## Solution 1

- (a) If  $U \in \mathscr{T}$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  the pre-image  $T_c^{-1}(U)$  belongs to  $\mathscr{T}$  by continuity of  $T_c$ . The pre-image is the set of  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $x + c \in U$ , which equals U + (-c). Thus, if we take c = -a we see that  $U + a \in \mathscr{T}$ .
- (b) If  $U \in \mathscr{T}$  then also the set  $\frac{1}{2}U = V^{-1}(U)$  belongs to  $\mathscr{T}$ . By applying this repeatedly to the set [0,1) we see that  $[0,2^{-n}) \in \mathscr{T}$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . By applying (a) we now find that  $[a,a+2^{-n}) \in \mathscr{T}$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (c) Each set [a, a + 1) belongs to  $\mathscr{B}$ , so  $\cup \mathscr{B} = \mathbb{R}$ . Assume  $B_1, B_2 \in \mathscr{B}$  and  $x \in B_1 \cap B_2$ . We will show that there exists  $B_3 \in \mathscr{B}$  such that  $x \in B_3 \subset B_1 \cap B_2$ . It is easily seen that  $B_1 \cap B_2$  is either empty or a set of the form [a, b), with a < b. Let  $x \in [a, b)$ . Then there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x + 2^{-n} < b$ . Put  $B_3 := [x, x + 2^{-n})$ , then it is clear that  $B_3$  satisfies all assertions.
- (d) Let  $\mathscr{T}_0$  be the topology generated by  $\mathscr{B}$ . Then  $\mathscr{T}_0 \subset \mathscr{T}$ . On the other hand, if  $B \in \mathscr{B}$  then it is readily verified that  $V^{-1}(B) \in \mathscr{B}$  and  $T_c^{-1}(B) = B c \in \mathscr{B}$  for all  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Hence, V and  $T_c$  are continuous for  $\mathscr{T}_0$ . Also,  $[0,1) \in \mathscr{T}_0$ , so  $\mathscr{T}_0$  satisfies the properties (1), (2), (3). Since  $\mathscr{T}$  is the smallest topology with this property, it follows that  $\mathscr{T}_0 = \mathscr{T}$ .

## Solution 2

- (a) Let  $x = (z,t) \in S \times J$ . The orbit  $\Gamma x$  consists of the points (z,t) and (-z,-t). Since  $||z|| = 1, z \neq -z$ , so (z,t) and (-z,-t) are distinct points.
- (b) Let  $\xi \in X/\Gamma$  and let  $(z, \tau)$  be in the fiber of  $\xi$ . By replacing  $(z, \tau)$  with  $(-z, -\tau)$  if necessary, we see that  $(z, \tau)$  can be found with  $z_2 \ge 0$ . It follows that there exists  $\varphi \in [0, \pi]$  such that  $z = (\cos \varphi, \sin \varphi)$ . Take  $s = \varphi/\pi$  and  $t = (\tau + 1)/2$ , then  $0 \le s, t \le 1$  and  $\sigma(s, t) = p(z, \tau) = \xi$ . Hence  $\sigma$  is surjective.
- (c) Since  $\sigma$  is constant on the classes of  $\sim$  there is a unique map  $\bar{\sigma} : [0,1]^2 / \sim \rightarrow X/\Gamma$  such that  $\bar{\sigma} \circ q = \sigma$ . Clearly,  $\bar{\sigma}$  is bijective and continuous. Since  $[0,1]^2$  is compact, and q continuous,  $[0,1]^2 / \sim$  is compact. Since X is Hausdorff, and  $\Gamma$  finite,  $X/\Gamma$  is Hausdorff. It follows that  $\bar{\sigma}$  is an embedding. As  $\bar{\sigma}$  is surjective, it is a homeomorphism.
- (d) Assertion (1) is incorrect, assertion (2) is correct.

## Solution 4

(a) First assume that f is locally constant and let z ∈ Z. If y ∈ f<sup>-1</sup>({z}) then there exists an open neighborhood U of y such that f is constant on U hence f = f(y) = z on U, so that U ⊂ f<sup>-1</sup>({z}). It follows that every point of the fiber f<sup>-1</sup>({z}) is interior, hence the fiber is open.

