

# Math 104, HW4

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# 1 Q1

## 1.1 a

Let  $x$  be an arbitrary point in  $E = (0, 1)$ . Choose  $r = \min\{(1 - x)/2, x/2\}$ . Consider  $S = \{d(s, x) < r\}$ . Since  $0 < x < 1$ ,  $(1 - x)/2$  and  $x/2$  are both positive. Therefore  $r > 0$ , and since  $x - x/2 > 0, x + (1 - x)/2 < 1$ , we have  $S \subseteq E$

Therefore  $E$  is open.

Consider the complement of  $E : E' = \mathbb{R} \setminus E$

Let  $x' = 1, r' > 0$ . Since  $E'$  is the complement of  $E$ , it is the union of  $(-\infty, 0], [1, +\infty)$ . If  $r \geq 1$ , we can see that  $S' = \{d(s', x') < r'\}$  contains the point  $1/2$  for instance, and  $1/2 \notin E'$ . Otherwise, let  $a = x' - r'$ , since  $x' = 1, 0 < r' < 1, a \in S, a \notin E$ . Therefore its complement is not open.

Thus we have shown that  $(0, 1)$  is open and not closed.

## 1.2 b

Let  $x = 1, r > 0, E = [0, 1]$ . Consider  $S = \{d(s, x) < r\}$ . Since  $r > 0, \exists s \in S \text{ s.t. } s > x$ . However since the interval only goes from 0 to 1,  $s \notin E$ . Therefore this interval is not open.

Consider  $E' = \mathbb{R} \setminus E$ .

Since  $E'$  is the complement of  $E$ , it is the union of  $(-\infty, 0), (1, +\infty)$ . If  $x$  is in the former, then pick  $r' = -x/2$ . Since  $x < 0, -x > 0$ , and  $x + (-x/2) < 0$ , so  $S = \{d(s', x') < r'\} \subseteq E$ .

If it is in the latter, pick  $r' = (x - 1)/2$ . Since  $x > 1$ , and  $x - (x - 1)/2 > 1$ , so  $S = \{d(s', x') < r'\} \subseteq E$ . Therefore its complement is open.

Thus we have shown that  $[0, 1]$  is closed and not open.

## 1.3 c

Consider  $x = 1$ , let  $r > 0$ , we can consider this set to be a non-increasing series from 1 to 0. Let  $S = \{d(s, x) < r\}$ , now since  $r > 0, \exists s' \in S \text{ s.t. } 1/2 < s' < 1$ , since this series is non-increasing,  $s' \notin E$ . Therefore the set is not open.

Consider the complement  $E'$ . Consider  $x'$ . If  $x' > 1$  or  $x' < 0$ , we can choose  $r'$  exactly the same as part (b) of this question. We can see that the set with radius  $r'$  is a subset of  $E'$ .

If  $0 < x' < 1$ , we need to show that we can pick an  $r'$  small enough to have not let the “other” set in.

Since  $x' \notin E$ , and  $0 < x' < 1$ , then it must be “sanwiched” between two elements of  $E$ . Let the two around  $x'$  be  $1/(n+1) < x' < 1/n$ . Now we can apply the denseness of rationals theorem to show that  $\exists q_1, q_2$  s.t.  $1/(n+1) < q_1 < x', x' < q_2 < 1/n$ . Now let  $r' = \min\{q_1, q_2\}$ . We can see that all of the elements in this radius are in the set  $E'$ . Therefore its complement is open. Thus we have shown that this set is closed and not open.

## 1.4 d

Let  $x \in \mathbb{Q}, r > 0$ , and  $S = \{d(s, x) < r\}$ . By the denseness of irrationals we know that  $\exists a \notin \mathbb{Q}$  s.t.  $x < a < x + r$ . Therefore  $\mathbb{Q}$  is not open.

We can repeat the same argument but with irrationals. Let  $y$  be irrational,  $r > 0$ , and  $S = \{d(s, y) < r\}$ . By the denseness of rationals we know that  $\exists b \in \mathbb{Q}$  s.t.  $y < b < y + r$ . Therefore  $\mathbb{Q}$ 's complement is not open.

Therefore  $\mathbb{Q}$  is neither open nor closed.

## 1.5 e

Let this set be  $E$ . Let  $e \in E$  be an arbitrary point, and we choose  $r = 1 - d(e, (0, 0))$ . So we have our set  $S = \{d(e, s) < r\}$ . By the triangle inequality we have  $d(s, (0, 0)) < 1 - r + r = 1$ , so  $s \in E \forall s \in S$ . Therefore the set is open.

Let  $E$ 's complement be called  $E'$ , and let  $x \in E'$  be a point such that  $d(x, (0, 0)) = 1$ . Let  $r' > 0$ , then consider the set  $S' = \{d(x, s') < r'\}$ .  $\exists t \in S$  s.t.  $d(t, (0, 0)) < 1$ . Then  $t \in E$ . Therefore its complement is not open. Therefore this set is open and not closed.

## 2 Q2

### 2.1 a

Let  $a \in U$  be an arbitrary point. Since  $U$  is a union of a collection of open sets, then it must belong to at least one element of this collection. Let that element be  $U_0$ .

