

# MATH 414 Analysis I, Homework 3

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## 1 Section 1.3: Problem 16

- (a) Prove: If  $S$  is bounded above and  $\sup S = \beta$ , then  $\beta \in \delta S$ .  
(b) State the analogous result for a set bounded below.

### Answer

- (a) To show  $\beta \in \delta S$  we have to show for  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ ,  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of  $\beta$  calling it  $N_\epsilon$ :

$$N_\epsilon \cap S \neq \emptyset \text{ and } N_\epsilon \cap S^c \neq \emptyset$$

There will be two possible situations:

- (1)  $\beta \in S$ : then  $\forall \epsilon > 0$  if we consider the open set  $(\beta, \beta + \epsilon)$ , this has to be a subset of  $S^c$  because if this is not a case, and  $\exists x_0 \in (\beta, \beta + \epsilon)$ , also  $x_0 \in S$ , then:

$$x_0 \in S \text{ and } x_0 \in (\beta, \beta + \epsilon) \Rightarrow \beta < x_0 \in S$$

which is not possible because  $\beta$  is the  $\sup S$ . Therefor, for any  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of  $\beta$  which is  $(\beta - \epsilon, \beta + \epsilon)$  we know:

$$\beta \in N_\epsilon \cap S \text{ and } (\beta, \beta + \epsilon) \in N_\epsilon \cap S^c$$

Therefor  $\beta$  is a boundary point, and  $\beta \in \delta S$

- (2)  $\beta \notin S$ : this means  $\beta \in S^c$ . Therefor, to show  $\beta \in \delta S$ , we have to show for any  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of  $\beta$  calling it  $N_\epsilon$ :

$$N_\epsilon \cap S \neq \emptyset$$

Consider  $(\beta - \epsilon, \beta)$ , then  $\forall \epsilon > 0$  the following must hold:

$$(\beta - \epsilon, \beta) \cap S \neq \emptyset$$

because if  $\exists \epsilon_0 > 0$  such that:

$$(\beta - \epsilon_0, \beta) \cap S = \emptyset$$

then

$$\forall x_0 \in S : x_0 \leq \beta - \epsilon_0$$

which means  $\beta - \epsilon_0$  is a smaller upper bound than  $\beta$  for  $S$  which can't be happening, since  $\beta$  is the  $\sup S$ . Therefore, for any  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of  $\beta$ , we have:

$$\beta \in N_\epsilon \cap S^c \text{ and } N_\epsilon \cap S \neq \emptyset$$

Therefore  $\beta$  is a boundary point, and  $\beta \in \delta S$ .

- (b) We have to show, if  $S$  is bounded below and  $\inf S = \alpha$ , then  $\alpha \in \delta S$ . Which means we have to show for  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ ,  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of  $\alpha$  calling it  $N_\epsilon$ :

$$N_\epsilon \cap S \neq \emptyset \text{ and } N_\epsilon \cap S^c \neq \emptyset$$

There will be two possible situations:

- (1)  $\alpha \in S$ : then  $\forall \epsilon > 0$  if we consider the open set  $(\alpha - \epsilon, \alpha)$ , this has to be a subset of  $S^c$  because if this is not a case, and  $\exists x_0 \in (\alpha - \epsilon, \alpha)$ , also  $x_0 \in S$ , then:

$$x_0 \in S \text{ and } x_0 \in (\alpha - \epsilon, \alpha) \Rightarrow x_0 < \alpha \in S$$

which is not possible because  $\alpha$  is the  $\inf S$ . Therefore, for any  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of  $\alpha$  which is  $(\alpha - \epsilon, \alpha + \epsilon)$  we know:

$$\alpha \in N_\epsilon \cap S \text{ and } (\alpha - \epsilon, \alpha) \in N_\epsilon \cap S^c$$

Therefore  $\alpha$  is a boundary point, and  $\alpha \in \delta S$

- (2)  $\alpha \notin S$ : this means  $\alpha \in S^c$ . Hence, to show  $\alpha \in \delta S$ , we have to show for any  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of  $\alpha$  calling it  $N_\epsilon$ :

$$N_\epsilon \cap S \neq \emptyset$$

Consider  $(\alpha, \alpha + \epsilon)$ , then  $\forall \epsilon > 0$  the following must hold:

$$(\alpha, \alpha + \epsilon) \cap S \neq \emptyset$$

because if  $\exists \epsilon_0 > 0$  such that:

$$(\alpha, \alpha + \epsilon_0) \cap S = \emptyset$$

then

$$\forall x \in S : \alpha + \epsilon_0 \leq x$$

which means  $\alpha + \epsilon_0$  is a greater lower bound than  $\alpha$  for  $S$  which can't be happening, since  $\alpha$  is the  $\inf S$ . Therefore, for any  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of  $\alpha$ , we have:

$$\alpha \in N_\epsilon \cap S^c \text{ and } N_\epsilon \cap S \neq \emptyset$$

Therefore  $\alpha$  is a boundary point, and  $\alpha \in \delta S$ .

