

Math 251 - Exercise Set 2 Zehra's Solutions

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1 Theorems and Definitions that are used in the solutions

- $p \in \partial S$. \iff for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap S \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap (\mathbb{R}^m \setminus S) \neq \emptyset$.

2 Solutions

1. Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ and $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Show that $p \in \bar{A} \iff B(p, \varepsilon) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for all $\varepsilon > 0$.
2. (a) Show that \mathbb{R}^n is an open set by using the definition of open sets.

Proof:

Let $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$.

Thus \mathbb{R}^n is an open set.

- (b) Show that \mathbb{R}^n is a closed subset of \mathbb{R}^n by using problem 1.

Proof:

Let $p \in \partial \mathbb{R}^n$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap \mathbb{R}^n \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \mathbb{R}^n) \neq \emptyset$.

Then $B(p, r) \cap \mathbb{R}^n \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap \emptyset \neq \emptyset$.

Thus $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Thus \mathbb{R}^n is a closed subset of \mathbb{R}^n .

3. Show that the empty set \emptyset is both an open and a closed subset of \mathbb{R}^n .

Proof:

Let $p \in \emptyset$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$.

Thus \emptyset is an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n .

Let $p \in \partial \emptyset$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap \emptyset \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \emptyset) \neq \emptyset$.

Then $B(p, r) \cap \emptyset \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap \mathbb{R}^n \neq \emptyset$.

Thus $p \in \emptyset$.

Thus \emptyset is a closed subset of \mathbb{R}^n .

(**Note:** As we can see from problems 2 and 3, \emptyset and \mathbb{R}^n are both open and closed subsets of \mathbb{R}^n .)

4. (a) Let A and B be subsets of \mathbb{R}^n . If A and B are closed then show that both $A \cap B$ and $A \cup B$ are closed as well.

Proof:

Let $p \in \partial(A \cap B)$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus A) \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap B \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B) \neq \emptyset$.

Then $B(p, r) \cap (A \cap B) \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus (A \cap B)) \neq \emptyset$.

Thus $p \in \partial(A \cap B)$.

Thus $A \cap B$ is a closed subset of \mathbb{R}^n .

- (b) If $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a collection of closed subsets of \mathbb{R}^n then show that $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$ is closed, too.

Proof:

Let $p \in \bigcap_{i \in I} \partial A_i$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap A_i \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus A_i) \neq \emptyset$ for all $i \in I$.

Then $B(p, r) \cap \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i) \neq \emptyset$.

Thus $p \in \partial \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$.

Thus $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$ is a closed subset of \mathbb{R}^n .

5. Let $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. Prove the following:

- (a) $\text{int}(\text{int}(A)) = \text{int}(A)$,

Proof:

Let $p \in \text{int}(\text{int}(A))$.

Then there exists $r > 0$ such that $B(p, r) \subseteq \text{int}(A)$.

Thus $p \in \text{int}(A)$.

Thus $\text{int}(\text{int}(A)) \subseteq \text{int}(A)$.

Let $p \in \text{int}(A)$.

Then there exists $r > 0$ such that $B(p, r) \subseteq A$.

Because $B(p, r) \subseteq A$, $B(p, r) \subseteq \text{int}(A)$.

Thus $p \in \text{int}(\text{int}(A))$.

- (b) $\overline{(\overline{A})} = \overline{A}$,

Proof:

Let $p \in \overline{\overline{A}}$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap \overline{A} \neq \emptyset$.

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Then $p \in \overline{A}$.

Thus $\overline{\overline{A}} \subseteq \overline{A}$.

Let $p \in \overline{A}$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap A \neq \emptyset$.

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Then $p \in \overline{\overline{A}}$.

Thus $\overline{A} \subseteq \overline{\overline{A}}$.

- (c) $(A \cap B)^\circ = A^\circ \cap B^\circ$,

Proof:

Let $p \in (A \cap B)^\circ$.

Then there exists $r > 0$ such that $B(p, r) \subseteq A \cap B$.

Then there exists $s > 0$ such that $B(p, s) \subseteq A$ and $B(p, s) \subseteq B$.

Then $p \in A^\circ$ and $p \in B^\circ$.

