

## General Strategy,

Draw a graph to get intuition, next  
convert your ideas using mathematical  
languages.

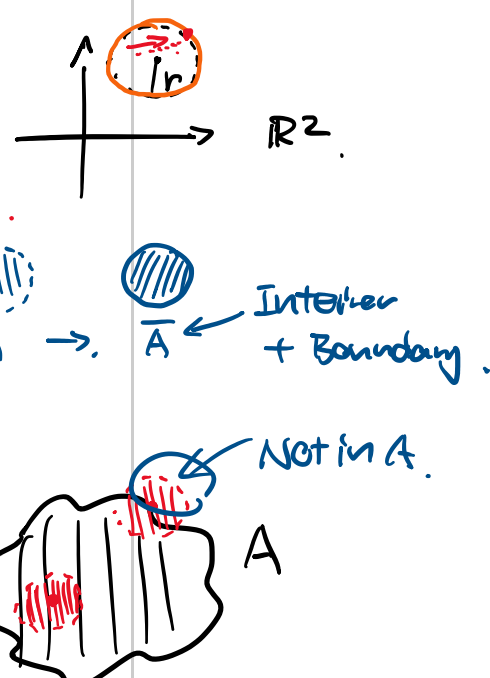
Nick, October.20,2020 4.3 Closed and Open Subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  MAT337 TUT (TUE2-3)

### Basic Definitions:

- 4.3.1 A point  $x$  is a **limit point** of a subset  $A$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  if there is a sequence  $(a_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  with  $a_n \in A$  such that  $x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ . A set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is **closed** if it contains all of its limit points.
- If  $A$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the closure of  $A$  is the set  $\bar{A}$  consisting of all limit points of  $A$ .
- The **ball** about  $a$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  of radius  $r$  is the set

$$B_r(a) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x - a\| < r\}$$

A subset  $U$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is **open** if for every  $a \in U$ , there is some  $r = r(a) > 0$  such that the ball  $B_r(a)$  is contained in  $U$ .



### Questions:

- Find the closure of the following sets:
  - $\mathbb{Q}$
  - $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : xy < 1\}$
  - $\{(x, \sin(\frac{1}{x})) : x > 0\}$
  - $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Q}^2 : x^2 + y^2 < 1\}$
- Let  $(a_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  be a sequence in  $\mathbb{R}^k$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$ . Show that  $\{a_n : n \geq 1\} \cup \{a\}$  is closed.
- Show that  $U = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + 4y^2 < 4\}$  is open by explicitly finding a ball around each point that is contained in  $U$ .

#1(a)  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}} = \mathbb{R}$

#1(b)  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : xy < 1\} = A$

① If  $x$  or  $y = 0$ , then  $xy = 0 < 1$

② If  $x < 0, y > 0$ ,  $xy < 0 < 1$

If  $x > 0, y < 0$ ,  $xy < 0 < 1$

③ If  $x > 0, y > 0$ .  $y < \frac{1}{x}$  for  $x > 0$

If  $x < 0, y < 0$ ,  $y > \frac{1}{x}$  for  $x < 0$

$\Rightarrow A = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : xy < 1\}$

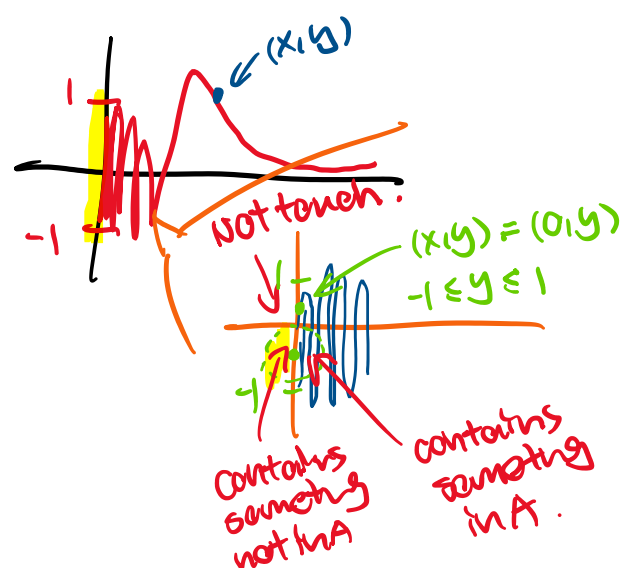
How to approach a given  $(x, y)$  in  $\bar{A}$ ?

