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(15) Show that Theorem 2.36 and its Corollary become false (in \mathbb{R}^1 , for example) if the word "compact" is replaced by "closed" or by "bounded".

Solution: We want to exhibit a collection $\{A_\alpha\}$ of closed subsets of \mathbb{R} such that the intersection of every finite subcollection of $\{A_\alpha\}$ is non empty but $\bigcap A_\alpha = \emptyset$. Then we want to do the same but for $\{B_\alpha\}$ a collection of bounded subsets of \mathbb{R} .

(i) For closed: Consider $A_n = \{n, n+1, n+2, \dots\}$. The collection $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ has the finite intersection property since if you pick an arbitrary subcollection $\{A_k\}_{k \in I}$, say $\{A_k\}_{k \in I}$, st. $I \subset \mathbb{N}$ and $|I| < \infty$, then $M = \max(I)$, which we know exists since I is finite, is such that $M \in \bigcap_{k \in I} A_k$. Moreover, A_n is closed for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ since each A_n contains all of its limit points (there are no limit points in A_n so these are contained in A_n trivially). However, $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n = \emptyset$. Suppose $m \in \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$ then $m \geq n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. So m is a bound for \mathbb{N} , which we know does not exist. Therefore, there is no such m .

Note that $A_{n+1} \subset A_n$ and $A_n \neq \emptyset$ for all n . So this same collection of closed sets serve as a counter-example of Corollary to theorem 2.36 if we replace the word "compact" by "closed".

(ii) For bounded: Consider $A_n = (0, \frac{1}{n})$. The collection $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ has the finite intersection property since if you pick an arbitrary subcollection of $\{A_n\}$, say $\{A_k\}_{k \in I}$, where $I \subset \mathbb{N}$ and $|I| < \infty$, then $M = \max(I)$, which we know exists because I is finite, is such that $\frac{1}{M+1} \in \bigcap_{k \in I} A_k$. Precisely, $0 < \frac{1}{M+1} < \frac{1}{M} \leq \frac{1}{k}$ for $k \in I$, hence $0 < \frac{1}{M+1} < \frac{1}{k} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{M+1} \in A_k$ for all $k \in I$. Moreover, A_n is bounded for $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Just pick $R=2$ and $x=1$ and then $A_n \subset N_R(x)$. However, $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n = \emptyset$. Suppose there exists $x \in \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$. Then $0 < x < \frac{1}{n}$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $x > 0$ and $\frac{1}{n} > 0$ we can apply the archimedean property to conclude that there exists $m \in \mathbb{N}$, such that $m \cdot x > \frac{1}{n} \Rightarrow x > \frac{1}{m \cdot n}$ and thus $x \notin A_{m \cdot n}$ therefore $x \notin \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$, a contradiction. Hence, there is no such x so $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n = \emptyset$. Note that $A_{n+1} = (0, \frac{1}{n+1}) \subset (0, \frac{1}{n}) = A_n \Rightarrow A_{n+1} \subset A_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. So this counters the corollary if we replace "compact" by bounded.

9). (a). If A and B are disjoint closed sets in some metric space X , prove that they are separated.

ϵ : Let $A \subseteq (X, d)$, $B \subseteq (X, d)$, A, B closed sets such that $A \cap B = \emptyset$. We want to prove (i) $A \cap \bar{B} = \emptyset$ and (ii) $\bar{A} \cap B = \emptyset$.

(i) Suppose $A \cap \bar{B} \neq \emptyset$. Let $x \in A \cap \bar{B}$. By definition, $x \in A$ and $x \in \bar{B}$. But $x \in \bar{B} \Leftrightarrow x \in B \cup B'$.

If $x \in B$ then $x \in A$ and $x \in B \Leftrightarrow x \in A \cap B$; but $A \cap B = \emptyset$, a contradiction.

If $x \in B'$ then $x \in B$ since B is closed. But then $x \in A \cap B$; a contradiction.