## 2 Section 1.3: Problem 17

Prove: If  $S$  is closed and bounded, then  $\inf S$  and  $\sup S$  are both in  $S$ .

## Answer

- (a) If  $S$  is closed and bounded, then  $\sup S$  is in  $S$ . To prove this, we will first show  $\sup S$  is a limit point of  $S$ , and since  $S$  is closed, it contains all of its limit points, therefore it contains  $\sup S$ . Assume,  $\sup S = \beta$  and  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ ,  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of  $\beta$  is called  $N_\epsilon$ . In addition, consider the following:

$$N_\epsilon^- = (\beta - \epsilon, \beta)$$

If we only show:

$$N_\epsilon^- \cap S \neq \emptyset \quad \forall \epsilon$$

Then we have shown that any deleted neighborhood of  $\beta$ , contains a point in  $S$ , which means  $\beta$  is a limit point of  $S$ .

### Prove by Contradiction

Assume the opposite, which means  $\exists \epsilon_0 > 0$  such that:

$$N_{\epsilon_0}^- \cap S = \emptyset$$

then

$$\forall x_0 \in S : x_0 \leq \beta - \epsilon_0$$

which means  $\beta - \epsilon_0$  is a smaller upper bound than  $\beta$  for  $S$  which can't be happening, since  $\beta$  is the  $\sup S$ . There for  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ :

$$N_{\epsilon_0}^- \cap S \neq \emptyset$$

Which means  $\beta$  is a limit point of  $S$ .

- (b) If  $S$  is closed and bounded, then  $\inf S$  is in  $S$ . Same as (a) to prove this, we will first show  $\inf S$  is a limit point of  $S$ , and since  $S$  is closed, it contains all of its limit points, therefore it contains  $\inf S$ . Assume,  $\inf S = \alpha$  and  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ ,  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of  $\alpha$  is called  $N_\epsilon$ . In addition, consider the following:

$$N_\epsilon^+ = (\alpha, \alpha + \epsilon)$$

If we only show:

$$N_\epsilon^+ \cap S \neq \emptyset \quad \forall \epsilon$$

Then we have shown that any deleted neighborhood of  $\alpha$ , contains a point in  $S$ , which means  $\alpha$  is a limit point of  $S$ .

### Prove by Contradiction

Assume the opposite, which means  $\exists \epsilon_0 > 0$  such that:

$$N_{\epsilon_0}^+ \cap S = \emptyset$$

then

$$\forall x_0 \in S : x_0 \geq \alpha + \epsilon_0$$

which means  $\alpha + \epsilon_0$  is a greater lower bound than  $\alpha$  for  $S$  which can't be happening, since  $\alpha$  is the  $\inf S$ . There for  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ :

$$N_{\epsilon_0}^+ \cap S \neq \emptyset$$

Which means  $\alpha$  is a limit point of  $S$ .

### 3 Section 1.3: Problem 18

If a nonempty subset  $S$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  is both open and closed, then  $S = \mathbb{R}$ .

#### Answer

We will show that  $S$  is unbounded, and since it's not empty, the only subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  that's unbounded is  $\mathbb{R}$ .

#### Prove by Contradiction

Assume the opposite. Therefore,  $S$  is bounded from at least one side, whether above or below. We will assume  $S$  is at least bounded from above, and the procedure would be the same if we assume  $S$  is bounded below. Since the  $S$  is bounded above, then it has a  $\sup S$ . Since  $S$  is closed,  $\sup S \in S$  (we showed in problem 17 of [1]). In addition, since  $S$  is open, then  $S = S^0$ , which means  $\forall x \in S$ , there's a neighborhood of  $x$ , which is completely in  $S$ . Therefore,  $\exists \epsilon_0 > 0$  such that:

$$(\sup S - \epsilon_0, \sup S + \epsilon_0) \subset S$$

In particular:

$$(\sup S, \sup S + \epsilon_0) \subset S$$

However, each point in  $(\sup S, \sup S + \epsilon_0)$  is greater than  $\sup S$ , which contradicts the assumption of  $S$  being bounded above and having a  $\sup S$ .

The same argument holds with  $S$  being unbounded below. Hence,  $\emptyset \neq S$  is unbounded, and  $S = \mathbb{R}$ .

### 4 Section 1.3: Problem 19

Let  $S$  be an arbitrary set. Prove:

- (a)  $\delta S$  is closed.
- (b)  $S^0$  is open.
- (c) The exterior of  $S$  is open.
- (d) The limit points of  $S$  form a closed set.
- (e)  $\overline{(\overline{S})} = \overline{S}$ .

