

# MATH 350-2 Advanced Calculus

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$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}\right)$$

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Claim:  $(a, b)$  is a component interval of  $U$  containing  $x$ . □

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## Examples:

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- products of closed intervals

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