

- (1) Let X be a compact Hausdorff space and x, y be two distinct points in X . Show that there is a continuous real-valued function f such that $f(x) \neq f(y)$. (In other words, the continuous real-valued functions on X *separate* the points of X .)
- (2) Let X be a compact Hausdorff space and let $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ be an open covering of X . Show that there exists a finite number of continuous real-valued functions h_1, \dots, h_m on X that satisfy the following properties:
- (a) $0 \leq h_i \leq 1, 1 \leq i \leq m$,
 - (b) $\sum h_i = 1$,
 - (c) For each i , there exists an index $\alpha_i \in A$ such that the closure of the set $\{x \mid h_i(x) > 0\}$ is contained in U_{α_i} .