#### Answer

- (a) To prove  $\delta S$  is closed, we will show  $(\delta S)^c$  is open, which is equivalent to:

$$\forall x \in (\delta S)^c : \quad \exists \epsilon > 0 \text{ such that: } (x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \subset (\delta S)^c$$

Let  $x_0 \in (\delta S)^c$ . This means  $x_0$  is not a boundary point for  $S$ , which leads to two possibilities:

- (1)  $\exists \epsilon_0 > 0$  such that:  $N_{\epsilon_0} = (x_0 - \epsilon_0, x_0 + \epsilon_0) \subset S$ . We will show:

$$N_{\epsilon_0} \cap \delta S = \emptyset \Rightarrow N_{\epsilon_0} \subset (\delta S)^c$$

### Prove by Contradiction

Suppose:

$$N_{\epsilon_0} \cap \delta S \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \exists x_1 \in N_{\epsilon_0} \cap \delta S$$

Therefor  $x_1$  is a boundary point which means any neighborhood of  $x_1$  contains a point in  $S^c$ . Now consider the following:

$$\epsilon_1 := \min\{|x_1 - (x_0 - \epsilon_0)|, |x_0 + \epsilon_0 - x_1|\}$$

Then:

$$N_{\epsilon_1} = (x_1 - \epsilon_1, x_1 + \epsilon_1) \subset N_{\epsilon_0} = (x_0 - \epsilon_0, x_0 + \epsilon_0) \subset S$$

So,  $N_{\epsilon_1}$  is a neighborhood of  $x_1$  that contains no point in  $S^c$  which means  $x_1$  cannot be a boundary point for  $S$ , which is a contradiction. Thus,  $N_{\epsilon_0} \subset (\delta S)^c$ .

- (2)  $\exists \epsilon_0 > 0$  such that:  $N_{\epsilon_0} = (x_0 - \epsilon_0, x_0 + \epsilon_0) \subset S^c$ . We will show:

$$N_{\epsilon_0} \cap \delta S = \emptyset \Rightarrow N_{\epsilon_0} \subset (\delta S)^c$$

### Prove by Contradiction

Suppose:

$$N_{\epsilon_0} \cap \delta S \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \exists x_1 \in N_{\epsilon_0} \cap \delta S$$

Therefor  $x_1$  is a boundary point which means any neighborhood of  $x_1$  contains a point in  $S$ . Now consider the following:

$$\epsilon_1 := \min\{|x_1 - (x_0 - \epsilon_0)|, |x_0 + \epsilon_0 - x_1|\}$$

Then:

$$N_{\epsilon_1} = (x_1 - \epsilon_1, x_1 + \epsilon_1) \subset N_{\epsilon_0} = (x_0 - \epsilon_0, x_0 + \epsilon_0) \subset S^c$$

So,  $N_{\epsilon_1}$  is a neighborhood of  $x_1$  that contains no point in  $S$  which means  $x_1$  cannot be a boundary point for  $S$ , which is a contradiction. Thus,  $N_{\epsilon_0} \subset (\delta S)^c$ .

- (b) To show  $S^0$  is open,  $\forall x \in S^0$  we will propose an  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of  $x$  which is completely in  $S^0$ . Let  $x_0 \in S^0$  be an arbitrary point. This means,  $\exists \epsilon_0$  such that:

$$(x_0 - \epsilon_0, x_0 + \epsilon_0) \subseteq S$$

Now, take:

$$x_1 \in (x_0 - \epsilon_0, x_0 + \epsilon_0), \text{ and } \epsilon_1 := \min\{|x_1 - (x_0 - \epsilon_0)|, |x_0 + \epsilon_0 - x_1|\}$$

Then:

$$(x_1 - \epsilon_1, x_1 + \epsilon_1) \subset (x_0 - \epsilon_0, x_0 + \epsilon_0)$$

Therefore:

$$(x_1 - \epsilon_1, x_1 + \epsilon_1) \subseteq S$$

Which means  $x_1$  is also an interior point of  $S$ , and is in  $S^0$ . Since  $x_1$  was an arbitrary point, we can follow the same procedure for any point in  $(x_0 - \epsilon_0, x_0 + \epsilon_0)$  and arguing that they're in  $S^0$ . Therefore:

$$(x_0 - \epsilon_0, x_0 + \epsilon_0) \subseteq S^0$$

Hence,  $x_0$  is also an interior point of  $S^0$  since there exists the  $\epsilon_0$ -neighborhood of  $x_0$  which is completely in  $S^0$ .

(c) The exterior of  $S$  is the interior of  $S^c$ . Based on (b) we have shown that for any arbitrary set such as  $S^c$ ,  $(S^c)^0$  is open, which is equivalent to the exterior of  $S$  being open.

(d) Assume the following <sup>1</sup>:

$$L := \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \text{ is limit point of } S\}$$

To show  $L$  is closed, we have show  $L^c$  is open, which means:

$$\forall x \in L^c, \exists \epsilon > 0 \text{ such that: } (x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \subset L^c$$

Let  $x_0 \in L^c$ . Since  $x_0$  is not a limit point, then  $\exists \epsilon_0 > 0$  such that  $N_{\epsilon_0} := (x_0 - \epsilon_0, x_0 + \epsilon_0) \cap S = \emptyset$ . To show  $N_{\epsilon_0}$  is the  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of  $x_0$  that is fully in  $L^c$ , we have to show there can't be any other limit point of  $S$  in  $N_{\epsilon_0}$ . We will prove this by contradiction.

