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Mathematics 3A03 Real Analysis I

Instructor: David Earn

Lecture 13
Topology of \mathbb{R}^1
Monday 4 February 2019

Announcements

- **Assignment 3** was posted on Saturday.

Due Friday 15 Feb 2019 at 1:25pm.

IMPORTANT CHANGE:

- For the remainder of the term, assignments must be submitted **electronically**, not as a hardcopy.
 - You should have received a link for Assignment 3 via e-mail from [crowdmark](#). If you have not received such an e-mail, please e-mail earn@math.mcmaster.ca.
 - If you write your solutions by hand, you will need to scan or photograph them to submit them via the online system.
 - If you use \LaTeX to create a pdf file, you will need to separate your solutions for each question.
 - Marked assignments will be available online, rather than being returned in tutorial.
- Today: “**How big is \mathbb{R} ?**” (see last few slides for Lecture 12) and intro to “Topology of \mathbb{R} ”

Topology of \mathbb{R}

Intervals



Open interval:

$$(a, b) = \{x : a < x < b\}$$

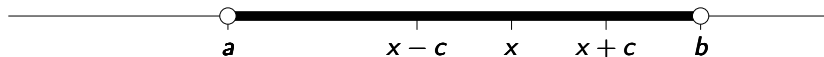
Closed interval:

$$[c, d] = \{x : c \leq x \leq d\}$$

Half-open interval:

$$(e, f] = \{x : e < x \leq f\}$$

Interior point



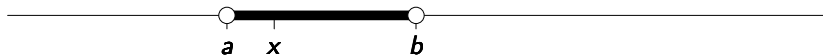
Definition (Interior point)

If $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ then x is an **interior point** of E if x lies in an open interval that is contained in E , i.e., $\exists c > 0$ such that $(x - c, x + c) \subset E$.

Interior point examples

Set E	Interior points?
$(-1, 1)$	Every point
$[0, 1]$	Every point <i>except the endpoints</i>
\mathbb{N}	\neq
\mathbb{R}	Every point
\mathbb{Q}	\neq
$(-1, 1) \cup [0, 1]$	Every point <i>except 1</i>
$(-1, 1) \setminus \{\frac{1}{2}\}$	Every point

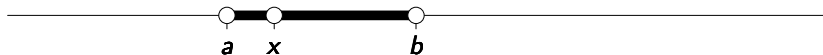
Neighbourhood



Definition (Neighbourhood)

A **neighbourhood** of a point $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is an open interval containing x .

Deleted neighbourhood

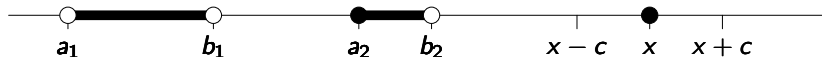


Definition (Deleted neighbourhood)

A **deleted neighbourhood** of a point $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is a set formed by removing x from a neighbourhood of x .

$$(a, b) \setminus \{x\}$$

Isolated point



$$E = (a_1, b_1) \cup [a_2, b_2) \cup \{x\}$$

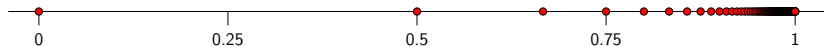
Definition (Isolated point)

If $x \in E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ then x is an **isolated point** of E if there is a neighbourhood of x for which the only point in E is x itself, i.e., $\exists c > 0$ such that $(x - c, x + c) \cap E = \{x\}$.

Isolated point examples

Set E	Isolated points?
$(-1, 1)$	\nexists
$[0, 1]$	\nexists
\mathbb{N}	Every point
\mathbb{R}	\nexists
\mathbb{Q}	\nexists
$(-1, 1) \cup [0, 1]$	\nexists
$(-1, 1) \setminus \{\frac{1}{2}\}$	\nexists

Accumulation point



$$E = \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

Definition (Accumulation Point or Limit Point)

If $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ then x is an **accumulation point** or **limit point** of E if every neighbourhood of x contains infinitely many points of E ,

$$\text{i.e.,} \quad \forall c > 0 \quad (x - c, x + c) \cap (E \setminus \{x\}) \neq \emptyset.$$

Notes:

- It is possible but not necessary that $x \in E$.
- The shorthand condition is equivalent to saying that every deleted neighbourhood of x contains at least one point of E .

