

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be locally compact Hausdorff spaces, and  $f$  a continuous mapping of  $X$  into  $Y$ . Let  $X^*$  and  $Y^*$  be the one point compactifications of  $X$  and  $Y$ , and  $f^*$  the mapping of  $X^*$  into  $Y^*$  whose restriction to  $X$  is  $f$  and which takes the point at infinity in  $X^*$  into the point at infinity in  $Y^*$ .

Show that  $f$  is proper if and only if  $f^*$  is continuous.