### Prove by Contradiction

Suppose:

$$N_{\epsilon_0} \cap L \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \exists x_1 \in N_{\epsilon_0} \cap L$$

Therefore  $x_1$  is a limit point which means any deleted-neighborhood of  $x_1$  contains a point in  $S$ . Now consider the following:

$$\epsilon_1 := \min\{|x_1 - (x_0 - \epsilon_0)|, |x_0 + \epsilon_0 - x_1|\}$$

Then:

$$N_{\epsilon_1} = (x_1 - \epsilon_1, x_1 + \epsilon_1) \setminus x_1 \cap S \neq \emptyset$$

However:

$$N_{\epsilon_1} \subset N_{\epsilon_0}$$

Which means:

$$\begin{aligned} N_{\epsilon_1} \cap S &\subset N_{\epsilon_0} \\ \Rightarrow N_{\epsilon_0} \cap S &\neq \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

Which is a contradiction. Thus,  $N_{\epsilon_0} \subset L^c$ .

(e) To show the following, we have to show:

$$\overline{(\overline{S})} \subset \overline{S} \text{ and } \overline{S} \subset \overline{(\overline{S})}$$

$$1 \quad \overline{(\overline{S})} \subset \overline{S}$$

Let  $x \in \overline{(\overline{S})}$ . By definition, we know:  $\overline{(\overline{S})} = \overline{S} + \delta \overline{S}$ . Thus, at least one of the following will happen:

1.1  $x \in \overline{S}$ : If this is the case then we took an element from  $\overline{(\overline{S})}$  and is also in  $\overline{S}$  which leads to  $\overline{(\overline{S})} \subset \overline{S}$ .

1.2  $x \in \delta \overline{S}$  and  $x \notin \overline{S}$ : Since  $x \notin \overline{S}$  and it's also a boundary point, then:

$$N_\epsilon \setminus x \cap \overline{S} \neq \emptyset$$

Thus,  $x$  is a limit point for  $\overline{S}$ . We will show that  $\overline{S}$  contains all of its limit points.

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**Proof by contradiction:**

Let  $\bar{S}$  be not closed, i.e.  $\exists x$  such that it is a limit point of  $\bar{S}$  but  $x \notin \bar{S}$ . Thus,

$$N_\epsilon \cap \bar{S} \neq \emptyset \quad \forall \epsilon > 0$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} N_\epsilon \cap \bar{S} \setminus \{x\} &= (N_\epsilon \cap (S \cup \delta S)) \setminus \{x\} = ((N_\epsilon \cap S) \cup (N_\epsilon \cap \delta S)) \setminus \{x\} \\ &= ((N_\epsilon \cap S) \setminus \{x\}) \cup (N_\epsilon \cap \delta S) \setminus \{x\} \neq \emptyset \quad \forall \epsilon > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Two possible event might occur:

1.  $N_\epsilon \cap S \setminus \{x\} \neq \emptyset$ : then it would mean that  $x$  is a limit point of  $S$ , i.e.  $x \in \delta S$  and therefore,  $x \in \bar{S}$ .

2. If  $N_\epsilon \cap \delta S \setminus \{x\} \neq \emptyset$ , then it would mean that  $x$  is a limit point of  $\delta S$ . Now, we need to show that any limit point of  $\delta S$  is also a limit point of  $S$ .

Let  $x$  be a point that is a limit point of  $\delta S$ , but not a limit point of  $S$ . Then,

$$\exists \epsilon_0 > 0 : N_{\epsilon_0} \cap \delta S \neq \emptyset \wedge (N_{\epsilon_0} \cap S = \emptyset)$$

Let  $y \in (N_{\epsilon_0} \cap \delta S)$ , and  $0 < d(x, y) = h < q$ . Then, for any  $0 < \epsilon < q - h$ , we must have  $N_\epsilon(y) \cap S = \emptyset$ , since  $N_\epsilon(y) \subset N_{\epsilon_0}$ . This contradicts the fact that  $y$  is a limit point of  $S$ .

Therefore, any limit point of  $\delta S$  is also a limit point of  $S$ , i.e. it also belongs to  $\delta S$  and therefore belongs to  $\bar{S}$ .

2  $\bar{S} \subset \overline{(\bar{S})}$ : since  $\overline{(\bar{S})} = \bar{S} + \delta \bar{S}$  which means  $\overline{(\bar{S})} = \bar{S} \cup \delta \bar{S}$  it will result in  $\bar{S} \subset \overline{(\bar{S})}$ .

