

Solution: Suppose A is open.

Assume that $\text{int}(\partial A) \neq \emptyset$. Let $x \in \text{int}(\partial A)$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Also } \text{int}(\partial A) &= \text{int}(\overline{A} \cap \overline{M \setminus A}) \\ &= \text{int}(\overline{A} \cap M \setminus A) \quad (\text{Since } A \text{ is open implies that } M \setminus A \text{ is closed.})\end{aligned}$$

Since for any sets S and T , $\text{int}(S \cap T) = \text{int}(S) \cap \text{int}(T)$,

$$\text{int}(\overline{A} \cap M \setminus A) = \text{int}(\overline{A}) \cap \text{int}(M \setminus A)$$

Since $x \in \text{int}(\partial A)$, $x \in \text{int}(\overline{A})$ and $x \in \text{int}(M \setminus A)$

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$\exists r_2 > 0$, s.t.

$$\exists r_1 > 0 \text{ s.t. } B(x, r_1) \subset \overline{A} = A \cup A'$$

$$B(x, r_2) \subset \text{int}(M \setminus A)$$

Take $r = \min\{r_1, r_2\}$. Consider $B(x, r)$.

$$B(x, r) \subset A \cup A' \text{ and } B(x, r) \subset \text{int}(M \setminus A) \subset M \setminus A. \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow B(x, r) \subset (A \cup A') \cap (M \setminus A)$$

If $x \in A$, then $x \notin M \setminus A$. But from (1), we have $B(x, r) \subset M \setminus A$ implying $x \in M \setminus A$, contradicting $x \notin M \setminus A$.

If $x \in A'$, then $B(x, r) \cap A \neq \emptyset$, in particular.

But $B(x, r) \subset M \setminus A$ (from (1)) implying $B(x, r) \cap A = \emptyset$ contradicting $B(x, r) \cap A \neq \emptyset$.

Therefore, $\text{int}(\partial A) = \emptyset$.

Suppose A is closed. Then $M \setminus A$ is open. Hence $\text{int}(\partial(M \setminus A)) = \emptyset$.

$$\text{Note that } \partial(M \setminus A) = \overline{M \setminus A} \cap \overline{A} = \partial A$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{int } \partial(M \setminus A) = \text{int}(\partial A)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{int}(\partial A) = \emptyset \text{ as } \text{int}(\partial(M \setminus A)) = \emptyset.$$

Example: Consider $M = \mathbb{R}$ and $A = \mathbb{Q}$.

$$\text{Then } \partial A = \overline{A} \cap \overline{\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}} = \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\text{So, } \text{int}(\partial A) = \emptyset.$$