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3.2.10 i A countable set contained in [0, 1] with no limit points

This can't occur, as if we enumarate a countable set, then we have a sequence,
and since it's contained within [0, 1] then we have a bounded sequence. Therefore
by the Bolzano-Weierstrauss theorem we have a convergent subsequence, i.e. a
limit point of the set. Thus this description can't occur

- ii A countable set contained in [0,1] with no isolated points This can occur! Take  $A = [0,1] \cap \mathbb{Q}$ . We know by the density of  $\mathbb{Q}$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  that we have a sequence of rational numbers to every real number. Since a rational number is a real number, then for every element in the set A we can generate a sequence with a sufficent  $\epsilon$  contained within [0,1] for which an arbitrary rational number satisfies the definition of a limit point. And the countablility of the rationals is a given.
- iii A set with an]] uncountable number of isolated points

The issue arises with the fact that for each  $x \in A$ , there is an associated  $\epsilon_x > 0$  in which  $V_{\epsilon_x}(x) \cap A = \{x\}$ . Note that since we have a unique  $\epsilon_x$  enclosing x within  $(x - \epsilon_x, x + \epsilon_x)$  then we know by the density of  $\mathbb{Q}$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  there must exists a rational number  $r \in V_{\epsilon_x}(x)$ . Therefore we can uniquely pair each  $x \in A$  with  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$  since  $V_{\epsilon_x}(x)$  uniquely contains r and x. Since we have found a 1-1 mapping from A to  $\mathbb{Q}$  then clearly A must be countable.