

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space, and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then*

$$A \text{ is closed} \iff A = \bar{A}$$

*Proof.* By definition, we have  $\bar{A} = A \cup A'$ . Also, if  $A$  is closed, then  $A' \subseteq A$ . Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} A \text{ is closed} &\iff A' \subseteq A \\ &\iff A \cup A' = A \\ &\iff \bar{A} = A, \end{aligned}$$

and our proof is complete. □

**Theorem 1** ((Closure)). *Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space, and let  $A, B \subseteq X$ . Then*

1.  $A \subseteq B \implies \bar{A} \subseteq \bar{B}$
2.  $\overline{A \cup B} = \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}$
3.  $\overline{A \cap B} \subseteq \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$
4.  $\bar{A} = \bigcap \{F : A \subseteq F \wedge F \text{ is closed}\}$

*Proof.* 1. Suppose  $A \subseteq B$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} p \in \bar{A} &\iff p \in A \cup A' \\ &\iff p \in B \cup A' && \text{Since } A \subseteq B \\ &\iff p \in B \cup B' && \text{Since } (\forall U)(U \cap (A \setminus \{p\}) \subseteq U \cap (B \setminus \{p\})) \\ &\iff p \in \bar{B}, \end{aligned}$$

which proves that  $\bar{A} \subseteq \bar{B}$ .

2. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{A \cup B} &= (A \cup B) \cup (A \cup B)' \\ &= (A \cup B) \cup \{p \in X \mid (\forall U(p))(U(p) \cap [(A \cup B) \setminus \{p\}] \neq \emptyset)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Now suppose for some  $p \in X$ , there exists  $U_1(p), U_2(p) \in \mathcal{T}$  such that  $U_1(p) \cap [(A \cup B) \setminus \{p\}] \neq \emptyset$ ,  $U_2(p) \cap [(A \cup B) \setminus \{p\}] \neq \emptyset$ ,  $U_1(p) \cap (A \setminus \{p\}) = \emptyset$ , and  $U_2(p) \cap (B \setminus \{p\}) = \emptyset$ . Then,  $p \in U_1(p) \cap U_2(p) = \{p\} \in \mathcal{T}$ , but  $\{p\} \cap [(A \cup B) \setminus \{p\}] = \emptyset$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore, with all that we can conclude

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{A \cup B} &= (A \cup B) \cup \{p \in X \mid (\forall U(p))(U(p) \cap (A \setminus \{p\}) \neq \emptyset \vee U(p) \cap (B \setminus \{p\}) \neq \emptyset)\} \\ &= (A \cup B) \cup \{p \in X \mid p \in A' \vee p \in B'\} \\ &= A \cup B \cup A' \cup B' \\ &= A \cup A' \cup B \cup B' \\ &= \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}, \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

3. In a similar manner

$$\begin{aligned}
 p \in \overline{A \cap B} &\iff p \in (A \cap B) \wedge (\forall U(p))(U(p) \cap [(A \cap B) \setminus \{p\}] \neq \emptyset) \\
 &\implies p \in (A \cap B) \wedge (\forall U(p))(U(p) \cap (A \setminus \{p\}) \neq \emptyset \wedge U(p) \cap (B \setminus \{p\}) \neq \emptyset) \\
 &\iff p \in (A \cap B) \cup (A' \cap B') \\
 &\iff p \in (A \cup A') \cap (B \cup B') \\
 &\iff p \in \bar{A} \cap \bar{B},
 \end{aligned}$$

which means that  $\overline{A \cap B} \subseteq \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$ .

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