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Exercise 5.4. Let a and b be real numbers. Show that the following three equalities hold:

$$\bigcap_{x>b}(a,x) = (a,b], \qquad \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty}[a+\frac{1}{n}, b-\frac{1}{n}) = (a,b), \qquad \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty}(a+n,+\infty) = \emptyset.$$

1. $\bigcap_{x>b}(a,x) = \{y \in \overline{\mathbb{R}} : y \in (a,x) \forall x > b\}$. $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$ has a least upper bound so call this bound, d so $y \leq d \forall y \in \bigcap_{x>b}(a,x)$. Assume $d < b$, then $a < y \leq d < b < x \exists p \in \bigcap_{x>b}(a,x)$ s.t. $a < b < p < x$. So, d is not the least upper bound. So, $b \leq d$ and $a < y \leq b \leq d \forall \bigcap_{x>b}(a,x)$. $\bigcap_{x>b}(a,x) = \{y \in \overline{\mathbb{R}} : a < y \leq b\} = (a,b]$.
2. $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} = [a+\frac{1}{n-1}, b-\frac{1}{n-1}) \cup [a+\frac{1}{n}, b-\frac{1}{n}) = \{y \in \overline{\mathbb{R}} : a+\frac{1}{n} \leq y \leq b-\frac{1}{n}\} = B$.
   - $a - \frac{1}{2}$ is a lower bound since $\nexists y \in B$ s.t. $y < a+\frac{1}{n}$. Assume $\exists$ a lower bound called β s.t. $\beta > a+\frac{1}{n}$. If so then, $B = \{a+\frac{1}{n} < y < b-\frac{1}{n}\}$. But, $\exists y \in B$ s.t. $y = a+\frac{1}{n}$. So, $\nexists$ any β so $\inf B = a+\frac{1}{n}$ and $a < a+\frac{1}{n} = \inf B$.
   - $b - \frac{1}{n}$ is a upper bound since $\nexists y \in B$ s.t. $y > b-\frac{1}{n}$. Assume $\exists$ some upper bound α s.t. $\alpha < b-\frac{1}{n}$. So, $b-\frac{1}{n}-\alpha > 0$. Choose $\gamma \in \mathbb{N}$ so $\frac{1}{\gamma} < b-\frac{1}{n}-\alpha.(b-\frac{1}{n}-\frac{1}{\gamma}) > b-\frac{1}{n}-(b-\frac{1}{n}-\alpha)$. So, α is not an upper bound. So, $\sup B = b-\frac{1}{n} < b$.

   Thus, $B = \{a < \inf B \leq y < \sup B < b \forall y \in B\} = (a,b)$.
3. Let's do proof by contradiction. Assume $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty}(a+n,+\infty) = X$ s.t. $X = \{\beta\}, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \beta < a+n$. Enumerate $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty}(a+n,+\infty) = (a+1,\infty) \cap (a+2,\infty) \cap \cdots \cap (a+n,\infty) \cap \ldots$. Take a look at set, $(a+n,\infty) = \{x \in \overline{\mathbb{R}} : a+n < x < \infty\} = B$. Clearly $a+n$ is a lower bound for B since $a+n < x \,\forall x \in B$. Assume that k is a lower bound s.t. $k > a+n$. So, $B = \{x \in \overline{\mathbb{R}} : a+n < k < x < \infty\}$. So, $k-a-n > 0$. Choose ϕ so $\phi > k-a-n.a+n+\phi > a+n+k-a-n$. So, k is not a lower bound. So, $\inf B = a+n \rightarrow \beta < a+n = \inf B.\beta \notin B$ so $\beta \notin \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty}(a+n,+\infty)$. This establishes a contradiction so $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty}(a+n,+\infty) = \emptyset$.

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Exercise 5.5. Let $a_1, a_2, \ldots$ be any enumeration of the negative rational numbers; let $b_1, b_2, \ldots$ be any enumeration of the positive rational numbers. Show that the following two equalities hold:

$$\bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty}(a_j, b_j) = \{0\}, \qquad \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty}(a_j, b_j) = \mathbb{R}.$$