## 5 Section 1.3: Problem 21

Let  $S$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that if  $\mathcal{H}$  is any open covering of  $S$ , then  $S$  has an open covering  $\mathcal{H}_e$  comprised of finitely many open sets from  $\mathcal{H}$ . Show that  $S$  is compact.<sup>2</sup>

**Answer**

To show  $S$  is compact, we have to show two things  $S$  is bounded and it's closed:

1  $S$  is bounded: Consider the open covering of  $S$ :

$$\forall x \in S, \mathcal{H} = \bigcup_{x \in S} (x - 1, x + 1)$$

Then there exist a finite sub-covering of  $\mathcal{H}$  such as  $\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2, \dots, \mathcal{H}_n$  such that:

$$S \subset \mathcal{H}_1 \cup \mathcal{H}_2 \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{H}_n$$

Consider the following:

$$\mathcal{N} := \min\{x_1 - 1, x_1 + 1, x_2 - 1, x_2 + 1, \dots, x_n - 1, x_n + 1\}$$

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$$\mathcal{M} := \max\{x_1 - 1, x_1 + 1, x_2 - 1, x_2 + 1, \dots, x_n - 1, x_n + 1\}$$

Then:

$$S \subset \mathcal{H}_1 \cup \mathcal{H}_2 \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{H}_n \subset (\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{M})$$

Since if you take any element such as  $y$  is  $\mathcal{H}_1 \cup \mathcal{H}_2 \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{H}_n$  is belongs to at least on of  $\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2, \dots, \mathcal{H}_n$ . Assume  $y \in \mathcal{H}_t$ . Then:

$$y \in (x_t - 1, x_t + 1) \subset (\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{M})$$

Since  $\mathcal{N} \leq x_t - 1$  and  $\mathcal{M} \geq x_t + 1$ . Since  $S \subset (\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{M})$ . Then

$$\forall x \in S : x \leq \mathcal{M} \text{ and } x \geq \mathcal{N}$$

Therefore  $S$  is bounded.

2  $S$  is close: To show  $S$  is closed, we can show  $S^c$  is open. To show  $S^c$  is open, we have to show:

$$\forall x \in S^c, \exists \epsilon > 0 \text{ such that: } (x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \subset S^c$$

Let  $y \in S^c$  and consider the following open covering of  $S$ :

$$\forall x \in S, \mathcal{H} = \bigcup_{x \in S} (x - \frac{|x - y|}{2}, x + \frac{|x - y|}{2})$$

Then there exist a finite sub-covering of  $\mathcal{H}$  such as  $\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2, \dots, \mathcal{H}_n$  such that:

$$S \subset \mathcal{H}_1 \cup \mathcal{H}_2 \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{H}_n$$

For each of  $\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2, \dots, \mathcal{H}_n$  also consider the following:

$$\mathcal{U}_i = (y - \frac{|x_i - y|}{2}, y + \frac{|x_i - y|}{2})$$

We will be showing  $\mathcal{H}_i \cap \mathcal{U}_i = \emptyset$ . There will be two possibilities for  $x_i$  and  $y$ :

1  $x_i < y$ . Then;

$$|x_i - y| \leq y - x_i \Rightarrow \frac{|x_i - y|}{2} + \frac{|x_i - y|}{2} \leq y - x_i \Rightarrow x_i + \frac{|x_i - y|}{2} \leq y - \frac{|x_i - y|}{2}$$

Hence  $\forall a_y \in \mathcal{U}_i$  and  $\forall a_x \in \mathcal{H}_i$ , since:

$$y - \frac{|x_i - y|}{2} < a_y \text{ and } a_x < x_i + \frac{|x_i - y|}{2} \Rightarrow a_x < a_y$$

Which means  $\mathcal{H}_i \cap \mathcal{U}_i = \emptyset$ .

2  $y < x_i$ . Then;

$$|x_i - y| \leq x_i - y \Rightarrow \frac{|x_i - y|}{2} + \frac{|x_i - y|}{2} \leq x_i - y \Rightarrow y + \frac{|x_i - y|}{2} \leq x_i - \frac{|x_i - y|}{2}$$

Hence  $\forall a_y \in \mathcal{U}_i$  and  $\forall a_x \in \mathcal{H}_i$ , since:

$$x_i - \frac{|x_i - y|}{2} < a_x \text{ and } a_y < y + \frac{|x_i - y|}{2} \Rightarrow a_y < a_x$$

Which means  $\mathcal{H}_i \cap \mathcal{U}_i = \emptyset$ .



Please note that  $x_i \neq y$  since  $x_i \in S$  and  $y \in S^c$ .

