

3.2.2 Let $B = \left\{ \frac{(-1)^n n}{n+1} : n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \right\}$.

(a) Find the limit points of B .

$$\{-1, 1\}$$

(b) Is B a closed set?

No, it contains neither of its limit points.

(c) Is B an open set?

No, its not possible to find an ϵ -neighborhood for every point in B such that the ϵ -neighborhood is contained in B .

(d) Does B contain any isolated points?

Every element of B is an isolated point.

(e) Find \overline{B} .

$$B \cup \{-1, 1\}$$

3.2.6 Prove Theorem 3.2.8: A set $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is closed if and only if every Cauchy sequence contained in F has a limit that is also an element of F .

Proof.

First we prove that if a set $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is closed then every Cauchy sequence contained in F has a limit that is also an element of F . Assume $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is closed, that is F contains its limit points. So, we need to show that every Cauchy sequence (a_n) contained in F has a limit in F . Assume (a_n) is an arbitrary Cauchy sequence contained in F . Since (a_n) is Cauchy, its limit exists. So, let $a = \lim(a_n)$. Now, we need to show that a is either a limit point in F or an isolated point in F . If $a_n \neq a$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then a is a limit point and since F is closed, $a \in F$. Otherwise, $a_n = a$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and since $(a_n) \subseteq F$, $a \in F$. So, every Cauchy sequence contained in F has a limit that is also an element of F .

Next, we prove that if every Cauchy sequence contained in a set F has a limit that is also an element of F , then $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is closed. Assume every Cauchy sequence contained in a set $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ has a limit that is also an element of F . Need to show that F is closed, that is F contains all its limit points. Let a be an arbitrary limit point of F . Then, $a = \lim a_n$ for some sequence (a_n) contained in F . Since (a_n) converges, it must be a Cauchy sequence. So, $a \in F$. Thus, F is closed. \square

3.2.10 (De Morgan's Laws): A proof for De Morgan's Laws in the case of two sets is outlined in Exercise 1.2.3. The general argument is similar.

- (a) Given a collection of sets $\{E_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$, show that $(\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda)^c = \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda^c$ and $(\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda)^c = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda^c$.

Proof. First, we need to show that $(\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda)^c \subseteq \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda^c$, that is $\forall x \in (\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda)^c$, $x \in \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda^c$. Suppose $x \in (\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda)^c$. Then, by definition of set complement, $\forall \lambda \in \Lambda, x \notin E_\lambda$. So, $\forall \lambda \in \Lambda, x \in E_\lambda^c$. Then, by definition of set intersection, $x \in \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda^c$. So, $(\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda)^c \subseteq \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda^c$. Next, we need to show that $\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda^c \subseteq (\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda)^c$, that is $\forall y \in \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda^c, y \in (\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda)^c$. Suppose $y \in \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda^c$. Then, by definition of set intersection, $\forall \lambda \in \Lambda, y \in E_\lambda^c$. So, $\forall \lambda \in \Lambda, y \notin E_\lambda$. Then, by definition of set union, $y \notin \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda$. So, $y \in (\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda)^c$. Thus, $(\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda)^c \subseteq \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda^c$ and $\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda^c \subseteq (\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda)^c$ means that $(\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda)^c = \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda^c$. \square

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- (b) Now, provide the details for the proof of Theorem 3.2.14

- (i) The union of a finite collection of closed sets is closed.

Proof. Suppose $\{E_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ is a collection of closed sets. Then, $\{E_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}^c$ is a collection of open sets and we know that the intersection of a finite amount of open sets is open (Theorem 3.2.3). So, taking the complement again $(\{E_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}^c)^c = \{E_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ gives us a closed set (since the complement of an open set is a closed set) as desired. \square

- (ii) The intersection of an arbitrary collection of closed sets is closed.

Proof. Suppose $\{E_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ is an arbitrary collection of closed sets. Then, E_λ^c is open and $\forall \lambda \in \Lambda$, the union of E_λ^c is open (Theorem 3.2.3). By De Morgan's Law, we know $\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda^c = (\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda)^c$ so $(\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda)^c$ is open. Then, $\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda$ is closed. Thus, the intersection of an arbitrary collection of closed sets is closed. \square

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