Thus $p \in A^\circ \cap B^\circ$.

Thus $(A \cap B)^\circ \subseteq A^\circ \cap B^\circ$.

- (d) $\mathbb{R}^n = A^\circ \cup \partial A \cup \text{ext}(A)$, where $A^\circ \cap \partial A = \emptyset$, $A^\circ \cap \text{ext}(A) = \emptyset$, $\partial A \cap \text{ext}(A) = \emptyset$,

Proof:

Let $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Then $p \in A^\circ$ or $p \in \partial A$ or $p \in \text{ext}(A)$.

Thus $\mathbb{R}^n = A^\circ \cup \partial A \cup \text{ext}(A)$.

Let $p \in A^\circ \cap \partial A$.

Then there exists $r > 0$ such that $B(p, r) \subseteq A$ and $B(p, r) \cap (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus A) \neq \emptyset$.

Then $p \in \text{ext}(A)$.

Thus $A^\circ \cap \partial A = \emptyset$.

- (e) $\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$,

Proof:

Let $p \in \overline{A \cup B}$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap (A \cup B) \neq \emptyset$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ or $B(p, r) \cap B \neq \emptyset$.

Then $p \in \overline{A}$ or $p \in \overline{B}$.
 Thus $p \in \overline{A \cup B}$.
 Thus $\overline{A \cup B} \subseteq \overline{A \cup B}$.

(f) $\overline{A} = \bigcap \{K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \mid K \text{ is closed and } A \subseteq K\}$

Proof:

Let $p \in \overline{A}$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap A \neq \emptyset$.

Let K be a closed subset of \mathbb{R}^n such that $A \subseteq K$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap K \neq \emptyset$.

Then $p \in K$.

Thus $\overline{A} \subseteq K$.

Thus $\overline{A} \subseteq \bigcap \{K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \mid K \text{ is closed and } A \subseteq K\}$.

Let $p \in \bigcap \{K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \mid K \text{ is closed and } A \subseteq K\}$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap K \neq \emptyset$ for all $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ such that K is closed and $A \subseteq K$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap A \neq \emptyset$.

Thus $p \in \overline{A}$.

Thus $\bigcap \{K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \mid K \text{ is closed and } A \subseteq K\} \subseteq \overline{A}$.

(g) A is open $\Leftrightarrow A \cap \partial A = \emptyset$.

Proof:

\Rightarrow Suppose A is open.

Let $p \in A \cap \partial A$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus A) \neq \emptyset$.

Then $p \in \partial A$.

Thus $A \cap \partial A \neq \emptyset$.

\Leftarrow Suppose $A \cap \partial A = \emptyset$.

Let $p \in A$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \subseteq A$.

Thus A is open.

6. Let $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. Determine if each of the following holds. If it does prove it. Otherwise give a counterexample.

(a) $(A \cup B)^\circ \subseteq A^\circ \cup B^\circ$,

Proof:

Let $p \in (A \cup B)^\circ$.

Then there exists $r > 0$ such that $B(p, r) \subseteq A \cup B$.

Then there exists $s > 0$ such that $B(p, s) \subseteq A$ or $B(p, s) \subseteq B$.

Then $p \in A^\circ$ or $p \in B^\circ$.

Thus $(A \cup B)^\circ \subseteq A^\circ \cup B^\circ$.

(b) $A^\circ \cup B^\circ \subseteq (A \cup B)^\circ$,

Proof:

Let $p \in A^\circ \cup B^\circ$.

Then $p \in A^\circ$ or $p \in B^\circ$.

Then there exists $r > 0$ such that $B(p, r) \subseteq A$ or $B(p, r) \subseteq B$.

Then $B(p, r) \subseteq A \cup B$.

Thus $A^\circ \cup B^\circ \subseteq (A \cup B)^\circ$.

(c) $A \cap B \subseteq (A \cap B)^\circ$,

Proof:

Let $p \in A \cap B$.

Then $p \in A$ and $p \in B$.

Thus $p \in A \cap B$.

Thus $A \cap B \subseteq (A \cap B)^\circ$.

