

## Thursday Quiz

- ① What is your favourite automobile type?
- ② Define closed set.
- ③ State the Cauchy Criterion for sequences.

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④ We say that the sequence  $(a_n)$  is \_\_\_\_\_ if  $a_{n+1} \leq a_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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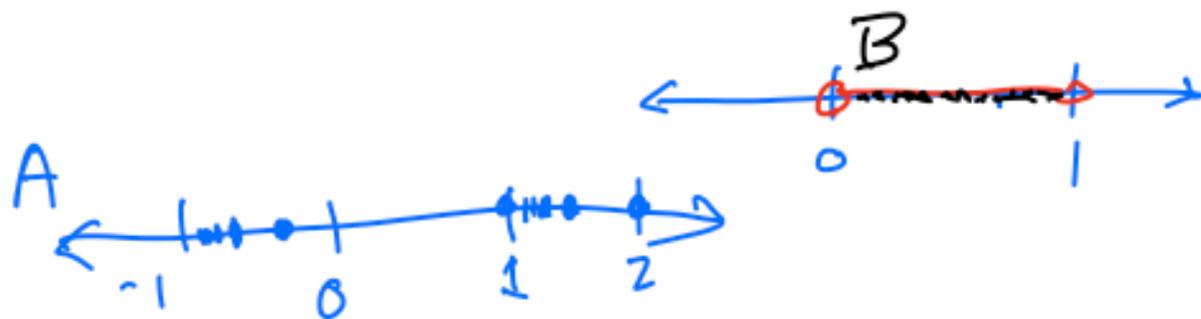
From last time:

Exercise 3.2.2. Let

$$A = \left\{ (-1)^n + \frac{2}{n} : n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \right\} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \{x \in \mathbf{Q} : 0 < x < 1\}.$$

Answer the following questions for each set:

- What are the limit points?
- Is the set open? Closed?
- Does the set contain any isolated points?
- Find the closure of the set.



(a)  $L_A = \{-1, 1\}$        $L_B = [0, 1]$

every  $\#$  in here is  
a limit of a sequence in B.

(b) Is the set open? closed?

A is not closed, b/c  $-1$  is a limit pt, but  $-1 \notin A$ .

A is not open; b/c e.g.  $2 \in A$ , but  $\forall \epsilon > 0$   
 $V_\epsilon(2)$  contains a point of the form  $2 + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ , which  
is not in A.

So there is no  $V_\varepsilon(z)$  that is contained in  $A$ .

$B$  is not closed because  $0 \in L_B$ ,  $0 \notin B$ .

$B$  is also not open. For any

$q \in B$ , let  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$V_\varepsilon(q) = (q - \varepsilon, q + \varepsilon).$$

So  $q, q + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$  are two real #s and  $q < q + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ . But there

exists  $r \in \mathbb{Q}^c$  s.t.  $q < r < q + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ .

So  $V_\varepsilon(q) \not\subset B$ .

(We are using this lemma:

Lemma. Let  $a < b$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Then (a)  $\exists q \in \mathbb{Q}$  s.t.  $a < q < b$ .

(b)  $\exists r \in \mathbb{Q}^c$  s.t.  $a < r < b$ .

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A way to construct  $r$

let  $r = q + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{n} < b$  for a large  $n$ .

(by Archie  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $\frac{1}{n} < \frac{b-q}{\sqrt{2}}$ ).

( Lemma:  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}} = \mathbb{R}$ .)  
( $\mathbb{Q}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ )

(c) Does the set contain any isolated pts?

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A:

Yes, all points of  $A$  besides  $1$  are isolated pts. (All points of  $A$  are either limit pts or isolated pts. Since the only limit pts of  $A$  are  $1$  and  $-1$ , (and  $-1 \notin A$ ), all other points are isolated.

B: Since  $L_B = [0, 1]$  and  $B \subseteq [0, 1]$ , there are no isolated points.

