

2.6.

E' is the set of limit points of E .

Proposition 1: E' is closed.

Pf: The case where $E' = \emptyset$ is trivial. Assume $E' \neq \emptyset$.

Let L be the set of limit points of E' .

$$\forall x \in L, \exists y \in E' \text{ s.t. } (d(x, y) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \cdot \forall \varepsilon > 0)$$

$$\text{Since } y \in E', \exists z \in E \text{ s.t. } (d(y, z) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \cdot \forall \varepsilon > 0) \text{ and } z \neq x$$

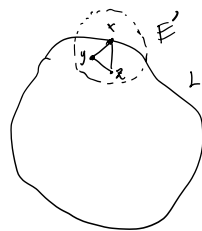
By triangle inequality, $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$

$$d(x, z) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0$$

\Rightarrow for every open ball centered at x , $\exists z \neq x$ contained in it.

$\Rightarrow x \in E'$.

Since this is true $\forall x \in L$, we have $L \subseteq E' \Rightarrow E'$ is closed. \square



Proposition 2: E and \bar{E} have the same limit points

Denote F as the set of limit points of \bar{E}

Since $\bar{E} = E \cup E'$, we know that at least $F \subseteq E'$. We claim $E' \subseteq F$.

It suffices to show that every limit point of $\bar{E} = E \cup E'$ is contained in E'

$\forall x \in F, \exists y \in \bar{E}$ s.t. $0 < d(x, y) < \varepsilon$. If $y \in E'$, then by the same arguments as those in the pf of the previous proposition, we get $x \in E'$. If $y \in E \setminus E'$

then we immediately have $x \in E'$

$$\Rightarrow F \subseteq E' \Rightarrow F = E' \quad \square$$

Proposition 3: E and E' does not necessarily have the same limit points.

e.g. $E = \{\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ has limit point $\{0\}$. Limit points of $\{0\}$ is \emptyset .

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Let $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots \in \mathcal{M}$

$$\overline{A_1 \cup A_2} = \overline{A_1} \cup \overline{A_2}$$

(a) $B_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$. Proposition: $\overline{B_n} = \bigcap_{i=1}^n \overline{A_i}$ Pf: We induct on $n \in \mathbb{N}$. The case $n=1$ is trivial.Base case: $n=2$. Obviously $\overline{A_1} \subseteq \overline{A_1 \cup A_2}$, $\overline{A_2} \subseteq \overline{A_1 \cup A_2}$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{A_1} \cup \overline{A_2} \subseteq \overline{A_1 \cup A_2}$$

For the other direction of inclusion, it suffices to show that

If $x \notin \overline{A_1 \cup A_2}$, then $x \notin \overline{A_1} \cup \overline{A_2}$. $x \notin \overline{A_1 \cup A_2} \Rightarrow \exists r > 0$ s.t. $B_{r,0}(x) \cap (A_1 \cup A_2) = \emptyset$ $\Rightarrow \exists r > 0$ s.t. $B_{r,0}(x) \cap A_1 = \emptyset$ and $B_{r,0}(x) \cap A_2 = \emptyset$. $\Rightarrow x \notin \overline{A_1}$ and $x \notin \overline{A_2} \Rightarrow x \notin \overline{A_1} \cup \overline{A_2} \Rightarrow \overline{A_1 \cup A_2} \subseteq \overline{A_1} \cup \overline{A_2}$ Hence $\overline{B_2} = \bigcap_{i=1}^2 \overline{A_i}$ is true. The rest follows by induction.

$$\Rightarrow \overline{B_n} = \bigcap_{i=1}^n \overline{A_i}$$

□

(b) $B_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$. Proposition: $\overline{B_n} \supset \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} \overline{A_i}$.It is still true that $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} \overline{A_i} \supset \overline{\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i}$. Pf: $\forall x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} \overline{A_i}$, $\exists \overline{A_j} \ni x$.Since $\overline{A_j} \subset \overline{\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i}$, we get $x \in \overline{\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i}$, hence the inclusion.But the reverse inclusion may not be true. Consider $A_i = \{\frac{1}{i}\}$

$$\overline{A_i} = A_i = \{\frac{1}{i}\} \quad \overline{B_n} = \overline{\{\frac{1}{n}, n \in \mathbb{N}\}} = 0 \cup \{\frac{1}{n}, n \in \mathbb{N}\} = 0 \cup (\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \overline{A_i})$$

$$\text{but } 0 \notin \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} \overline{A_i} \Rightarrow \overline{B_n} \not\subset \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} \overline{A_i}$$

