Homework 3 **Analysis** **Spring 2001**

The problems are due on Wednesday, March 14.

Problem 1. Let (A_n) be a sequence of closed bounded subsets in a complete metric space (X, d), such that $A_{n+1} \subseteq A_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and such that $\lim\limits_{n\to\infty} \operatorname{diam} A_n = 0$. Show that $\bigcap\limits_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$ consists of exactly one point.

The diameter of a bounded set A in a metric space is defined as

$$\operatorname{diam} A = \sup\{d(x, y) \mid x, y \in A\}.$$

Problem 2. Consider C, the normed vector space of continuous functions on the interval $[0, 1]$, endowed with the sup-norm $\|f\| = \sup\limits_{x\in[0,1]} |f(x)|$. Show that $B = \{f \in C \mid \|f\| \leq 1\}$ fails to be compact.

Hint: Find a sequence (f_n) in B which satisfies $\|f_n - f_m\| \geq 1$ for all $n \neq m$.

Problem 3. **(a)** Show that every compact metric space is separable.
(b) Is every separable metric space compact? Give a proof or a counter example!