

Topology of \mathbb{R}

about open & closed sets

(a, b) is an open set - is not closed.

$[a, b]$ is a closed set - is not open

$[a, b)$ is not open or closed

$(-\infty, \infty) = \mathbb{R}$ is open and closed.

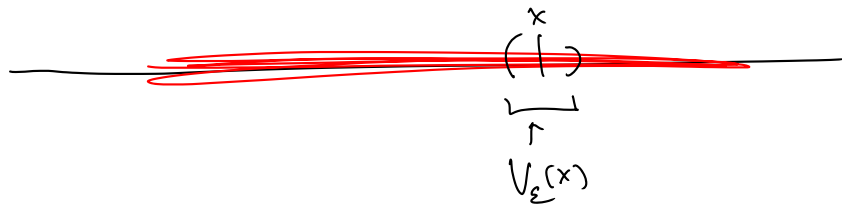
"An open set has no boundary points"

"every point is an interior point"

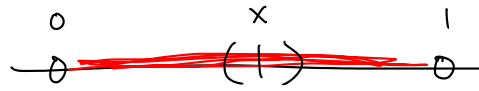
Def a set $O \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is open when:

$$\forall x \in O, \quad \exists \varepsilon > 0 \text{ s.t. } \underbrace{V_\varepsilon(x) \subseteq O.}$$

x is surrounded by a nbhd
of values in O .



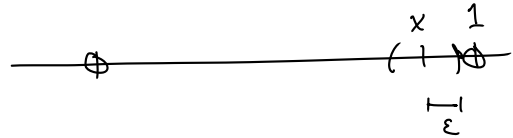
Ex $(0, 1)$ is an open set.



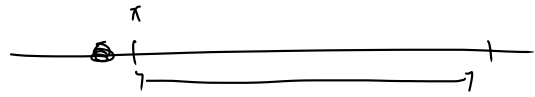
PF Take any $x \in (0, 1)$, then

choose

$$\varepsilon = \min(x, 1-x)$$



Then $V_\varepsilon(x) \subseteq (0, 1)$.



Ex $[0, 1]$ is not open.

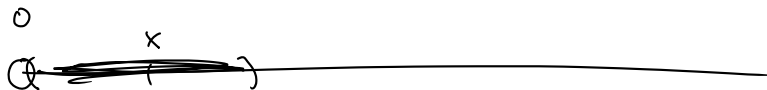
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Take $x=1$, then every nbhd
 $V_\varepsilon(x)$ is not a subset of $[0, 1]$.
 $\hookrightarrow (1-\varepsilon, 1+\varepsilon)$

not open $\rightarrow (0, 1]$ if $x=1$, then $V_\varepsilon(x) \not\subseteq (0, 1]$.

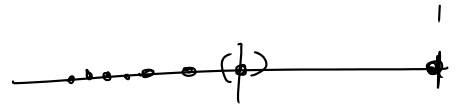
\mathbb{R} open $\rightarrow (0, \infty)$ for $x \in (0, \infty)$ is open
choose $\varepsilon = x$



$(-\infty, \infty)$ is open.

Open or not?

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$



not open - any $V_\epsilon(1)$ goes outside the set.

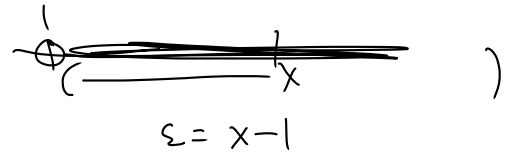
$$\left\{ x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x > 1 \right\}$$

$(1, \infty)$ is open

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$$\mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$$

$$\mathbb{Q} \cap (0, 1)$$



$\mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$ is not open since

$V_\epsilon(1)$ includes points more than 1.

$$\text{so } V_\epsilon(1) \not\subseteq \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$$

$\mathbb{Q} \cap (0, 1)$ is not open since

$V_\epsilon(1/2)$ includes some irrationals,

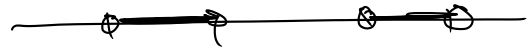
$$\text{so } V_\epsilon(1/2) \not\subseteq \mathbb{Q} \cap (0, 1).$$

Same reason: \mathbb{Q} is not open.

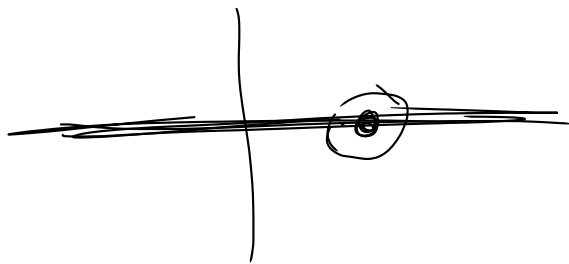
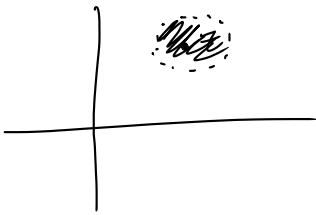
$\mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}$ set of irrationals:
is not open.

Not all open sets are just intervals

$(0,1) \cup (2,3)$



Generally, an open set of \mathbb{R} looks like some union of open intervals.



Unions and Intersections of open sets.

Thm If A & B are open, then $A \cup B$ is open.

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PF Take $x \in A \cup B$, we'll find some $V_\epsilon(x) \subseteq A \cup B$.

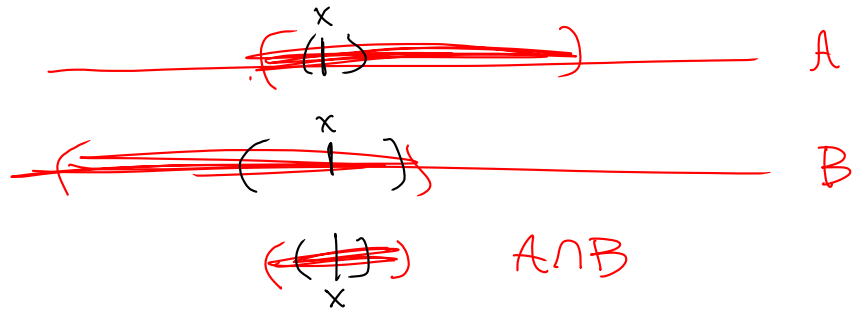
Without loss of generality, assume $x \in A$. (since $x \in A$ or $x \in B$)

Since A is open, there is some $V_\epsilon(x) \subseteq A$.

Since $A \subseteq A \cup B$, this means

$V_\varepsilon(x) \subseteq A \cup B$ Show.

Then If A & B are open, then $A \cap B$ is open.



PF Let $x \in A \cap B$, we'll find a nbhd $V_\varepsilon(x) \subseteq A \cap B$.

Since $x \in A$, we have a nbhd $V_\alpha(x) \subseteq A$
and since $x \in B$ $V_\beta(x) \subseteq B$.

Let $\varepsilon = \min(\alpha, \beta)$. Then

$V_\varepsilon(x) \subseteq A \cap B$ as desired.

Is \emptyset open?

A is open means: $\forall x \in A \exists \varepsilon$ s.t. $V_\varepsilon(x) \subseteq A$.

if $A = \emptyset$:

$\forall x \in \emptyset, \exists \varepsilon$ \emptyset

Vacuously True!

$\forall x \in \emptyset, \dots$ is automatically true

$p \rightarrow q$

\emptyset is open