

Midterm 3-6

All proofs

Learn the proofs of Theorems done in class or assigned as exercises in class. Also look at examples.

Looking at $\mathbb{R}^n = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) : x_j \in \mathbb{R}\}$.

\mathbb{R}^n is a normed linear space.

$$\|\vec{x}\| = \left(\sum_{j=1}^n |x_j|^2 \right)^{1/2} = \langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle^{1/2}.$$

\mathbb{R}^n inherits many of the topological properties of \mathbb{R} .

(a) \mathbb{R}^n is complete. (Cauchy \Rightarrow convergent)

(b) ~~Character~~ Compactness — Heine-Borel property

(c) Bolzano-Weierstrass

(d) compactness \Leftrightarrow H-B \Leftrightarrow B-W \Leftrightarrow closed + bounded

(e) \mathbb{R}^n has a countable dense subset, \mathbb{Q}^n .

Important fact: $\vec{x}^k \rightarrow \vec{x}$ in $\mathbb{R}^n \iff x_j^k \rightarrow x_j$ for all $1 \leq j \leq n$.

8.2. Open Sets and Closed Sets.

A. Open Sets.

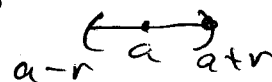


1. Definition. The *open ball* centered at $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with radius $r > 0$, denoted $B(a, r)$ is the set

$$B(a, r) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x - a\| < r\}.$$

A set $O \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is *open* if for each $x \in O$, there is an $r > 0$ such that

$$B(x, r) \subseteq O$$



2. Examples.

- The empty set \emptyset is open, and \mathbb{R}^n is open.
- Any open ball is an open set.
- Any open set can be written as the union of a collection of open balls.

a. \emptyset is open: $\forall \vec{x} \in \emptyset$, anything holds.

\mathbb{R}^n is open: Let $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, let $r=1$, $B(\vec{x}, 1) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$.

b. Let $B(\vec{a}, r)$ be given. Let $\vec{x} \in B(\vec{a}, r)$.

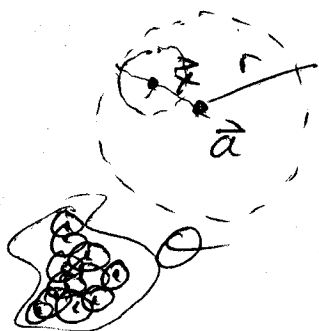
Find $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $B(\vec{x}, \varepsilon) \subseteq B(\vec{a}, r)$.

Let $\varepsilon = r - \|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\|$, and let $\vec{y} \in B(\vec{x}, \varepsilon)$.

$$\text{Then } \|\vec{y} - \vec{a}\| \leq \|\vec{y} - \vec{x}\| + \|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\|$$

$$< \varepsilon + \|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\| = r$$

c. Idea: $O \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ open. ~~Let~~ $\forall \vec{x} \in O$, $\exists \varepsilon_x > 0$ s.t. $B(\vec{x}, \varepsilon_x) \subseteq O$. In fact $O = \bigcup_{x \in O} B(\vec{x}, \varepsilon_x)$.



3. Theorem. The union of any collection of open sets is open.

Proof. Let $\{\mathcal{O}_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$, A some index set, be a collection of open sets. Show $\mathcal{O} = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} \mathcal{O}_\alpha$ is open. Let $\vec{x} \in \mathcal{O}$. Then $\vec{x} \in \bigcup_{\alpha} \mathcal{O}_\alpha$ so there is a $\alpha_0 \in A$ such that $\vec{x} \in \mathcal{O}_{\alpha_0}$. Since \mathcal{O}_{α_0} is open there is an $r > 0$ such that $B(\vec{x}, r) \subseteq \mathcal{O}_{\alpha_0} \subseteq \mathcal{O}$. Hence \mathcal{O} is open.

4. Theorem. The intersection of a finite number of open sets is open. The infinite intersection of open sets need not be open.

Proof. Let $\{\mathcal{O}_1, \mathcal{O}_2, \dots, \mathcal{O}_n\}$ be open sets. Let $\mathcal{O} = \bigcap_{j=1}^n \mathcal{O}_j$. Show \mathcal{O} is open. Let $\vec{x} \in \mathcal{O}$. Then $\vec{x} \in \mathcal{O}_j$ for all j . Then there are $r_j > 0$ such that $B(\vec{x}, r_j) \subseteq \mathcal{O}_j$ all j . Let $r = \min_{1 \leq j \leq n} r_j$

then if $\vec{x} \in \mathcal{O}$, $B(\vec{x}, r) \subseteq B(\vec{x}, r_j) \subseteq \mathcal{O}_j$

Hence $B(\vec{x}, r) \subseteq \bigcap_{j=1}^n \mathcal{O}_j = \mathcal{O}$.

