

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. We will show \overline{A} is closed.

Let \mathbf{x} be a limit point of \overline{A} . We must show $\mathbf{x} \in \overline{A}$.

We have a sequence (\mathbf{x}_m) converging to \mathbf{x} with each \mathbf{x}_m in \overline{A} .

Fixing m , as \mathbf{x}_m is in the closure of A , there is a sequence $(\mathbf{z}_{m,k})$ converging to \mathbf{x}_m as k goes to infinity.

The right thing to do is, for each m , to pick an integer k_m so that $\|\mathbf{z}_{m,k_m} - \mathbf{x}_m\|$ is at most $1/m$.

Define \mathbf{y}_m to be \mathbf{z}_{m,k_m} . By definition, each \mathbf{y}_m is in A .

To see that (\mathbf{y}_m) converges to \mathbf{x} , let $\epsilon > 0$. Choose N so that for all $m \geq N$, $\|\mathbf{x}_m - \mathbf{x}\| < \epsilon/2$.

Let $M = \max\{N, 2/\epsilon\}$. Note that for $m \geq M$, $1/m \leq 1/M \leq \epsilon/2$. Thus, for all $m \geq M$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{y}_m - \mathbf{x}\| &\leq \|\mathbf{y}_m - \mathbf{x}_m\| + \|\mathbf{x}_m - \mathbf{x}\| \\ &\leq \|\mathbf{z}_{m,k_m} - \mathbf{x}_m\| + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \epsilon.\end{aligned}$$

By the definition, this shows (\mathbf{y}_m) converges to \mathbf{x} . Thus, \mathbf{x} is a limit point of A and so $\mathbf{x} \in \overline{A}$, as required.