

**1.3.E.** I must verify that the union of a co-dense and a nowhere dense set is a co-dense set.

**Proof.** Let  $C$  be co-dense and  $N$  nowhere dense. Let  $U$  be a non-empty open set. We must show that  $U \setminus (C \cup N) = U \cap (X \setminus (C \cup N))$  is non-empty. But this equals  $(U \setminus C) \cap (U \setminus N) \supset (U \setminus C) \cap (U \setminus \overline{N})$ . If  $U \setminus \overline{N} = \emptyset$ , then  $X = \overline{U \setminus \overline{N}} = \emptyset$ , a contradiction. So  $U \setminus \overline{N}$  is a non-empty open set, which therefore must intersect non-trivially with  $U \setminus C$ , completing the proof.

**1.3.F.** I must show that any open subset of a dense in itself space is dense in itself.

**Proof.** Let  $U$  be an open subset of the dense in itself topological space  $X$ . Let  $u \in U$ . By assumption,  $u \in \overline{X \setminus \{u\}} = \overline{(U \setminus \{u\}) \cup (X \setminus U)} = \overline{U \setminus \{u\}} \cup \overline{X \setminus U}$ . If  $u \notin \overline{U \setminus \{u\}}$ , then  $u \in \overline{X \setminus U}$ . But since,  $u \notin X \setminus U$ , then  $X \setminus U$  is not closed, which means  $U$  is not open, a contradiction. Therefore  $u$  is an accumulation point, and  $U$  is dense in itself, completing the proof.

**1.3.G.** I must show that the family of all Borel sets in the real line can be represented as the union  $\Phi = \bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_1} \mathcal{F}_\alpha$ , where  $\mathcal{F}_0$  is the family of all closed sets, and  $\mathcal{F}_\alpha$  consists of all countable unions of sets from  $\Phi_\alpha = \bigcup_{\xi < \alpha} \mathcal{F}_\xi$  for an odd ordinal number  $\alpha$ , and of all countable intersections of sets from  $\Phi_\alpha$  for an even ordinal number  $\alpha$ . Note that all families  $\mathcal{F}_\alpha$  are of cardinality  $\mathfrak{c}$  and deduce that the real line has subsets which are non-Borel sets.

**Proof.** I will be using axioms BS1', BS2, BS3' from the text for all Borel sets. The proof will proceed in two steps. The first step is to show that  $\Phi$  satisfies the axioms for Borel sets; the second step is to show that  $\Phi$  is the minimal family satisfying those axioms.

**Step 1:** BS1' and BS3' follow trivially.

Now for BS2: I must show that if  $A \in \Phi$ , then  $\mathbb{R} \setminus A \in \Phi$ . In other words, I must show that for all ordinals  $\kappa < \omega_1$  and  $A \in \mathcal{F}_\kappa$ , that  $\mathbb{R} \setminus A \in \Phi$ . I'll proceed by transfinite induction.

The base case follows from realizing that a closed set, i.e. a member of  $\mathcal{F}_0$  is an open set, which, as stated in the introductory note to the problem, is a Borel set and obeys BS2.

Now suppose that  $\kappa$  is a limit ordinal, i.e.  $\omega_0$ , and let  $A \in \mathcal{F}_{\omega_0}$ . Then  $A$  is the countable intersection of elements from  $\mathcal{F}_r$  for various finite  $r$ . Thus, by DeMorgan's Law,  $\mathbb{R} \setminus A$  is the countable union of complements of various elements from the  $\mathcal{F}_r$ s, each complement an element of  $\Phi$  by the inductive hypothesis, implying that their union,  $\mathbb{R} \setminus A$  is by definition contained in some  $\mathcal{F}_\alpha$ , where  $\alpha$  is the first odd ordinal greater than the union of each index corresponding to the  $\mathcal{F}_r$  containing the complement. Thus  $\mathbb{R} \setminus A \in \Phi$ .

Now suppose that  $\kappa$  is a successor ordinal, and let  $A \in \mathcal{F}_\kappa$ . Then  $A$  is the countable intersection or union of elements from  $\mathcal{F}_{\kappa-1}$ , so  $\mathbb{R} \setminus A$  is the countable union or intersection of complements of elements in  $\mathcal{F}_{\kappa-1}$ , each complement, by the inductive hypothesis, an element of  $\Phi$ , so essentially using the same argument as in the limit ordinal case, adjusting for intersection versus union and odd versus even,  $\mathbb{R} \setminus A \in \Phi$ .

**Step 2:** Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be the smallest family obeying the Borel axioms in  $\mathbb{R}$ . I must show that  $\Phi \subset \mathcal{B}$ , or equivalently, that for all  $\alpha < \omega_1$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_\alpha \subset \mathcal{B}$ . We'll proceed by transfinite induction.

The base case follows, since all closed sets of  $\mathbb{R}$  are contained in  $\mathcal{B}$ .

Now suppose that for all  $\alpha < \omega_0$ , the only limit ordinal less than  $\omega_1$ , that  $\mathcal{F}_\alpha \subset \mathcal{B}$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}_{\omega_0}$ , the union of all such sets is also contained in  $\mathcal{B}$ .

For  $\kappa$  a successor ordinal, suppose that  $\mathcal{F}_{\kappa-1} \subset \mathcal{B}$ . Then since  $\mathcal{F}_\kappa$  is the set of countable unions (intersections) of elements from  $\mathcal{F}_{\kappa-1}$ , for odd (even)  $\kappa$ , then we can just apply BS3 (BS 3'), since once again  $\mathcal{F}_{\kappa-1} \subset \mathcal{B}$ , to complete the induction.

For the last remark, note that the union of  $\mathfrak{c}$  sets of cardinality  $\mathfrak{c}$ , has cardinality  $\mathfrak{c}$ ; hence, so does the set of Borel sets, whereas the power set of the real line has cardinality  $2^{\mathfrak{c}}$ , and by Cantor's Theorem the power set properly contains the family of Borel sets.