

2.6. Example. Every open ball in \mathbb{R}^n is an open set, while every closed ball in \mathbb{R}^n is a closed set.

Proof. Let $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and let $r > 0$.

$\because B(a, r)$ is an open set $\Leftrightarrow \forall x \in B(a, r) \exists r' > 0$ s.t. $B(x, r') \subseteq B(a, r)$

$$\text{Let } x \in B(a, r) \Rightarrow \|x - a\| < r$$

$$\text{Let } r' := r - \|x - a\| \Rightarrow r' > 0$$

We claim that $B(x, r') \subseteq B(a, r)$ (*)

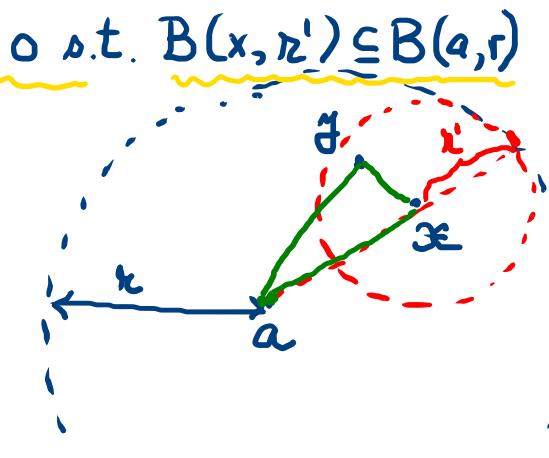
Pick an arbitrary $y \in B(x, r')$

$$\|y - a\| = \|(y - x) + (x - a)\| \leq \underbrace{\|y - x\|}_{< r'} + \|x - a\| < r' + \|x - a\| = r$$

$\Rightarrow y \in B(a, r)$, whence (*) holds.

HW: $\overline{B}(a, r)$ is closed.

because $y \in B(x, r')$



2.7. Theorem. If $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, then
[$\text{int } A$ is an open set
 $\text{cl } A$ is a closed set]

(if and only if)

2.8. Theorem (characterization of open sets). A set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is open iff
 $A = \text{int } A$.

2.9. Theorem (characterization of closed sets). A set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is closed iff
 $A = \text{cl } A$.

3. Sequences in \mathbb{R}^n

3.1. Definition (convergent sequences in \mathbb{R}^n) Any function $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is called a sequence of points in \mathbb{R}^n . If $f(k) = x_k$ ($k \in \mathbb{N}$), then the sequence is denoted by $(x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$, $(x_k)_{k \geq 1}$, (x_k) .

Let (x_k) be a seq. of points in $\mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow \forall k \in \mathbb{N} : x_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$, so it is of the form $x_k = (x_{k1}, x_{k2}, \dots, x_{kn})$

Example $\mathbf{x}_k = \left(\frac{k}{k+1}, \left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right)^k, k \sin \frac{\pi}{k} \right) \quad k \geq 1$
 $\Rightarrow (\mathbf{x}_k)$ is a sequence in \mathbb{R}^3

Let (\mathbf{x}_k) be a seq. in \mathbb{R}^n , and let $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. One says that (\mathbf{x}_k) converges to \mathbf{x} if

$$\Leftrightarrow \| \mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{x} \| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists k_0 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall k \geq k_0 : \| \mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{x} \| < \varepsilon$$

If (\mathbf{x}_k) is convergent, then its limit is unique.

