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A^d / A'

limit pt
may or
may not
belongs
to set.

The
set of
limit pts
of a set A

called derived set.

$p \in G$ (open)

$$(G - \{p\}) \cap A \neq \emptyset$$

ACCUMULATION POINT

limit point /
cluster / derived
set.



(X, τ)

$$A \subseteq X$$

then

$p \in X$ limit
pt. of A

iff for
every open
set G

containing
 p s.t

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$$c \in \{b, c, d, e\} - \{c\} \cap \{a, b, c\} \neq \emptyset$$
$$c \in \{c, d\} - \{c\} \cap \{a, b, c\} = \emptyset$$

c is not limit pt.

$$A^d = \{b, d, e\}$$

Example 2.1: The class $\mathcal{T} = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d, e\}\}$ \rightarrow open sets defines a topology on $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$. Consider the subset $A = \{a, b, c\}$ of X .

$$a \in \{a\} - \{a\} \cap \{a, b, c\} = \emptyset$$

$$a \in \{a, c, d\} - \{a\} \cap \{a, b, c\} \neq \emptyset$$

$$a \in X - \{a\} \cap \{a, b, c\} \neq \emptyset$$

a is not limit point of A .

$$b \in \{b, c, d, e\} - \{b\} \cap \{a, b, c\} \neq \emptyset$$

$$b \in X - \{b\} \cap \{a, b, c\} \neq \emptyset$$

b is a limit pt. of A .

$$d \in \{a, c, d\} - \{d\} \neq \emptyset$$

$$d \in \{b, c, d, e\} - \{d\}$$

$$\cap A \neq \emptyset$$

d is a limit pt. of A .

$$e \in \{b, c, d, e\} - \{e\}$$

$$\cap A \neq \emptyset$$

e is a limit pt. of A .

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Example 2.1: The class $\mathcal{T} = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d, e\}\}$ defines a topology on $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$. Consider the subset $A = \{a, b, c\}$ of X . Observe that $b \in X$ is a limit point of A since the open sets containing b are $\{b, c, d, e\}$ and X , and each contains a point of A different from b , i.e. c . On the other hand, the point $a \in X$ is not a limit point of A since the open set $\{a\}$, which contains a , does not contain a point of A different from a . Similarly, the points d and e are limit points of A and the point c is not a limit point of A . So $A' = \{b, d, e\}$ is the derived set of A .

2° $A' = \{b, d, e\}$ is the derived set of A .

3° a and c are limit points of X and c is not a limit point of X .

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(X, τ) indiscrete
 $\tau = \{\emptyset, X\}$ $p \in X$

Example 2.2: Let X be an indiscrete topological space, i.e. X and \emptyset are the only open subsets of X . Then X is the only open set containing any point $p \in X$. Hence p is an accumulation point of every subset of X except the empty set \emptyset and the set consisting of p alone, i.e. the singleton set $\{p\}$. Accordingly, the derived set A' of any subset A of X is as follows:

$$A' = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } A = \emptyset \\ \{p\}^c = X \setminus \{p\} & \text{if } A = \{p\} \\ X & \text{if } A \text{ contains two or more points} \end{cases}$$

$A' = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } A = \emptyset \\ \{p\}^c & \text{if } A = \{p\} \\ X & \text{if } A \text{ contains two or more points} \end{cases} \Rightarrow p \text{ is limit pt. of every subset of } X.$
if A contains except, \emptyset
2 or more points $\{p\}$

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$\rightarrow G \cap A = \emptyset$ equivalence
 $\rightarrow G \cap A = \{p\}$

12. Let A be a subset of a topological space (X, τ) . When will a point $p \in X$ not be a limit point of A ?

(X, τ)
 $A \subseteq X$
 $p \in X$
is limit pt of A
if for every open
set G
 $p \in G$, G is open
 $\Rightarrow G - \{p\} \cap A \neq \emptyset$
So, p is not limit
of A if there exist
an open set S s.t
 $p \in G$
but
 $G - \{p\} \cap A = \emptyset$

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12. Let A be a subset of a topological space (X, \mathcal{T}) . When will a point $p \in X$ not be a limit point of A ?

Solution:

The point $p \in X$ is a limit point of A iff every open neighborhood of p contains a point of A other than p , i.e.,

$$p \in G \text{ and } G \in \mathcal{T} \text{ implies } (G \setminus \{p\}) \cap A \neq \emptyset$$

So p is not a limit point of A if there exists an open set G such that

$$p \in G \text{ and } (G \setminus \{p\}) \cap A = \emptyset$$

or, equivalently,

$$p \in G \text{ and } G \cap A = \emptyset \text{ or } G \cap A = \{p\}$$

or, equivalently,

$$p \in G \text{ and } G \cap A \subset \{p\}$$

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$$(X, \tau) \text{ a } \tau = \mathcal{P}(X)$$

13. Let A be any subset of a discrete topological space X . Show that the derived set A' of A is empty.

every subset of a discrete space is open.