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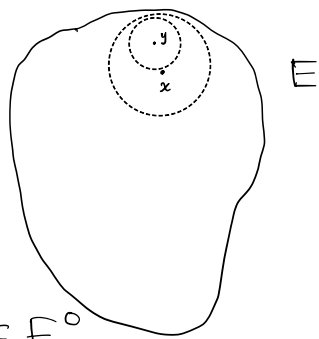
(a) Proposition: E° is open.

Pf: By definition, $\forall x \in E^\circ \exists B_{r>0}(x) \subset E$.

Since $B_{r>0}(x)$ is open, $\exists y \in B_{r>0}(x)$ such that $\exists B_{r>0}(y) \subset B_{r>0}(x)$

$\Rightarrow B_{r>0}(y) \subset E \Rightarrow y \in E^\circ \quad \forall y \in B_{r>0}(x) \Rightarrow B_{r>0}(x) \subset E^\circ$

Hence E° is open. \square



(b) Proposition: E is open if and only if $E^\circ = E$

Pf: (\Rightarrow)

The inclusion $E^\circ \subseteq E$ is trivial.

E is open, so $\forall x \in E \exists B_{r>0}(x) \subset E \Rightarrow x \in E^\circ \Rightarrow E \subseteq E^\circ$

Hence $E^\circ = E$

(\Leftarrow)

In (a) we have shown that E° is open. $E = E^\circ \Rightarrow E$ is open.

\square

2.12.

Proposition: $K = \{0\} \cup \{\frac{1}{n}, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is compact.

P.f. For any open cover $\{O_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$, $\exists j \in A$ s.t. $0 \in O_j$.

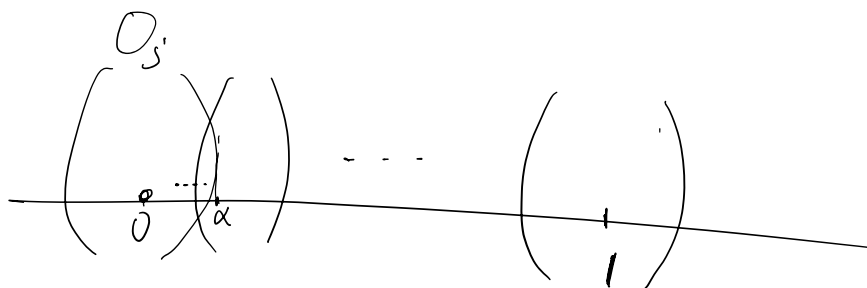
$\exists r > 0$ s.t. $B_r(0) \subset O_j$. By archimedean property, $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\frac{1}{m} < r$, so O_j covers at least $\{0\} \cup \{\frac{1}{n}, n \geq m\}$

Rest of the elements $\{\frac{1}{n}, n = 1, 2, \dots, m-1\} = S$ is a finite set,

so $\forall i \in S$, pick an O_i such that $i \in O_i$, hence the collection

$\{O_i, i \in S\}$ is a finite cover for S

$\Rightarrow O_j \cup \{O_i, i \in S\}$ is a finite subcover for K



2.19.

(a). Proposition:

A, B are disjoint closed sets in metric space $X \Rightarrow A$ and B are separated.

Pf:

$$A = \bar{A} \quad A \cup B = \emptyset \Rightarrow \bar{A} \cup B = \emptyset$$

$$B = \bar{B} \quad A \cup B = \emptyset \Rightarrow A \cup \bar{B} = \emptyset$$

Hence A and B are separated.