In any case we get a contradiction and thus, $A \cap \bar{B} = \emptyset$.

(ii) Suppose $\bar{A} \cap B \neq \emptyset$. Let $y \in \bar{A} \cap B$. By definition, $y \in \bar{A}$ and $y \in B$.

But $y \in \bar{A} \Leftrightarrow y \in A \cup A'$.

If $y \in A$ then $y \in A$ and $y \in B \Leftrightarrow y \in A \cap B$; but $A \cap B = \emptyset$, a contradiction.

If $y \in A'$ then $y \in A$ since A is closed. But then $x \in A \cap B$; a contradiction.

In any case we get a contradiction and thus, $\bar{A} \cap B = \emptyset$.

(ii) $\Rightarrow A \cap \bar{B} = \bar{A} \cap B = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow A$ and B are separated.

(b) Prove the same for disjoint open sets.

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Suppose $A \cap \bar{B} \neq \emptyset$. Let $x \in A \cap \bar{B}$. By definition, $x \in A$ and $x \in \bar{B} \Leftrightarrow x \in B \cup B'$.

If $x \in B$ then $x \in A$ and $x \in B \Leftrightarrow x \in A \cap B$; but $A \cap B = \emptyset$, a contradiction.

If $x \in B'$ then x is a limit point of B . But $x \in A \Rightarrow x$ is interior to A .

Since A is open, hence, $\exists r > 0$ s.t. $N_r(x) \subset A$. But for that same r we have that $N_r(x) \setminus \{x\} \cap B \neq \emptyset$ (since x is a limit point of B). Consider y s.t.

$N_r(x) \setminus \{x\} \cap B$. then $y \in N_r(x)$, $y \neq x$, $y \in B$. Moreover $y \in N_r(x) \subset A$ and thus $y \in A \cap B$, which means that $y \in A$ and $y \in B \Leftrightarrow y \in A \cap B$; a contradiction.

In any case we get a contradiction and thus, $A \cap \bar{B} = \emptyset$.

Suppose $\bar{A} \cap B \neq \emptyset$. Let $x \in \bar{A} \cap B$. By definition, $x \in \bar{A}$ and $x \in B$. Hence, $x \in A \cup A'$.

If $x \in A$ then $x \in A$ and $x \in B \Leftrightarrow x \in A \cap B$; but $A \cap B = \emptyset$, a contradiction.

If $x \in A'$ then x is a limit point of A . But $x \in B \Rightarrow x$ is interior to B . Since B is open, hence, $\exists r > 0$ s.t. $N_r(x) \subset B$. But for that same r we have that

$N_r(x) \setminus \{x\} \cap A \neq \emptyset$. (since x is a limit point of A). Consider y s.t.



$y \in N_r(x) \setminus \{x\} \cap A$. then $y \in N_r(x)$, $y \neq x$, $y \in A$. Moreover $y \in N_r(x) \subset B$ and thus $y \in B$, which means that $y \in A$ and $y \in B \Leftrightarrow y \in A \cap B$; a contradiction.

In any case we get a contradiction and thus $\overline{A \cap B} = \emptyset$

(i) & (ii) $\Rightarrow A \cap \overline{B} = \overline{A} \cap B = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow A$ and B are separated.

(c) Fix $p \in X$, $\delta > 0$. Define $A = \{q \in X : d(p, q) < \delta\}$ and $B = \{q \in X : d(p, q) > \delta\}$. Prove that A and B are separated.

Pf: By theorem (2.19) A is an open set since A is a neighborhood. If we can prove that B is open and $A \cap B = \emptyset$, then by (b) we are done.

(i) $A \cap B = \emptyset$, since if $x \in A \cap B$ then $d(x, p) < \delta$ and $d(x, p) > \delta$, a contradiction. So there is no such x , which means that A and B are disjoint.

(ii) B is open. We will prove that if $x \in B$ then x is interior to B .