Notation : $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{x}$ or $(\mathbf{x}_k) \rightarrow \mathbf{x}$

Remark. $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{x} \Leftrightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \| \mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{x} \| = 0$

Let (\mathbf{x}_k) be a seq. in \mathbb{R}^n

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_1 &= (\underline{\mathbf{x}_{11}}, \underline{\mathbf{x}_{12}}, \dots, \underline{\mathbf{x}_{1n}}) \\ \mathbf{x}_2 &= (\underline{\mathbf{x}_{21}}, \underline{\mathbf{x}_{22}}, \dots, \underline{\mathbf{x}_{2n}}) \\ \dots \\ \mathbf{x}_k &= (\underline{\mathbf{x}_{k1}}, \underline{\mathbf{x}_{k2}}, \dots, \underline{\mathbf{x}_{kn}}) \\ \dots \\ \underline{\mathbf{x}} &= (\underline{\mathbf{x}_1}, \underline{\mathbf{x}_2}, \dots, \underline{\mathbf{x}_n}) \end{aligned}$$

3.2. Theorem. Let (\mathbf{x}_k) be a seq. in \mathbb{R}^n , $\mathbf{x}_k = (\underline{\mathbf{x}}_{k1}, \underline{\mathbf{x}}_{k2}, \dots, \underline{\mathbf{x}}_{kn})$ ($k \in \mathbb{N}$), and let $\bar{\mathbf{x}} = (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1, \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2, \dots, \bar{\mathbf{x}}_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{x}_k = \bar{\mathbf{x}} \Leftrightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \underline{\mathbf{x}}_{kj} = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_j \quad \forall j = 1, n$$

Proof \Rightarrow Assume that $(x_k) \rightarrow \bar{x}$. Let $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. We have

$$0 \leq |x_{k_j} - \bar{x}_j| \leq \sqrt{(x_{k_1} - \bar{x}_1)^2 + \dots + (x_{k_n} - \bar{x}_n)^2} = \|x_k - \bar{x}\|$$

$k \rightarrow \infty$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |x_{k_j} - \bar{x}_j| = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{k_j} = \bar{x}_j$$

\Leftarrow Assume that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{k_j} = \bar{x}_j \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. We have

$$0 \leq \|x_k - \bar{x}\| = \sqrt{(x_{k_1} - \bar{x}_1)^2 + \dots + (x_{k_n} - \bar{x}_n)^2} \leq |x_{k_1} - \bar{x}_1| + \dots + |x_{k_n} - \bar{x}_n|$$

$k \rightarrow \infty$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_k - \bar{x}\| = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = \bar{x}.$$

3.3. Definition (Cauchy sequences). A seq. (x_k) of points in \mathbb{R}^n is said to be a Cauchy sequence if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists k_0 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall k \geq k_0 \quad \forall p \geq 1 : \|x_{k+p} - x_k\| < \varepsilon.$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{k}{k+1}, \left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right)^k, k \sin \frac{\pi}{k} \right) = (1, e, \pi)$$

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$$k \sin \frac{\pi}{k} = \frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{k}}{\frac{\pi}{k}} \cdot \pi \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} \pi$$

3.4. Theorem. A seq (\mathbf{x}_k) of points in \mathbb{R}^n , $\mathbf{x}_k = (x_{k1}, \dots, x_{kn})$ ($k \in \mathbb{N}$) is a Cauchy seq. iff $(x_{kj})_{k \geq 1}$ is a Cauchy seq. $\forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

3.5. Theorem (A.L.Cauchy). A sequence in \mathbb{R}^n converges iff it is a Cauchy sequence

Proof. Let (x_k) be a seq. in \mathbb{R}^n , $x_k = (x_{k1}, \dots, x_{kn})$

(x_k) converges $\Leftrightarrow (x_{kj})_{k \geq 1}$ converges $\forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

Cauchy Thm. for seq's of real numbers

$\Leftrightarrow (x_{kj})_{k \geq 1}$ is a Cauchy seq. $\forall j = \overline{1, n}$

$\Leftrightarrow (\mathbf{x}_k)$ is a Cauchy sequence.