Since  $U_0$  is open,  $\exists r > 0$  s.t.  $S = \{s \in S \mid d(a, s) < r\} \subseteq U_0$ . Therefore we have found an  $r$  that works for an arbitrary point in  $U$ . Thus  $U$  is open. Q.E.D.

### 2.2 b

Consider  $V_0 = U_1 \cap U_2$ .

From the intersection, we conclude that for all  $v \in V_0, v \in U_1, v \in U_2$ .

Now consider an arbitrary point  $w \in V$ . Since it is in open sets  $U_1, U_2$ ,  $\exists r_1, r_2$  s.t.  $\{d(w, v) < r_1\} \subset U_1, \{d(w, v) < r_2\} \subset U_2$

Now let  $r = \min\{r_1, r_2\}$ . Since  $r$  is the smaller of the two,  $A = \{d(w, a) < r\} \subset V_0, \subset V_1$ . Therefore  $A \subset V_0$ . Thus we have shown that  $V_0$  is open.

We can then repeat this process finitely many times, taking the minimum of the radius each time. Finally we have that  $V$  is open. Q.E.D.

### 2.3 c

Consider  $W = \cap_{n=0}^{\infty} (1/n, -1/n)$ . Since  $1/n \rightarrow 0$  and  $-1/n \rightarrow 0$ ,  $W = \{0\}$ . This set has only 1 element and is therefore closed. Q.E.D.

### 3 Q3

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ , since  $s_n \rightarrow s$ , we have  $\exists N s.t. \forall n > N, d(s_n, s) < \epsilon$ . Now let  $r = \epsilon$ , we can see that  $\exists n s.t. d(s_n, s) < r$ .

Consider the complement of  $E : F$ . Consider the point  $s$ , since  $s \notin E$ , we have  $s \in F$ . Let  $r' > 0$ , define  $Q = d(s, q) < r'$ . Since we have shown above that  $\exists n s.t. d(s_n, s) < r$  for  $r > 0$ , we know that  $Q$  will always overlap with  $E$ . Therefore we cannot find a radius small enough, and  $F$  is not open. Thus  $E$  is not closed. Q.E.D.

## 4 Q4

Since  $E$  is not closed, its complement  $F$  is not open. Let  $s$  be a boundary point in  $F$ :  $s \in F$  s.t.  $\{p | d(s, p) < r\} \not\subset F \forall r > 0$

Now let  $e$  be an arbitrary point in  $E$ . Consider the sequence  $s_n \in \{s \mid a \in E, d(a, s) < \frac{1}{n}\}$ . We are attempting to draw “smaller and smaller” circles. Since we have shown above that  $\exists p \in E$  s.t.  $d(s, p) < r \forall r > 0$ , so we know that we can always pick an  $s_n$  that is closer to  $f$ . Now, since  $1/n \rightarrow 0$ , we know that  $d(s_n, s) \rightarrow 0$ , and therefore  $s_n \rightarrow s, s \notin E$ . Q.E.D.

## 5 Q5

Assume that there exists a sequence  $s_n$  that converges to  $s \notin F$ .

First,  $s$  must be in  $E$ . Since  $F \subseteq E, \forall f \in F, f \in E$ . Furthermore,  $E$  is sequentially compact, so every subsequence converges to an element in  $E$ . Therefore  $s_n$  cannot converge to an element outside of  $F$ , so for the sake of contradiction we assume that it converges to  $s \in E$ .

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ , then by our assumption there exists  $N$  such that  $\forall n > N, d(s_n, s) < \epsilon$ . Now since  $F$  is closed, we know that its complement is open. Let  $F' = S \setminus F$ . Since  $F$  is open, for any point  $a \in F, \exists r > 0$  s.t.  $\{b \mid d(a, b) < r\} \subseteq F'$ . Now we let the region surrounding our convergent point  $s$  have value  $r = k$ , and we choose  $\epsilon = k/2$ . Since  $r > 0, k/2 > 0$ . Now for all  $d(p, s) < k, p \in F'$ . This is a contradiction since if our sequence converges to  $s$ , it must be able to get arbitrarily close, but we have just created a space where  $s_n$  cannot approach  $s$ .  $\nrightarrow$

Therefore our assumption is incorrect and  $s_n \rightarrow s$  must have  $s \in F$ .

## 6 Q6

By the definition of  $\limsup$  we have

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \sup \left\{ \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \mid n > N \right\} \right\} < C$$

Assume that the statement is not correct, so we have: for all  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $a_n \geq c^{n-N} a_N$

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , between  $n \leq k \leq N$ , there must be at least 1 value such that  $(a_{k+1}/a_k) \geq C$  because otherwise,  $a_n < c^{n-N} a_N$ , and we have assumed that to be false. Now since we can show that there is at least 1 instance where  $(a_{k+1}/a_k) \geq C$  for all possible intervals of  $n, N \in \mathbb{N}$ , the limit superior cannot be less than  $C$ .  $\zeta$

We have found a contradiction, therefore our assumption is not correct and there must exist some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  that satisfies  $a_n < c^{n-N} a_N \forall n > N$ . Q.E.D.



## 7 Q7

### 7.1 a

Since  $k^2 \neq 0 \forall k > 0$ ,  $a_n \neq 0$ . Consider  $a_{n+1}/a_n$

$$\frac{(k+1)^2}{3^{k+1}} \times \frac{3^k}{k^2} = \frac{(k+1)^2}{3k^2}$$