

List of definitions and facts.

1. We say that  $p$  and  $x$  are  $\epsilon$ -**close** when  $|p - x| < \epsilon$ . In other words, when the distance between  $p$  and  $x$  is less than  $\epsilon$ .
2. The set of all points that are  $\epsilon$ -close to  $x$  is  $(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon)$ .
3. A set  $\mathcal{O} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is **open** when  $\forall x \in \mathcal{O} \exists \epsilon > 0 (x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \subseteq \mathcal{O}$ .  
In other words, for any  $x \in \mathcal{O}$  there is some  $\epsilon > 0$  such that all points  $\epsilon$ -close to  $x$  are again in  $\mathcal{O}$ .
4.  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\emptyset$  are open (check this!). We proved in class that  $(a, b)$  is open.
5. **Any** union of open sets is always open (even infinite unions!).  
Proof: Let  $\mathcal{O} = \bigcup_{i \in I} \mathcal{O}_i$  with  $\mathcal{O}_i$  open. To prove:  $\mathcal{O}$  is open.  
[Item 3 and WP#5 tell us that the proof should start like this:]  
Let  $x \in \mathcal{O}$ . To Prove:  $\exists \epsilon > 0 (x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \subseteq \mathcal{O}$ .  
 $x \in \mathcal{O}$  means  $x \in \mathcal{O}_i$  for some  $i$ . [Read key property of unions].  
Then  $(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \subseteq \mathcal{O}_i$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$ . [Read item 3.]  
But  $\mathcal{O}_i \subseteq \mathcal{O}$  and so  $(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \subseteq \mathcal{O}$ .  
**Make sure** that you can prove this if this were on a test/quiz!
6. The intersection of **finitely many** open sets is again open.  
Proof: Let  $\mathcal{O} = \bigcap_{i=1}^n \mathcal{O}_i$  with  $\mathcal{O}_i$  open, and let  $x \in \mathcal{O}$ . [Read key property of intersections]. Then  $x$  is also in  $\mathcal{O}_i$  which is open so  $\exists \epsilon_i (x - \epsilon_i, x + \epsilon_i) \subseteq \mathcal{O}_i$ . Now take  $\epsilon = \min(\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n)$ . Then  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \subseteq \mathcal{O}_i$  for every  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and thus  $(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \subseteq \mathcal{O}$ .  
**Turn in Exercise:** In this proof we intersected finitely many open sets. Point out exactly which step in the proof is wrong if we intersect infinitely many open sets:  $\bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{O}_i$ .
7. Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  be a sequence. A **tail** is a subsequence of the form  $a_{K+1}, a_{K+2}, \dots$ .  
So a tail is: all terms beyond some cutoff point  $K$ .
8.  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  **converges** to  $\alpha$  when  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists K \forall j > K |a_j - \alpha| < \epsilon$ . In other words, or every  $\epsilon > 0$  the sequence has a tail contained in  $(\alpha - \epsilon, \alpha + \epsilon)$ .  
In this case we call  $\alpha$  the **limit** of the sequence  $a_1, a_2, \dots$ .
9.  $\alpha$  is called a **limit point** of  $V$  when (i) there is a sequence in  $V - \{\alpha\}$  that converges to  $\alpha$ . This is equivalent to (ii)  $\forall \epsilon > 0 (\alpha - \epsilon, \alpha + \epsilon) \cap (V - \{\alpha\}) \neq \emptyset$ .  
(i)  $\implies$  (ii). Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Item 8 says that a tail of the sequence in (i) is in  $(\alpha - \epsilon, \alpha + \epsilon)$ , but the sequence is also in  $V - \{\alpha\}$ , so the intersection of those two sets is not empty.  
(ii)  $\implies$  (i). Construct  $a_n$  as follows. The intersection in (ii) is not empty if  $\epsilon = 1/n$ , so pick an element and call it  $a_n$ . Doing this for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  gives a sequence  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  that meets the requirements in (i).
10. A set  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is closed when
  - (a) The complement of  $V$  is open.
  - (b) If a sequence  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  in  $V$  converges to  $\alpha$  then  $\alpha \in V$ .
  - (c)  $V$  contains all of its limit points.
  - (d) If  $(\alpha - \epsilon, \alpha + \epsilon) \cap V$  is not empty for every  $\epsilon > 0$  then  $\alpha \in V$ .

- (a)  $\implies$  (b) is Proposition 7.2.3.
- (b)  $\implies$  (a) is Proposition 7.2.4.
- (b) and (c) say the same thing.
- (c) and (d) are equivalent because (i)  $\iff$  (ii) in the previous item.

