

**1. a** Let  $x \in A_1^\circ \cup A_2^\circ$ , then without loss of generality it will suffice to show  $A_1^\circ \subset (A_1 \cup A_2)^\circ$ . We have that  $A_1^\circ \subset A_1 \subset A_1 \cup A_2$ , which is open, then

$$(A_1 \cup A_2)^\circ \subset (A_1 \cup A_2)^\circ \cup A_1^\circ \subset A_1 \cup A_2$$

is open, and since  $(A_1 \cup A_2)^\circ$  is the largest open set contained in  $A_1 \cup A_2$ , it must be the case that

$$(A_1 \cup A_2)^\circ = (A_1 \cup A_2)^\circ \cup A_1^\circ$$

so that  $A_1^\circ \subset (A_1 \cup A_2)^\circ$ .

To show that equality need not hold, consider the usual (metric) topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ , with  $A_1 = [-1, 0]$ ,  $A_2 = [0, 1]$ , then

$$A_1^\circ \cup A_2^\circ = (-1, 0) \cup (0, 1) \subsetneq (-1, 1) = (A_1 \cup A_2)^\circ$$

**(b)** Once again, it will suffice to show that  $\overline{A_1} \supset \overline{A_1 \cap A_2}$ , then  $\overline{A_2} \supset \overline{A_1 \cap A_2} \implies \overline{A_1 \cap A_2} \supset \overline{A_1} \cap \overline{A_2}$  will follow by symmetry. Note that  $\overline{A_1} \supset A_1 \supset A_1 \cap A_2$  is closed, so that in particular

$$\overline{A_1 \cap A_2} \supset \overline{A_1} \cap \overline{A_1 \cap A_2} \supset A_1 \cap (A_1 \cap A_2) = A_1 \cap A_2$$

is closed, implying that since  $\overline{A_1 \cap A_2}$  is smallest closed set containing  $A_1 \cap A_2$ , we must have  $\overline{A_1 \cap A_2} = \overline{A_1} \cap \overline{A_1 \cap A_2}$  which, in particular, implies that  $\overline{A_1 \cap A_2} \subset \overline{A_1}$ .

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$$\overline{A_1} \cap \overline{A_2} = \{0\} \supsetneq \emptyset = \overline{A_1 \cap A_2}$$

**2.** An immediately equivalent condition to nowhere density is that the closure contains no (non-empty) open sets. Furthermore, notice that if  $A$  is nowhere dense, then so is  $\overline{A}$  which follows from  $\overline{\overline{A}} = \overline{A}$ .

With the above in mind, let  $U$  be open, then  $V = U \setminus \overline{A} = U \cap \overline{A}^c$  is nonempty by nowhere density of  $A$  (and hence  $\overline{A}$ ), and is furthermore the intersection of two open sets thus open. It follows that  $V \setminus \overline{B} = V \cap \overline{B}^c \neq \emptyset$  by nowhere density of  $B$ . This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} U \setminus \overline{A \cup B} &= U \cap (\overline{A \cup B})^c = (U \cap \overline{A}^c) \cap \overline{B}^c = V \cap \overline{B}^c \neq \emptyset \\ \implies U &\not\subset \overline{A \cup B} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $U$  was arbitrary, we can conclude that  $\overline{A \cup B}$  contains no non-empty open sets and is thus nowhere dense.

**3.**  $\emptyset, X \in \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{E})$  is immediate. Now let  $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A} \subset \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{E})$ , if each  $U_\alpha$  is empty, then we are done, otherwise if  $X = U_{\alpha'}$  for some  $\alpha'$  we have

$$\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} U_\alpha = X \quad \bigcup_{\alpha \in A \setminus \alpha'} U_\alpha = X \in \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{E})$$

Now we may assume without loss of generality that  $X \neq U_\alpha, \forall \alpha$ , and that  $U_\alpha \neq \emptyset, \forall \alpha$ , since this doesn't affect the union, then each of the sets in the union  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} U_\alpha$  are unions of finite intersections of sets in  $\mathcal{E}'$ , so we can rewrite

$$\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} U_\alpha = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} \bigcup_{\beta \in B_\alpha} U_{\alpha, \beta} = \bigcup_{(\alpha, \beta) \in S} U_{\alpha, \beta}$$

where  $U_\alpha = \bigcup_{\beta \in B_\alpha} U_{\alpha, \beta}$ , and each  $U_{\alpha, \beta} \in \mathcal{E}'$ . And where  $S$  is defined as  $\{(\alpha, \beta) | \alpha \in A, \beta \in B_\alpha\}$  which suffices to show that  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} U_\alpha \in \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{E})$  by definition of  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{E})$ .