

Observation if $A \subset X$ and every $x \in A$ has an open set U s.t. $x \in U \subset A$ then A is open.

Warning $(X, d) \quad T = \{B(x, r) \mid x \in X, r > 0\}$ not nec. a topology.

Limits / accumulation points

X topological space $A \subset X$, a point $p \in X$ is an accumulation point of A if every open set containing p intersects $A \setminus p$.



Example • $A = (0, 1) \subset \mathbb{R}$ has accumulation points $[0, 1]$

• $A = \{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots\}$ has accumulation points $\{0\}$.

• $\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{R}$ no accumulation points. no non-empty intersection of open sets

Thm [Bolzano - Weierstrass] If $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ is a bounded infinite set, then A has at least one accumulation point.

Closed sets

X topological space, $A \subset X$ is closed iff $X \setminus A = A^c$ = complement of A is open.

Examples $[0, 1] \subset \mathbb{R}$, $\{0\} \subset \mathbb{R}$, any finite collection of points in \mathbb{R} .

Non-examples $(0, 1)$, $(0, 1] \subset \mathbb{R}$ not open or closed

Examples \emptyset, X both open and closed (sometimes called clopen).

$(X, \text{discrete topology})$ every set both open and closed.

Thm X topological space, then the closed sets satisfy:

- 1) \emptyset, X closed
- 2) arbitrary intersection of closed sets is closed
- 3) finite unions of closed sets are closed \square

Thm $A \subset X$ is closed iff A contains its set of accumulation points.

Proof \Rightarrow A closed then A^c open. $p \in A^c$ open $\Rightarrow \exists$ open set U s.t.

$p \in U \subset A^c$ so $p \notin \text{Acc}(A)$, so $\text{Acc}(A) \subseteq A$.

\Leftarrow suppose $\text{Acc}(A) \subset A$. claim A^c is open. Proof let $p \in A^c$, then $p \notin \text{Acc}(A)$,

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so \exists open set U s.t. $p \in U \subseteq A^c$ with $A \cap U = \emptyset$, so A^c open $\Rightarrow A$ closed. \square

Closure of a set

$A \subset X$, \bar{A} closure of A is the intersection of all closed sets containing A .

Prop: 1) \bar{A} is closed

2) A is closed iff $A = \bar{A}$.

Proof 1) arbitrary intersection of closed sets is closed.

2) \Leftarrow from 1). $\Rightarrow A \in \{\text{all closed sets containing } A\}$ so $\bigcap_{\substack{\text{closed sets} \\ \text{containing } A}} = A$. \square

Thm $\bar{A} = A \cup \text{acc}(A)$

Proof suppose $x \notin \text{acc}(A)$, then \exists open set U s.t. $x \in U$ and $U \cap A = \emptyset$, so $x \notin U^c$, closed, contains A , so $x \notin \bar{A}^c$, so $\bar{A} \subset A \cup \text{acc}(A)$.

$x \notin \bar{A} \Rightarrow$ open set $U \subset A^c$, $U \cap A = \emptyset \Rightarrow x \notin \text{acc}(A)$. \square

Example $(0,1) = [0,1]$ in \mathbb{R} $\bar{(0,1)} = \mathbb{R}$ in \mathbb{R} .

Warning $B(x, r) \neq \{y \in X \mid d(x, y) < r\}$!

Defn $A \subset X$ is dense in B if $B \subset \bar{A}$

$x \in A$ lies in the interior of A if \exists open set U s.t. $x \in U \subseteq A$ within A°

Prop: A° is open, A° is the largest open subset of A , A is open iff $A^\circ = A$. \square

Defn the exterior of A , $\text{ext}(A)$ is $\text{int}(A)^c$

the boundary / frontier of A is $\text{bound}(A) = b(A) = X \setminus (A^\circ \cup \text{ext}(A))$.

Thm $\bar{A} = A^\circ \cup b(A)$

Proof recall $\bar{A} = A \cup \text{acc}(A)$. If $x \in A^\circ$, then $x \in \text{int}(A) \Rightarrow$

open
 $U \subseteq A$

$\exists U \subseteq \bar{A}$, since $x \in \text{acc}(A) = X \setminus (A^\circ \cup \text{ext}(A)) \Rightarrow$ every open set $U \ni x$ contains points of $A, A^c \Rightarrow x \in \text{acc}(A)$.

$\Leftarrow x \in \bar{A} \setminus A^\circ \Rightarrow$ every open set containing x contains points of A , and $A^c \Rightarrow x \in b(A)$. \square

Example $(0,1) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ $\text{int}(0,1) = (0,1)$ $b(0,1) = \{0, 1\}$.

$\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. $\bar{\mathbb{Q}} = \mathbb{R}$ $\text{int}(\mathbb{Q}) = \emptyset$. $b(\mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{R}$. Warning $b(B(x, r)) \neq \{y \mid d(x, y) = r\}$!

Defn $A \subseteq X$ is nowhere dense if $\text{int}(\bar{A}) = \emptyset$.

Example Let $Z \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ $\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, Cantor set.

Defn A neighbourhood N for $p \in X$ is a set N s.t. there is an open set $U \subseteq N$.

The set of all neighbourhoods N_p is called the neighbourhood system of p .

Remark neighbourhoods need not be open or closed.

Neighbourhood properties / axioms

- 1) $N_p \neq \emptyset$, for each $N \in N_p$, $p \in N$.
- 2) If $A, B \in N_p$ then $A \cap B \in N_p$
- 3) If $A \in N_p$ and $A \subset B$, then $B \in N_p$
- 4) each $A \in N_p$ contains a nbd $B \in N_p$ s.t. B is a neighbourhood for each point $x \in B$.

Convergent sequences

A sequence $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to a point $b \in X$, written $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = b$ or $a_n \rightarrow b$ if for every open set U , with $b \in U$, $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $a_n \in U$ for all $n \geq N$.

Remark in a metric space can define a Cauchy sequence, i.e. (a_n) s.t. $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $|a_n - a_m| \leq \epsilon$ for all $m, n \geq N$, and we say a metric space is complete if every Cauchy seq. converges.

Comparing topologies

Let T_1, T_2 be topologies on X . Suppose $T_1 \subset T_2$ (i.e. every open set in T_1 is open in T_2) then we say T_1 is smaller, coarser, weaker than T_2 (T_2 is large, finer, stronger than T_1).

Note collection of topologies is partially ordered by inclusion

Example trivial \subseteq cofinite \subseteq discrete.