

Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ . We will show  $\overline{A}$  is closed.

Let  $\mathbf{x}$  be a limit point of  $\overline{A}$ . We must show  $\mathbf{x} \in \overline{A}$ .

We have a sequence  $(\mathbf{x}_m)$  converging to  $\mathbf{x}$  with each  $\mathbf{x}_m$  in  $\overline{A}$ .

Fixing  $m$ , as  $\mathbf{x}_m$  is in the closure of  $A$ , there is a sequence  $(\mathbf{z}_{m,k})$  converging to  $\mathbf{x}_m$  as  $k$  goes to infinity.

The right thing to do is, for each  $m$ , to pick an integer  $k_m$  so that  $\|\mathbf{z}_{m,k_m} - \mathbf{x}_m\|$  is at most  $1/m$ .

Define  $\mathbf{y}_m$  to be  $\mathbf{z}_{m,k_m}$ . By definition, each  $\mathbf{y}_m$  is in  $A$ .

To see that  $(\mathbf{y}_m)$  converges to  $\mathbf{x}$ , let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Choose  $N$  so that for all  $m \geq N$ ,  $\|\mathbf{x}_m - \mathbf{x}\| < \epsilon/2$ .

Let  $M = \max\{N, 2/\epsilon\}$ . Note that for  $m \geq M$ ,  $1/m \leq 1/M \leq \epsilon/2$ . Thus, for all  $m \geq M$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{y}_m - \mathbf{x}\| &\leq \|\mathbf{y}_m - \mathbf{x}_m\| + \|\mathbf{x}_m - \mathbf{x}\| \\ &\leq \|\mathbf{z}_{m,k_m} - \mathbf{x}_m\| + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \epsilon.\end{aligned}$$

By the definition, this shows  $(\mathbf{y}_m)$  converges to  $\mathbf{x}$ . Thus,  $\mathbf{x}$  is a limit point of  $A$  and so  $\mathbf{x} \in \overline{A}$ , as required.