Let $x \in B$. Pick r s.t. $r = d(p, x) - \delta$. Since $x \in B$, $d(p, x) > \delta$ so $r > 0$.



Look at $N_r(x)$. We want to prove that $N_r(x) \subset B$. So let $y \in N_r(x)$ then $d(y, x) < r = d(p, x) - \delta \Rightarrow d(y, x) < d(p, x) - \delta \Rightarrow d(y, x) - d(p, x) < -\delta \Rightarrow d(p, x) - d(y, x) > \delta$. But by triangle inequality: $d(p, x) \leq d(p, y) + d(y, x) \Rightarrow d(p, x) - d(y, x) \leq d(p, y)$. therefore $d(p, y) > \delta \Rightarrow y \in B \Rightarrow N_r(x) \subset B$.

So for every $x \in B$ there exists $r > 0$ s.t. $N_r(x) \subset B$. So x is interior to B . Since x was arbitrary in B , we can conclude that B is open.

By (i), (ii), and part (b) we conclude that A and B are separated.

(d) Prove that every connected metric space with at least two points is uncountable.

Pf: Let X be a connected metric space such that $|X| \geq 2$. Let $p, q \in X$ be different points in X . $p \neq q$. then, $d(p, q) > 0$. Define $\delta_r = r d(p, q)$ where $r \in (0, 1)$, so that $\delta_r > 0$. Consider:

$A_r = \{x \in X : d(x, p) < \delta_r\}$ and $B_r = \{x \in X : d(x, q) > \delta_r\}$. Note that $d(p, p) = 0 < \delta_r \Rightarrow p \in A_r$ and $d(p, q) > \delta_r = r d(p, q)$ (recall $r \in (0, 1)$) $\Rightarrow q \in B_r$. Hence, $A_r \neq \emptyset$ and $B_r \neq \emptyset$ for any r . By part (c) we know that A_r and B_r are separated, for each r . Moreover, since X is a connected metric space; $X \neq A_r \cup B_r$. So for each $r \in (0, 1)$, there exists a point $r_r \in X$ such that $r_r \notin A_r$ and $r_r \notin B_r$. So $d(r_r, p) \geq \delta_r$ and $d(r_r, q) \leq \delta_r \Rightarrow d(r_r, p) = \delta_r$.

0, for each $\delta \in (0,1)$ we have found an element $r_\delta \in X$. Note that for two distinct values of δ we get ^{at least} two distinct points r_δ in X ; since if $\delta_1, \delta_2 \in (0,1)$ are such that $\delta_1 \neq \delta_2 \Rightarrow d(p, r_{\delta_1}) = \delta_1 \neq \delta_2 = d(p, r_{\delta_2})$, by triangle inequality and the fact that the reals are ordered so we can assume without loss of generality that $\delta_1 > \delta_2$:

$$d(p, r_{\delta_1}) < d(p, r_{\delta_2}) + d(r_{\delta_2}, r_{\delta_1}) \Rightarrow d(p, r_{\delta_1}) - d(p, r_{\delta_2}) < d(r_{\delta_2}, r_{\delta_1})$$

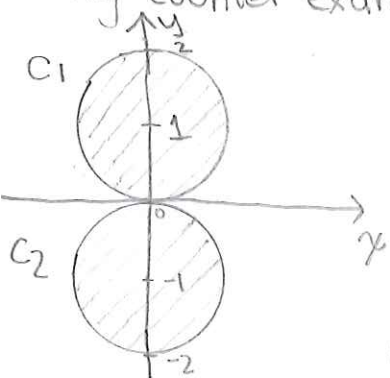
$$\Rightarrow \delta_1 - \delta_2 < d(r_{\delta_2}, r_{\delta_1}) \Rightarrow d(r_{\delta_2}, r_{\delta_1}) > 0 \Rightarrow r_{\delta_2} \neq r_{\delta_1}$$

Now, build the function $f: (0,1) \rightarrow X$, as follow $f(\delta) = r_\delta$. This is an injection.

