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**Homework**  $C$  = Cantor Set. In addition to other properties, interior  $C = \emptyset$ .

**Discussion** We showed previously:

1. Construction of Cantor Set
  2. Representation of Cantor Set elements in base 3.  
 $x = a_1a_2a_3\dots$  where  $a_i \in \{0, 2\}$ . If  $1/3 = x$ , then  $x = 0.1 = 0.222\dots$   
But 0.021 is ok.
  3. Cantor Set is uncountable.
  4. Cantor Set is closed.
  5. Cantor Set is perfect.
- And now we have
6. interior of Cantor Set is  $\emptyset$ .

If it wasn't, then for some  $x_0 \in C$ , we would have  $(x_0 - \varepsilon, x_0 + \varepsilon) \subset C$ .

Let  $T = \{0 \leq \frac{k}{3^n} \leq 1 \mid k, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Note that  $T$  is dense in  $[0, 1]$ .

Thus, for some  $k, \exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{k}{3^n} \in (x_0 - \varepsilon, x_0 + \varepsilon) \subset C$ .

If  $\frac{k}{3^n} \notin C$ , then we're done.

If not, then  $\exists m > n$  such that  $\frac{k}{3^n} + \frac{1}{3^m} \in (x_0 - \varepsilon, x_0 + \varepsilon)$ . And  $\frac{k}{3^n} + \frac{1}{3^m} \notin C$  as it contains a 1 as its last digit in its base 3 representation.  
(Preceding proof by PlanetMath).

1(b) If we vary the Cantor Set construction by first removing the middle  $3/5$  of  $[0, 1]$ , then we have  $1/10$  remaining on each side.

It turns out all the properties remain the same except for the ternary representation becomes a base 10 representation and the Hausdorff dimension is smaller.

2. Theorem 2.28 repeats the exercise from Week #1, #1. That is, If  $\sup A \notin A$ , then  $(\sup A - \varepsilon, \sup A)$  contains infinitely many points of  $A$ .

3. (b) Better to wait until we have covered sequences before doing this problem.

(c) Does  $\bar{S}$  convex  $\Rightarrow S$  convex? No.

Consider a ball with deleted center. The center is included in the closure, hence  $\bar{S}$  is convex by part (a). Yet,  $S$  is not convex.

**Note**

**Convex Function**

Suppose  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ . The indicator function  $i_S : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$i_S(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in S \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin S \end{cases}. \text{ The indicator function is convex } \Leftrightarrow S \text{ is convex.}$$

#4, 5, 6 have been chosen in a grouped fashion.

7. Prove an isolated set is at most countable.

Each isolated point has a neighborhood that contains only the point.

By the density property, we can find a point with rational coordinates that is contained in each isolated point's neighborhood.

8. Use the same idea as for #7.

9. Show  $(0, 1) \times (0, 1) \sim (0, 1)$ . You think about it.

**Remark**

2.29  $(X, d)$  is a metric space.  $Y$  is a nonempty subset of  $X$ .

Then  $(Y, d)$  is also a metric space. If  $E \subset Y$ , then we can view

$E$  relative to  $X$  or  $E$  relative to  $Y$ .

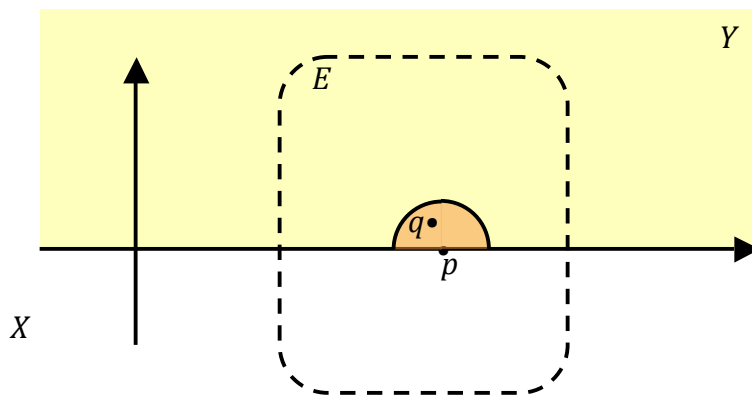
We say  $E$  is open relative to  $Y$  if

$\forall p \in E, \exists r > 0$  such that  $\forall q \in Y$  with  $d(p, q) < r, q \in E$ .

In other words,  $N_r(p) \cap Y \subset E$ .

**Example**

Consider  $X = \mathbb{R}^2, Y = \{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_2 \geq 0\}$  This is the upper half-plane.