3.6. Theorem (characterization of adherent points by using sequences)

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, and let $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then

$x \in \text{cl } A \Leftrightarrow \exists (x_k) \text{ seq. of points in } A \text{ s.t. } (x_k) \rightarrow x$

Proof \Rightarrow Assume that $x \in \text{cl } A \Rightarrow \forall V \in \mathcal{V}(x) : V \cap A \neq \emptyset$

Choosing $V := B(x, \frac{1}{k}) \Rightarrow \forall k \geq 1 : B(x, \frac{1}{k}) \cap A \neq \emptyset$

$\Rightarrow \forall k \geq 1 \quad \exists x_k \in B(x, \frac{1}{k}) \cap A \Rightarrow x_k \in A$
and

$$x_k \in B(x, \frac{1}{k}) \Rightarrow 0 \leq \|x_k - x\| < \frac{1}{k}$$

$\Rightarrow (x_k)$ is a seq. in A s.t. $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_k - x\| = 0$

$$(x_k) \rightarrow x$$

\Leftarrow Assume that $\exists (x_k) \text{ seq. in } A \text{ s.t. } (x_k) \rightarrow x$

Let $V \in \mathcal{V}(x)$ arbitrarily chosen. $\Rightarrow \exists \varepsilon > 0 \text{ s.t. } B(x, \varepsilon) \subseteq V$

Since $(x_k) \rightarrow x \Rightarrow \exists k_0 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall k \geq k_0 : \|x_k - x\| < \varepsilon \Rightarrow x_k \in B(x, \varepsilon) \subseteq V$
 $\Rightarrow \forall k \geq k_0 : x_k \in V \cap A \Rightarrow \underline{V \cap A \neq \emptyset} \Rightarrow x \in \text{cl } A$

3.7. Theorem (characterization of limit points by using sequences)

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, and let $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then

$$x \in A' \Leftrightarrow \exists (x_k) \text{ seq. in } A \setminus \{x\} \text{ s.t. } (x_k) \rightarrow x$$

Proof. Note that $x \in A' \Leftrightarrow \forall \forall \epsilon > 0 : \exists n(A \setminus \{x\}) \neq \emptyset$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \in \text{cl}(A \setminus \{x\})$$

T3.6

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists (x_k) \text{ seq. in } A \setminus \{x\} \text{ s.t. } (x_k) \rightarrow x$$

3.8. Theorem (characterization of closed sets by using sequences)

A set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is closed \Leftrightarrow the limit of every convergent seq. of points in A does belong to A , too

Proof \Rightarrow Assume that A is closed

Let (x_k) be an arbitrary convergent seq. of points in A , and let $x := \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k$.

By T3.6 $\Rightarrow x \in \text{cl}A = A$

\Leftarrow $\because A$ is closed $\Leftrightarrow A = \text{cl}A \Leftrightarrow \text{cl}A \subseteq A \checkmark$

Pick $x \in \text{cl}A \stackrel{\text{T3.6}}{\Rightarrow} \exists (x_k) \text{ seq. in } A \text{ s.t. } (x_k) \rightarrow x \xrightarrow{\text{our hyp.}} x \in A$

4. Compact sets in \mathbb{R}^n

4.1 Definition (compact sets). Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$.

- Any family $(A_i)_{i \in I}$ of subsets of \mathbb{R}^n with the property that

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

is called a covering of A

- A covering $(G_i)_{i \in I}$ of A is said to be open if G_i is open $\forall i \in I$
- The set A is called compact if every open covering of A has a finite subcovering

A is compact $\Leftrightarrow \forall (G_i)_{i \in I}$ open covering of $A \exists J \subseteq I$, J finite

