

## Topology

1. Determine the interior, closure, limit points, and isolated points of the following subsets of the plane:

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| (a) $\{(x, y) : xy = 0\}$                                | (d) $\mathbb{Z} \cup \{(x, y) : x > 0\}$ | (g) $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$         |
| (b) $\{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 \neq 1\}$                      | (e) $\emptyset$                          | (h) $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{R}$ |
| (c) $\{(\frac{1}{n}, -\frac{1}{n}) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ | (f) $\mathbb{R}^2$                       | (i) $\mathbb{Q} \times [0, 1]$     |

Which of the sets above are open? Which ones are closed? Bounded?

2. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. The distance between a point  $x \in X$  and a non-empty subset  $S \subseteq X$  is defined by

$$d(x, S) := \inf\{d(x, s) : s \in S\}$$

Let  $S$  be a proper subset of  $X$  which has more than one element. Prove the following statements:

- (a)  $x \in \bar{S} \Leftrightarrow d(x, S) = 0$
- (b)  $x \in \overset{\circ}{S} \Leftrightarrow d(x, S^c) > 0$
- (c)  $x$  is a limit point of  $S \Leftrightarrow d(x, S - \{x\}) = 0$
- (d)  $x \in S$  is an isolated point of  $S \Leftrightarrow d(x, S - \{x\}) > 0$

3. Show that the complement of  $\overset{\circ}{S}$  is equal to  $\bar{S}^c$ .

4. Show that in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  the closure of the open ball  $B(x, r)$  is the closed ball  $\bar{B}(x, r)$ . Is this true in any metric space?

5. Show that in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  the interior of the closed ball  $\bar{B}(x, r)$  is the open ball  $B(x, r)$ . Is this true in any metric space?

6. Investigate which of the following are true:

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| • $\overline{A \cap B} \subseteq \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$ | • $\overline{A \cup B} \subseteq \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}$ |
| • $\overline{A \cap B} \supseteq \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$ | • $\overline{A \cup B} \supseteq \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}$ |

What happens if we replace the closure operation with the interior operation?

7. Is the set of all algebraic numbers dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ ?

8. Investigate if there exists a countably infinite subset  $S$  of the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that:

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| (a) $S$ is open and $S$ is not closed | (e) $S$ is closed and $S$ is not open | (i) $\bar{S}$ is countable              |
| (b) $S$ is neither open nor closed    | (f) $S$ is open and closed            | (j) $\bar{S}$ is uncountable            |
| (c) $S$ is compact                    | (g) $\bar{S}$ is compact              | (k) $\overset{\circ}{S}$ is not empty   |
| (d) $S$ is not compact                | (h) $\bar{S}$ is not compact          | (l) $\bar{S} - S$ is countably infinite |

Do the same if the set  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is equipped with the discrete metric.

9. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space such that the set  $X$  is finite. Show that any subset of  $X$  is open.

10. Show that the set of all open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  has the same cardinality as the set  $\mathbb{R}$ .

11. Show that any finite subset of a metric space is compact.

12. Show that the set  $\{0\} \cup \{\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

13. Show that a finite union of compact subsets of a metric space is compact.

14. Show that a compact subset of any metric space is bounded.

15. Is every closed and bounded subset of a metric space compact?

16. Let  $d$  be the discrete metric on a set  $X$ . Determine which subsets of the metric space  $(X, d)$  are compact.

17. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and let  $Y$  be a subset of  $X$ . Show that the set  $Y$  equipped with the mapping  $d|_{Y \times Y} : Y \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  forms a metric space.

18. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and let  $Y$  be a subset of  $X$ . Show that the subset  $S$  of  $Y$  is open relative to  $Y$  if and only if  $S$  is an open subset of the metric space  $(Y, d|_{Y \times Y})$ .
19. Let  $\mathbb{k}$  be a field and consider the set of all formal power series with coefficients in the field  $\mathbb{k}$ :

$$\mathbb{k}[[x]] = \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k : a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots \text{ is a sequence of elements of } \mathbb{k} \right\}$$

Prove that the set  $\mathbb{k}[[x]]$  can be made into a metric space by defining the distance between  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$  and  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k x^k$  to be either zero if these series are identical, or  $\frac{1}{2^k}$  if  $k$  is the smallest index such that  $a_k \neq b_k$ .

20. Determine the interior and the closure of the set  $\mathbb{k}[x]$  of all polynomials in  $\mathbb{k}[[x]]$ .