consider  $a_n = (x, y - \frac{1}{n}) \rightarrow (x, y)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

st  $(x, y) \in \bar{A}$

#1(c)  $\{(x, \sin(\frac{1}{x})) : x > 0\} = A$

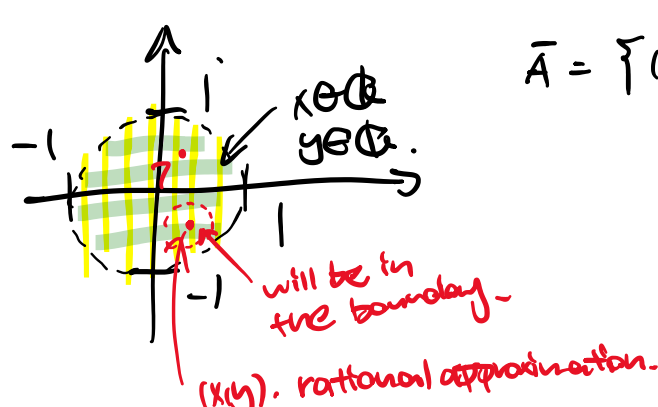
Graph of  $y = \sin(\frac{1}{x})$  for  $x > 0$ .



st  $\bar{A} = A \cup \{(0, y) : -1 \leq y \leq 1\}$

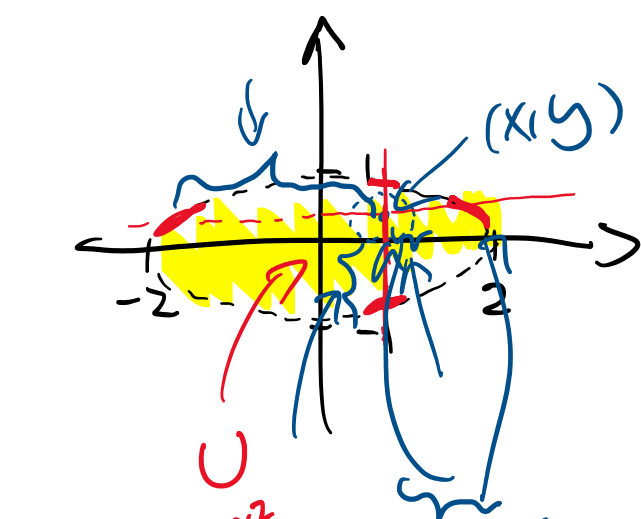
$(x_n, \sin(\frac{1}{x_n})) \rightarrow (0, y)$ ,  
where  $-1 \leq y \leq 1$   
by definition.

#1(d)  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Q}^2 : x^2 + y^2 < 1\} = A$



$\bar{A} = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$

#3  $U = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + 4y^2 < 4\}$



$u^2 = 4 - x^2$   
 $y^2 = 1 - \frac{x^2}{4}$  on the boundary  
 $y = \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{4}}$   $x^2 + 4y^2 = 4$

$(x', y') = (x', y)$  unknown.  
 $\|x' - x\|$  known.

$\|x' - x\| = \sqrt{(x' - x)^2} = \sqrt{4 - 4y^2 - x^2}$

$\Rightarrow x^2 = 4 - 4y^2$   
 $x = \pm \sqrt{4 - 4y^2} \rightarrow x' = \sqrt{4 - 4y^2}$

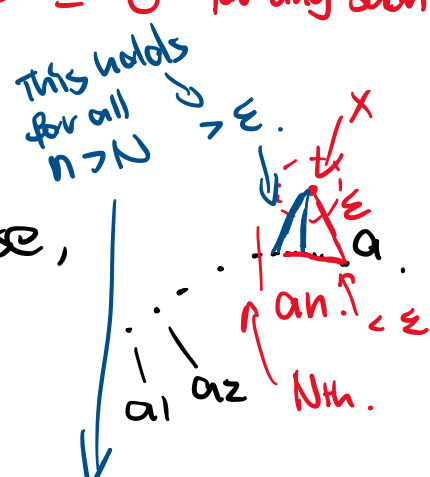
$\|x - (-\sqrt{4 - 4y^2})\|$

$r = \frac{1}{2} \min \left( \sqrt{4 - 4y^2} - x, x - (-\sqrt{4 - 4y^2}), \sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{4}} - y, y - (-\sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{4}}) \right)$

st  $B_r(x, y) \subseteq U$  for any such given  $(x, y) \in U$

#2: Hint,

It makes sense,



To show  $U$  is closed  
equivalently show  $U^c$  is open

so we only have to deal with

$a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots$

consider  $\|x - a_i\|$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

Take  $r = \frac{1}{2} \min \{ \|x - a_1\|, \dots, \|x - a_n\|, \|x - a\| \}$