

# 1. Prove that the empty set is a subset of every set.

Let  $A$  be a set. We are going to use proof by contradiction. So, assume that  $\emptyset \notin A$ .

That means there exist  ~~$x \in A$~~ ,  $x \in \emptyset$  such that  $x \notin A$ . This is contradiction because  $\emptyset$  is empty. Therefore,  ~~$A$  is empty~~,  $\emptyset$  is a subset of  $A$ .

2. A complex number  $z$  is said to be *algebraic* if there are integers  $a_0, \dots, a_n$ , not all zero, such that

$$a_0 z^n + a_1 z^{n-1} + \cdots + a_{n-1} z + a_n = 0.$$

Prove that the set of all algebraic numbers is countable. *Hint:* For every positive integer  $N$  there are only finitely many equations with

$$n + |a_0| + |a_1| + \cdots + |a_n| = N.$$

Let,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $z$  is called algebraic if  
 $\exists a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{Z}$  with not all zero such that  
 $a_0 z^n + a_1 z^{n-1} + \cdots + a_n z + a_n = 0$

Hint:  $\forall N \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  there exist only finitely many equations with  
 $n + |a_0| + |a_1| + \cdots + |a_n| = N$   $\quad (*)$

NTS: All algebraic numbers are countable.

Let  $A$  be the set of all algebraic numbers.  
First we define,

$P_N := \left\{ a_0 z^n + \cdots + a_n \mid |n| + |a_0| + \cdots + |a_n| = N \right\}$

Note that  $N$  is always positive integer ( $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ )

Now define  $\tilde{P}_N := \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \exists f(z) \in P_N \text{ s.t. } f(z) = 0 \right\}$

- We know that n-degree polynomial have at most n-roots

Then  $|\tilde{P}_N| < \infty$

Now observe that  $A = \bigcup_{N=1}^{\infty} \tilde{P}_N$

By thm 2.12. we get A is countable.

Now we are going to prove that n-degree polynomial have at most n-roots.

$$\text{Let } f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k z^k$$

We are going to use mathematical induction.  
When  $n=0$ , It is trivial.

Assume that  $n-1$  degree polynomials have at most  $n-1$  roots

- We know that n-degree polynomial have at most n-roots

Then  $|\tilde{P}_N| < \infty$

Now observe that  $A = \bigcup_{N=1}^{\infty} \tilde{P}_N$

By thm 2.12. we get A is countable.

### 3. Prove that there exist real numbers which are not algebraic.

Assume the contrary that all real numbers are algebraic. In part 1 we proved that all algebraic numbers are countable. Therefore, it contradicts the fact that  $\mathbb{R}$  are not countable. Therefore, our assumption is false.

Hence there are some real numbers that are not algebraic.

#### 4. Is the set of all irrational real numbers countable?

④ No.

Set of irrational numbers are

Assume set of rational numbers are countable, we know that rational numbers are countable. Then  $\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{Q} \cup (\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q})$  are countable. This is a contradiction.

Therefore  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  are uncountable.

5. Construct a bounded set of real numbers with exactly three limit points.

$$A = \left\{ \frac{1}{n}, 2 + \frac{1}{n}, 4 + \frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

claim:  $A' = \{0, 2, 4\}$

Let  $N_r(0)$  be an nbd around 0.

By archimedean property, we can find  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{1}{n} < r$ . Then if  $\frac{1}{n} \in N_r(0)$ . Therefore 0 is a limit point. ( $\frac{1}{n} \in A$ )

Now we are going to show that  
Let  $N_r(2)$  be an neighbourhood around 2.

By archimedean property, we can find  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$2 + \frac{1}{m} < (r+2) \quad (2 + \frac{1}{m} \in A)$$

Further,  $2 \neq 2 + \frac{1}{m} \in N_r(2)$  and  $2 + \frac{1}{m} \in A$

We can apply the same way to show that 4 is also an limit point.