Let $p \in X$
then $G = \{p\}$

$p \in G$

$$G - \{p\} \cap A = \emptyset$$

$$p \in X \quad p \notin A' \quad A' = \emptyset$$

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13. Let A be any subset of a discrete topological space X . Show that the derived set A' of A is empty.

Solution:

Let p be any point in X . Recall that every subset of a discrete space is open. Hence, in particular, the singleton set $G = \{p\}$ is an open subset of X . But

$$p \in G \quad \text{and} \quad G \cap A = (\{p\} \cap A) \subset \{p\}$$

Hence, by the above problem, $p \notin A'$ for every $p \in X$, i.e. $A' = \emptyset$.

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14. Consider the topology

$$\mathcal{T} = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{a, b, c, d\}, \{a, b, e\}\}$$

on $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$. Determine the derived sets of (i) $A = \{c, d, e\}$ and (ii) $B = \{b\}$.

$$a \in \{a\} - \{a\} \cap \{c, d, e\} = \emptyset$$

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$$a \in \{a, b, c, d\} - \{a\} \cap \{c, d, e\} \neq \emptyset$$

$$a \in \{a, b, e\} - \{a\} \cap \{c, d, e\} \neq \emptyset$$

$$a \in X - \{a\} \cap \{c, d, e\} \neq \emptyset$$

a is not limit pt. of A .

$$e \in \{a, b, e\} - \{e\} \cap A$$

$$e \in X - \{e\} \cap A \neq \emptyset$$

$$e \in X - \{e\} \cap A \neq \emptyset$$

e is also not limit point.



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$$a \in \{a, b\} - \{a\} \cap B \neq \emptyset$$
$$a \in \{a\} - (\{a\} \cap \{b\}) = \emptyset$$

*a is not
limit pt.
of B.*

14. Consider the topology

$\mathcal{T} = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{a, b, c, d\}, \{a, b, e\}\}$
on $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$. Determine the derived sets of (i) $A = \{c, d, e\}$ and (ii) $B = \{b\}$.

Solution:

(i) Note that $\{a, b\}$ and $\{a, b, e\}$ are open subsets of X and that

$$a, b \in \{a, b\} \quad \text{and} \quad \{a, b\} \cap A = \emptyset$$

$$e \in \{a, b, e\} \quad \text{and} \quad \{a, b, e\} \cap A = \{e\}$$

Hence a, b and e are not limit points of A . On the other hand, every other point in X is a limit point of A since every open set containing it also contains a point of A different from it. Accordingly, $A' = \{c, d\}$.

(ii) Note that $\{a\}$, $\{a, b\}$ and $\{a, c, d\}$ are open subsets of X and that

$$a \in \{a\} \quad \text{and} \quad \{a\} \cap B = \emptyset$$

$$b \in \{a, b\} \quad \text{and} \quad \{a, b\} \cap B = \{b\}$$

$$c, d \in \{a, c, d\} \quad \text{and} \quad \{a, c, d\} \cap B = \emptyset$$

Hence a, b, c and d are not limit points of $B = \{b\}$. But e is a limit point of B since the open sets containing e are $\{a, b, e\}$ and X and each contains the point $b \in B$ different from e . Thus $B' = \{e\}$.

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15. Prove: If A is a subset of B , then every limit point of A is also a limit point of B , i.e., $A \subset B$ implies $A' \subset B'$.

Let $p \in X$ is a limit pt. of A .

then

$$\Rightarrow (G - \{p\}) \cap A \neq \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow (G - \{p\}) \cap B \neq \emptyset$$

$$\boxed{\because A \subset B}$$

$$\Rightarrow p \in B'$$

$\Rightarrow p$ is also a limit pt. of B .

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15. Prove: If A is a subset of B , then every limit point of A is also a limit point of B , i.e., $A \subset B$ implies $A' \subset B'$.

Solution:

Recall that $p \in A'$ iff $(G \setminus \{p\}) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for every open set G containing p . But $B \supset A$; hence

$$(G \setminus \{p\}) \cap B \supset (G \setminus \{p\}) \cap A \neq \emptyset$$

So $p \in A'$ implies $p \in B'$, i.e. $A' \subset B'$.

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16. Let \mathcal{T}_1 and \mathcal{T}_2 be topologies on X such that $\mathcal{T}_1 \subset \mathcal{T}_2$, i.e. every \mathcal{T}_1 -open subset of X is also a \mathcal{T}_2 -open subset of X . Furthermore, let A be any subset of X .

