

Exercises given with a numbering are from *Basic Analysis: Introduction to Real Analysis (Vol I)* by J. Lebl.

**Reading** Sections 2.1, 2.2

**Exercises**

1. We say a set  $F \subset \mathbb{R}$  is *closed* if its complement  $F^c := \mathbb{R} \setminus F$  is open (see Assignment 3 for a discussion of open sets). Since  $\emptyset$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  are open, it follows that  $\emptyset$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  are closed as well.
  - (a) Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$ . Prove that  $[a, b]$  is closed.
  - (b) Is the set  $\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{R}$  closed? Provide a proof to substantiate your claim.
  - (c) Is the set of rationals  $\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}$  closed? Provide a proof to substantiate your claim.
2. (a) Let  $\Lambda$  be a set (not necessarily a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ ), and for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , let  $F_\lambda \subset \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that if  $F_\lambda$  is closed for all  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  then the set

$$\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} F_\lambda = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \in F_\lambda \text{ for all } \lambda \in \Lambda\}$$

is closed.

- (b) Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and let  $F_1, \dots, F_n \subset \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that if  $F_1, \dots, F_n$  are closed then the set  $\cup_{m=1}^n F_m$  is closed.
3. Let  $F \subset \mathbb{R}$  be a closed set, and let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of elements of  $F$  converging to  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that  $x \in F$ .  
*Hint:* Assume that  $x \in F^c$  and arrive at a contradiction.

4. Exercise 2.2.3

5. Exercise 2.2.5

6. Let  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  be bounded above, and let  $a_0$  be an upper bound for  $A$ . Prove that  $a_0 = \sup A$  if and only if there exists a sequence  $\{a_n\}$  of elements of  $A$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a_0$ .

*Hint:* By Assignment 3, if  $a_0 = \sup A$  then for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists  $a_n \in A$  such that

$$a_0 - \frac{1}{n} < a_n \leq a_0.$$

7. Let  $E \subset \mathbb{R}$  be a nonempty set of real numbers. We say  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is a *cluster point* of  $E$  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$

$$(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \cap E \setminus \{x\} \neq \emptyset.$$

Said less formally,  $x$  is a cluster point of  $E$  if every interval containing  $x$  contains at least one element of  $E$  other than  $x$ .

- (a) Prove that  $x$  is a cluster point of  $E$  if and only if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of elements of  $E \setminus \{x\}$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ .

*Hint:* If  $x$  is a cluster point of  $E$ , then for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists  $x_n \in E$  with  $x_n \neq x$  such that

$$x - \frac{1}{n} < x_n < x + \frac{1}{n}.$$

- (b) Prove that the set of all cluster points of  $E$  is closed.

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