Now, We are gonna to show that there do not exist any other limit point. Let  $x \in A \setminus \{0, 2, 4\}$   
(Our choice is based on the all limit points are in the A)  
All the elements in the A in the form

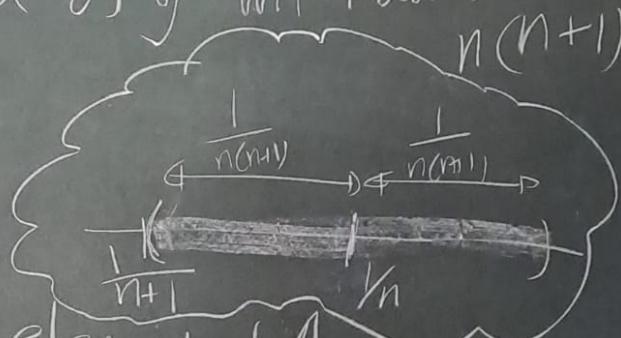
Either  $\frac{1}{n}$  or  $2 + \frac{1}{n}$  or  $4 + \frac{1}{n}$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

First consider  $\frac{1}{n}$  form.

Let  $y \in A$  such that  $y = \frac{1}{n}$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Now consider Neighbourhood of  $y$  w/ radius  $\frac{1}{n(n+1)}$

$$N_{\frac{1}{n(n+1)}}(y)$$

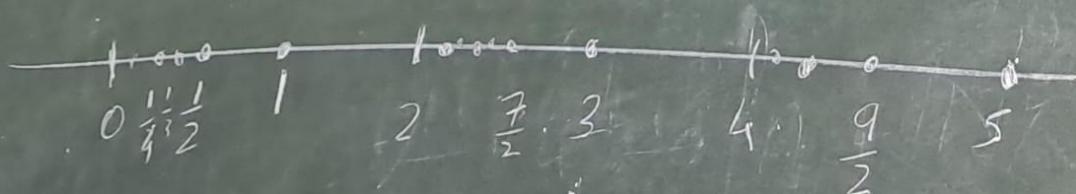


It does not contain any element of  $A$

$(k \in A \Rightarrow k \notin N_{\frac{1}{n(n+1)}}(y))$ . Thus  $y = \frac{1}{n} \notin A$

Similarly, using the other form also, we can get same result. Therefore, there is no any other limit points other than 0, 2, 4.

Finally, we have to show that,  
 $A$  is bounded.



Let  $\ell \in A$ . Then  $\ell = p + \frac{1}{n}$ ,  $p = 0, 2, 4$   
 for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$d(3, \ell) = \left| 3 - \left(p + \frac{1}{n}\right) \right| \leq |3-p| + \left| \frac{1}{n} \right| \quad (\text{Since } p \text{ either } 0, 2, 4)$$

Therefore  $A$  is bdd.

6. Let  $E'$  be the set of all limit points of a set  $E$ . Prove that  $E'$  is closed. Prove that  $E$  and  $E'$  have the same limit points. (Recall that  $\bar{E} = E \cup E'$ .) Do  $E$  and  $E'$  always have the same limit points?

Let  $p$  be a limit point of  $E'$  ( $p \in (E')'$ )

$$\forall r > 0 \exists q_0 \in E' \text{ such that } d(p, q_0) < \frac{r}{2}$$

Since  $q_0 \in E'$ ,

$$\forall r > 0 \exists q_1 \in E \text{ such that } d(q_0, q_1) < \frac{r}{2}$$

Then,

$$\forall r > 0 \exists q_1 \in E \text{ such that,}$$

$$d(p, q_1) \leq d(p, q_0) + d(q_0, q_1) < \frac{r}{2} + \frac{r}{2} = r$$

Thus,  $p \in E'$ . Thus,  $(E')' \subseteq E'$

Therefore  $E'$  is closed. (by defn)

Let  $X$  be an metric space and  $A, B \subseteq X$

If  $A \subseteq B$  then  $A' \subseteq B'$

Proof: Let  $a \in A$ .  $\forall r > 0 \exists b \in A \setminus \{p\}$  such that  $d(a, b) < r$ .

