

UM 204 : INTRODUCTION TO BASIC ANALYSIS  
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HOMEWORK 4

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1. Determine whether the following subsets  $S$  are open, closed, or neither. For any  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is endowed with the metric

$$d(x, y) := \sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + \cdots + (x_n - y_n)^2} \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

where we write  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ .

- (a)  $S := \{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x_2 > |x_1|\}$
- (b)  $S := \{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : (x_1 - a_1)^2 + (x_2 - a_2)^2 \leq r^2\}$  for some (fixed)  $(a_1, a_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $r > 0$
- (c)  $S := [a_1, b_1] \times [a_2, b_2] \times \cdots [a_n, b_n]$ , where  $a_j, b_j \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a_j < b_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$
- (d)  $S := \{(x, \sin(1/x)) : x \in \mathbb{R}^+\} \cup \{(0, 0)\}$
- (e)  $S := \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : x_1^2 + \cdots + x_n^2 = 1\}$

Please give **justifications**.

2. Fix  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ . Construct a bounded set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  such that  $A$  has **exactly**  $n$  limit points.

3. Let  $X$  be a metric space and  $\mathcal{C}$  any non-empty set comprising subsets of  $X$ . State whether the correct relation **in general** should be  $B \supseteq C$  or  $B \subseteq C$  or  $B = C$ , where

$$B = \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{C}} \overline{A} \quad \text{and} \quad C = \overline{\bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{C}} A}.$$

If  $B \neq C$  in general, then provide an example showing that the relevant inclusion could be a strict inclusion.

4. Let  $A \subsetneq \mathbb{R}$  be a non-empty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  that is bounded above. Show that  $\sup A \in \overline{A}$ , where  $A$  is equipped with the standard metric  $d$ : i.e.,  $d(x, y) := |x - y|$  for every  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

5. Let  $X$  be a metric space. Show that if a set  $A \subseteq X$  contains all its limit points, then  $A$  is closed.

6. Show that, in a metric space, each singleton is a closed set.

7. Given a metric space  $X$  and a set  $A \subseteq X$ , the *interior* of  $A$ , denoted by  $A^\circ$ , is defined as the largest (in the sense of inclusion) open set in  $X$  that is contained in  $A$ . Show that  $A^\circ = \{x \in A : A \text{ is an interior point of } A\}$ .

The following anticipates material to be introduced in the lecture on **January 27**.

8. Let  $X$  be a metric space and let  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $Y \neq \emptyset$ . Show that a set  $F \subseteq Y$  is closed relative to  $Y$  if and only if there exists a closed subset of  $X$ , say  $A$ , such that  $F = Y \cap A$ .

9. Show that the *density property* of  $\mathbb{Q}$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  (i.e., the property described in Problem 8 of Homework 3) is equivalent to saying that  $\mathbb{Q}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$  equipped with the standard metric.