

HW-4  
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### 1.4.27

- Let  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Therefore, for any  $r > 0$ , we have the interval  $(x - r, x + r)$  where  $x + r, x - r \in \mathbb{R}$ . Because we know that the Irrationals are dense in the Reals, we know that,  $\exists y \in \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q} \ni y \in (x - r, x + r)$ . Therefore, we have that  $(x - r, x + r) \not\subset \mathbb{Q}$ . Therefore, the Rationals are not an open set.
- Now, let  $z \in \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}$ . Therefore, for any  $\delta > 0$ , we have the interval  $(z - \delta, z + \delta) \ni z - \delta, z + \delta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Therefore, because the  $\mathbb{Q}$  are dense in the  $\mathbb{R}$ , we know that for any value of  $\delta$ , there exists some  $x \in (z - \delta, z + \delta) \ni x \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Therefore,  $z$  is a point of closure of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . But, because  $z \in \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}$ , we have by definition that  $z \notin \mathbb{Q}$ . Therefore, the Rationals do not contain all of its points of closure and therefore, the Rationals are not closed.
- Thus, the Rationals are neither closed nor open.

### 1.4.30

(i)

- Let  $x$  be a point of closure of  $E'$ . Therefore, in every neighborhood of  $x$ ,  $\exists x' \in E'$ . Furthermore, because  $x' \in E'$ , we know that in every neighborhood of  $x'$ ,  $\exists y \in E \ni x' \neq y$  because  $E'$  is the collection of accumulation points of  $E$ . Let  $\delta > 0 \ni x' \in (x - \delta, x + \delta)$  and  $d(x, x') = r \ni 0 < r < \delta$ . Therefore, we know that  $(x' - \frac{\min(\delta - r, r)}{2}, x' + \frac{\min(\delta - r, r)}{2}) \subset (x - \delta, x + \delta)$  and, we also know by construction that,  $x \notin (x' - \frac{\min(\delta - r, r)}{2}, x' + \frac{\min(\delta - r, r)}{2})$ . But,

$(x' - \frac{\min(\delta-r, r)}{2}, x' + \frac{\min(\delta-r, r)}{2})$  is a neighborhood of  $x'$ . Therefore, we know by definition that,  $\exists y \in E \ni y \in (x' - \frac{\min(\delta-r, r)}{2}, x' + \frac{\min(\delta-r, r)}{2})$  and we also know that  $y \neq x'$ , which also means that,  $y \in (x - \delta, x + \delta)$ . Therefore, for every neighborhood of  $x$ ,  $\exists y \in E \ni x \neq y$  as  $y \in (x' - \frac{\min(\delta-r, r)}{2}, x' + \frac{\min(\delta-r, r)}{2})$  and  $x \notin (x' - \frac{\min(\delta-r, r)}{2}, x' + \frac{\min(\delta-r, r)}{2})$ . Therefore,  $x$  is an accumulation point of  $E$  and thus,  $x \in E'$ . Therefore,  $E'$  contains its closure points and therefore, is closed.

(ii)

-  $\bar{A} \subseteq A \cup A'$

Let  $x \in \bar{A}$ . Therefore,  $x \in A$  or  $x \notin A$ . If  $x \in A$ , then,  $x \in A \cup A' \Rightarrow \bar{A} \subseteq A \cup A'$  and we are done.

If  $x \notin A$ . Then we know by definition that,  $x \in \bar{A} \setminus A$ . Therefore, for every neighborhood of  $x$ ,  $\exists y \in A$ . Furthermore, we also know that  $x \neq y$  as,  $x \notin A$  but  $y \in A$ . Therefore, by definition,  $x$  is an accumulation point of  $A$ . Thus,  $x \in A'$ . Then,  $x \in A \cup A' \Rightarrow \bar{A} \subseteq A \cup A'$

-  $A \cup A' \subseteq \bar{A}$

Let  $x \in A \cup A'$ . Therefore, either  $x \in A$  or  $x \in A'$  (or both). If  $x \in A$ , then  $x \in \bar{A}$  as,  $A \subset \bar{A}$  and by definition,  $A \cup A' \subseteq \bar{A}$ .