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1. Let's analyze one set of this general intersection, (a_n, b_n) and call it A. $\sup A$ exists by the least upper bound property since $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ is bounded above and nonempty by least upper bound property. Similar argument for existence of $\inf A$ but it is bounded below. Let us prove what $\sup A, \inf A$ are supposed to be.
   - a_n is a lower bound $\to x \notin A$ s.t. $x < a_n \forall x \in A$. Assume that l is a lower bound s.t. $l > a_n$. So, $A = \{x \in \overline{\mathbb{R}} : a_n < k < x < b_n\}$. So, $l - a_n > 0$. Choose $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ so $\alpha > l - a_n . \alpha + a_n > a_n + l - a_n$. Thus, l is not a lower bound. So, $\inf A = a_n$.
   - b_n is a upper bound $\to x \notin A$ s.t. $x > b_n \forall x \in A$. Assume that u is an upper bound s.t. $u < b_n$. So, $A = \{x \in \overline{\mathbb{R}} : a_n < x < u < b_n\}$. So, $u - b_n > 0$. Choose $n \in \mathbb{N}$ so $u - b_n > \frac{1}{n}$. So, $b_n - \frac{1}{n} > u$. Thus, u is not an upper bound. So, $\sup A = b_n$.

   Since $a_n \in -\mathbb{Q}$ and $b_n \in +\mathbb{Q}$ $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, 0 \in (a_n, b_n) \forall n$ so $\bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty}(a_n, b_n) = \{0\}$.

2. Let's analyze one set of this general union, (a_n, b_n) and call it A. $\sup A$ exists by the least upper bound property since $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ is bounded above and nonempty by least upper bound property. Similar argument for existence of $\inf A$ but it is bounded below. Let us prove what $\sup A, \inf A$ are supposed to be.
   - a_n is a lower bound $\to x \notin A$ s.t. $x < a_n \forall x \in A$. Assume that l is a lower bound s.t. $l > a_n$. So, $A = \{x \in \overline{\mathbb{R}} : a_n < k < x < b_n\}$. So, $l - a_n > 0$. Choose $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ so $\alpha > l - a_n . \alpha + a_n > a_n + l - a_n$. Thus, l is not a lower bound. So, $\inf A = a_n$.
   - b_n is a upper bound $\to x \notin A$ s.t. $x > b_n \forall x \in A$. Assume that u is an upper bound s.t. $u < b_n$. So, $A = \{x \in \overline{\mathbb{R}} : a_n < x < u < b_n\}$. So, $u - b_n > 0$. Choose $n \in \mathbb{N}$ so $u - b_n > \frac{1}{n}$. So, $b_n - \frac{1}{n} > u$. Thus, u is not an upper bound. So, $\sup A = b_n$.

   Assume that there is some $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$. If $\beta \notin A$, $\exists$ some set in $\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty}(a_j, b_j)$ s.t. $\beta \in \{a_n - \epsilon < x < b_n + \epsilon\}$ for any $\epsilon > 0$. So, if true for any β, $\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty}(a_j, b_j) = \mathbb{R}$.

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Exercise 6.4. Prove there exists no order $\leq$ that makes $(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot, \leq)$ into an ordered field.

Let us argue by contradiction. Assume that $\mathbb{C}$ is a ordered field. Let us analyze the case $(0, 1) = i$.

- If $i > 0$, $x, y \in \mathbb{C}$ and $x = i, y = i, i \cdot i > 0 \implies -1 > 0$, which is a contradiction.
- If $i < 0$, $x, y \in \mathbb{C}$ and $x = -i, y = -i$ (since $x, y > 0$ for the second condition to hold), $-i \cdot -i < 0 \to i^2 > 0 \implies -1 > 0$, which is a contradiction.

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Exercise 1.7. Let $\|\cdot\|$ be a norm on a real vector space V. Prove the *reverse triangle inequality*:

$$|\|x\| - \|y\|| \leq \|x - y\|$$

$\|x\| = \|(x-y)+y\| \leq |\|x-y\| + \|y\||$. $|\|x\| - \|y\|| \leq |\|(x-y) + \|y\| - \|y\|\|| = |\|(x-y)\|| = \|x-y\|$.
$\|y\| = \|(y-x)+x\| = \|y-x\| + \|x\|.|\|x\| - \|y\|| \leq |\|x\| - (\|y-x\| + \|x\|)| \leq \|x-y\|$.

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Exercise 2.3. Let X be any set. Prove that the discrete metric $d : X \times X \to \mathbb{R}$(defined by $d(x,y) = 1$ if $x \neq y$ and $d(x,x) = 0$ for $x \in X$) satisfies the triangle inequality and is therefore a metric on X.