Since  $A \subseteq B$  then

$\forall r > 0 \exists b \in B \setminus \{p\}$  such that  $d(a, b) < r$ .

Thus,  $b \in B'$ . Hence  $A' \subseteq B'$ .

Therefore,  $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow A' \subseteq B'$ .

NTS:  $(\bar{E})' = E'$

Claim 1:  $E' \subseteq (\bar{E})'$

Let  $p \in E'$ , then  $p \in E \subseteq \bar{E}$ . Thus,  $p \in (\bar{E})'$

Hence  $E' \subseteq (\bar{E})'$ .

Claim 2:  $(\bar{E})' \subseteq E'$

Let  $p \in (\bar{E})'$ . Let  $\forall r > 0$ . Then  $\exists q \in \bar{E}$   
 $p \neq q$  such that  $q \in N_r(p)$ . Since  $q \in \bar{E} = E \cup E'$   
 $q \in E$  or  $q \in E'$

If  $q \in E$ , then since  $r$  is arbitrary, we can

write this as,  $\forall r > 0 \exists q \in E$  such that  $p \neq q$  and  
 $q \in N_r(p)$

If  $q \in E'$ , Now choose

$$\varepsilon = \min - \{ r - d(p, q), d(p, q) \} > 0$$

Since  $q \in E'$  Then there exist  $s \in E$  such that,

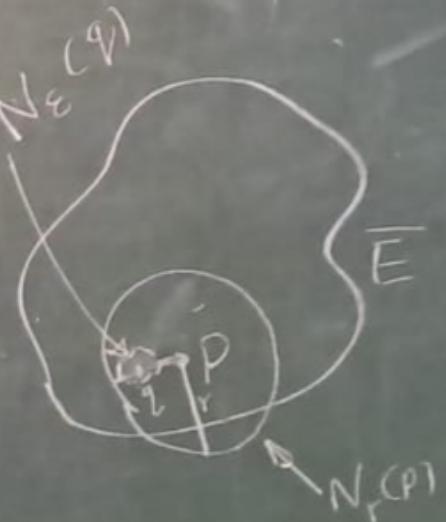
$$s \in N_\varepsilon(q) \text{ and } s \neq q$$

It is very clear that  $N_\varepsilon(q) \subseteq N_r(p)$ .

Note that  $s \neq p$ . (by choice of  $\varepsilon$ )

Therefore,  $\forall r > 0 \exists s \in E$  st.  $p \neq s$  such that  $s \in N_r(p)$ . Thus  $p \in E'$ . Hence,  $(\bar{E})' \subseteq E'$

Therefore,  $(\bar{E})' = E'$



7. Let  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots$  be subsets of a metric space.

(a) If  $B_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$ , prove that  $\bar{B}_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \bar{A}_i$ , for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ .

(b) If  $B = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$ , prove that  $\bar{B} \supset \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \bar{A}_i$ .

Show, by an example, that this inclusion can be proper.

Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  be subsets of a metric space. Suppose that  $B_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$ . Then  $\bar{B}_n = \overline{\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i}$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

$A_j \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i \subseteq \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i \right) = \bar{B}_n$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

By thm 2.27, we get (a), (c),  $\bar{A}_j \subseteq \bar{B}_n$ , for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .  $\star$

Further,  $A_j \subseteq \bar{A}_j \subseteq \bar{B}_n$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Then  $\bigcup_{j=1}^n A_j \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n \bar{A}_i$ .

Since  $\bar{A}_j$  are closed, by thm 2.24 (d),  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n \bar{A}_i$  is closed. But we know that closure closure is the smallest closed that contains  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$ .

$\left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i \right) \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n \bar{A}_i$ .  $\star$

Therefore by  $\oplus$  and  $\star\star$ ,

$$\overline{B_n} = \left( \bigcup_{j=1}^n A_j \right) = \bigcup \overline{A_j}$$