

Q1 Let (X, d) be a metric space and let $A \subseteq X$ be given.

Recall that being a metric space, X has a natural topology associated with it, called the metric top.:

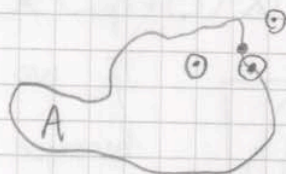
(1) $\text{Open}(X) \equiv \{U \subseteq X \mid \forall x \in U \exists r > 0 \text{ s.t. } B_r(x) \subseteq U\}$
 where $B_r(x) \equiv \{y \in X \mid d(x, y) < r\}$ is the open ball around x with radius r .

Having the topology, such as the one in (1), a number of definitions are possible: — The closure of a subset, — The interior of a subset, — The boundary of a subset. } also subsets of X .

In the lecture you have defined:

— $\text{Closure}(A) \equiv \bar{A} \equiv \{x \in X \mid B_\varepsilon(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset \ \forall \varepsilon > 0\}$

Picture $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$:



The boundary line may or may not be part of A , but it is certainly in \bar{A} , because if you pick any

ball around any point on the boundary line, part of the ball will always lie in A . Note that $A \subseteq \bar{A}$ clearly.

This definition is not the most natural one for closure. The best def. to remember is (generalizes for non-metric topologies):

Closure of $A \equiv$ "Smallest" closed set containing A

or in formula: $\text{Closure}(A) \equiv \bigcap_{\substack{C \supseteq A \\ C \in \text{Closed}(X)}} C$

Note: The word "smallest" here is meant in the sense of set inclusion. That means $\text{closure}(A)$ is a subset of any closed set which contains A .

"Abschluss"

Claim: Interior from lecture = General interior def.

Proof: \subseteq Let $x \in X$ be given s.t. $(\exists \varepsilon > 0 \text{ s.t. } B_\varepsilon(x) \subseteq A)$.
Then $B_\varepsilon(x) \in \text{Open}(X)$ and $B_\varepsilon(x) \subseteq A$, so that $B_\varepsilon(x)$ is one of the elements in the union in the def. of $\text{int}(A)$.

\supseteq Let $x \in \bigcup_{\substack{U \in \text{Open}(X) \\ U \subseteq A}} U$ be given.

$\Rightarrow \exists U_0 \in \text{Open}(X)$ s.t. $x \in U_0 \subseteq A$.

By $U_0 \in \text{Open}(X)$, $\exists \varepsilon > 0$ s.t. $B_\varepsilon(x) \subseteq U_0$.

As a result, parts (b), (c), and (d) of **Q1** are solved.
(a) and (e) are straight forward.

Just remember the general strategy to show two sets are equal: $X = Y$ iff $X \subseteq Y$ and $Y \subseteq X$

$$\begin{array}{c} \Updownarrow \\ \forall x \in X, x \in Y \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \Updownarrow \\ \forall y \in Y, y \in X \end{array}$$

and apply it in both exercises.

In the lecture you have also defined the boundary of a set A : $\partial A \equiv \bar{A} \setminus A$

Example: $\ast A = (0, 1) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, $\text{closure}(A) = [0, 1]$

$$\text{interior}(A) = (0, 1)$$

$$\partial A = \{0, 1\}$$

$\ast \text{closure}(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}$ (remember \mathbb{R} is "clopen").

$$\text{interior}(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}$$

$$\partial \mathbb{R} = \emptyset$$

$\ast A = \mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, $\text{closure}(\mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{interior}(\mathbb{Q}) = \emptyset \quad (B_\varepsilon(q) \subseteq \mathbb{Q} \text{ is never true})$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial \mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{R}$$

Then $\partial(\partial \mathbb{Q}) = \emptyset$ so that $\partial \partial A \neq \partial A$ in general.

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* $A = \{1\} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \text{closure}(A) = \{1\}$ (remember singletons are closed in any sensible top. sp., of which \mathbb{R} is one!)