Let's argue via proof by contrapositive. Assume $d(x,y) > d(x,z) + d(z,y)\, \forall x,y,z \in X$ so d is not a metric on X. Let $x \neq y$ and enumerate what values z can take on.

- If $z \neq y \neq$ z, then $1 > 2$.
- If $z = x$ and $z \neq y$, vice versa, then $1 > 1$.
- If $z = y = x$, then $1 > 0$. However, this contradicts our initial assumption that $x \neq y$.

Clearly, all these pose contradictions, so it must be that d satisfies the triangle inequality and is a metric on X.

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Exercise 2.4. Determine which of the following functions are metrics on $\mathbb{R}$. Prove your answer in each case.

- $d_1(x,y) = \sqrt{|x-y|}$.
- $d_2(x,y) = |x - 2y|$.
- $d_3(x,y) = \frac{|x-y|}{1+|x-y|}$.

1. For any $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, $|x-y| \geq 0$ so $\sqrt{|x-y|} \geq 0$. $d_1(x,y) = \sqrt{|x-y|} = \sqrt{|(-1)y - x|} = \sqrt{|y-x|} = d_1(y,x)$. $\sqrt{|x-y|} \leq \sqrt{|x-z|} + \sqrt{|z-y|} \to |x-y| \leq |x-z| + c + |z-y|$ where $c \leq 0$. So, $-(|x-z| + c + |z-y|) \leq x - y \leq |x-z| + c + |z-y| \to -c \leq 0 \leq c$. So d_1 is a metric on $\mathbb{R}$.
2. Assume $d_2(x,y) = d_2(y,x) \to |x-2y| = |y-2x| \forall\, x,y \in \mathbb{R}$. Choose $x = 0$ and $y = 1$ so $d_2(x,y) = 1 = d_2(y,x) = 2$. So, d_2 is clearly not a metric on $\mathbb{R}$.
3. For any $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, $|x-y| \geq 0$ so $\frac{|x-y|}{1+|x-y|} \geq 0$. $d_3(x,y) = \frac{|x-y|}{1+|x-y|} = \frac{|(-1)y-x|}{1+|(-1)y-x|} = \frac{|y-x|}{1+|y-x|} = d_3(y,x)$. Assume $\frac{|x-y|}{1+|x-y|} > \frac{|x-y|}{1+|x-y|} + \frac{|x-y|}{1+|x-y|}$. Choose $x, y = 5$ and $z = 0$. So, $0 > \frac{|5|}{6} + \frac{|5|}{6}$ and clearly this is a contradiction so d_3 follows triangle inequality. So, d_3 is a metric on $\mathbb{R}$.

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Exercise 2.6. Consider the function $d : \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$, defined by

$$d(x, y) = |x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2|, \qquad (x = (x_1, x_2), y = (y_1, y_2)).$$

1. Prove that d is a metric on $\mathbb{R}^2$.
2. On a sheet of graph paper, draw the set $B_d((5, 1), 3)$. Use dotted lines to indicate the boundary, which is not included in the set you are drawing. (Hint: it may be easier to figure out what the set looks like if you first consider $B_d((0, 0), 3)$.)
3. On the same graph as in the previous part, draw $B_{d_u}((-3, 2), 1)$, where d_u denotes the square metric.

For nonnegativity, analyze two cases where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

1. Case 1: Let $(x_1, x_2) = (y_1, y_2)$. So, $d(x, y) = |x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2| = |x_1 - x_1| + |x_2 - x_2| = 0$.
2. Case 2: Let $x \neq y \, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Claim that $d(x, y) < 0$ so d is not a metric. $d(x, y) = |x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2| < 0$. $|x_1 - y_1| < -|x_2 - y_2|$. Choose $x = (0, 0)$ and $y = (1, 2)$. So, $|0 - 1| < -|0 - 2| \to 1 < -2$. Clearly, this is false so $d(x, y) \geq 0$.

For symmetry, $d(x, y) = |x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2| = |(-1)y_1 - x_1| + |(-1)y_2 - x_2| = |y_1 - x_1| + |y_2 - x_2| = d(y, x)$.
For triangle inequality, $d(x, y) = |x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2| \leq |x_1 - z_1| + |z_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - z_2| + |z_2 - y_2| = d(x, z) + d(z, y)$. ■

Exercise 2.8. Let (X, d) be a metric space, and let E be a subset of X. The *diameter* of E in (X, d) is defined by the formula

$$\operatorname{diam}_d(E) = \sup\{d(x, y) : x, y \in E\}.$$

1. Prove that for any $r > 0$ and $x \in X$, we have $\operatorname{diam}(B(x, r)) \leq 2r$.
2. If X is any set and d is the discrete metric, show $\operatorname{diam}(B(x, r)) = 0$ for any $r \leq 1$, while $\operatorname{diam}(B(x, r)) = 1$ for any $r > 1$.
3. If $X = \mathbb{R}^n$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and d is the Euclidean metric, prove that $\operatorname{diam}(B(x, r)) = 2r$.

