

- 1.25 Prove that, in a topological space X , if U is open and C is closed, then $U - C$ is open and $C - U$ is closed.

Proof. Let X be a topological space with U being open and C being closed.

Notice, $U - C$ can be rewritten to $U \cap C^c$. By definition of closed set we have that the complement is open. Thus, as U is open and finite intersections of open sets are open we must have that $U - C$ is open.

Notice, $C - U$ can be rewritten to $C \cap U^c$. By definition of open set we have that the complement is open. Thus, as C is closed and arbitrary unions of closed sets are closed we must have that $C - U$ is closed. \square

- 1.26 Prove that closed balls are closed sets in the standard topology on \mathbb{R}^2 .

Proof. If the closed ball $\mathcal{B}(x, \epsilon)$ is equal to X , then \mathcal{B} must be closed as the complement is the empty set which by definition must be open. Thus, \mathcal{B} must be closed.

Suppose that the closed ball \mathcal{B} is not equal to X and hence not the empty set. Then there must exist an element $y \in \mathcal{B}^c$. Let the $d(x, y) = h > \epsilon$.

WTS: $\mathcal{B}'(y, h - \epsilon) \subset \mathcal{B}^c$

Suppose by way of contradiction, the open ball $\mathcal{B}'(y, h - \epsilon) \not\subset \mathcal{B}^c$. Then, there exists a $z \in \mathcal{B}'$ such that $z \in \mathcal{B}$.

Notice, $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$. Which gives us $d(x, z) \leq \epsilon$, $d(z, y) < h - \epsilon \Rightarrow r + d(z, y) < h - \epsilon + \epsilon < h$, and $d(x, z) + d(z, y) < h$.

Then by transitivity, we have that $d(x, y) < h$. But this is a contradiction as $d(x, y) = h$. Thus, we have that $z \notin \mathcal{B}'$ which then gives us $z \in \mathcal{B}^c$. Hence, $\mathcal{B}' \subset \mathcal{B}^c$. And so, z is an interior point of \mathcal{B}^c and implies that \mathcal{B}^c must be open.

Therefore, by definition of closed we must have that \mathcal{B} is closed. \square

- 1.27 The infinite comb C is the subset of the plane illustrated in Figure 1.17 and defined by

$$C = \{(x, 0) | 0 \leq x \leq 1\} \cup \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{2^n}, y \right) | n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \text{ and } 0 \leq y \leq 1 \right\}$$

- (a) Prove that C is not closed in the standard topology on \mathbb{R}^2 . *WTS:* $\mathbb{R}^2 - C$ is not open

Consider the point $p = (0, 1/2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 - C$ and ball centered at point p with radius $\epsilon > 0$. We can find some $\frac{1}{2^n} < \epsilon$. Hence, the point $(\frac{1}{2^n}, \frac{1}{2})$ has distance to p less than ϵ . Thus, we have 0 as a limit point of C , but $(0, \frac{1}{2}) \notin C$. Hence, C is not closed in the standard topology on \mathbb{R}^2 . (b) Prove that C is closed in the vertical interval topology on \mathbb{R}^2 .

RECALL: Vertical Interval Topology is generated by $\{\{a\} \times (b, c) \subset \mathbb{R}^2 | a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\}$

WTS: $\mathbb{R}^2 - C$ is open

- 1.33 Prove theorem 1.17: Let X be a topological space.

Proof. (a) Prove that \emptyset and X are closed sets.

Notice, $\emptyset, X \subseteq X$ and $X - \emptyset = X$. Thus, as \emptyset is open, X is closed. Similarly, $\emptyset - X = \emptyset$. Thus, \emptyset and X are closed sets.

(b) Prove that the intersection of any collection of closed sets in X is a closed set

Let $\cap_{i \in I} U_i$ be the intersection of a indexed collection of closed sets of X . Taking the complement, we have $\cap_{i \in I} X - U_i$. Since, each U_i is closed for each $i \in I$, we have $X - U_i$ is open for each $i \in I$. Thus, we have a intersection of arbitrary open sets which is open. Therefore, $\cap_{i \in I} U_i$ is closed. The intersection of any collection of closed such that in X is a closed set.

(c) Prove that the union of finitely many closed sets in X is a closed set.