(d) Find the closure of the set.

$$\overline{A} = A \cup L_A = A \cup \{-1\}.$$

$$\overline{B} = B \cup L_B = (\mathbb{Q} \cap (0, 1)) \cup [0, 1] = [0, 1].$$

**Exercise 3.2.4.** Let  $A$  be nonempty and bounded above so that  $s = \sup A$  exists.

- (a) Show that  $s \in \bar{A}$ .  
(b) Can an open set contain its supremum?

(a) Pretend we did it. ✓  $s \in \bar{A}$ .

(b) Can an open set contain its sup?

Let  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be open,  
let  $x = \sup U$ . (so  $U$  is bounded from above.)

  
Suppose  $x \in U$ . Then, since  $U$  is open,  
 $\exists \varepsilon > 0$  s.t.  $V_\varepsilon(x) = (x - \varepsilon, x + \varepsilon) \subseteq U$ .

But then  $x + \frac{\varepsilon}{1.8} \in V_\varepsilon(x) \subseteq U$ .

but  $x + \frac{\varepsilon}{1.8} > x$ , so  $x$  is not an upper bound for  $U$ . ✗

Thus, the assumption  $x \in U$  is false.  
So the  $\sup U$  is never in  $U$ !

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Definition: A set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is compact if it is ~~nonempty and~~ every sequence of points in  $A$  has a subsequence of points converging to a point of  $A$ .

Equivalently A set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is compact if every seq of points of  $A$  contains a Cauchy subsequence converging to a point of  $A$ .

examples:

① A closed interval is compact.

Pf: Let  $[a, b]$  be a closed interval, and suppose  $(x_j)$  is a sequence in  $[a, b]$ , i.e. s.p.  $a \leq x_j \leq b \ \forall j$ . By BW,  $\exists$  subsequence  $(x_{j_k})$  that converges.

Since  $a \leq x_{j_k} \leq b$ ,  $a \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{j_k} \leq b$  by OLT. So  $\lim x_{j_k} \in [a, b]$ .

Thus,  $[a, b]$  is compact.  $\square$

(b) The interval  $[0, \infty)$  is closed but not compact.

Proof: Suppose  $L$  is a limit pt of  $[0, \infty)$ , so that  $\exists$  seq.  $(x_j)$  inside  $[0, \infty)$ , such that  $\lim x_j = L$ . Then  $x_j \geq 0 \forall j$ , (where  $x_j \neq L \forall j$ )

so  $L = \lim x_j \geq 0$  by O.P.

$\therefore L \in [0, \infty)$ . Thus  $[0, \infty)$  contains its limit pts and is thus closed ✓

Consider the sequence  $(1, 2, 3, \dots)^{(n)}$  of pts in  $[0, \infty)$ . Every subsequence of this sequence satisfies  $(n_k)$

with  $n_k \geq k$ , so

it is also unbounded & thus diverges.

$\therefore [0, \infty)$  is not compact.  $\square$

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Thm. A set  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is compact  $\iff$  it is closed & bounded.

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## Nested Compact Sets property.

Let  $\{C_i\}$  a nested sequence of nonempty compact sets, so that

$$C_1 \supseteq C_2 \supseteq C_3 \supseteq \dots$$

Then  $\bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} C_j$  is a nonempty compact set.

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## Important Example - The Cantor Set

A sequence of nested nonempty compact sets:

$$C_0 = [0, 1]$$



$$C_1 = [0, \frac{1}{3}] \cup [\frac{2}{3}, 1]$$



$$C_2 = [0, \frac{1}{9}] \cup [\frac{2}{9}, \frac{1}{3}] \cup [\frac{2}{3}, \frac{7}{9}] \cup [\frac{8}{9}, 1]$$



In general

$$C_{k+1} = C_k \setminus \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{middle third} \\ \text{open intervals} \end{array} \right\}$$

The Cantor Set =  $C = C_{\infty} = \bigcap_{j=0}^{\infty} C_j \leftarrow$  a compact set.

Cardinality of  $C = \text{Cardinality of } [0, 1].$

$C \xleftrightarrow{\text{1-1 correspondence}} [0, 1].$

But - contains no intervals.

$C$  is uncountable