## Discretionary Note

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### MATH 255 PSET 4

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1.

- a) We prove that X with this distance function d is a metric space by showing that d obeys all the required properties:
  - 1.  $\forall x, y \in X$ , if  $x \neq y, d(x, y) = 1 > 0$
  - 2.  $\forall x \in X, d(x, x) = 0^1$ .
  - 3. We show that  $\forall x, y \in X, d(x, y) = d(y, x)$  with casework:
    - a) Case One: x = yThen  $d(x, y) = 0 = d(y, x) \implies d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ .
    - b) Case Two:  $x \neq y$ Then d(x,y) = 1 and  $d(y,x) = 1 \implies d(x,y) = 1 = d(y,x) \implies d(x,y) = d(y,x)$
  - 4. Given  $x, y, r \in X$ , we show  $d(x, y) \leq d(x, r) + d(r, y)$  with casework:
    - (a) Case One: x = yIf x = y, then d(x, y) = 0. Because d(x, r) and d(r, y) are strictly  $\geq 0$ , then  $d(x, r) + d(r, y) \geq 0$  and so  $d(x, r) + d(r, y) \geq d(x, y) \implies d(x, y) \leq d(x, r) + d(r, y)$ .
    - (b) Case Two:  $x \neq y$ If  $x \neq y$ , then d(x, y) = 1. Consider the following two (sub)cases: (i) r = xand (ii)  $r \neq x$ . In case (i), d(x, r) = 0 and because  $r = x \implies r \neq y \implies$  d(r, y) = 1. So  $d(x, r) + d(r, y) = 1 \implies d(x, y) = 1 \leq d(x, r) + d(r, y) \implies$  $d(x, y) \leq d(x, r) + d(r, y)$ .

In case (ii), d(x,r) = 1 and we know by properties (1) and (2) that  $d(r,y) \ge 0$ . Thus,  $d(x,r) + d(r,y) \ge 1 \implies d(x,r) + d(r,y) \ge d(x,y) \implies d(x,y) \le d(x,r) + d(r,y)$ .

- b) We consider values of  $\epsilon$  below:
  - 1.  $\epsilon = 0.5$ For  $\epsilon = 0.5$ ,  $N_{\epsilon}(x) = \{y \in X : d(x,y) < 0.5\}$ . Because  $\forall x, y \in X, d(x,y) < 0.5 \iff d(x,y) = 0 \iff x = y, N_{\epsilon}(x) = \{x\}$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This is given by the d(x,y) = 0 if x = y piecewise case of d.

- 2.  $\epsilon = 1$ For  $\epsilon = 1$ ,  $N_{\epsilon}(x) = \{y \in X : d(x,y) < 1\}$ .  $\forall x, y \in X, d(x,y) < 1 \iff d(x,y) = 0 \iff x = y \implies N_{\epsilon}(x) = \{x\}$ .
- 3.  $\epsilon = 2$ For  $\epsilon = 2$ ,  $N_{\epsilon}(x) = \{y \in X : d(x,y) < 2\}$ . Note that  $\forall x, y \in X, d(x,y) \leq 1 \implies \forall x, y \in X, d(x,y) < 2 \implies N_{\epsilon}(x) = X$ .
- c) Open subsets of X: A subset  $E \subset X$  is open if all points in E are interior points of E. This means that  $\forall x \in E, \exists \ \epsilon > 0 \text{ s.t. } N_{\epsilon}(x) \subset E$ . As shown in part (b), for  $\epsilon = 1 > 0, \ \forall x \in X, N_{\epsilon}(x) = \{x\} \subset E \implies \forall x \in E, \exists \ \epsilon > 0 \text{ s.t. } N_{\epsilon}(x) \subset E \implies \forall x \in E, x \text{ is an interior point of } E \implies \forall E \subset X, E \text{ is open } \implies \text{ any subset of } X \text{ is open.}$

Closed subsets of X: A subset  $E \subset X$  is closed if E contains its limit points. A limit point p is one where every neighborhood contains some  $q \in X$  where  $q \neq p$ . Note this is for every neighborhood (i.e.  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ ) - as shown in part (b),  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  such as 0.5 or 1 where  $N_{\epsilon}(p)$  contains no points other than p. Thus, no limit points exist for  $X \implies$  any subset of X is vacuously closed as it has no limit points to contain.

2.

A particular set  $S \subset \mathbb{R}$  with exactly three limit points can be given by:

$$S = \{\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{3 - \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{5 - \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

The bounds of S are 0 and 5 for the lower and upper bound, respectively. The limit points of S are given by 0, 3, 5.

3.

1. To prove that  $E^{\circ}$  is open, we prove  $(E^{\circ})^c$  is closed, meaning that it contains all its limit points.

Let us define x as a limit point of  $(E^{\circ})^c$ . We WTS  $x \in (E^{\circ})^c$ . Because x is a limit point of  $(E^{\circ})^c \implies \forall \epsilon > 0, N_{\epsilon}(x)$  contains some  $q \neq x$  s.t.  $q \in (E^{\circ})^c$ . Note that because  $q \notin E^{\circ} \implies q$  is not an interior point of  $E \implies$  all neighborhoods of q will contain some element not in E. Thus, defining h as any value  $\leq \epsilon - d(q, x), N_h(q)$  contains some element  $\notin E$ . Because  $N_h(q) \subset N_{\epsilon}(x) \implies N_{\epsilon}(x)$  contains some element not in  $E \implies \nexists \epsilon > 0$  s.t.  $N_{\epsilon}(x) \subset E \implies x$  is not an interior point of  $E \implies x \notin E^{\circ} \implies x \in (E^{\circ})^c$ . Thus,  $(E^{\circ})^c$  contains all its limit points  $\implies (E^{\circ})^c$  is closed  $\implies E^{\circ}$  is open.