Let $\cup_{i=1}^n U_i$ be a union of a finite number of closed sets in X . Taking the complement, we have $\cap_{i=1}^n X - U_i$. Since, each U_i is closed, we must have $X - U_i$ is open. Therefore, the complement is a finite union of open sets, which is open. Thus, $\cup_{i=1}^n U_i$ is closed. Thus, the union of finitely many closed sets in X is a closed set.

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1.35 Show that \mathbb{R} in the lower limit topology is Hausdorff.

Proof. Suppose a, b are distinct point in the lower limit topology. Assume without loss of generality, $a < b$. Notice, $[a, b)$ and $[b, b + 1)$ are disjoint open neighborhoods of a and b . Therefore, \mathbb{R} is Hausdorff in the lower limit topology.

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1.36 Show that \mathbb{R} in the finite complement topology is not Hausdorff.

Proof. By way of contradiction, suppose U, V are disjoint open sets. Then, $V \subset (\mathbb{R} - U)$. Notice, $\mathbb{R} - U$ is a finite set and so V is finite. But $\mathbb{R} - V$ is infinite, which is a contradiction to V is open.

Therefore, \mathbb{R} in the finite complement topology is not Hausdorff.

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2.02 Prove theorem 2.2: Let X be a topological space and A and B be subsets of X .

(a) If C is a closed set in X and $A \subset C$, then $\text{Cl}(A) \subset C$

Let C be a closed set in X and $A \subset C$. Notice the $\text{Cl}(A)$ is the finite intersection of closed sets. Thus, $\text{Cl}(A) \subset C$ as C is either the smallest closed set in the intersection or larger than the $\text{Cl}(A)$.

(b) If $A \subset B$ then $\text{Cl}(A) \subset \text{Cl}(B)$

Let $A \subset B$. Notice, that the $\text{Cl}(A)$ and $\text{Cl}(B)$ are the smallest closed sets containing A and B respectively. Since, A is contained in $\text{Cl}(B)$ we must have that $\text{Cl}(A) \subset \text{Cl}(B)$

(c) A is closed if and only if $A = Cl(A)$

Assume A is closed. Then, A is in the intersection of all closed sets and $Cl(A)$ is the smallest closed set containing A . Thus, the intersection will be equal to A . Therefore $A = Cl(A)$

Suppose $A = Cl(A)$. Notice, $Cl(A)$ is closed as the finite intersection of closed sets is closed.

Therefore, A is closed.

2.07- Let $B = \left\{ \frac{a}{2^n} \in \mathbb{R} \mid a \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \right\}$. Show that B is dense in \mathbb{R}

Proof. Let $\epsilon > 0$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, and $a_1, a_2 \in B$ such that $a_1 < x < a_2$. Define $a_1 := \frac{m-1}{2^n}$ and $a_2 := \frac{m+1}{2^n}$. Notice, $\frac{m-1}{2^n} < x < \frac{m+1}{2^n}$ implies $\frac{-1}{2^n} < x - \frac{m}{2^n} < \frac{1}{2^n}$. We can then manipulate this further for $|x - \frac{m}{2^n}| < \frac{1}{2^n} < \epsilon$. Thus, we have $Cl(B) = \mathbb{R}$. Therefore, B is dense in \mathbb{R} . \square

2.10 Prove Theorem 2.5: Let X be a topological space, A be a subset of X , and y be an element of X . Then $y \in Cl(A)$ if and only if every open set containing y intersects A .

Proof. Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be a topological space, $A \subset X$ and $y \in X$.

(\Rightarrow) *WTS: If $y \in Cl(A)$ then $\forall U \in \mathcal{T}$ such that $y \in U$ we will have the following $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$*

By way of contradiction, suppose $y \notin Cl(A)$. Then there exists a closed set C such that $y \notin C$. Thus, $X - C$ is open and $y \in X - C \subset X - A$. Notice, $(X - C) \cap A = \emptyset$. This is a contradiction as $X - C$ is an open set containing y , yet $(X - C) \cap A = \emptyset$. Therefore, if $y \in Cl(A)$ then every open set containing y intersects A .

