

Examine the proof of the Urysohn lemma, and show that for given r ,

$$f^{-1}(r) = \bigcap_{p>r} U_p \setminus \left(\bigcup_{q<r} U_q \right), \quad p, q \text{ rational}$$

$$f(x) = \inf \{p : x \in U_p\}$$

$$f^{-1}(r) = \{x : \inf \{p : x \in U_p\} = r\} \text{ so } x \text{ is in } \bigcap_{p>r} U_p$$

$f^{-1}(r)$ and p is a rational number r then there is some rational number \tilde{p} s.t. $x \in U_{\tilde{p}}$. But $r < \tilde{p} < p$

construction $U_{\tilde{p}} \subset U_p$. thus $x \in U_p \forall p > r$.

from definition of f it is clear that x is not in U_q for $q < r$. thus $x \in \bigcap_{p>r} U_p \setminus \left(\bigcup_{q<r} U_q \right)$.

" \supset " if $x \in \bigcap_{p>r} U_p \setminus \left(\bigcup_{q<r} U_q \right)$ then

$$f(x) = r$$