

*9. Let A be the set of all points of \mathbb{R}_ℓ^2 of the form $x \times (-x)$, for x rational; let B be the set of all points of this form for x irrational. If V is an open set of \mathbb{R}_ℓ^2 containing B , show there exists no open set U containing A that is disjoint from V , as follows:

- Let K_n consist of all irrational numbers x in $[0, 1]$ such that $[x, x + 1/n) \times [-x, -x + 1/n)$ is contained in V . Show $[0, 1]$ is the union of the sets K_n and countably many one-point sets.
- Use Exercise 5 of §27 to show that some set \bar{K}_n contains an open interval (a, b) of \mathbb{R} .
- Show that V contains the open parallelogram consisting of all points of the form $x \times (-x + \epsilon)$ for which $a < x < b$ and $0 < \epsilon < 1/n$.
- Conclude that if q is a rational number with $a < q < b$, then the point $q \times (-q)$ of \mathbb{R}_ℓ^2 is a limit point of V .

$A = \{(x, -x) \mid x \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ V open in \mathbb{R}_ℓ^2
 $B = \{(x, -x) \mid x \in \mathbb{I}\}$ $B \subset V$
 $\exists U$ open in \mathbb{R}_ℓ^2 s.t. $A \subset U$ and U disjoint from V .

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$K_n = \{x \in \mathbb{I} \mid x \in [0, 1], [x, x + \frac{1}{n}) \times [-x, -x + \frac{1}{n}) \subset V\}$
 Show $[0, 1] = \bigcup_n K_n \cup \{\text{countably many points}\}$

$\sqrt{2}, \dots, \sqrt{2} + 1$
 $-\sqrt{2} + 1, \dots, -\sqrt{2}$