If  $x \in A'$ , we have that, for every neighborhood of  $x$ ,  $\exists y \in A \ni x \neq y$ . Therefore, by definition,  $x$  is a closure point of  $A$  as in every neighborhood we can find a point in  $A$ . Thus,  $x \in \bar{A}$ . Therefore,  $A \cup A' \subseteq \bar{A}$ .

- Therefore, we have proven that  $\bar{A} = A \cup A'$

### 1.4.31

Let  $E$  be a set that consists of only isolated points. Let  $x \in E$ , therefore, we can find some neighborhood of  $x$  such that,  $N_x(r) \cap E = \{x\}$ . Furthermore, by construction we can describe  $N_x(r)$  such that, for any other  $N_{x'}(r')$  for  $x' \in E \ni x' \neq x$ , we have that  $N_x(r) \cap N_{x'}(r') = \emptyset$ . Therefore, we know that  $(x - r, x + r) \subset \mathbb{R}$  and therefore,  $\exists y \in (x - r, x + r) \ni y \in \mathbb{Q}$  as  $\mathbb{Q}$  are dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Therefore, we can define an injective map  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  where  $f(x) = y$ . We know this is injective by the construction that  $N_x(r) \cap N_{x'}(r') = \emptyset$ . Furthermore, there may be more than 1 such rational number in the interval, we can choose any. Therefore,  $\forall x \in E, \exists! y \in \mathbb{Q} \ni y \in N_x(r)$  and, we also know for any other  $x' \in E, y \notin N_{x'}(r')$ . Therefore, we have defined an injective map from  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ . Thus,  $E \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$  and therefore,  $E$  is countable as  $\mathbb{Q}$  is countable

### 1.4.32

(i)

- Assume  $E$  is open. Therefore,  $\forall x \in E$ , we know by definition that,  $\exists r > 0 \ni (x - r, x + r) \subset E$ . Therefore, by definition we know that,  $x \in \text{int}(E)$ . Thus,  $E \subseteq \text{int}(E)$ . Furthermore, by construction we know that  $\text{int}(E) \subset E$

as,  $\text{int}(E)$  consists of the interior points of  $E$  which implies that all points in  $\text{int}(E)$  are in  $E$ . Thus, if  $E$  is open, we have shown that  $E = \text{int}(E)$ .

- Now, assume that  $E = \text{int}(E)$ . Therefore, we know that  $\forall x \in E, x \in \text{int}(E)$  and therefore,  $\forall x \in E, \exists r > 0 \ni (x - r, x + r) \subset E$ . And, by definition, this makes  $E$  an open set. Therefore, if  $E = \text{int}(E)$ , then  $E$  is open.

- Therefore, because we have shown the implication in both direction, we have shown that  $E$  is open if and only if  $E = \text{int}(E)$

## (ii)

- Assume that  $E$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ . We will use proof the forward direction ( $E$  is dense  $\Rightarrow \text{int}(\mathbb{R} \setminus E) = \emptyset$ ) by contradiction. Assume that  $\text{int}(\mathbb{R} \setminus E) \neq \emptyset$ . Therefore, by definition,  $\exists x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus E$ , which is an interior point of the set, which means,  $\exists r > 0 \ni (x - r, x + r) \subset \mathbb{R} \setminus E$ . But, this means that,  $E$  is not dense in the reals as,  $\nexists y \in E \ni y \in (x - r, x + r)$ . This is a contradiction to our very first assumption as  $x - r, x + r \in \mathbb{R}$  and we have shown that  $E$  is not dense in reals (contradiction). Therefore, if  $E$  is dense in the  $\mathbb{R}$ , we must have that  $\text{int}(\mathbb{R} \setminus E) = \emptyset$ .