Now, consider the following:

$$\epsilon := \min\left\{\frac{|x_1 - y|}{2}, \frac{|x_2 - y|}{2}, \frac{|x_3 - y|}{2}, \dots, \frac{|x_n - y|}{2}\right\}$$

Then:

$$\mathcal{U}_\epsilon = (y - \epsilon, y + \epsilon) \subset \mathcal{U}_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

We will show  $\mathcal{U}_\epsilon = (y - \epsilon, y + \epsilon) \cap S = \emptyset$

### Prove by Contradiction

Assume the opposite, which means  $\mathcal{U}_\epsilon \cap S \neq \emptyset$ . Then:

$$\exists w \in \mathcal{U}_\epsilon \cap S \Rightarrow \exists i \text{ such that: } w \in \mathcal{H}_i$$

Which means:

$$w \in \mathcal{U}_\epsilon \text{ and } w \in \mathcal{H}_i \Rightarrow \mathcal{U}_\epsilon \cap \mathcal{H}_i \neq \emptyset$$

Therefore:

$$\mathcal{U}_i \cap \mathcal{H}_i \neq \emptyset, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

Which is a contradiction. This means  $\mathcal{U}_\epsilon = (y - \epsilon, y + \epsilon) \cap S = \emptyset$ , and  $\mathcal{U}_\epsilon$  is a neighborhood of  $y$  which is completely in  $S^c$ . Hence,  $S^c$  is open and  $S$  is closed.

## 6 Section 1.3: Problem 22

A set  $S$  is dense in a set  $T$  if  $S \subset T \subset \bar{S}$ .

- (a) Prove: If  $S$  and  $T$  are sets of real numbers and  $S \subset T$ , then  $S$  is dense in  $T$  if and only if every neighborhood of each point in  $T$  contains a point from  $S$ .
- (b) State how (a) shows that the definition given here is consistent with the restricted definition of a dense subset of the reals given in Section 1.1.

### Answer

- (a) We want to show  $S \subset T \subset \bar{S} \Leftrightarrow$  every neighborhood of each point in  $T$  contains a point from  $S$ .

$\Rightarrow S \subset T \subset \bar{S}$ : To show every neighborhood of each point in  $T$  contains a point from  $S$ , First, consider  $x \in T \subset \bar{S}$ . Since  $\bar{S} = S \cup \delta S$  then at least two of the following possibilities could happen for  $x$ :

- 1  $x \in S$ : Then every neighborhood of  $x$  contains  $x$  which is in  $S$ .
- 2  $x \in \delta S$ . Then  $x$  is a boundary point, meaning that for every neighborhood of  $x$  there exist a point of this neighborhood in  $S$ .

Therefore, if  $S \subset T \subset \bar{S} \Rightarrow$  every neighborhood of each point in  $T$  contains a point from  $S$ .

$\Leftarrow S \subset T$  and every neighborhood of each point in  $T$  contains a point from  $S$ : To show  $S \subset T \subset \bar{S}$ , since we already know  $S \subset T$ , we only need to show  $T \subset \bar{S}$ , meaning that every point in  $T$  is whether in  $S$ , or whether it's a boundary point of  $S$ , meaning it's in  $\delta S$ . Consider  $x \in T$ . then at least two of the following possibilities could happen for  $x$ :

- 1  $x \in S$ : Then every neighborhood of  $x$  contains  $x$  which is in  $S$ .
- 2  $x \notin S$ : This means  $x \in S^c$ . Since for every neighborhood of  $x$ , let's say  $N$  there exist a point of this neighborhood in  $S$  then:

$$N \cap S \neq \emptyset \text{ and } x \in N \cap S^c \Rightarrow N \cap S^c \neq \emptyset$$

Therefore  $x$  is a boundary point and  $x \in \delta S$ .

Hence, if  $S \subset T$  and every neighborhood of each point in  $T$  contains a point from  $S \Rightarrow S \subset T \subset \bar{S}$

- (b) Based on section 1.1. definition, a set  $D$  is dense in the reals if every open interval  $(a, b)$  contains a member of  $D$ . Now, assume  $D = S$  and  $T = \mathbb{R}$ . We know every set such as  $D$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Thus, to show the consistency with the definition provided in (a), we have to show  $\mathbb{R} \subset \bar{D}$ . Knowing that  $\bar{D} = D + \delta D$ , we have to show:

$$D^c \subset \delta D$$

Let  $x \in D^c$ , and  $\forall \epsilon > 0$  consider  $(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon)$ . Based on the definition of the density  $(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \cap D \neq \emptyset$ . In addition,  $x \in (x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \cap D^c \Rightarrow (x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \cap D^c \neq \emptyset$ . Therefore,  $x$  is a boundary point for  $D$ . This procedure is true for all the elements in  $D^c$ . Hence,  $D^c \subset \delta D$ . This indicates that the density definition for  $D$  being  $D \subset \mathbb{R} \subset \bar{D}$  is consisted with the definition of density in reals.