- (i) Show that every \mathcal{T}_2 -limit point of A is also a \mathcal{T}_1 -limit point of A .
- (ii) Construct a space in which a \mathcal{T}_1 -limit point is not a \mathcal{T}_2 -limit point.

Let $p \in \mathcal{T}_2$ limit pt. of A .
s.t. $G - \{p\} \cap A \neq \emptyset$
for every $G \in \mathcal{T}_2$
Such that $p \in G$
But $\mathcal{T}_1 \subset \mathcal{T}_2$ in particular
 $G - \{p\} \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for $G \in \mathcal{T}_1$
Such that $G \ni p$
p is limit pt. of \mathcal{T}_1 .

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 - (ii) Construct a space in which a \mathcal{T}_1 -limit point is not a \mathcal{T}_2 -limit point.

Solution:

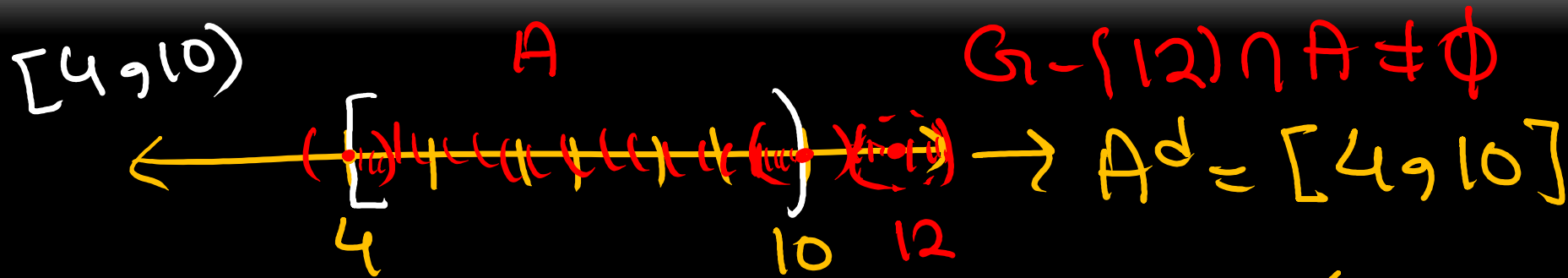
- (i) Let p be a \mathcal{T}_2 -limit point of A ; i.e. $(G \setminus \{p\}) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for every $G \in \mathcal{T}_2$ such that $p \in G$. But $\mathcal{T}_1 \subset \mathcal{T}_2$; so, in particular, $(G \setminus \{p\}) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for every $G \in \mathcal{T}_1$ such that $p \in G$, i.e. p is a \mathcal{T}_1 -limit point of A .
- (ii) Consider the usual topology \mathcal{U} and the discrete topology \mathcal{D} on \mathbf{R} . Note that $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{D}$ since \mathcal{D} contains every subset of \mathbf{R} . By Problem 13, 0 is not a \mathcal{D} -limit point of the set $A = \{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots\}$ since A' is empty. But 0 is a limit point of A with respect to the usual topology on \mathbf{R} .

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A^d of \mathbb{N} and \mathbb{Z} are empty!

64. Consider the topological space $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T})$ where \mathcal{T} consists of \mathbb{R} , \emptyset and all open infinite intervals $E_a = (a, \infty)$, $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Find the derived set of: (i) the interval $[4, 10]$; (ii) \mathbb{Z} , the set of integers.



$$4 \in G - \{4\} \cap A \neq \emptyset$$

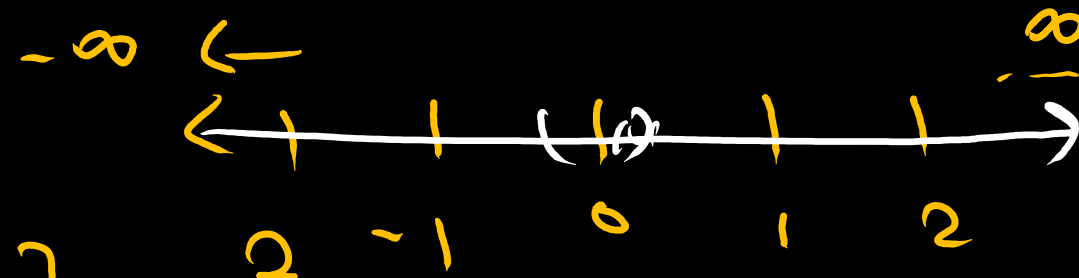
$$(a, b)$$

$$[a, b)$$

$$(a, b]$$

$$[a, b]$$

$$A' = [a, b]$$



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