$\text{int}(A) = \emptyset$ because $B_\varepsilon(1) \not\subseteq \{1\} \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0.$

$$\Rightarrow \partial A = \{1\}.$$

* $A = S^n \equiv \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid \|x\| = 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$

$S^n \in \text{Closed}(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$ (show by looking at points in $(\mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus S^n)$).

$$\Rightarrow \text{closure}(S^n) = S^n$$

$\text{int}(S^n) = \emptyset$ because $B_\varepsilon(x) \not\subseteq S^n \quad \forall x \in S^n$

$$\Rightarrow \partial S^n = S^n$$

* $A = B^n \equiv \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x\| < 1\} (\equiv B_1(0))$ is the open unit ball around zero.

$B^n \in \text{Open}(\mathbb{R}^n) \Rightarrow \text{int}(B^n) = B^n$

$\text{closure}(B^n) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x\| \leq 1\}$ (this is HW, in Q3 (a)).

$$\Rightarrow \partial B^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x\| = 1\} = S^{n-1}$$

* $A = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \in \mathbb{R} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\} \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

A is not closed: $\mathbb{R} \setminus A$ is not open because we cannot find a ball around $0 \in (\mathbb{R} \setminus A)$ which is inside of $\mathbb{R} \setminus A$.

A is not open: it has isolated points.

$\text{closure}(A) = A \cup \{0\}$ (smallest closed set containing A)

$\text{int}(A) = \emptyset$ because $B_\varepsilon(x) \subseteq A$ is never true.

$$\Rightarrow \partial A = A \cup \{0\}$$

* $A = \emptyset \subseteq X$ (any top. sp.)

$\text{closure}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ because $\emptyset \in \text{Closed}(X)$ (remember \emptyset is also clopen)

$\text{int}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ because $\emptyset \in \text{Open}(X)$

$$\Rightarrow \partial \emptyset = \emptyset.$$

Q2 (a) Claim: $\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B} \quad \forall (A, B) \in \mathcal{P}(X)^2, X \text{ top. sp.}$

Proof: $\subseteq (\overline{A \cup B}) \in \text{Closed}(X)$ bcs. finite unions of closed sets are closed.

$$(A \subseteq \overline{A} \text{ and } B \subseteq \overline{B}) \Rightarrow (A \cup B) \subseteq \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$$

$\Rightarrow \overline{A \cup B} \subseteq \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$ by the def. of $\overline{A \cup B}$ as the smallest closed set containing $A \cup B$.

Note that if $\overline{A \cup B}$ were not closed this would be failed (∞)

\supseteq Note that if $U \subseteq V$ then $\overline{U} \subseteq \overline{V}$ because \overline{V} is a closed set containing U ($U \subseteq V \subseteq \overline{V}$) and \overline{U} must, by def., be inside of it.

$$A \subseteq A \cup B \Rightarrow \overline{A} \subseteq \overline{A \cup B}$$

$$B \subseteq A \cup B \Rightarrow \overline{B} \subseteq \overline{A \cup B}$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{A} \cup \overline{B} \subseteq (\overline{A \cup B}) \cup (\overline{A \cup B}) = \overline{A \cup B}$$

(b) According to **Q1** (e), $X \setminus \overset{\circ}{A} = \overline{X \setminus A}$.

$$\Rightarrow \overset{\circ}{A} = X \setminus (\overline{X \setminus A})$$

$$\Rightarrow \overset{\circ}{A} \cap \overset{\circ}{B} =$$

$$=$$

De Morgan

$$(a) \Rightarrow$$

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$$= (\overset{\circ}{A} \cap \overset{\circ}{B})^{\circ}$$

(c) Claim: $\overline{A \cap B} \subseteq \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$

Proof: $\overline{A \cap B}$ is closed (arbitrary int. of closed sets are closed)

If $x \in A \cap B$, then $x \in A \subseteq \overline{A}$ and $x \in B \subseteq \overline{B} \Rightarrow x \in \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$.

$$\Rightarrow A \cap B \subseteq \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$$

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(d) $\overset{\circ}{A} \cup \overset{\circ}{B} = [X \setminus (\overline{X \setminus A})] \cup [X \setminus (\overline{X \setminus B})] =$

\subseteq

6 for a counter example, try $A = (0, \frac{1}{2})$, $B = (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$, $X = \mathbb{R}$.

