

**Exercise 12.7.** Consider metric spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , and a continuous function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ . Show that for every compact subset  $C$  of  $X$ , its image under  $f$ ,  $f(C)$ , is compact in  $Y$ .

**Exercise 12.8.** Consider metric spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , and a continuous function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ . If  $C$  is compact in  $Y$ , must  $f^{-1}(C)$  be compact?

**Exercise 12.9.** Consider yet another definition of compactness:

**Definition.** Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $Y$  a subset of  $X$ . A collection of open subsets  $\{U_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}$  in  $X$  is called an **open cover of  $Y$**  if  $Y \subset \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} U_\alpha$ . A **subcover** of  $\{U_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}$  is just a subcollection  $\{U_\alpha \mid \alpha \in B\}$ , with  $B \subset A$ , that is still a cover.

**Definition.** A subset  $C$  of  $X$  is called **compact** if  
(K3) every open cover of  $C$  has a *finite* subcover.

Prove the property of Exercise 12.7 using this new description of compactness.