(\Leftarrow) *WTS: If $\forall U \in \mathcal{T}$ such that $y \in U$ and $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ then $y \in Cl(A)$*

Let U be open and $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$. By theorem 2.4, We have that $U \in Int(A)$. Recall, by definition $Int(A) \subset A \subset Cl(A)$. Since, $y \in U \in Int(A)$ it follows that $y \in Cl(A)$

Therefore $\forall U \in \mathcal{T}$ such that $y \in U$ and $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ then $y \in Cl(A)$ \square

2.11 Prove Theorem 2.6: For sets A and B in a topological space X , the following hold:

(a) $Cl(X - A) = X - Int(A)$

If we take the complement of both sides we have the following:

$$X - Cl(X - A) = Int(A)$$

Notice, a point $x \notin Int(A) \Leftrightarrow \forall U \in \mathcal{T}$ such that $x \in U$, $U \not\subset A$ and $U \cap (X - A) \neq \emptyset \Leftrightarrow x \in Cl(X - A)$.

Thus, $x \in Int(A) \Leftrightarrow x \in X - Cl(X - A)$.

Therefore, $Cl(X - A) = X - Int(A)$

(b) $\text{Int}(A) \cap \text{Int}(B) = \text{Int}(A \cap B)$

Let $n \in \text{Int}(A) \cap \text{Int}(B)$. Then $n \in \text{Int}(A)$ and $n \in \text{Int}(B)$. Which gives us that A is a neighborhood of n and B is a neighborhood of n . Thus, $A \cap B$ is a neighborhood of n . Hence, $n \in \text{Int}(A \cap B)$.

Therefore, $\text{Int}(A) \cap \text{Int}(B) \subset \text{Int}(A \cap B)$

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Therefore, $\text{Int}(A \cap B) \subset \text{Int}(A) \cap \text{Int}(B)$,

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2.13 Determine the set of limit points of A in each case.

(a) $A = (0, 1]$ in the lower limit topology on \mathbb{R} .

$A' = [0, 1)$

(b) $A = \{a\}$ in $X = \{a, b, c\}$ with topology $\{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$

$A' = \{b, c\}$

(c) $A = \{a, c\}$ in $X = \{a, b, c\}$ with topology $\{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$

$A' = \{b, c\}$

(d) $A = \{b\}$ in $X = \{a, b, c\}$ with topology $\{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$

$A' = \{a, c\}$

(e) $A = (-1, 1) \cup \{2\}$ in the standard topology on \mathbb{R}

$A' = [-1, 2]$

(f) $A = (-1, 1) \cup \{2\}$ in the lower limit topology on \mathbb{R} $A' = [-1, 2)$

(g) $A = \{(x, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ in \mathbb{R}^2 with the standard topology.

$A' = \mathbb{R}$

(h) $A = \{(0, x) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ in \mathbb{R}^2 with the topology generated by the basis in Exercise 1.19

(i) $A = \{(x, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ in \mathbb{R}^2 with the topology generated by the basis Exercise 1, 19

$A' = \mathbb{R}$

2.20 Prove Theorem 2.11 : Let A be a subset of \mathbb{R}^n in the standard topology. If x is a limit point of A , then there is a sequence of points in A that converges to x .

Proof. **WTS:** $x \in A' \Rightarrow \exists(x_n)$

Let $x \in A$ be a limit point and let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$. Then, for each $x_n \in B(x, \frac{1}{n}) \cap A - x$. Notice, $x_n \neq x$ and $x_n \in A$. Since, $d(x_n, x) \leq \frac{1}{n}$, we have x_n converges to x .

Therefore, If x is a limit point of A , then there is a sequence of points in A that converges to x . \square

2.21 Determine the set of limit points of the set

$$S = \left\{ \left(x, \sin \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) \right) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid 0 < x \leq 1 \right\}$$

as a subset of \mathbb{R}^2 in the standard topology. (The closure of S in the plane is known as the topologist's sine curve.)

Proof. Let $y \in [-1, 1]$ and $p = (0, y)$. Notice, for every neighborhood of radius r , $B(p, r) - \{p\}$ contain points in S . Let $n \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\frac{1}{2\pi n} < r$. Then, $\sin(\frac{1}{x})$ maps to all values of $[-1, 1]$, for some $x \in (\frac{1}{2\pi(n+1)}, \frac{1}{2\pi n})$.

Thus, every point in S is a limit point

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