Necessary condition:

$$[\overset{\circ}{A} \overset{\circ}{B} = \overset{\circ}{(A \cup B)}] \iff [\partial A \cap \partial B \subseteq \partial(A \cup B)]$$

Proof HW

Q3 (a) Let X be a metric space. Let $r > 0$ and $x \in X$ be given.

Claim: $\overline{B_r(x)} \subseteq \{y \in X \mid d(x, y) \leq r\}$

Let $y \in \overline{B_r(x)}$

Proof: Claim: $B_r(x) \subseteq C_r(x)$

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Claim: $C_r(x) \in \text{Closed}(X)$

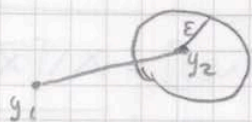
Proof:

Claim: If $(\forall (y_1, y_2) \in X^2 \text{ s.t. } y_1 \neq y_2, \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta \in (0, \varepsilon) \forall (z, y_1) \in X^2 \text{ s.t. } (d(z, y_1) < \delta \text{ and } d(y_1, y_2) < \delta) \Rightarrow d(z, y_2) < \varepsilon)$ then $\overline{B_r(x)} = C_r(x)$.

Proof:

Claim: Let $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed vector space. Then the conditions of the previous claim hold.

Proof: Let $(y_1, y_2) \in X^2$ s.t. $y_1 \neq y_2$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ be given



Define $z := \frac{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}{\|y_1 - y_2\|} y_1 + (1 - \frac{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}{\|y_1 - y_2\|}) y_2$.

(b) Counterexample: $\otimes X = \mathbb{Z}$ with $d(m, n) := |n - m|$

This is indeed a metric space. (check!)

$$\otimes X \text{ is any set. } d(x, y) := \begin{cases} 0 & x = y \\ 1 & x \neq y \end{cases}$$

This is also a metric space. (check!)

Q4 Let C be the Cantor set.

Recall one way to write this down was (Rudin PMA 2.47):

$$C = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \quad \text{where } E_1 = [0, 1/2] \cup [2/3, 1]$$

$$E_2 = [0, 1/9] \cup [2/9, 3/9] \cup [4/9, 7/9] \cup [8/9, 1]$$

...

$$\Rightarrow \bar{C} = C$$

Claim: $\overset{\circ}{C} = \emptyset$

Proof:

$$\Rightarrow \partial C = C$$

Q5

Recall "from the lecture" that if $(a,b) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 2}$ s.t.

$$a_j < b_j \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

The closed n -cell, I^n , is defined as

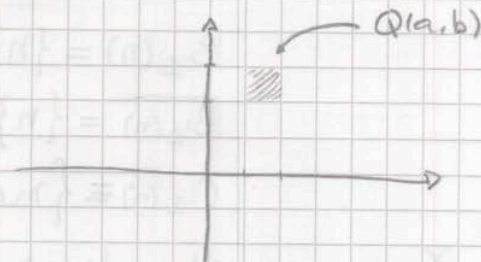
$$I^n := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x_j \in [a_j, b_j] \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\}\}$$

denoted as $\overline{Q(a,b)}$ in lecture

Similarly the open n -cell, $\overset{\circ}{I}^n$, (denoted as $Q(a,b)$) is interior(I^n).

Example: $a = (1, 2)$ $b = (2, 3)$

$Q(a,b)$



Let $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be a compact set.

(Recall by Heine-Borel that means closed and bounded).

A partition of B is a finite collection of n -cells

$$\{I_j^{n,l}\}_{j=1}^l \text{ for some } l \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ s.t. : } \textcircled{1} B = \bigcup_{j=1}^l \overline{I_j^{n,l}}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \overset{\circ}{I}_j^{n,l} \cap \overset{\circ}{I}_k^{n,l} = \emptyset \quad \forall j \neq k.$$

Define $\text{Par}(B) := \{ \{I_j^{n,l}\}_{j=1}^l \mid \{I_j^{n,l}\}_{j=1}^l \text{ is a partition of } B \}$.