- 2. We prove both directions of this statement below:
  - 1. If  $E^{\circ} = E \implies E$  is open E is open if all points of E are interior points. If  $E = E^{\circ} \implies \forall x \in E, x \in E^{\circ} \implies \forall x \in E, x \in E$  is open.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>We have shown  $N_h(q) \subset N_{\epsilon}(x)$  in our proof that neighborhoods are open.

2. If E is open  $\implies E^{\circ} = E$ 

If E is open, that means  $\forall x \in E$ , x is an interior point of E. The set  $E^{\circ}$  contains all interior points of E. Because,  $\forall x \in E, x$  is an interior point  $\Longrightarrow \forall x \in E, x \in E^{\circ} \Longrightarrow E \subset E^{\circ}$ . Furthermore, because  $E^{\circ}$  only contains points in E (by definition of an interior point) we know that  $E^{\circ} \subset E$ .  $E \subset E^{\circ}$  and  $E^{\circ} \subset E \Longrightarrow E^{\circ} = E$ .

- 3. Because G is open,  $\forall x \in G$ , x is an interior point of  $G \Longrightarrow \forall x \in G, \exists \ \epsilon > 0$  such that  $N_{\epsilon}(x) \subset G \subset E \Longrightarrow \forall x \in G, \exists \ \epsilon > 0$  such that  $N_{\epsilon}(x) \subset E \Longrightarrow \forall x \in G, x$  is an interior point of  $E \Longrightarrow \forall x \in G, x \in E^{\circ} \Longrightarrow G \subset E^{\circ}$ .
- 4. In this question, we are asked to prove  $(E^{\circ})^c = \bar{E}^c$ . To do so, we prove both directions of this statement.
  - (i) Case One:  $(E^{\circ})^c \subset \bar{E}^c$

Pick  $x \in (E^{\circ})^c$ . There are two cases for x, that (a)  $x \in E^c$  or that (b) x in E. We consider both cases below:

- (a)  $x \in E^c$ If  $x \in E^c \implies x \in \bar{E}^c$ .
- (b)  $x \in E$

Because  $x \in (E^{\circ})^c \implies x$  is not an interior point of  $E \implies \not\equiv \epsilon > 0$  s.t.  $N_{\epsilon}(x) \subset E \implies \forall \epsilon > 0, N_{\epsilon}(x) \not\subset E \implies \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \ q \in N_{\epsilon}(x)$  s.t.  $q \notin E$  or expressed differently,  $q \in E^c$ . Note that because  $x \in E$ , we can be guaranteed that  $q \neq x$ . Thus, this statement can be written as  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \ q \in N_{\epsilon}(x)$  s.t.  $q \neq x$  and  $q \in E^c \implies x$  is a limit point of  $E^c \implies x \in \bar{E}^c$ .

Thus, in both cases,  $x \in \bar{E}^c$ . Thus, we have shown  $\forall x \in (E^\circ)^c, x \in \bar{E}^c \implies (E^\circ)^c \subset \bar{E}^c$ .

(ii) Case Two:  $\bar{E}^c \subset (E^\circ)^c$ 

Pick  $x \in \bar{E}^c$ . At least one of the two cases is true: (a)  $x \in E^c$  and (b) x is a limit point of  $E^c$ . We consider both cases below:

- (a)  $x \in E^c$ If  $x \in E^c \implies x \notin E$ . Because  $E^\circ \subset E$ ,  $x \notin E \implies x \notin E^\circ \implies x \in (E^\circ)^c$ .
- (b) x is a limit point of  $E^c$ If x is a limit point of  $E^c \implies \forall \epsilon > 0, N_{\epsilon}(x)$  contains some  $p \in E^c$  (or  $p \notin E$ ) s.t.  $p \neq x \implies \nexists \epsilon > 0$  s.t.  $N_{\epsilon}(x) \subset E \implies x$  is not an interior point of  $E \implies x \notin E^{\circ} \implies x \in (E^{\circ})^c$ .

Thus, in both cases,  $x \in (E^{\circ})^c$ . Thus, we have shown  $\forall x \in \bar{E}^c, x \in (E^{\circ})^c \implies \bar{E}^c \subset (E^{\circ})^c$ 

5. Let us define  $E = (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$  on the standard metric space  $\mathbb{R}$ . The closure of E is given by  $\bar{E} = (-\infty, \infty) = \mathbb{R}$ . Because  $\mathbb{R}$  is open  $\Longrightarrow$  every point of  $\mathbb{R}$  is an interior point of  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\bar{E}^{\circ} = \mathbb{R}^{\circ} = \mathbb{R}$ .

We now look at the interior of E. All points in  $(-\infty,0)$  and  $(0,\infty)$  are interior points. However, 0 is not an interior point of E as it is not in E. Thus,  $E^{\circ} = E = (-\infty,0) \cup (0,\infty) \neq \bar{E}^{\circ} \implies E$  and  $\bar{E}$  do not always have the same interiors.

6. We inspect the set  $E = \{\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  defined on the standard metric space  $\mathbb{R}$ . E has no interior points  $(\forall x \in E, \nexists \ \epsilon > 0 \text{ s.t. } N_{\epsilon}(x) \subset E)$  and so  $E^{\circ} = \emptyset$ . The emptyset trivially has no limit points and so the closure of  $E^{\circ}$  is just  $\bar{E}^{\circ} = \bar{\emptyset} = \emptyset \cup \emptyset = \emptyset$ . We now consider the closure of E,  $\bar{E}$ . The only limit point of E is zero, and so  $\bar{E} = E \cup \{0\}$ . Because  $\bar{E} \neq \bar{E}^{\circ} \implies E$  and  $E^{\circ}$  do not always have the same closures.