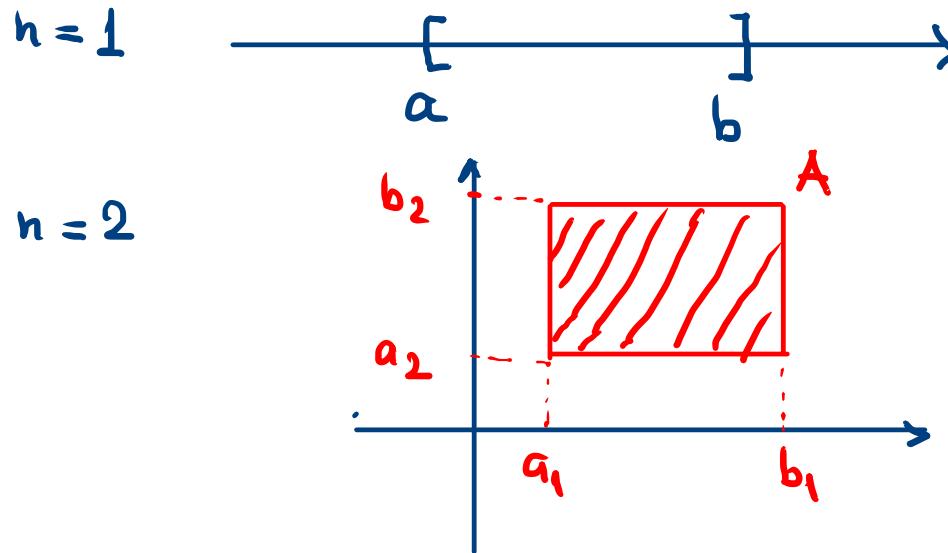
$$\text{s.t. } A \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in J} G_i$$

Obviously, every finite set A is compact

4.2 Example A set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is called a closed cell if it is of the form

$$A = [a_1, b_1] \times [a_2, b_2] \times \dots \times [a_n, b_n]$$

$$= \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \mid x_1 \in [a_1, b_1], x_2 \in [a_2, b_2], \dots, x_n \in [a_n, b_n]\}$$



Every closed cell in \mathbb{R}^n is a compact set.

$n=2 \quad A = [a_1, b_1] \times [a_2, b_2]$ is a rectangle

Let $l_1 = b_1 - a_1, \quad l_2 = b_2 - a_2$

Assume, by reductio ad absurdum, that

A is NOT compact

$\Rightarrow \exists (G_i)_{i \in I}$ an open covering of A which does not have a finite subcovering

By means of its centre we split the rectangle A into 4 congruent rectangles

Since A cannot be covered by finitely many sets $(G_i)_{i \in I} \Rightarrow$

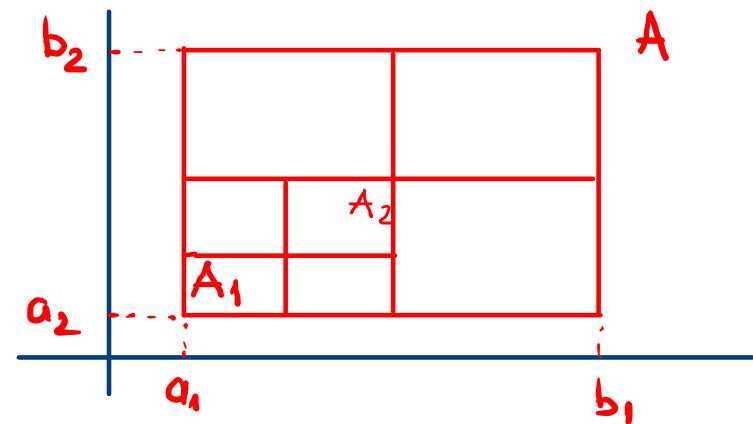
\Rightarrow at least one of the 4 smaller rectangles cannot be covered by
finitely many sets $(G_i)_{i \in I}$

Let A_1 be this rectangle, $A_1 = I_1^{(1)} \times I_2^{(1)}$, $I_1^{(1)}, I_2^{(1)}$ are closed intervals
 $l(I_1^{(1)}) = \frac{l_1}{2} \quad l(I_2^{(1)}) = \frac{l_2}{2}$

By its centre we split A_1 into 4 congruent rectangles.

Since A_1 cannot be covered by finitely many sets $(G_i)_{i \in I} \Rightarrow$

\Rightarrow at least one of the 4 smaller rectangles cannot be covered by
finitely many sets $(G_i)_{i \in I}$.