Not all sets in \mathbb{R}^n admit a partition:

Claim: $B^2(0) \equiv \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \|x\| \leq 1\}$ does not admit a partition (but it is compact, being closed and bounded)

Proof:



$$\partial B^2(0) = S^1$$

Using the following claim^{*}, S^1 cannot be written as the union of fin. many sets of the form $[a_1^j, b_1^j] \times [a_2^j, b_2^j]$ and $[a_1^j, b_1^j] \times \{a_2^j\}$

Only very few of \mathbb{R}^n cpt. subsets admit a partition!

The sets in \mathbb{R}^n which admit a partition may seem like a very restricted collection, but don't worry these will later contain the actually interesting sets.

Claim: $B \in \text{pt}(\mathbb{R})$ admits a partition $\Leftrightarrow B = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\ell} [a_j, b_j]$ where
 $a_j \leq b_j \forall j \in \{1, \dots, \ell\}$
 and $b_j \leq a_{j+1} \forall j \in \{1, \dots, \ell-1\}$

Proof: (not much to prove)

* Claim: $B \in \text{pt}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ admits a partition $\Leftrightarrow \partial B$ is the union of finitely many axis-parallel intervals.

Proof: \Rightarrow $B = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\ell} [a_1^j, b_1^j] \times [a_2^j, b_2^j]$
 Show $\partial B \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\ell} \left(\{a_1^j\} \times [a_2^j, b_2^j] \cup \{b_1^j\} \times [a_2^j, b_2^j] \cup [a_1^j, b_1^j] \times \{a_2^j\} \cup [a_1^j, b_1^j] \times \{b_2^j\} \right)$

(try induction on ℓ)

\Leftarrow Assume $\partial B \subseteq \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\ell} \{a_1^i\} \times \mathbb{R} \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{j=1}^m \mathbb{R} \times \{a_2^j\} \right)$

s.t. $a_1^i < a_1^{i+1} \forall i \in \{1, \dots, \ell-1\}$
 $a_2^j < a_2^{j+1} \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m-1\}$

Define $Q_{ij} := (a_1^{i-1}, a_1^i) \times (a_2^{j-1}, a_2^j)$

Claim: $\{Q_{ij}\}$ are all disjoint

Claim: $\{Q_{ij}\}$ covers B

Claim: $\forall (i,j), (Q_{ij} \subseteq B) \vee (Q_{ij} \cap B = \emptyset)$

Q6 Recall a Jordan-Null-Set is a set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ s.t. $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \underbrace{\{I_j\}_{j=1}^{\ell}}_{n\text{-cells}}$ s.t. $A \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\ell} I_j$ and $\sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \text{vol}(I_j) < \epsilon$

Examples: * $[a,b] \times \{0\}$ is a Jordan-Null-Set

* ∂I^m is a Jordan-Null-Set

* $[0,1]$ is not a Jordan-Null-Set: $\text{vol}([0,1]) = 1$

10) (a) Claim: The Cantor set C is a Jordan-Null-Set.

Proof: $C \subseteq E_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ where E_n is a finite union of closed disjoint intervals, of total length $(\frac{2}{3})^n$.

(b) Let $\{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a convergent seq. in \mathbb{R}^n .

Claim: The image set $\{x_k \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid k \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is a Jordan-Null-Set.

Proof: $x := \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} x_j$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given.

Choose I_0 as an n -cell in \mathbb{R}^n containing x s.t.
 $\text{vol}(I_0) < \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon$.

We know $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\forall j > N, x_j \in I_0$.

Next, pick I_j as an n -cell in \mathbb{R}^n containing x_j s.t.
 $\text{vol}(I_j) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2N} \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, N\}$.

(c) Claim: $A := \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$ is not a Jordan-Null-Set.

Proof: Let $\{I_j\}_{j=1}^l$ be any collection of open intervals which cover A . $I_j = (a_j, b_j)$, $A \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^l (a_j, b_j)$
WLOG assume $a_j < a_{j+1} \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, l-1\}$.

Claim: $a_{j+1} \leq b_j \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, l-1\}$

Proof:

\Rightarrow The cover must contain $[0, 1]$ fully.

$\Rightarrow \sum \text{vol}(I_j) \geq 1 > \varepsilon \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0$.

Something is weird because A is countable.
Even countable sets can have non-zero volume.