

B1: Let A be a nonempty subset of \mathbb{R} that is bounded above and let $s = \sup A$.

a) Show that if A is open then $s \notin A$.

Suppose for the sake of contradiction that A is open and $s \in A$. Then $\exists \epsilon > 0$ s.t. $V_\epsilon(s) \subseteq A$. In \mathbb{R} , that means the interval $(s - \epsilon, s + \epsilon) \subseteq A$. But s being the supremum of A says that

$$s + \epsilon \leq s.$$

This inequality cannot hold since $\epsilon > 0$. Thus, $s \notin A$.

b) Show that if A is closed then $s \in A$.

We want to show that $s = \sup A$ is a limit point of A . With A being closed, A contains its limit points, particularly s . s being the supremum of A implies that $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists a \in A$ s.t.

$$s - \epsilon < a \leq s.$$

Recalling the definition of a limit point, s is a limit point if

$$A \setminus \{s\} \cap V_\epsilon(s) \neq \emptyset.$$

or

$$A \setminus \{s\} \cap (s - \epsilon, s + \epsilon) \neq \emptyset.$$

This implies we need to show that there exist a number strictly less than s . But \mathbb{R} is dense so that

$$\frac{a - s + \epsilon}{2}$$

is in the intersection. Thus, s is a limit point of A . Since A is closed, it contains its limit points and $s \in A$.

B2: Prove that the set $A = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } n \geq 2 \right\} \cup \{0\}$ is compact.

Let \mathcal{U} be an open cover for A . For all $x \in A$, x is in some $U_x \in \mathcal{U}$. Since such U_x is open, some ϵ -neighborhood of x is contained in it,

$$x \in V_\epsilon(x) \subseteq U_x.$$

In particular, some ϵ -neighborhood of 0 is contained in some $U_0 \in \mathcal{U}$,

$$(-\epsilon, \epsilon) \subseteq U_0 \in \mathcal{U}.$$

By the Archimidean Propert, $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $n \geq N \rightarrow \frac{1}{n} < \epsilon$. This means that the open set U_0 covers all points of A with $n \geq N$. Since there are a finite amount of points in A with $n < N$, \mathcal{U} has a finite subcover

$$\{U_0, U_2, \dots, U_{N-1}\}$$

that contains A . Since \mathcal{U} is arbitrary, A is compact.

B3: Prove the following about compact sets

- a) Show that an arbitrary intersection of compact sets is compact.

Let \mathcal{W} be a collection of compact sets. The intersection

$$Y = \bigcap_{G \in \mathcal{W}} G$$

is contained in all $G \in \mathcal{W}$ and is closed. Therefore, Y is compact.

- b) Show that a finite union of compact sets is compact.

Let $\{A_i\}$ be a collection of compact sets. Let $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$ be a finite union those sets. Note that the indexing set I is finite. Let \mathcal{W} be an open cover for $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$. It follows that \mathcal{W} is an open cover for each A_i . Since each A_i is compact, there's a finite subcover each of them,

$$\mathcal{W}'_i \subseteq \mathcal{W}.$$

The finite union of them, $\bigcup_{i \in I} \mathcal{W}'_i$, is a finite subset of \mathcal{W} covering $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$. Therefore, \mathcal{W} has a finite subcover. Since \mathcal{W} is arbitrary,

$$\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$$

is compact.

- c) Show that any closed subset of a compact set is compact.

Let $B \subseteq A$ be closed and \mathcal{U} be an open cover for B . B being closed implies B^c is open and the union $\mathcal{U} \cup B^c$ covers A . Since A is compact, some finite subcover $\mathcal{W} \subseteq \mathcal{U} \cup B^c$ covers A . Being a subset of A , \mathcal{W} also covers B . But the B^c part doesn't intersect B so we can throw it out. Thus $\mathcal{W} \setminus B^c$ is a finite subcover of \mathcal{U} that covers B . Since \mathcal{U} is arbitrary and has a finite subcover, B is compact.

B4: Let A be a subset of \mathbb{R} .

- a) Let \mathcal{U} be the collection of all open subsets that are subsets of A . Prove that

$$A^\circ = \bigcup_{G \in \mathcal{U}} G.$$

(\Rightarrow) We know that $A^\circ \subseteq A$. We want to show that A° is open by showing that, $\forall x \in A^\circ$ and some $\epsilon > 0$,

$$V_\epsilon(x) \subseteq A^\circ.$$

First take some interior point $x \in A^\circ$. By definition, there is some positive number $\epsilon > 0$ s.t. x 's ϵ -neighborhood is contained in A .

$$x \in V_\epsilon(x) \subseteq A.$$

Let $y \in V_\epsilon(x)$ be some arbitrary point in this x 's ϵ -neighborhood. By letting

$$\epsilon' = \epsilon - d(x, y),$$

$V_{\epsilon'}(y) \subseteq A$. Thus, $y \in A^\circ$. Since every point in $V_\epsilon(x)$ is an interior point, $V_\epsilon(x) \subseteq A^\circ$. Thus, A° is open and

$$A^\circ \subseteq \bigcup_{G \in \mathcal{U}} G.$$

(\Leftarrow) Now we show that interior of A° contains the union above. For all $x \in \bigcup_{G \in \mathcal{U}} G$, x is in some $G \subseteq A$. Since G is open, some ϵ -neighborhood of x is contained in $G \subseteq A$,

$$V_\epsilon(x) \subseteq G \subseteq A, \epsilon > 0.$$

Thus x is an interior point. So we have that

$$\bigcup_{G \in \mathcal{U}} G \subseteq A^\circ.$$

Because the union and the interior are contained in each other,

$$A^\circ = \bigcup_{G \in \mathcal{U}} G.$$

b) (\Rightarrow) The set $\overline{A} = A \cup L_A$ contains A and A 's limit points. To show that the set is closed, we will show that the set contains the limit points of L_A also.

Let $y \in L_{L_A}$, i.e. y is some limit point of L_A . Then $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists$ some limit point $z \in L_A$ contained in $V_\epsilon(y)$. Let $\epsilon' = \epsilon - d(z, y)$. Then $V_{\epsilon'}(z) \subseteq V_\epsilon(y)$. But each $V_{\epsilon'}(z)$ contains an element of A since $z \in L_A$. Thus, every ϵ -neighborhood of y contains an element of A . Therefore the limit points of L_A are limit points of A and are consequently contained in \overline{A} .

We just showed that \overline{A} is closed. Therefore $\overline{A} \in \mathcal{C}$. It follows that

$$\bigcap_{G \in \mathcal{U}} G \subseteq \overline{A}.$$

(\Leftarrow) Since $A \subseteq G$ for all $G \in \mathcal{U}$,

$$A \in \bigcap_{G \in \mathcal{U}} G.$$

But the arbitrary intersection of closed sets is closed. So that L_A is also contained in the set. Thus

$$\overline{A} \subseteq \bigcap_{G \in \mathcal{U}} G.$$

Therefore,

$$\overline{A} = \bigcap_{G \in \mathcal{U}} G.$$

c) Let \mathcal{U} be an collection of all open subsets of A . By De Morgan's Laws,

$$(A^\circ)^c = \left(\bigcup_{G \in \mathcal{U}} G \right)^c = \bigcap_{G \in \mathcal{U}} G^c$$

But $G \subseteq A^\circ \subseteq A \Rightarrow A^c \subseteq G^c$. With G^c being closed, use the result of 4b to get

$$\bigcap_{G \in \mathcal{U}} G^c = \overline{A^c}.$$

Thus,

$$(A^\circ)^c = \overline{A^c}.$$