Let A_2 be this rectangle $A_2 = I_1^{(2)} \times I_2^{(2)}$

where $I_1^{(2)}, I_2^{(2)}$ are closed intervals $I_1^{(2)} \subseteq I_1^{(1)}, I_2^{(2)} \subseteq I_2^{(1)}$
 $\ell(I_1^{(2)}) = \frac{l_1}{2^2}$ $\ell(I_2^{(2)}) = \frac{l_2}{2^2}$

Continuing the above reasoning we obtain a sequence of rectangles

(*) $A \supseteq A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq \dots \supseteq A_k \supseteq \dots$ s.t. every A_k cannot be covered by finitely many sets $(G_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$

$A_k = I_1^{(k)} \times I_2^{(k)}$, $I_1^{(k)}, I_2^{(k)}$ closed intervals

$$\ell(I_1^{(k)}) = \frac{l_1}{2^k} \quad \ell(I_2^{(k)}) = \frac{l_2}{2^k} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{The nested} \\ \text{closed intervals} \\ \text{theorem} \end{array} \right\}$$

From (*) $\Rightarrow [a_1, b_1] \supseteq I_1^{(1)} \supseteq I_1^{(2)} \supseteq \dots \supseteq I_1^{(k)} \supseteq \dots$

$[a_2, b_2] \supseteq I_2^{(1)} \supseteq I_2^{(2)} \supseteq \dots \supseteq I_2^{(k)} \supseteq \dots$

$$\Rightarrow \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} I_1^{(k)} = \{\mathfrak{x}_1^*\} \text{ and } \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} I_2^{(k)} = \{\mathfrak{x}_2^*\}.$$

Let $\mathfrak{x}^* := (\mathfrak{x}_1^*, \mathfrak{x}_2^*) \Rightarrow \mathfrak{x}^* \in A_k \quad \forall k \geq 1$

$$x^* \in A \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} G_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad \exists i_0 \in I \text{ s.t. } x^* \in G_{i_0} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} G_{i_0} \text{ is open} \\ \Rightarrow \exists r > 0 \text{ s.t. } B(x^*, r) \subseteq G_{i_0} \end{array} \right.$$

Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $2^k > \frac{l_1 + l_2}{r}$

Let $x = (x_1, x_2) \in A_k$

$x^* = (x_1^*, x_2^*) \in A_k$

$$\|x - x^*\| = \sqrt{(x_1 - x_1^*)^2 + (x_2 - x_2^*)^2} \leq \sqrt{\frac{l_1^2 + l_2^2}{2^{2k}}} < \frac{l_1 + l_2}{2^k} < r$$

$$x_1, x_1^* \in I_1^{(k)} \Rightarrow |x - x_1^*| \leq l(I_1^{(k)}) = \frac{l_1}{2^k}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_1 - x_1^*)^2 \leq \frac{l_1^2}{2^{2k}}$$

$$\text{Similarly } (x_2 - x_2^*)^2 \leq \frac{l_2^2}{2^{2k}}$$

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$$x \in B(x^*, r) \subseteq G_{i_0}$$

Since x was an arbitrary point in $A_k \Rightarrow A_k \subseteq G_{i_0}$ \Rightarrow A_k cannot be covered by finitely many sets $(G_i)_{i \in I}$

Therefore A is a compact set.

4.3. Definition A set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is said to be bounded if

$$\exists a \in \mathbb{R}^n \exists r > 0 \text{ s.t. } A \subseteq \bar{B}(a, r)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists r > 0 \text{ s.t. } A \subseteq \bar{B}(0_n, r)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists C \text{ closed cell in } \mathbb{R}^n \text{ s.t. } A \subseteq C$$

4.4. Theorem (characterization of compact sets in \mathbb{R}^n). Given $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, the following statements are equivalent

- 1° A is compact
- 2° A is sequentially compact (i.e., every seq. in A has a subsequence converging to some point in A)
- 3° A is bounded and closed.