If $\delta_1, \delta_2 \in (0,1)$ are such that $f(\delta_1) = f(\delta_2)$ then $r_{\delta_1} = r_{\delta_2} \Rightarrow d(p, r_{\delta_1}) = \delta_1 = d(p, r_{\delta_2}) = \delta_2 \Rightarrow \delta_1 = \delta_2$. Therefore, the set X contains an uncountable set $\{r_\delta\} \subset X$; $\delta \in (0,1)$. So X has to be uncountable.

Are closures and interiors of connected sets always connected?

⊖: (a) interiors of connected sets may not be connected. Consider the following counter example in \mathbb{R}^2 ; with the usual metric:



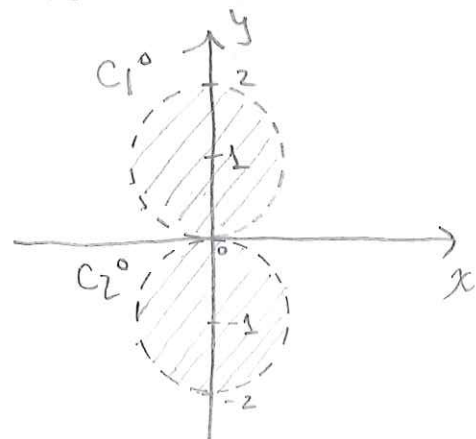
$$C_1 = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + (y-1)^2 \leq 1\}$$

$$C_2 = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + (y+1)^2 \leq 1\}$$

the interiors of these sets are:

$$C_1^\circ = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + (y-1)^2 < 1\}$$

$$C_2^\circ = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + (y+1)^2 < 1\}$$



The set $X = C_1 \cup C_2$ is connected, since $(0,0) \in X$ so no matter how you try to separate it into two non-empty separate sets A, B , either A or B must have $(0,0)$, in which case $A \cap \bar{B} \neq \emptyset$; or \bar{A} or B must have $(0,0)$, in which case $\bar{A} \cap B \neq \emptyset$; so there exists no such A, B and X is connected.

But for this X , we have that $X^\circ = (C_1 \cup C_2)^\circ = C_1^\circ \cup C_2^\circ$. But C_1° and C_2° are two open disjoint sets; therefore by (1.9)(b) these are not connected so that X° is not connected.

Closures of connected sets are always connected.

Let X be a connected set. We want to prove that \bar{X} is connected

Suppose that \bar{X} is not connected. Then, there exists separated, non-empty sets A, B , such that $\bar{X} = A \cup B$.

claim: $X = (A \cap X) \cup (B \cap X)$.

Pf: We can prove the equivalent statement: $X = X \cap (A \cup B)$.

(\supseteq) Let $x \in X \cap (A \cup B) \Rightarrow x \in X$, by definition of intersection

(\subseteq) Let $x \in X$. We want to prove $x \in (A \cup B)$. By definition of $A \cup B$:

$x \in X \Rightarrow x \in X \cup X' \Rightarrow x \in \bar{X} \Rightarrow x \in A \cup B$. \square (end of claim)

claim: $A \cap X = \emptyset$ or $B \cap X = \emptyset$. (since C is connected)

Pf: Suppose $A \cap X \neq \emptyset$ and $B \cap X \neq \emptyset$. Then these are separated since:

$$(A \cap X) \cup (\overline{B \cap X}) \subset (A \cap X) \cup (\overline{B \cap X}) = (A \cup \bar{B}) \cap (X \cup X') \cap (A \cup \bar{B}) \cap (X \cup X') = \emptyset$$

A and B are separated, thus $\Rightarrow (A \cap X) \cup (\overline{B \cap X}) \subset \emptyset \Rightarrow (A \cap X) \cup (\overline{B \cap X}) = \emptyset$. Likewise;

$$(\overline{A \cap X}) \cup (B \cap X) \subset (\overline{A \cap X}) \cup (B \cap X) = (\bar{A} \cup B) \cap (X \cup X') \cap (\bar{A} \cup B) \cap (X \cup X') = \emptyset$$

