This restricts to a continuous map on $GL(2, \mathbb{R})$, given the subspace topology:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M_2(\mathbb{R}) \times M_2(\mathbb{R}) & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & M_2(\mathbb{R}) \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ GL(2, \mathbb{R}) \times GL(2, \mathbb{R}) & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & GL(2, \mathbb{R}) \end{array}$$

The function $(-)^{-1}: GL(2, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow GL(2, \mathbb{R})$ is continuous since the composite

$$\begin{array}{ccc} GL(2, \mathbb{R}) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & GL(2, \mathbb{R}) \hookrightarrow M_2(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}^4 \\ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} & \longmapsto & \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

is continuous (we may check this coordinate-wise, and the only thing to check is that $\frac{1}{ad-bc}$ is continuous $U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^4$ is where this function is defined, namely $U = GL(2, \mathbb{R})$). Hence $GL(2, \mathbb{R})$ is a topological group.

Q3 Let $Q: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be multiplication with $Q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Then the map $S^1 \rightarrow SO(2)$ makes the diagram (Δ is the diagonal, L the inclusion)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 S^1 & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & S^1 \times S^1 & \xrightarrow{L \times L} & \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 & \xrightarrow{\text{id} \times Q} & \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 = \mathbb{R}^4 \\
 & \searrow & & & & & \uparrow \text{inclusion} \\
 & & & & & & SO(2) \\
 & & & & & & \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

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commute, hence is continuous.

We already know it is a bijection. To show it is a homeomorphism we need to show the inverse is continuous, but that's easy! The inverse makes the following diagram commute

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 SO(2) & \xrightarrow{\omega_1, \omega_2} & \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{projection } \pi_1 \text{ onto first factor} \\
 S^1 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{R}^2
 \end{array}$$

and is thus continuous.

Q5 Let $m: G/H \times G/H \rightarrow G/H$ and $i: G/H \rightarrow G/H$ be the multiplication and inverse, and let $U \subseteq G/H$ be open, $p: G \rightarrow G/H$ the quotient. We have to show $m^{-1}(U)$, $i^{-1}(U)$ are open. Let a point $([g_1], [g_2]) \in m^{-1}(U) \subseteq G/H \times G/H$ be given. Since

$$G \times G \xrightarrow{m^G} G \xrightarrow{p} G/H$$

is continuous, we can find $V, W \subseteq G$ with $g_1 \in V, g_2 \in W$ such that

$$(g_1, g_2) \in V \times W \subseteq (\rho \circ m^G)^{-1}(U),$$

$$\text{i.e. } \forall a \in V \forall b \in W \quad ab \in \rho^{-1}(U)$$

Observe that $m(h, -) : G \rightarrow G$ is continuous (why?) so

$$\tilde{V} = \bigcup_{h \in H} hV, \quad \tilde{W} = \bigcup_{h \in H} hW$$

are open (saturated!) subsets of G , and if $a \in V, b \in W$ and $h, h' \in H$ then $(ha)(h'b) = hh''ab$ for some $h'' \in H$, but this shows that $(ha)(h'b) \sim ab \sim u$ for some $u \in U$ so $(ha)(h'b) \in \rho^{-1}(U)$ and hence

$$(g_1, g_2) \in \tilde{V} \times \tilde{W} \subseteq (\rho \circ m^G)^{-1}(U)$$

But then in $G/H \times G/H$

$$([g_1], [g_2]) \in \rho(\tilde{V}) \times \rho(\tilde{W}) \subseteq m^{-1}(U)$$

and since $\rho(\tilde{V}) \times \rho(\tilde{W})$ is open this completes the proof. The case of i is done similarly.

[Q6] The map $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad \theta \mapsto e^{2\pi i \theta}$ is continuous, and gives a surjective continuous map $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow U(1)$ which factors via a continuous bijection $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow U(1)$. This is clearly a homomorphism of groups, and it only remains to check it is open, but this is essentially the same as what we did to check $[0,1]/\sim \cong S^1$.