

# Advanced Mathematical Analysis

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# Reading books

1. Principles of Mathematical Analysis  
Walter Rudin     3<sup>rd</sup> ed.
2. A First Course in Real Analysis  
M. H. Protter   and   C. B. Morry.

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# Chapter 3

## Topology of metric spaces

### 3.1 Open and closed ball

**Definition 3.1.1.** (Open and closed ball). Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. We define the open ball of radius  $r > 0$  centered at point  $a \in X$  to be the set

$$B_r(a) := \{x \in X \mid d(x, a) < r\}$$

The closed ball of radius  $r > 0$  centered at point  $a \in X$  is the set

$$\bar{B}_r(a) := \{x \in X \mid d(x, a) \leq r\}$$

**Example 3.1.2.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  with the standard metric  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ . Then the open ball coincides with an open interval in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,

$$B_r(a) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid |x - a| < r\} = (a - r, a + r).$$

The closed ball is a closed interval in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\bar{B}_r(a) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid |x - a| \leq r\} = [a - r, a + r].$$

**Example 3.1.3.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $a = 0$ . Then:

1. open ball in the Euclidean metric  $d_2$  is the open disc

$$B_r^{d_2}(0) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid d_2(x, 0) < r\} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_1^2 + x_2^2 < r^2\}.$$

2. open ball in the taxi cab metric  $d_1$  is an open diamond

$$B_r^{d_1}(0) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid d_1(x, 0) < r\} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid |x_1| + |x_2| < r\}.$$

3. open ball in the  $\infty$ -metric  $d_\infty$  is an open square

$$B_r^{d_\infty}(0) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid d_\infty(x, 0) < r\} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \max\{|x_1|, |x_2|\} < r\}.$$

**Definition 3.1.4.** (Interior, exterior, boundary). Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $E \subset X$  a subset of  $X$ . We say  $x \in E$  is an interior point of the set  $E$  if

$$\exists \epsilon > 0 : B_\epsilon(x) \subset E, \quad \text{i.e.} \quad B_\epsilon(x) \cap E^c = \emptyset.$$

We say  $x \in X$  is an exterior point of the set  $E$  if

$$\exists \epsilon > 0 : B_\epsilon(x) \cap E = \emptyset, \quad \text{i.e.} \quad B_\epsilon(x) \subset E^c.$$

We say  $x \in X$  is a boundary point of the set  $E$  if  $x$  is neither an interior point nor an exterior point of  $E$ .

**Example 3.1.5.** Prove that  $x$  is a boundary point of the set  $E \subset X$  if and only if

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 : B_\epsilon(x) \cap E \neq \emptyset \quad \text{and} \quad B_\epsilon(x) \cap E^c \neq \emptyset$$

where  $E^c = X \setminus E$  denotes the complement of  $E$  in  $X$ .

The set of all interior points of  $E$  is called the interior of  $E$  and is denoted  $\text{int}(E)$

The set of all exterior points of  $E$  is called the exterior of  $E$  and is denoted

$\text{ext}(E)$

The set of all boundary points of  $E$  is called the boundary of  $E$  and is denoted  $\partial E$

**Example** Prove that  $\text{ext}(E) = \text{int}(E^c)$ ,  $\text{int}(E) = \text{ext}(E^c)$  and  $\partial E = \partial(E^c)$ .

**Example 3.1.6.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  with the standard metric  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$  and  $E = \mathbb{Q}$ , the set of all rational numbers. Since  $B_\epsilon(x) = (x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon)$  and every interval in  $\mathbb{R}$  contains both rational and irrational numbers, we conclude that  $\text{int}(\mathbb{Q}) = \emptyset$ ,  $\partial\mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{R}$  and  $\text{ext}(\mathbb{Q}) = \emptyset$ .

*Remark 3.1.7.* Every point  $x \in X$  is either interior, or exterior, or boundary point of  $E$ . In other words,

$$X = \text{int}(E) \cup \partial E \cup \text{ext}(E)$$

Observe that

$$\text{int}(E) \subset E \quad \text{and} \quad \text{ext}(E) \subset E^c$$

However, if  $x \in \partial E$  then  $x$  could be an element of  $E$ , but it also could be an element of the complement  $E^c$ .

**Example 3.1.8.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  with the standard metric  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ . Consider half open interval  $[1, 2)$ . Then  $\text{int}(E) = (1, 2)$ ,  $\text{ext}(E) = (-\infty, 1) \cup (2, +\infty)$  and  $\partial E = \{1, 2\}$ .

**Definition 3.1.9.** (Open and closed set). Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $E \subset X$  a subset of  $X$ . We say  $E$  is open if it contains none of its boundary points, i.e.

$$\partial E \cap E = \emptyset.$$

We say  $E$  is closed if it contains all of its boundary points, i.e.

$$\partial E \subset E$$

If  $E$  contains some of its boundary points but no others then  $E$  is neither open nor closed.

*Remark 3.1.10.* A set  $E$  is open if and only if it contains only interior points, i.e.

$$E = \text{int}(E) \tag{3.1}$$

In other words,  $E$  is open if and only if for every  $x \in E$  there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $B_\epsilon(x) \subset E$ . A set  $F$  is closed if and only if it contains all interior and boundary points, i.e.

$$F = \text{int}(F) \cup \partial F$$

Note that each of the sets  $\text{int}(F)$  and  $\partial F$  might be empty.

**Example 3.1.11.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  with the standard metric  $d(x - y) = |x - y|$ .

(1) The set  $(1, 2)$  does not contain its boundary points 1, 2 and hence it's open.

(2) The set  $[1, 2]$  contains both of its boundary points and hence it's closed.

(3) The set  $[1, 2)$  contains one of its boundary points 1 but does not contain the other boundary point 2, so it's neither open nor closed.

**Example 3.1.12.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}^2$  with the standard Euclidean metric  $d_2(x, y)$ .

(1) The set  $(0, 1) \times (0, 1)$  does not contain any boundary points and hence it's open. ( $\partial E \not\subset E$ )

(2) The set  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  contains all of its boundary points and hence it's closed. ( $\partial F \subset F$ )

(3) The set  $G = (0, 1) \times [0, 1]$  contains some but not all of its boundary points and hence it's neither open nor closed. ( $\partial G \cap G \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\partial G \cap G^c \neq \emptyset$ )

**Example 3.1.13.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Every open ball  $B_r(a)$  is an open set in  $X$ .

**Example 3.1.14.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $a \in X$  a point in  $X$ . Then the singleton set  $\{a\}$  is closed.

**Example 3.1.15.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a discrete metric space. Prove that any subset from  $X$  is open and closed.

**Proposition 3.1.16.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space*

1.  $\emptyset$  and  $X$  are open sets in  $(X, d)$ .
2. The union of any finite, countable, uncountable family of open sets is open.
3. The intersection of any finite family of open sets is open.

*Remark 3.1.17.* By taking complements we conclude that:

1.  $X$  and  $\emptyset$  are closed (so  $X$  and  $\emptyset$  are both open and closed at the same time).
2. The finite union of closed sets is closed.
3. The arbitrary intersection of closed sets is closed.

**Example 3.1.18.** The intersection of an infinite collection of open sets may be not be open.