**Theorem**

2.30  $E$  is open relative to  $Y \Leftrightarrow \exists G \subset X$ , open in  $X$  such that  $E = Y \cap G$ .  
Read the proof in the text.

**Definition**

2.31  $(X, d)$  is a metric space. An *open cover* for  $E \subset X$  is a collection of open sets  $\{G_\alpha\}$  such that  $E \subset \bigcup_\alpha G_\alpha$ .

**Definition**

2.32  $E \subset X$  is *compact* if from every open cover we can extract a finite subcover.

**Example** Let  $E = [0, 1]$ .  $\forall x \in E$ , let  $G_x = (x - 1/4, x + 1/4)$ .  
Then  $\{G_x \mid 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$  is an open cover. We can extract a finite cover from this set.  $G_0 \cup G_{1/5} \cup G_{2/5} \cup G_{3/5} \cup G_{4/5}$  covers  $[0, 1]$ .

**Example** Let  $E = [0, 1)$ . Then  $E$  is not compact.  
Let  $G_n = (-1, \frac{2^n - 1}{2^n})$ . Then  $\{G_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is an open cover of  $[0, 1)$ .  
But there is no finite subcover of  $\{G_n\}$ , for  
 $G_{n_1} \cup G_{n_2} \cup \dots \cup G_{n_k} = (-1, \frac{2^{n_k} - 1}{2^{n_k}}) \neq [0, 1)$ .

**Example** Let  $E = \{\frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  not compact.  
 $E$  has infinitely many isolated points.  
Let  $G_n = (\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+2}, \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n+2})$ .  
Then  $\{G_n\}$  is an open cover of  $E$  with no finite subcover.

**Theorem** 2.33 Suppose  $K \subset Y \subset X$ . Then  $K$  is compact relative to  $Y \Leftrightarrow K$  is compact relative to  $X$ .

**Proof:**

$\Rightarrow$ : Suppose  $K$  is compact relative to  $Y$ .

Consider an open cover of  $K$  in  $X$ .

We will show it contains a finite subcover of  $K$ .

Let  $G_\alpha$  be open in  $X$  and  $K \subset \bigcup_\alpha G_\alpha$ .

So then  $\{G_\alpha\}$  is an open cover of  $K$  in  $X$ .

Since  $K \subset Y$ , then  $K \subset \bigcup_\alpha (G_\alpha \cap Y)$ .

$G_\alpha \cap Y$  is open relative to  $Y$ . That is,  $G_\alpha \cap Y$  is open in  $Y$ .

So then  $\{G_\alpha \cap Y\}_\alpha$  is an open cover of  $K$  in  $Y$ .

So  $\exists n$  such that  $K \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n (G_{\alpha_i} \cap Y) \Rightarrow K \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n G_{\alpha_i}$  in  $X$ .

$\Leftarrow$ : Suppose  $K$  is compact relative to  $X$ .

Consider an open cover of  $K$  in  $Y$ .

Let  $E_\alpha$  be open in  $Y$  where  $K \subset \bigcup_\alpha E_\alpha$ .

By Theorem 2.30 above, for each  $\alpha$ ,  $\exists G_\alpha$  open relative to  $X$  such that

$E_\alpha = G_\alpha \cap Y$ . So then  $K \subset \bigcup_\alpha (G_\alpha \cap Y)$ .

Since  $K$  is compact relative to  $X$ , and  $(G_\alpha \cap Y) \subset G_\alpha$ , then  $K \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n G_{\alpha_i}$ .

And  $K \subset Y \Rightarrow K \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n (G_{\alpha_i} \cap Y) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_{\alpha_i}$ .

$\therefore K$  is compact relative to  $Y$ .

**Theorem 2.34** Compact subsets of metric spaces are closed.

**Proof:**

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Let  $E$  be a nonempty compact subset of  $X$ .

Consider  $X \setminus E$ . We will prove  $X \setminus E$  is open.

Let  $x \in X \setminus E$ . For  $y \in E$ , choose  $r_y = d(x, y)/3$ .

Then  $\{G_y = N_{r_y}(y) \mid y \in E\}$  is an open cover of  $E$ .

By compactness, there is a finite subcover,  $G_{y_1}, G_{y_2}, \dots, G_{y_n}$ .

Let  $G = \bigcup_{i=1}^n G_{y_i}$ . Let  $r = \min\{r_{y_i} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

Then  $N_r(x) \subset X \setminus E$ . Thus,  $x$  is an interior point of  $X \setminus E$ .

So, by the fact that  $x$  was chosen arbitrarily, we get  $X \setminus E$  is open.

Hence  $E$  is closed.