1. $B(x, r) = \{y \in X : d(x, y) < r\}$. $\operatorname{diam}_d(\{y \in X : d(x, y) : x, y \in B(x, r)\}) = \sup\{d(x, y) : x, y \in B(x, r)\} \leq \sup\{d(x, z) : z, y \in B(x, r)\} + \sup\{d(z, y) : y, z \in B(x, r)\}$. So, $\operatorname{diam}_d(\{y \in X : d(x, y) : x, y \in B(x, r)\}) \leq r + r = 2r$.
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3. Choose two points $a_1, a_2 \in B(x, r)$ s.t. $a_1 = [x_1 + r, x_2, x_3, \dots], a_2 = [x_1 - r, x_2, x_3, \dots]$. $\operatorname{diam} B(x, r) = \sup\{d(a_1, a_2) : a_1, a_2 \in B(x, r)\}$. Apply triangle inequality to $d(a_1, a_2) \to$

$d(a_1, a_2) \leq d(a_1, x) + d(x, a_2)$. So, diam $B(x, r) = \sup\{d(a_1, a_2) \leq \|r\| + \|r\|\} = \sup(d(a_1, a_2) \leq 2r) = 2r$.

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Exercise 2.11. As in Example 2.7, let $X = \mathbb{R}^2, Y = [-1, 3] \times [2, 4]$, and let d denote the Euclidean metric on $X = \mathbb{R}^2$. Let $p = (3, 4)$ and let $q = (2, 4)$. Arguing *directly from the definition of an interior point* (i.e., without using Exercise 2.12), show that q is an interior point of $B_Y(p, 2)$ with respect to Y, but q is not an interior point of $B_Y(p, 2)$ with respect to X. In addition, draw a picture on a piece of graph paper that illustrates the idea of your proof.

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Exercise 2.12. Let (X, d) be a metric space, and let Y be a subset of X. Prove that for any subset U of Y, we have

$$(*)\, \mathrm{Int}_X(U) = \mathrm{Int}_Y(U) \cap \mathrm{Int}_X(Y).$$

In the notation of Exercise 2.11, the equality $(*)$ gives an alternate explanation of why q is not an interior point of $B_Y(p, 2)$ with respect to X: It is because $q \notin \mathrm{Int}_X(Y)$, as can be seen from the picture you drew in that Exercise.

$\mathrm{Int}_X(U) = \{x \in U : x$ is an interior point of U with respect to $X\}$. That means there is some $B_X(x, r) \subset U$, s.t. $r > 0$. Call this ball, D. Since $D \subset U \to D \subset \mathrm{Int}_Y(U)$. Also, since $U \subset Y$, $D \subset Y$. So, $D \subset \mathrm{Int}_X(Y)$. So, $\mathrm{Int}_X(U) \subset \mathrm{Int}_Y(U) \cap \mathrm{Int}_X(Y)$.
Now for the other direction, $\mathrm{Int}_Y(U) = \{x \in U : x$ is an interior point of U with respect to $Y\}$. That means there is some $B_Y(x, r) \subset U$, s.t. $r > 0$. Call this ball, E. Since $E \subset U$, $E \subset Y \to E \subset \mathrm{Int}_X(Y)$. So, $E \subset \mathrm{Int}_Y(U) \cap \mathrm{Int}_X(Y) \subset U \subset \mathrm{Int}_X(U)$. So, $\mathrm{Int}_X(U) = \mathrm{Int}_Y(U) \cap \mathrm{Int}_X(Y)$. ■

Exercise 2.16. Let (X, d) be a metric space, and let U be a subset of X. Use Proposition 2.15 to prove that $\mathrm{Int}_X(U)$ is open in X.

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Exercise 2.20. Let (X, d) be a metric space. Assume that $U \subset Y \subset X$, and additionally that Y is open X. Prove that U is open in Y if and only if U is open in X. (Note: There at least two possible solutions; one uses Theorem 2.19, the other uses Exercise 2.12.)

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