Conversely, assume every fiber is open, and let  $y \in Y$ . Put z = f(y) and  $U := f^{-1}(\{z\})$ . Then U is open and contains y. Furthermore, f is constant on U. We see that f is locally constant.

(b) First assume that f is locally constant. Let V ⊂ Z be any subset. Then f<sup>-1</sup>(V) is the union of the fibers f<sup>-1</sup>({z}), for z ∈ V. All fibers are open by (a), hence f<sup>-1</sup>(V) is open. It follows that f is continuous.

Conversely, assume that f is continuous for the discrete topology on Z. Then for every  $z \in Z$  the set  $\{z\}$  is open for the discrete topology, hence  $f^{-1}(\{z\})$  is open. It follows from (a) that f is locally constant.

(c) By (b), we know that f is continuous for the discrete topology on Z. It follows that f(Y) is connected for the induced topology on f(Y), which is the discrete topology. If  $z \in f(Y)$  then  $\{z\}$  and  $f(Y) \setminus \{z\}$  are disjoint open subsets of f(Y), and we see that one of them must be empty. Hence  $f(Y) = \{z\}$  and we see that f is constant.

Alternative reasoning: Let *Y* be connected, and  $f: Y \to Z$  locally constant. If  $Y = \emptyset$ , there is nothing to prove. Select  $y \in Y$  and put z := f(y). Then the fiber  $U_1 := f^{-1}(z)$  is open by (a) and contains *y* hence is not empty. Its complement  $U_2$  in *Y* equals  $f^{-1}(Z \setminus \{z\})$  which is open by (b). From the connectedness of *Y* we conclude that  $U_2 = \emptyset$ . Hence  $U_1 = Y$  and we see that  $f(Y) = \{z\}$ , hence, *f* is constant.

(d) Assume that *Y* is not connected. Then  $Y = U \cup V$  for certain disjoint non-empty open subsets *U* and *V* of *Y*. We take  $Z = \{0, 1\}$  and define f(y) = 0 if  $y \in U$  and f(y) = 1 for  $y \in V$ . Then clearly, *f* is locally constant, but not constant.

## Solution 3

(a) For every  $a \in X$  there exists an open neighborhood  $U_a$  and a constant  $m_a > 0$  such that  $f_a \ge m_a$  on  $U_a$ .

The  $U_a$ , for  $a \in X$ , cover X. By compactness there exists a finite collection  $a_1, \ldots, a_n$  of points of X such that  $X \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^n U_{a_j}$ . It follows that  $f \ge \min_{1 \le j \le n} m_{a_j}$  on each of the sets  $U_i$  hence on X. Hence, (a) is valid, with  $m_X := \min_{1 \le j \le n} m_{a_j}$ .

(b) For every  $x \in X$  there exists an open neighborhood  $U_x$  of x in X and a constant  $m_x > 0$  such that  $f \ge m_x$  on  $U_x$ . The open sets  $U_x$ , for  $x \in X$ , form an open

covering of X. By paracompactness, this cover has a locally finite refinement,  $\{V_i \mid i \in I\}$ . By definition of refinement, for every  $i \in I$  there exists an  $x_i \in X$  such that  $V_i \leq U_{x_i}$ . It follows that  $f \geq m_i := m_{x_i}$  on  $V_i$ .

(c) Let  $V_i, m_i$  be as above. Then there exists a partition of unity  $\{\eta_i \mid i \in I\}$  which is subordinated to  $\{V_i \mid i \in I\}$ . Now  $0 \le \eta_i \le 1$  and  $\eta_i = 0$  outside  $V_i$ . Therefore,  $\eta_i f \ge m_i \eta_i$  on  $V_i$  and on  $X \setminus V_i$  hence on X. We now note that for every  $x \in X$  we have (with finitely many nonzero terms)

$$f(x) = \sum_{i \in I} \eta_i(x) f(x) \ge \sum_{i \in I} m_i \eta_i(x).$$

As the family  $\{\eta_i \mid i \in I\}$  is locally finite, the sum

$$\mu := \sum_i m_i \eta_i$$

is a locally finite sum of continuous functions, hence continuous. Since  $\sum_i \eta_i = 1$ , we have  $\mu > 0$  everywhere. Hence  $\mu$  is a continuous function  $X \to (0, \infty)$  and we have shown that  $f \ge \mu$  on X.