## 7 Section 1.3: Problem 23

Prove:

$$(a) (S_1 \cap S_2)^0 = S_1^0 \cap S_2^0$$

$$(b) S_1^0 \cup S_2^0 \subset (S_1 \cup S_2)^0$$

**Answer**

(a) To show  $(S_1 \cap S_2)^0 = S_1^0 \cap S_2^0$ , we have to show  $(S_1 \cap S_2)^0 \subset S_1^0 \cap S_2^0$  and  $S_1^0 \cap S_2^0 \subset (S_1 \cap S_2)^0$ :

1.  $(S_1 \cap S_2)^0 \subset S_1^0 \cap S_2^0$ : Suppose  $x \in (S_1 \cap S_2)^0$ , then  $\exists \epsilon > 0$ ,  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of  $x$ , let's say,  $N_\epsilon$ , such that:

$$N_\epsilon \subset S_1 \cap S_2 \Rightarrow N_\epsilon \subset S_1 \text{ and } N_\epsilon \subset S_2$$

Thus,  $x$  is an interior point for both  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , meaning:

$$x \in S_1^0 \text{ and } x \in S_2^0 \Rightarrow x \in S_1^0 \cap S_2^0$$

2.  $S_1^0 \cap S_2^0 \subset (S_1 \cap S_2)^0$ : Suppose  $x \in S_1^0 \cap S_2^0$ , then  $x$  is an interior point for both  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  meaning:

$$\exists \epsilon_1 > 0 \text{ such that } (x - \epsilon_1, x + \epsilon_1) \subset S_1$$

And

$$\exists \epsilon_2 > 0 \text{ such that } (x - \epsilon_2, x + \epsilon_2) \subset S_2$$

Now consider:

$$\epsilon := \min\{\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2\}$$

Then:

$$(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \subset (x - \epsilon_1, x + \epsilon_1) \subset S_1 \text{ and } (x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \subset (x - \epsilon_2, x + \epsilon_2) \subset S_2$$

Hence:

$$(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \subset S_1 \cap S_2$$

which means  $x$  is an interior point for  $S_1 \cap S_2$  and  $x \in (S_1 \cap S_2)^0$ .

(b)  $S_1^0 \cup S_2^0 \subset (S_1 \cup S_2)^0$ : Suppose  $x \in S_1^0 \cup S_2^0$ , then at least two of the followings might happen:

1.  $x \in S_1^0$ : then  $\exists \epsilon > 0$ ,  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of  $x$ , let's say,  $N_\epsilon$ , such that:

$$N_\epsilon \subset S_1 \Rightarrow N_\epsilon \subset S_1 \cup S_2$$

Therefore,  $x$  is an interior point for  $S_1 \cup S_2$ , and  $x \in (S_1 \cup S_2)^0$ .

2.  $x \in S_2^0$ : then  $\exists \epsilon > 0$ ,  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of  $x$ , let's say,  $N_\epsilon$ , such that:

$$N_\epsilon \subset S_2 \Rightarrow N_\epsilon \subset S_1 \cup S_2$$

Therefore,  $x$  is an interior point for  $S_1 \cup S_2$ , and  $x \in (S_1 \cup S_2)^0$ .

## 8 Section 1.3: Problem 24

(a)  $\delta(S_1 \cup S_2) \subset \delta S_1 \cup \delta S_2$

(b)  $\delta(S_1 \cap S_2) \subset \delta S_1 \cup \delta S_2$

(c)  $\delta \bar{S} \subset \delta S$

(d)  $\delta S = \delta S^c$

(e)  $\delta(S - T) \subset \delta S \cup \delta T$

### Answer

(a)  $\delta(S_1 \cup S_2) \subset \delta S_1 \cup \delta S_2$ : Suppose  $x \in \delta(S_1 \cup S_2)$ . Then  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ ,  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of  $x$ , let's say,  $N_\epsilon$ , there's at least one point in  $S_1 \cup S_2$  and at least one point in  $(S_1 \cup S_2)^c = S_1^c \cap S_2^c$ . There will be two possibilities for the point which is in  $N_\epsilon$  and  $S_1 \cup S_2$ .

1.  $x \in S_1$ : Since  $N_\epsilon \cap (S_1^c \cap S_2^c) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $N_\epsilon \cap S_1^c \neq \emptyset$ . Which means for  $N_\epsilon$  of  $x$  there's point in  $S_1$  and one in  $S_1^c$ . Thus,  $x$  is a boundary point of  $S_1$ , and:

$$x \in \delta S_1 \Rightarrow x \in \delta S_1 \cup \delta S_2$$

2.  $x \in S_2$ : Since  $N_\epsilon \cap (S_1^c \cap S_2^c) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $N_\epsilon \cap S_2^c \neq \emptyset$ . Which means for  $N_\epsilon$  of  $x$  there's point in  $S_2$  and one in  $S_2^c$ . Thus,  $x$  is a boundary point of  $S_2$ , and:

$$x \in \delta S_2 \Rightarrow x \in \delta S_1 \cup \delta S_2$$

- (b)  $\delta(S_1 \cap S_2) \subset \delta S_1 \cup \delta S_2$ : Suppose  $x \in \delta(S_1 \cap S_2)$ . Then  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ ,  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of  $x$ , let's say,  $N_\epsilon$ , there's at least one point in  $S_1 \cap S_2$  and at least one point in  $(S_1 \cap S_2)^c = S_1^c \cup S_2^c$ . There will be two possibilities for the point which is in  $N_\epsilon$  and  $S_1^c \cup S_2^c$ .

