

Basic Definitions

Let $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. and $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

- S is *bounded* if it is contained in some ball in \mathbb{R}^n .
- S is a *neighborhood* of p if S contains some open ball around P .
- A point p is a *limit point* of S if every neighborhood of p contains a point $q \in S$, where $q \neq p$.
- If $p \in S$ is not a limit point of S , then it is called an *isolated point* of S .
- S is *closed* if every limit point of S is a point of S .
- A point $p \in S$ is an *interior point of S* if S contains a neighborhood of p .
- S is *open* if every point of S is an interior point of S .

- Let S' denote all of the limit points of S . Then the *closure* \bar{S} of S is the set $S \cup S'$. It is the smallest closed set containing S and is thus the intersection of all the closed sets containing S .
- A subset $T \subset S$ is *dense in* S if every point of S is either in T or a limit point of T (or both).

REMARK: These definitions are unchanged for any *metric space* instead of just \mathbb{R}^n .