

# Finite Intersection of Open Sets

**Proposition.** The intersection of finitely many open sets is open.

*Proof.* Let the open sets be  $E_1, \dots, E_n$ . In the first case, if their intersection is  $\emptyset$ , then the proposition is vacuously true and we are done. Now assume  $\cap_{i=1}^n E_i \neq \emptyset$  and put  $I := \cap_{i=1}^n E_i$ . Let  $z \in I$ . Since each  $E_i$  is open, each point inside  $E_i$  is an interior point (for all  $i$ ). Then,  $z$  is an interior point of each  $E_i$ . Then, put  $\partial I$  as the boundary (contour) of  $I$  where  $z$  lies inside the region enclosed by  $\partial I$ . Put  $R := \min\{|z - m|\}$  for each  $m \in \partial I$ . By assumption,  $R > 0$  since if otherwise, we would be in the first case. Then, the open disc  $D_{R/2}(z) \subsetneq I$  and so  $z$  is an interior point of  $I$ . Since  $z$  was arbitrary, it follows that every point in  $I$  is an interior point and we are done.  $\square$ .