~~Let~~ Let $\mathcal{O}_j = B(\vec{0}, \frac{1}{j})$. Then $\bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{O}_j = \{\vec{0}\}$, which is not open.

B. Closed Sets.

1. Definition. Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. The point x is a limit point of A if for every $\epsilon > 0$, there is a $y \in A$ such that $0 < \|x - y\| < \epsilon$.

or a cluster point.

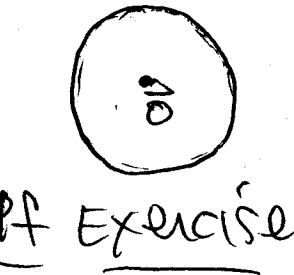


2. Remark.

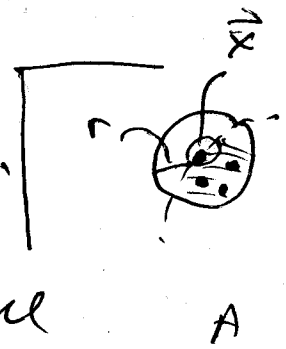
a. A limit point of a set A need not be an element of A . For example, what are the limit points of $B(0, 1)$?

\vec{x} is a limit point of $B(0, 1)$
iff $\|\vec{x}\| \leq 1$

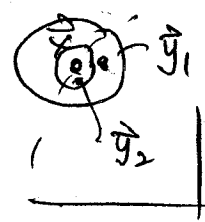
b. Claim. A point x is a limit point of a set A if and only if for every $r > 0$, $B(x, r) \cap A$ contains infinitely many points.



Proof. (\Rightarrow) Suppose \vec{x} is a limit pt of A , let $r > 0$. Then there is a $\vec{y} \in A$ with $0 < \|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\| < r$. Hence $\vec{y} \in B(\vec{x}, r) \cap A$. Next let



$r_1 = \frac{\|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\|}{2} < \|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\| < r$. Since \vec{x} is a limit pt of A , there is $\vec{y}_1 \in A$ with $0 < \|\vec{x} - \vec{y}_1\| < r_1$. Let $r_2 = \frac{\|\vec{x} - \vec{y}_1\|}{2}$

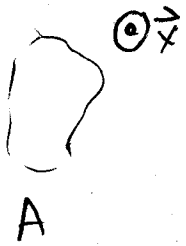


and continue in this fashion. We obtain a sequence $\vec{y}_k \in B(\vec{x}, r) \cap A$. I claim that $\vec{y}_k \neq \vec{y}_j$ for $k \neq j$. Look at $\|\vec{y}_k - \vec{y}_j\|$
Assume $k > j$ $\|\vec{y}_k - \vec{y}_j\| \geq \|\vec{y}_j - \vec{x}\| - \|\vec{y}_k - \vec{x}\|$

$$\text{But } \|\vec{y}_2 - \vec{x}\| < \nu_2 < \nu_{2-1} < \dots < \nu_j = \frac{\|\vec{x} - \vec{y}_j\|}{2}$$

$$\text{Hence } \|\vec{y}_n - \vec{y}_j\| \geq \|\vec{y}_j - \vec{x}\| - \frac{\|\vec{y}_j - \vec{x}\|^2}{2} = \frac{\|\vec{y}_j - \vec{x}\|}{2} > 0$$

(\Leftarrow) Exercise



- c. Definition. Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. The point \mathbf{x} is an *isolated point* of A if there exists an $r > 0$ such that $B(\mathbf{x}, r) \cap A = \{\mathbf{x}\}$. Note that this implies that $\mathbf{x} \in A$.
- d. Claim. Every point of a set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is either an isolated point of A or a limit point of A .

Pf: Exercise

3. Definition. A set $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is said to be *closed* if it contains all of its limit points.

4. Examples.

- a. The empty set \emptyset is closed, and \mathbb{R}^n is closed. This also shows that it is possible for a set to be both open and closed.
- b. An open ball $B(\mathbf{x}, r)$ is not closed.
- c. Any closed ball
 $\overline{B(\mathbf{a}, r)} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}\| \leq r\}$
is closed.
- d. Any finite set is closed.

5. Theorem. A set is closed if and only if its complement is open.

4. (a) ~~\vec{x}~~ is a limit pt of \emptyset means
 $\forall r > 0$ there is ~~some~~ $\vec{y} \in \emptyset$ with $0 < \|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\| < r$.

Hence ~~the~~ set of limit pts of \emptyset is \emptyset .

(b) Look at $B(\vec{x}, r)$. ~~Find a ti~~
What are limit pts of $B(\vec{x}, \vec{r})$?



Aus: $\{\vec{y} : \|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\| \leq r\}$

$B(\vec{x}, r)$

Hence $B(\vec{x}, r)$ does not contain
all its limit pts.