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Homework #4

1 Let X be a compact metric space and \mathcal{F} a family of closed subsets of X. Prove that if

$$\bigcap_{C \in F} C \neq \emptyset$$

for all finite subfamilies $F \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ (this condition is called the *finite intersection property*) then actually

$$\bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{F}} C \neq \emptyset$$

Hint: take complements, create an open cover, invoke the definition of compactness.

State and prove the converse to the previous problem.

3 Prove that every sequentially compact metric space is also complete. (*This is Proposition 6.15 in the lecture notes.*)