(d) $(A \cap B) \subseteq A \cap B$

Proof:

Let $p \in (A \cap B)$.
Then $p \in A$ and $p \in B$.
Thus $p \in A \cap B$.
Thus $(A \cap B) \subseteq A \cap B$.

(e) If $A \subseteq B$ then $\partial A \subseteq \partial B$,

Proof:

\Rightarrow Suppose $A \subseteq B$.

Let $p \in \partial A$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus A) \neq \emptyset$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap B \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B) \neq \emptyset$.

Then $p \in \partial B$.

Thus $\partial A \subseteq \partial B$.

\Leftarrow Suppose $\partial A \subseteq \partial B$.

Let $p \in \partial A$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus A) \neq \emptyset$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap B \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B) \neq \emptyset$.

Then $p \in \partial B$.

Thus $\partial A \subseteq \partial B$.

(f) If $A \subseteq B$ then $\text{ext}(A) \subseteq \text{ext}(B)$,

Proof:

\Rightarrow Suppose $A \subseteq B$.

Let $p \in \text{ext}(A)$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus A) \neq \emptyset$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap B \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B) \neq \emptyset$.

Then $p \in \text{ext}(B)$.

Thus $\text{ext}(A) \subseteq \text{ext}(B)$.

\Leftarrow Suppose $\text{ext}(A) \subseteq \text{ext}(B)$.

Let $p \in \text{ext}(A)$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus A) \neq \emptyset$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap B \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B) \neq \emptyset$.

Then $p \in \text{ext}(B)$.

Thus $\text{ext}(A) \subseteq \text{ext}(B)$.

(g) A is closed $\Leftrightarrow \partial A \subseteq A$,

Proof:

\Rightarrow Suppose A is closed.

Let $p \in \partial A$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus A) \neq \emptyset$.

Then $p \in A$.

Thus $\partial A \subseteq A$.

\Leftarrow Suppose $\partial A \subseteq A$.

Let $p \in \partial A$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus A) \neq \emptyset$.

Then $p \in A$.

Thus $\partial A \subseteq A$.

(h) If $A \subseteq B$ then $A' \subseteq B'$,

Proof:

\Rightarrow Suppose $A \subseteq B$.

Let $p \in A'$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap A \setminus \{p\} \neq \emptyset$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap B \setminus \{p\} \neq \emptyset$.

Then $p \in B'$.

Thus $A' \subseteq B'$.

\Leftarrow Suppose $A' \subseteq B'$.

Let $p \in A'$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap A \setminus \{p\} \neq \emptyset$.
Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap B \setminus \{p\} \neq \emptyset$.
Then $p \in B'$.
Thus $A' \subseteq B'$.

(i) $\text{int}(A) = A^\circ$,

Proof:

Let $p \in \text{int}(A)$.

Then there exists $r > 0$ such that $B(p, r) \subseteq A$.

Then $p \in A^\circ$.

Thus $\text{int}(A) = A^\circ$.

(j) $\partial A \subseteq A'$.

Proof:

Let $p \in \partial A$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus A) \neq \emptyset$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap A \setminus \{p\} \neq \emptyset$.

Then $p \in A'$.

Thus $\partial A \subseteq A'$.

(k) $\partial(A) \subseteq \partial A$ (Hint: If $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, then $\partial B = B \cap \mathbb{R}^n \setminus B$).

Proof:

Let $p \in \partial(A)$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus A) \neq \emptyset$.

Then for every $r > 0$, $B(p, r) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ and $B(p, r) \cap (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus A) \neq \emptyset$.

Then $p \in \partial A$.

7. Find the interior, exterior, closure, boundary, derived set and the set of isolated points for the following sets :

(a) \emptyset, \mathbb{R}^n

Solution:

$\text{int}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$, $\text{ext}(\emptyset) = \mathbb{R}^n$, $\overline{\emptyset} = \emptyset$, $\partial\emptyset = \emptyset$, $I(\emptyset) = \emptyset$, $\emptyset' = \emptyset$.

(b) Any finite subset A of Euclidean n-space.

Solution:

$\text{int}(A) = \emptyset$, $\text{ext}(A) = \mathbb{R}^n$, $\overline{A} = A$, $\partial A = A$, $I(A) = A$, $A' = A$.