- Now, assume that  $\text{int}(\mathbb{R} \setminus E) = \emptyset$ . Now, let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Without loss of generality, assume that  $b > a$ . Therefore, if  $\nexists y \in \mathbb{R} \setminus E \ni y \in (a, b)$ , then we have already proved our point and  $E$  is dense in the Reals. Now, assume that,  $\exists y \in \mathbb{R} \setminus E \ni y \in (a, b)$ . Then, we can define  $r > 0 \ni r = \min\{y - a, b - y\}$ . Therefore,  $(y - r, y + r) \subset (a, b) \subset \mathbb{R}$ . But, because  $\text{int}(\mathbb{R} \setminus E) = \emptyset$ , we know that,  $\nexists h > 0 \ni (y - h, y + h) \subset \mathbb{R} \setminus E$ . Therefore, by definition,

$\exists x \in E \ni x \in (y - r, y + r) \Rightarrow x \in (a, b)$ . Therefore,  $E$  is dense in the  $\mathbb{R}$ .

- Therefore, we have proven that,  $E$  is dense if and only if  $\text{int}(\mathbb{R} \setminus E) = \emptyset$

### 1.4.35

- We know by definition that, the collection of Borel sets the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra is the smallest sigma algebra containing all the open sets (by definition).

- But, we also know by definition of a  $\sigma$ -algebra that, it is closed under complement. And, the complement of an open set is a closed set. Therefore, because the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra contains all the open sets, it must contain all the closed sets as well (as it is closed under complement). Therefore, the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra is the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra containing the closed sets.

- In addition to that, to prove that it is the smallest, let  $\Sigma$  be another  $\sigma$ -algebra that contains all the closed sets. Therefore, by definition,  $\Sigma$  also contains all the open sets. But, we know that  $\mathcal{B}$  is the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra containing open sets and therefore,  $\mathcal{B} \subset \Sigma$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{B}$  (Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra) is the smallest sigma algebra containing the closed sets.

### 1.4.36

- Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra consisting of all sets  $[a, b)$  where  $b > a$ . Therefore, we know that, sets of the form  $[a + \frac{1}{n}, b)$  are also in  $\mathcal{A}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Furthermore, because we know by definition that all  $\sigma$ -algebras are closed under countable

union, we know that,  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} [a + \frac{1}{n}, b) = (a, b)$  is contained in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Furthermore, Because  $(a, b)$  is contained in  $\mathcal{A}$ , we know that an interval of the form  $(a, n)$  is contained in  $\mathcal{A}$  where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore, by the properties of  $\sigma$ -algebras we know that  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (a, n) = (a, \infty)$  is contained in  $\mathcal{A}$  and similarly,  $(-\infty, b)$  is also contained in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Thus,  $(-\infty, \infty)$  is also contained. We can extend this argument and conclude that,  $\mathcal{A}$  contains all the open sets as, an open set of  $\mathbb{R}$  is the union of countably many open intervals. Therefore, we have proven that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra containing all the open sets consisting of all intervals of the form  $[a, b)$ . As we have previously proved, the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra containing open sets is the collection of Borel sets ( $\mathcal{B}$ ). Therefore, we now have that,  $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{A}$ . Therefore, let the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra containing all intervals of the form  $[a, b)$  be  $\Sigma$ . We know from what we proved earlier that,  $\mathcal{B} \subset \Sigma$ . Finally, because  $b > a$ , we know that  $\exists x \ni a < x < b$  and therefore, we know that,  $[a, x] \in \mathcal{B}$  and,  $(x, b) \in \mathcal{B}$ . Therefore, because  $\mathcal{B}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra, we know that  $[a, x] \cup (x, b) = [a, b) \in \mathcal{B}$  and therefore, we have shown that all intervals of the form  $[a, b)$  are contained in  $\mathcal{B}$ .

- Therefore, going back, we have shown that  $\mathcal{B} \subset \Sigma$  where  $\Sigma$  is the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra containing the intervals of the form  $[a, b)$ . But, we have also shown that  $\mathcal{B}$  contain intervals of the form  $[a, b)$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{B}$  which is the collection of all Borel Sets is the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra containing intervals of the form  $[a, b)$