Accumulation point examples

Set E	Accumulation points?
$(-1, 1)$	
$[0, 1]$	
\mathbb{N}	
\mathbb{R}	
\mathbb{Q}	
$(-1, 1) \cup [0, 1]$	
$(-1, 1) \setminus \{\frac{1}{2}\}$	
$\left\{1 - \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\right\}$	



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Topology of \mathbb{R} II
Friday 8 February 2019

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Monday 4 March 2019 at 7:00pm in MDCL 1110

Accumulation point examples

Set E	Accumulation points?
$(-1, 1)$	$[-1, 1]$
$[0, 1]$	$[0, 1]$
\mathbb{N}	\nexists
\mathbb{R}	\mathbb{R}
\mathbb{Q}	\mathbb{R}
$(-1, 1) \cup [0, 1]$	$[-1, 1]$
$(-1, 1) \setminus \{\frac{1}{2}\}$	$[-1, 1]$
$\{1 - \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$	$\{1\}$

Boundary point



Definition (Boundary Point)

If $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ then x is a **boundary point** of E if every neighbourhood of x contains at least one point of E and at least one point not in E , i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \forall c > 0 \quad & (x - c, x + c) \cap E \neq \emptyset \\ & \wedge \quad (x - c, x + c) \cap (\mathbb{R} \setminus E) \neq \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

Note: It is possible but not necessary that $x \in E$.

Definition (Boundary)

If $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ then the **boundary** of E , denoted ∂E , is the set of all boundary points of E .

Boundary point examples

Set E	Boundary points?
$(-1, 1)$	$\{-1, 1\}$
$[0, 1]$	$\{0, 1\}$
\mathbb{N}	\mathbb{N}
\mathbb{R}	\emptyset
\mathbb{Q}	\mathbb{R}
$(-1, 1) \cup [0, 1]$	$\{-1, 1\}$
$(-1, 1) \setminus \{\frac{1}{2}\}$	$\{-1, \frac{1}{2}, 1\}$
$\{1 - \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$	$\{1 - \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{1\}$

Closed set



Definition (Closed set)

A set $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is **closed** if it contains all of its accumulation points.

Definition (Closure of a set)

If $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and E' is the set of accumulation points of E then $\overline{E} = E \cup E'$ is the **closure** of E .

Note: If the set E has no accumulation points, then E is closed because there are no accumulation points to check.

Open set



Definition (Open set)

A set $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is **open** if every point of E is an **interior point**.

Definition (Interior of a set)

If $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ then the **interior** of E , denoted E° or E° , is the set of all **interior points** of E .

Examples

Set E	Closed?	Open?	\bar{E}	E°	∂E
$(-1, 1)$	NO	YES	$[-1, 1]$	E	$\{-1, 1\}$
$[0, 1]$	YES	NO	E	$(0, 1)$	$\{0, 1\}$
\mathbb{N}	YES	NO	\mathbb{N}	\emptyset	\mathbb{N}
\mathbb{R}	YES	YES	\mathbb{R}	\mathbb{R}	\emptyset
\emptyset	YES	YES	\emptyset	\emptyset	\emptyset
\mathbb{Q}	NO	NO	\mathbb{R}	\emptyset	\mathbb{R}
$(-1, 1) \cup [0, 1]$	NO	NO	$[-1, 1]$	$(-1, 1)$	$\{-1, 1\}$
$(-1, 1) \setminus \{\frac{1}{2}\}$	NO	YES	$[-1, 1]$	E	$\{-1, \frac{1}{2}, 1\}$
$\{1 - \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$	NO	NO	$E \cup \{1\}$	\emptyset	$E \cup \{1\}$



