

Thm. 2.9 If  $p$  is a limit point of a set  $E$ , then every nbhd of  $p$  contains infinitely many points of  $E$ .

Proof: Suppose  $\exists$  a nbhd  $N$  of  $p$  containing only finitely many points of  $E$ , say,  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n$ , with  $q_i \neq p$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Then put  $r = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} d(p, q_i)$ .

Note that  $r > 0$ . (If it were, say, an infimum rather than a minimum, it could have taken the value 0.)

Then the nbhd  $N_r(p)$  contains no point  $q$  of  $E$   $\exists$   $q \neq p$ , which contradicts our defn. of the limit point.  $\square$

Cor. 2.10 A finite set has no limit points.

Examples Consider the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^2$

a)  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$

b)  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq 1\}$

c) A finite set

d)  $\mathbb{Z}$

e)  $\{\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

f)  $\mathbb{C}$  or  $\mathbb{R}^2$

g)  $(a, b)$

	<u>Closed</u>	<u>open</u>	<u>perfect</u>	<u>bounded</u>
a)				
b)				
c)				
d)				
e)				
f)				
g)				

open in  $\mathbb{R}$   
but not in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

Thm. 2.11 Let  $\{E_\alpha\}$  be a finite or an infinite collection of sets  $E_\alpha$ . Then  $(\bigcup_\alpha E_\alpha)^c = \bigcap_\alpha E_\alpha^c$ .

Proof: Exercise.

Thm. 2.12 A set  $E$  is open iff its complement is closed.

Proof: Suppose  $E^c$  is closed. We want to show that  $E$  is open, i.e., every point of  $E$  is an interior point of  $E$ .

To that end, take a point  $x \in E$ . So  $x \notin E^c$ .

Now  $E^c$  being closed contain all its limit points. Hence,  $x$  cannot be a limit point of  $E^c$ .

Therefore,  $\exists$  nbhd  $U$  of  $x$  which does not intersect  $E^c$  at all, not even in  $x$  (since  $x \notin E^c$ ).

Hence  $U \cap E^c = \emptyset$  implies  $U \subseteq E$  so that  $x$  is an interior point of  $E$ .

$\Rightarrow E$  is open.

The second half of the theorem will be done on Friday.