1.  $x \in S_1^c$ : Since  $N_\epsilon \cap (S_1 \cap S_2) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $N_\epsilon \cap S_1 \neq \emptyset$ . Which means for  $N_\epsilon$  of  $x$  there's point in  $S_1$  and at least one,  $x$ , in  $S_1^c$ . Thus,  $x$  is a boundary point of  $S_1$ , and:

$$x \in \delta S_1 \Rightarrow x \in \delta S_1 \cup \delta S_2$$

2.  $x \in S_2^c$ : Since  $N_\epsilon \cap (S_1 \cap S_2) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $N_\epsilon \cap S_2 \neq \emptyset$ . Which means for  $N_\epsilon$  of  $x$  there's point in  $S_2$  and at least one,  $x$ , in  $S_2^c$ . Thus,  $x$  is a boundary point of  $S_2$ , and:

$$x \in \delta S_2 \Rightarrow x \in \delta S_1 \cup \delta S_2$$

- (c)  $\delta \bar{S} \subset \delta S$

- (d)  $\delta S = \delta S^c$  To show  $\delta S = \delta S^c$ , we have to show  $\delta S \subset \delta S^c$  and  $\delta S^c \subset \delta S$ :

1.  $\delta S \subset \delta S^c$ : Suppose  $x \in \delta S$ , then  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ ,  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of  $x$ , let's say,  $N_\epsilon$ :

$$N_\epsilon \cap S \neq \emptyset \text{ and } N_\epsilon \cap S^c \neq \emptyset$$

Therefore,  $x$  is also a boundary point for  $S^c$  and  $x \in \delta S^c$ .

2.  $\delta S^c \subset \delta S$ : Suppose  $x \in \delta S^c$ , then  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ ,  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of  $x$ , let's say,  $N_\epsilon$ :

$$N_\epsilon \cap S^c \neq \emptyset \text{ and } N_\epsilon \cap S \neq \emptyset$$

Therefore,  $x$  is also a boundary point for  $S$  and  $x \in \delta S$ .

- (e)  $\delta(S - T) \subset \delta S \cup \delta T$ : Suppose  $x \in \delta(S - T)$ . There will be four possible situation for  $x$  based on whether  $x \in (S - T)$  or  $x \in (S - T)^c$

1.  $x \in S \cap T$ : this means  $x \in (S - T)$  Then consider  $N_\epsilon$  being a neighborhood of  $x$ , since  $x$  is a boundary point of  $(S - T)$ , then:

$$N_\epsilon \cap S - T \neq \emptyset$$

Note that,  $S - T \subset T^c$ . Hence:

$$x \in S \cap T \subset T \text{ and } N_\epsilon \cap S - T \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow N_\epsilon \cap T^c \neq \emptyset$$

Therefore,  $x$  is a boundary point for  $T$ , and  $x \in \delta T$ .

2.  $x \in S \setminus S \cap T$ : this means  $x \in (S - T) \in S$  and  $x \in (S - T) \in T^c$ . Then consider  $N_\epsilon$  being a neighborhood of  $x$ , since  $x$  is a boundary point of  $(S - T)$ , then:

$$N_\epsilon \cap (S - T)^c \neq \emptyset$$

Now, there will be two possibilities here:

2.1.  $N_\epsilon \cap (S \cap T) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow N_\epsilon \cap T \neq \emptyset$ . Then,

$$x \in S \setminus S \cap T \subset T^c \text{ and } N_\epsilon \cap T \neq \emptyset$$

Therefore,  $x$  is a boundary point for  $T$ , and  $x \in \delta T$ .

2.2.  $N_\epsilon \cap S^c \neq \emptyset$ . Then,

$$x \in S \setminus S \cap T \subset S \text{ and } N_\epsilon \cap S^c \neq \emptyset$$

Therefore,  $x$  is a boundary point for  $S$ , and  $x \in \delta S$ .

3.  $x \in T \setminus S \cap T$ : this means  $x \in (S - T)^c$ . Then consider  $N_\epsilon$  being a neighborhood of  $x$ , since  $x$  is a boundary point of  $(S - T)$ , then:

$$N_\epsilon \cap (S - T) \neq \emptyset$$

Note that,  $S - T \subset S$ . Hence:

$$x \in (S - T)^c \subset S^c \text{ and } N_\epsilon \cap (S - T) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow N_\epsilon \cap S \neq \emptyset$$

Therefore,  $x$  is a boundary point for  $S$ , and  $x \in \delta S$

4.  $x \in (S \cup T)^c$ : this means  $x \in (S - T)^c$ . Then consider  $N_\epsilon$  being a neighborhood of  $x$ , since  $x$  is a boundary point of  $(S - T)$ , then:

$$N_\epsilon \cap (S - T) \neq \emptyset$$

Note that,  $S - T \subset S$ . Hence:

$$x \in (S - T)^c \subset S^c \text{ and } N_\epsilon \cap (S - T) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow N_\epsilon \cap S \neq \emptyset$$

Therefore,  $x$  is a boundary point for  $S$ , and  $x \in \delta S$

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