11. Notation:  $\overline{S}$  is called the **closure** of the set  $S$

- (a)  $\overline{S}$  is the union of  $S$  and all of its limit points.
- (b)  $\overline{S}$  is the smallest closed set that contains  $S$ .
- (c)  $\overline{S}$  is the intersection of all closed sets that contain  $S$ .
- (d)  $x \in \overline{S} \iff \forall \epsilon > 0$  there is a point in  $S$  that is  $\epsilon$ -close to  $x$ .
- (e)  $x \in \overline{S} \iff \forall \epsilon > 0$   $(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon)$  intersects  $S$ .
- (f)  $x \in \overline{S} \iff \exists$  a sequence  $a_1, a_2, \dots \in S$  that converges to  $x$ .

12.  $\alpha$  is a limit point of  $S$  if  $\alpha$  is in the closure of  $S - \{\alpha\}$ .

13. The union of *finitely many* closed sets is again closed.

14. The intersection of closed sets (even infinitely many closed sets) is closed.

Items 13 and 14 follow immediately from: items 5, 6, 10(a) and De Morgan's laws:  ${}^c(\bigcup S_i) = \bigcap {}^c S_i$  and  ${}^c(\bigcap S_i) = \bigcup {}^c S_i$ .

**Turn in exercise:** Give a second proof for item 14 using only item 10(b). Let  $V = \bigcap_{i \in I} V_i$  with  $V_i$  closed. Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots \in V$  and suppose that it converges to  $\alpha$ . Then show directly that  $\alpha \in V$ .

15. **Turn in Exercise:** Prove that a set with one point is closed. Then from item 13 it follows that every finite set is closed!

16. An **interior point** of  $S$  is a point  $s$  for which  $\exists \epsilon > 0$   $(s - \epsilon, s + \epsilon) \subseteq S$ .

The definition of open in item 3 tells us that (check this!):

(\*)  $S$  is open if and only if every element of  $S$  is an interior point of  $S$ .

Denote  $\text{Int}(S)$  as the set of interior points of  $S$ .

Exercise 5 in the book asks: prove that  $\text{Int}(S)$  is open.

I'll give one proof but there are many others: Let  $s \in \text{Int}(S)$ . Then  $(s - \epsilon, s + \epsilon) \subseteq S$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$ . But  $(s - \epsilon, s + \epsilon)$  is open (item 4) so all of its elements are interior points of  $(s - \epsilon, s + \epsilon)$  by (\*). Then they are also interior points of  $S$  because  $S$  contains  $(s - \epsilon, s + \epsilon)$ .

Hence  $(s - \epsilon, s + \epsilon) \subseteq \text{Int}(S)$ .

**Turn in:** Prove that  $\text{Int}(S)$  is the union of all open subsets of  $S$  (then we can say that  $\text{Int}(S)$  is the largest open subset of  $S$ ).

**Hint:** You need to prove that if  $\mathcal{O}$  is any open subset of  $S$  and  $s \in \mathcal{O}$  then  $s \in \text{Int}(S)$  but that is similar to the proof I just gave.

17. If  $S$  is the complement of  $U$  then  $\overline{S}$  is the complement of  $\text{Int}(U)$ . (Use 11(c) and De Morgan's laws).

18. Read the definition in Exercise 6. Which of (a)–(f) in item 11 would be most suitable to prove:

The boundary of  $S$  is the intersection of  $\overline{S}$  and  ${}^c \overline{S}$ .

19. (Ex 13 in the book). Let  $L$  be the set of limit points of  $S$ . Prove that  $L$  is closed.

Proof: Lets prove that  $L$  is closed by using 10(c). Note: in class I tried using 10(b) but then the proof has one more step.

To prove 10(c) for  $L$ , take a limit point  $\alpha$  of  $L$ , then we have to prove that  $\alpha \in L$ , in other words: to prove that  $\alpha$  is a limit point of  $S$ . By 9(i) that means to prove:  $\exists$  sequence  $b_1, b_2, \dots$  in  $S - \{\alpha\}$  that converges to  $\alpha$ .

If  $\alpha$  is a limit point of  $L$  then item 9(i) says that there is a sequence  $a_1, a_2, \dots \in L - \{\alpha\}$  that converges to  $\alpha$ . Then  $\epsilon_n := |a_n - \alpha| > 0$  converges to 0. Since  $a_n$  is in  $L$ , it is a limit point of  $S$ , so there is a sequence in  $S - \{a_n\}$  that converges to  $a_n$ . A tail of that sequence will be  $\epsilon_n$ -close to  $a_n$ , see item 8. Take some  $b_n$  in that tail. Then  $b_n \in S - \{a_n\}$  and  $b_n$  is  $\epsilon_n$ -close to  $a_n$ . The distance between  $b_n, \alpha$  is at most the distance between  $b_n, a_n$  plus the distance between  $a_n, \alpha$  (that's called the triangle inequality). So:  $|b_n - \alpha| \leq |b_n - a_n| + |a_n - \alpha| < 2\epsilon_n$ . So the distance between  $b_n, \alpha$  converges to 0, so  $b_1, b_2, \dots$  converges to  $\alpha$ .