A and B are separated, thus $\Rightarrow (\overline{A \cap X}) \cup (B \cap X) \subset \emptyset \Rightarrow (\overline{A \cap X}) \cup (B \cap X) = \emptyset$. \square

Hence, $X = (A \cap X) \cup (B \cap X)$ and $A \cap X = \emptyset$ or $B \cap X = \emptyset$. Finally,

we want to show that $A = \emptyset$. If that is the case, then \bar{X} would be a connected set.

Suppose $A \cap X = \emptyset$. Recall that $X = (A \cap X) \cup (B \cap X)$. In this case

$$X = \emptyset \cup (B \cap X) \Rightarrow X = B \cap X \Rightarrow X \subset B \Rightarrow \bar{X} \subset \bar{B}$$

A and B are separated and thus disjoint, so $A = A \cap \bar{X} = A \cap (A \cup B) =$

$$(A \cap A) \cup (A \cap B) = A \cup \emptyset = A$$

$A = A \cap \bar{X} \subset A \cap \bar{B} = \emptyset \Rightarrow A \subset \emptyset \Rightarrow A = \emptyset$. The argument is symmetric

if we choose $B \cap X = \emptyset$.

Therefore, the set \bar{X} is connected.

So, given a connected set X , its closure \bar{X} is also connected.

(2.6) Let X be a metric space in which every infinite subset has a l.p. Prove that X is compact.

Pf: By exercises 23 and 24, X has a countable base. It follows that every open cover of X has a countable subcover $\{G_n\}, n=1,2,3,\dots$. Suppose, for a contradiction, that X is not compact. Then, no finite subcollection of $\{G_n\}$ covers X .

Claim: Let $F_n = (G_1 \cup \dots \cup G_n)^c$. Then (i) $F_n \neq \emptyset$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and (ii) $\bigcap F_n = \emptyset$.
 (i) Suppose $F_n = \emptyset$. Then $X = F_n^c = (G_1 \cup \dots \cup G_n)^c = G_1 \cup \dots \cup G_n$; so F_n would be a finite subcover a contradiction.

(ii) This follows from the fact that $\{G_n\}$ is an open cover of X . So every element $x \in X$ belongs to some G_{n_i} where G_{n_i} is an open set from the cover. But F_n^c is everything that is not in a finite subcover of $\{G_n\}$. Hence, eventually $n \rightarrow \infty$ all $x \in \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} G_n$ which means that none will be in F_n for all n . Thus, $\bigcap F_n = \emptyset$.

(End of claim)
 Let $E = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n, \dots\}$, where $f_i \in F_n$; so E is a set which contains a point from each F_n .

claim: E is infinite.

Pf: By previous claim we know that (i) $F_n \neq \emptyset, n \in \mathbb{N}$ and (ii) $\bigcap F_n = \emptyset$. If E was to be finite, then we would have to have an element f such that $f \in F_n \forall n$. But $\bigcap F_n = \emptyset$; so no such f exists. Moreover, we can always pick a distinct f_i because $F_n \neq \emptyset$ for all n .

(End of claim)

Now, $E \subseteq X$ and E is infinite. By assumption E has a limit point. Let $x \in X$ be a limit point of E . Then, $\forall r > 0: N_r(x) \setminus \{x\} \cap E \neq \emptyset$. Let $y \in N_r(x) \setminus \{x\} \cap E$. Then $y \in N_r(x), y \neq x, y \in E$. Moreover, $N_r(x)$ contains infinitely many points of E (infinitely many f_i 's). But F_n is closed, (since G_n is open), so $x \in F_n, \forall n$. Therefore $x \in \bigcap F_n = \emptyset$, a clear contradiction. Therefore, X is compact.