(c) $(-1, 5) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$,

Solution:

$\text{int}((-1, 5)) = (-1, 5)$, $\text{ext}((-1, 5)) = \mathbb{R} \setminus [-1, 5]$, $\overline{(-1, 5)} = [-1, 5]$, $\partial(-1, 5) = \{-1, 5\}$,
 $I((-1, 5)) = \emptyset$, $(-1, 5)' = \{-1, 5\}$.

(d) $S = \{(x, y) \mid -1 < x < 5, y = 0\}$ in \mathbb{R}^2 , i.e. the interval $(-1, 5)$ on the x -axis in the plane. the plane,

Solution:

$\text{int}(S) = \emptyset$, $\text{ext}(S) = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus [-1, 5]$, $\overline{S} = S \cup \{(-1, 0), (5, 0)\}$, $\partial S = \{(-1, 0), (5, 0)\}$, $I(S) = \emptyset$,
 $S' = \{(-1, 0), (5, 0)\}$.

(e) $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$,

Solution:

$\text{int}(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}) = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$, $\text{ext}(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}) = \{(0, 0)\}$, $\overline{\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}} = \mathbb{R}^2$, $\partial(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}) = \{(0, 0)\}$, $I(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}) = \emptyset$, $(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\})' = \{(0, 0)\}$.

(f) $A = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 | 0 \leq x < 1, y^2 + z^2 \leq 1\}$.

Solution:

$$\text{int}(A) = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 | 0 \leq x < 1, y^2 + z^2 < 1\}, \text{ext}(A) = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 | x < 0 \text{ or } x \geq 1 \text{ or } y^2 + z^2 > 1\}, \overline{A} = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 | 0 \leq x \leq 1, y^2 + z^2 \leq 1\}, \partial A = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 | x = 0 \text{ or } x = 1, y^2 + z^2 = 1\}, I(A) = \emptyset, A' = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 | x = 0 \text{ or } x = 1, y^2 + z^2 = 1\}.$$

(g) For $a \in \mathbb{R}$, $A = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | x = a, a < y < 1\}$.

Solution:

$$\text{int}(A) = \emptyset, \text{ext}(A) = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(a, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | a < y < 1\}, \overline{A} = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | x = a, a \leq y \leq 1\}, \partial A = \{(a, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | a = y \text{ or } y = 1\}, I(A) = \emptyset, A' = \{(a, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | a = y \text{ or } y = 1\}.$$

8. Let

$$A = \{(x, y) | -2 \leq x \leq 2 \text{ with } x \neq 0, 0 < y \leq 4\} \cup \{(0, y) | 0 < y < 1 \text{ or } 3 < y \leq 4\} \cup \{(3, 0), (4, 0)\}.$$

(a) Find the interior A° of A . Is A an open set? Why?

Solution:

$$A^\circ = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | -2 < x < 2 \text{ with } x \neq 0, 0 < y < 4\} \cup \{(0, y) | 0 < y < 1 \text{ or } 3 < y < 4\} \cup \{(3, 0), (4, 0)\}.$$

A is not an open set because A contains some of its boundary points.

(b) Write $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus A$.

Solution:

$$\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus A = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | x < -2 \text{ or } x > 2 \text{ or } x = 0 \text{ and } 0 < y \leq 1 \text{ or } 3 < y < 4 \text{ or } x = 3 \text{ or } x = 4 \text{ and } y = 0\}.$$

(c) Write the formula for the exterior of a set and use it to find $\text{ext}(A)$.

Solution:

$$\text{ext}(A) = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \overline{A} = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus A.$$

(d) Write the formula for the boundary ∂A of A and use it to find ∂A . Is A a closed set? Why?

Solution:

$$\partial A = \overline{A} \cap \overline{(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus A)} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{A} = \overline{A}.$$

A is a closed set because A contains all of its boundary points.

(e) Write a formula for the closure of A and use it to find \overline{A} .

Solution:

$$\overline{A} = A.$$

(f) Find the set $I(A)$ of all isolated points of A .

Solution:

$$I(A) = \emptyset.$$

(g) Find the derived set A' of A .

Solution:

$$A' = \emptyset.$$

since $A^\circ = A$ and $A' = \emptyset$, A is not a perfect set.