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Mathematics 3A03 Real Analysis I

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Lecture 15
Topology of \mathbb{R} III
Monday 11 February 2019

Announcements

- **Assignment 3** is **Due Friday 15 Feb 2019 at 1:25pm**
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- **Math 3A03 Test #1**
Monday 4 March 2019 at 7:00pm in MDCL 1110
(room is booked for 90 minutes; you should not feel rushed)

Concepts covered recently

- Countable set
- Interval
- Neighbourhood
- Deleted neighbourhood
- Interior point
- Isolated point
- Accumulation point
- Boundary point
- Boundary
- Closed set
- Closure
- Open set
- Interior

Component intervals of open sets

What does the most general open set look like?

Theorem (Component intervals)

If G is an open subset of \mathbb{R} and $G \neq \emptyset$ then there is a unique (possibly finite) sequence of disjoint open intervals $\{(a_n, b_n)\}$ such that

$$G = (a_1, b_1) \cup (a_2, b_2) \cup \cdots \cup (a_n, b_n) \cup \cdots ,$$

$$\text{i.e., } G = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n, b_n) .$$

*The open intervals (a_n, b_n) are said to be the **component intervals** of G .*

(Textbook (TBB) [Theorem 4.15, p. 231](#))

Component intervals of open sets

Main ideas of proof of [component intervals theorem](#):

- $x \in G \implies x$ is an interior point of $G \implies$
 - some neighbourhood of x is contained in G ,
i.e., $\exists c > 0$ such that $(x - c, x + c) \subseteq G$
 - \exists a largest neighbourhood of x that is contained in G : this
“**component of G** ” is $I_x = (\alpha, \beta)$, where

$$\alpha = \inf\{a : (a, x] \subset G\}, \quad \beta = \sup\{b : [x, b) \subset G\}$$

- I_x contains a rational number, i.e., $\exists r \in I_x \cap \mathbb{Q}$
- \therefore We can index all the intervals I_x by rational numbers
- \therefore There are at most countably many intervals that make up G (i.e., G is the union of a sequence of intervals)
- We can choose a disjoint subsequence of these intervals whose union is all of G (see [proof in textbook](#) for details).

Open vs. Closed Sets

Definition (Complement of a set of real numbers)

If $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ then the **complement** of E is the set

$$E^c = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \notin E\}.$$

Theorem (Open vs. Closed)

If $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ then E is open iff E^c is closed.

(Textbook (TBB) [Theorem 4.16](#))

Open vs. Closed Sets

Theorem (Properties of open sets of real numbers)

- 1 The sets \mathbb{R} and \emptyset are open.
- 2 Any *intersection* of a *finite* number of open sets is open.
- 3 Any *union* of an *arbitrary* collection of open sets is open.
- 4 The complement of an open set is closed.

(Textbook (TBB) [Theorem 4.17](#))

Theorem (Properties of closed sets of real numbers)

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(Textbook (TBB) [Theorem 4.18](#))

Local vs. Global properties

Definition (Bounded function)

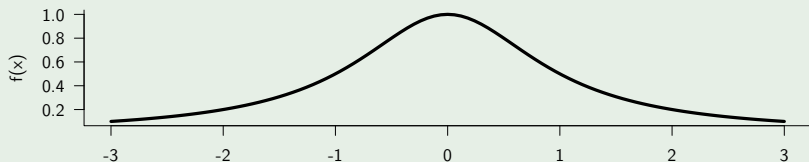
A real-valued function f is **bounded** on the set E if there exists $M > 0$ such that $|f(x)| \leq M$ for all $x \in E$.

(i.e., the function f is bounded on E iff $\{f(x) : x \in E\}$ is a bounded set.)

