

Lecture 5: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
Section 2.2.

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Def An open disk (or open ball, the more common term) of radius $r > 0$, in $\mathbb{R}^n$, centered at $\vec{x}_0$, is defined as

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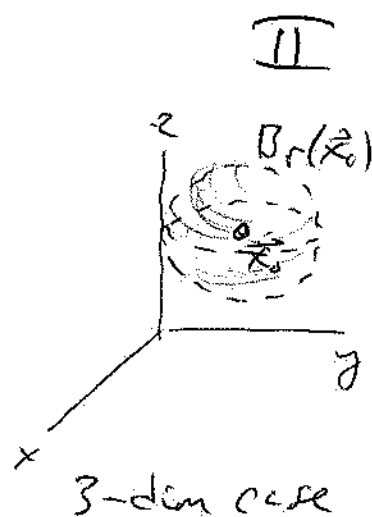
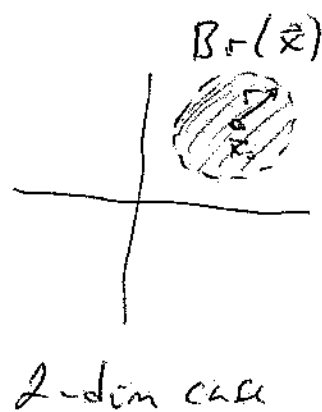
$$B_r(\vec{x}_0) = \{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0\| < r \}$$

Notes ① Most books use B for ball in this notation. This book uses D for disk. In either case, B for ball is used in all dimensions:

- a 2-dim ball is a disk,
- a 1-dim ball is an interval
- an n -dim ball is the n -dim enclos of the standard 3-dim one.

(In math, we use volume for size in $\mathbb{R}^3$. We also use volume for size in $\mathbb{R}^n$, $n > 3$, and for $\mathbb{R}^2$ (area), and $\mathbb{R}$ (length). We use B all in the same way).

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 Notes (2) Visually
 $B_r(\vec{x}_0)$
 $x_0 - r$ x_0 $x_0 + r$
 1-dim case



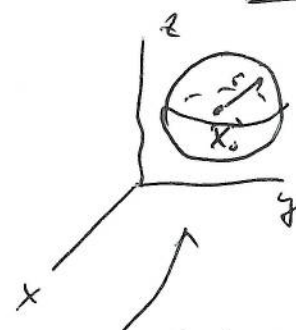
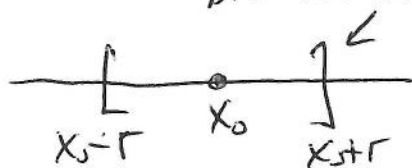
The dotted line is the 2-dim and higher dim way of denoting that the "edges" are not part of the set (notice the strictly inequality sign in the definition)

(3) The closed ball $\overline{B}_r(\vec{x}_0)$ is just the open ball $B_r(\vec{x}_0)$ along with its "edges":

$$\overline{B}_r(\vec{x}_0) = \{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \| \vec{x} - \vec{x}_0 \| \leq r \}$$

Here, the " $\leq$ " means include also the points exactly equal to an r -distance away from $\vec{x}_0$: The circle of radius r , centered at $\vec{x}_0$ in $\mathbb{R}^2$. The sphere of radius r in $\mathbb{R}^3$, the endpoints of the interval in $\mathbb{R}$, etc.

Depicted brackets indicate
pts are included

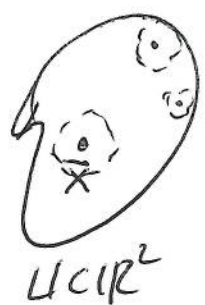


Solid lines indicate the edges are included

Note Sometimes, when not confusing, we will draw balls with solid lines even when open. It is easier.

④ Pointwise, we would write $B_r(x_1, \dots, x_n)$.

Def An arbitrary set $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is called open

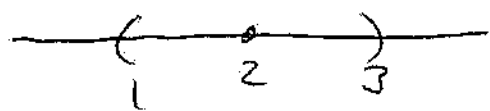


if for every point $\vec{x} \in U$, there is some $\epsilon > 0$, where $B_\epsilon(\vec{x}_0)$ lies entirely inside U , so $B_\epsilon(\vec{x}) \subset U$.

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It doesn't matter how small ϵ is, as long as it can be positive for every $\vec{x} \in U$.

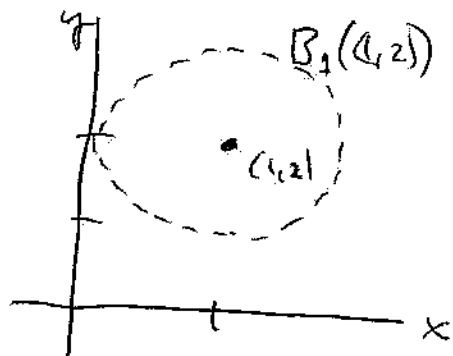
ex 1. The open ball $B_1(2) \subset \mathbb{R}$ is an open set,
since for any $x \in B_1(2)$,
the distance between x and the
closest edge is positive.



Also Call this distance r . Then the ball of
same radius r lies entirely inside $B_1(2)$.

Draw this!

ex 2: $B_1((1,2))$ is the interior of the ~~circle~~ circle
of radius 1 centered at $(1,2)$
in $\mathbb{R}^2$. The radius 1-circle
centered at $(1,2)$ is NOT in
 $B_1((1,2))$.



Q: What is $B_1((1,2)) \cap \{y\text{-axis}\}$? A: It is $\emptyset$.

Q2: What is the distance between $B_1((1,2))$ and
the y -axis?

Recall the distance between 2 sets is defined as the minimum distance between any 2 pts, 1 in each set (like billiard balls). The distance is 0 if they are touching.

A2: It is 0! They are not touching, but there is no distance between them.

~~Def: A pt $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is called a boundary pt of a set $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ if~~

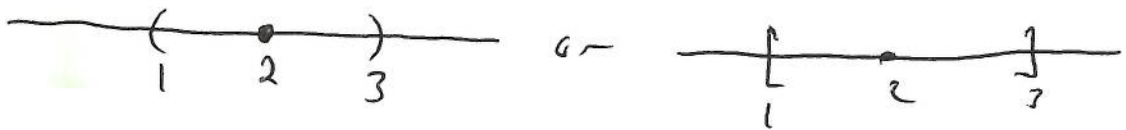
Note: Any open set in $\mathbb{R}^n$ containing $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is called a neighborhood of $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

ex.  $B_r(\vec{x})$ or  are neighborhoods of $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Open balls are examples of neighborhoods of points but any open set is a neighborhood of its points.

Def A pt. $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is called a boundary pt of a set $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ if every neighborhood of $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ contains at least 1 pt in U and one pt outside of U .

ex. The endpoints of an interval, whether in the interval or not, are boundary pts.



Here, $x=1$ and $x=3$ are the boundary pts of each of these. why?

ex. The circle of radius 1 centered at $(1, 2)$ is the set of boundary pts (or the boundary) of $B_1((1, 2)) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$.