

(X, d) a metric space, $A \subset X$

$x \in A \subset X$ is an interior point of A if $\exists r > 0$ s.t. $B_r(x) \subset A$.

$x \in A \subset X$ is an exterior point of A if $\exists r > 0$ s.t. $B_r(x) \subset A^c$

$x \in A \subset X$ is a boundary point of A if every ball $B_r(x)$ contains points of A and A^c

Prop. $X = \text{int}A \cup \partial A \cup \text{ext}A$ (pairwise disjoint)

$\text{Ext } A = \text{int}A^c$, $\text{int}A = \text{ext}(A^c)$

$\text{int}A \subset A$, $\text{ext}A \subset A^c$

TODO: Diagram.

Definition 0.1 $x \in X$ is a limit point of A if every ball $B_r(x)$ contains points of A other than x . x may or may not be an element of A .

E.g. $(0, 1]$

0 is a limit point, 1 is a limit point. $0 \notin A$, $1 \in A$

$x \in A$ is an isolated point of A if $\exists r > 0$ s.t. $B_r(x) \cap A = \{x\}$

Closure of A $\bar{A} = A \cup \{\text{limit points of } A\}$

Proposition 0.2 1. A limit point of A need not be an element of A

2. If x is a limit point of A then every open ball $B_r(x)$ contains infinitely many points of A .

3. $A \subset \bar{A}$

4. Every point of \bar{A} is either a limit point of A or an isolated point of A , but not both.

5. $x \in \bar{A}$ iff every ball $B_r(x)$ contains a point of A .

Proof: 2) If finitely many points, just draw a ball of smaller distance - x isolated point, not limit point by contradiction. ■

Let $A = [0, 1] \cup 3 \subset \mathbb{R}$

$\text{int}A = (0, 1)$ $\partial A = \{0, 1, 3\}$

3 is an isolated point

Limit points of $A = [0, 1]$

Let $A = [0, 1] \cup 3 \subset [0, 2] \cup \{3\}$

$\text{int}A = [0, 1)$

Theorem 0.3 $\bar{A} = (\text{ext}A)^c$

$\bar{A} = \text{int}A \cup \partial A$

$\bar{A} = A \cup \partial A$

Proof: 1) $x \in \bar{A}$ iff every ball $B_r(x)$ contains at least one element of A .

2) We have $X = \text{int}A \cup \partial A \cup \text{ext}A$, but these are pairwise disjoint. It follows that $\bar{A} = \text{int}A \cup \partial A$

3) Let $x \in A \cup \partial A$

$$x \in \partial A \implies x \in \text{int}A \cup \partial A = \bar{A}$$

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0.0.1 Special case $A = B_r(x) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\text{int}A = A$$

$$\text{ext}A = \{y : d(y, x) > r\}$$

$$\partial A = \{y : d(y, x) = r\}$$

$$\bar{A} = \{y : d(y, x) \leq r\}$$

0.0.2 General case

$$\text{int}A = A$$

$$\text{ext}A \supset \{y : d(y, x) > r\}$$

$$\partial A \subset \{y : d(y, x) = r\}$$

$$\bar{A} \subset \{y : d(y, x) \leq r\}$$

$$\text{Ex. } X = 0, 1$$

$$d(0,0) = 0 \quad d(1,1) = 0 \quad d(0,1) - d(1,0) = 1$$

$$A = B_1(0) = \{x : d(x, 0) < 1\} = \emptyset$$

$$\text{int}A = A$$

$$\text{ext}A = \{1\}$$

$$\partial A = \emptyset$$

$$\bar{A} = A$$