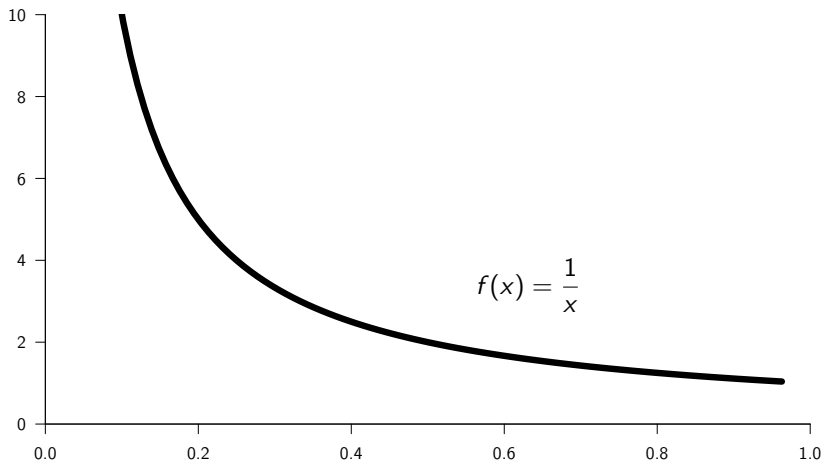
Note: This is a *global* property because there is a single bound M associated with the entire set E .

Example

The function $f(x) = 1/(1 + x^2)$ is bounded on \mathbb{R} . e.g., $M = 1$.

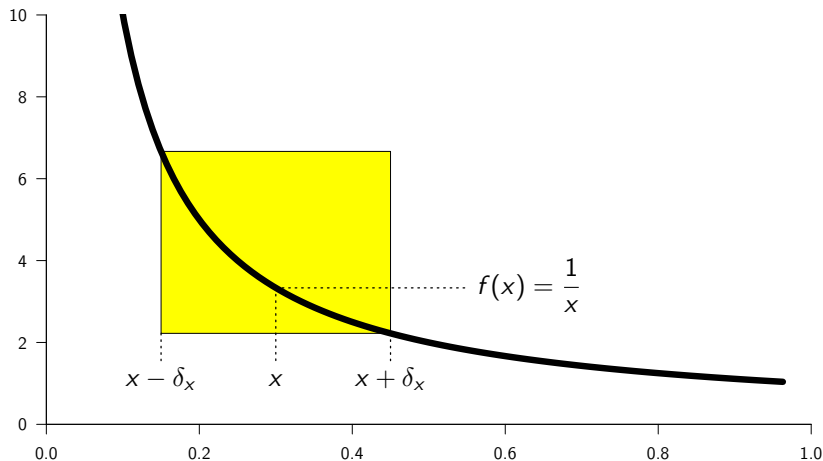


Local vs. Global properties



$f(x) = 1/x$ is not bounded on the interval $E = (0, 1)$.

Local vs. Global properties



$f(x) = 1/x$ is **locally bounded** on the interval $E = (0, 1)$,
i.e., $\forall x \in E, \exists \delta_x, M_x > 0 \mid |f(t)| \leq M_x \forall t \in (x - \delta_x, x + \delta_x)$.

Local vs. Global properties

Definition (Locally bounded at a point)

A real-valued function f is **locally bounded** at the point x if there is a neighbourhood of x in which f is bounded, *i.e.*, there exists $\delta_x > 0$ and $M_x > 0$ such that $|f(t)| \leq M_x$ for all $t \in (x - \delta_x, x + \delta_x)$.

Definition (Locally bounded on a set)

A real-valued function f is **locally bounded** on the set E if f is locally bounded at each point $x \in E$.

Note: The size of the neighbourhood (δ_x) and the local bound (M_x) depend on the point x .

Local vs. Global properties

Example (Function that is not even locally bounded)

Give an example of a function that is defined on the interval $(0, 1)$ but is not **locally bounded** on $(0, 1)$.

(solution on board)

Example (Function that is a mess near 0)

Give an example of a function $f(x)$ that is defined everywhere, yet in any neighbourhood of the origin there are infinitely many points at which f is not **locally bounded**.

(solution on board)

Extra Challenge Problem: Is there a function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that is not locally bounded anywhere?