2.22 Prop: \mathbb{R}^k contains a countable subset dense in \mathbb{R}^k , i.e. \mathbb{R}^k is separable.

We claim the set of points with rational coordinates $\mathbb{Q}^k = \{(a_1, \dots, a_k) : a_i \in \mathbb{Q} \forall i=1, \dots, k\}$ is countable.

Lemma: cartesian product of finitely many countable sets is countable.

Pf:

We first show $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ is countable.

By a diagonal enumeration: $\varphi(i, j) = \frac{(i+j)(i+j+1)}{2} + j$

which is a bijection between $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ and \mathbb{N} .

	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	3	6
1	2	4	7	
2	5	8		
3	9			

For any two countable sets, there exist bijections $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, $g: B \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$,

hence $h: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A \times B$ defined by $h: (m, n) \mapsto (f(m), g(n))$ is bijection.

So $A \times B$ is countable. It follows by induction that $A_1 \times \dots \times A_n$ is countable if each of A_1, \dots, A_n is countable.

\mathbb{Q} is countable, so by our lemma \mathbb{Q}^k is countable.

We claim that \mathbb{Q}^k is dense in \mathbb{R}^k . We know \mathbb{Q} is dense in \mathbb{R} .

For any $x = \{a_1, \dots, a_k\} \in \mathbb{R}^k$, there exists $y = \{q_1, \dots, q_k\} \in \mathbb{Q}^k$ such that

$$|q_i - a_i| < \frac{r^2}{k} \quad \forall r > 0, \quad \forall i=1, \dots, k. \quad \text{So we have:}$$

$$|x - y| = \left(\sum_{i=1}^k |q_i - a_i|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} < (r^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = r \quad \forall r > 0$$

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^k$ is dense in \mathbb{R}^k .

□

Proposition: Every open set in \mathbb{R} is the union of an at most countable collection of disjoint segments.

Pf: Let O be any open set in \mathbb{R} . We first show that O is the union of a collection of disjoint segments.

$x \in O$. Let $a_x = \inf \{a \in \mathbb{R} : (a, x) \subset O\}$, $b_x = \sup \{b \in \mathbb{R} : (x, b) \subset O\}$

If $\{a \in \mathbb{R} : (a, x) \subset O\}$ is unbounded below, then $a_x = -\infty$. Similarly for $b_x = \infty$.

We claim that $I_x = (a_x, b_x)$ is the maximal segment containing x in a sense that any segment I containing x is a subset of I_x .

It should be noted that $a_x \notin O$ because otherwise there exists a smaller element in O that is also in $\{a \in \mathbb{R} : (a, x) \subset O\}$, contradicting a_x being infimum. Similarly, $b_x \notin O$.

For $x, y \in O$, $I_x \cap I_y \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow I_x \cup I_y$ is an open interval containing x

$\Rightarrow I_x \cup I_y \subset I_x \Rightarrow I_y \subseteq I_x$. Similarly it can be shown that $I_y \subseteq I_x$

Hence $I_x \cap I_y \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow I_x = I_y$.

Consider the set $\{I_x : x \in O\}$. Removing duplicates, we arrive at a collection of disjoint segments $\{F_\alpha\}$. It is obvious that $\bigcup F_\alpha \supseteq O$. To see that $\bigcup F_\alpha \subseteq O$, simply notice that any $F_\alpha \in \{F_\alpha\}$ is an open interval and the definition of that open interval implies $F_\alpha \subset O$. We conclude that $O = \bigcup F_\alpha$.

We now show $\{F_\alpha\}$ is at most countable. Suppose $\{F_\alpha\}$ is an uncountable collection of disjoint segments.

Any segment is just an open interval (a, b) where $a \neq b$. Since $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and \mathbb{Q} is dense in \mathbb{R} , $\exists q \in \mathbb{Q}$ s.t. $a < q < b$. If (a, b) and (c, d) are disjoint, then $q \in (a, b) \Rightarrow q \notin (c, d)$, hence any F_α can be identified uniquely with some rational number q_α .

$\Rightarrow \{q_\alpha\}$ is uncountable. But $\{q_\alpha\} \subset \mathbb{Q}$, so \mathbb{Q} is uncountable, contradiction \square