

10.1. Part 3.

Euclidean n -space \equiv n -dimensional space, $n \geq 3$

$$\mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R} \quad n\text{-copies of } \mathbb{R}$$

$$= \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \mid x_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$P, Q \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with $P = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$, $Q = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$

Then $|PQ| = \text{distance between } P \text{ & } Q = \sqrt{(y_1 - x_1)^2 + \dots + (y_n - x_n)^2}$

An $(n-1)$ -dimensional set of points in \mathbb{R}^n satisfying $x_n = 0$ is called a hyperplane, by analogy with the plane $z = 0$ in \mathbb{R}^3 , xy -plane

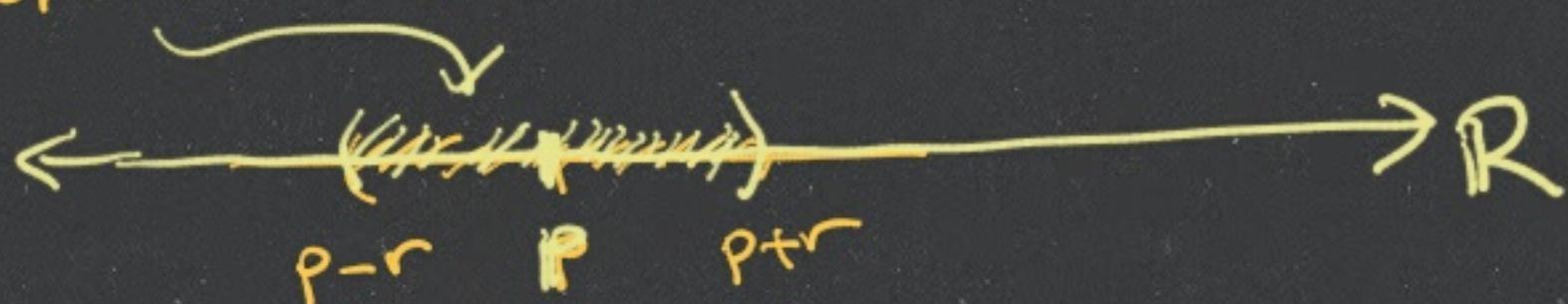
Describing Sets in the plane \mathbb{R}^2 , in \mathbb{R}^3 , in n -space

TOPOLOGY OF \mathbb{R}^1 , OPEN SETS, CLOSED SETS, COMPLEMENT OF A SET

A neighbourhood of a point P in $\mathbb{R}^n \equiv B_r(P) = \{Q \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid |PQ| < r\}$ for some $r > 0$.

Examples:

1) $n=1$, $P \in \mathbb{R}$, then $B_r(P) = (P-r, P+r)$
 $B_r(P)$ is the open interval



$$B_r(P) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid P-r < x < P+r\}$$

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid |x-P| < r\}$$

2) $n=2$, $P = (1, 2)$,

$$B_r(P) = \{Q \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid |PQ| < r\}$$

$$= \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + (y-2)^2} < r\}$$

$B_r(P) = \text{open disk}$ of radius $r \equiv \{(x, y) \mid \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + (y-2)^2} < r\}$ centered at P

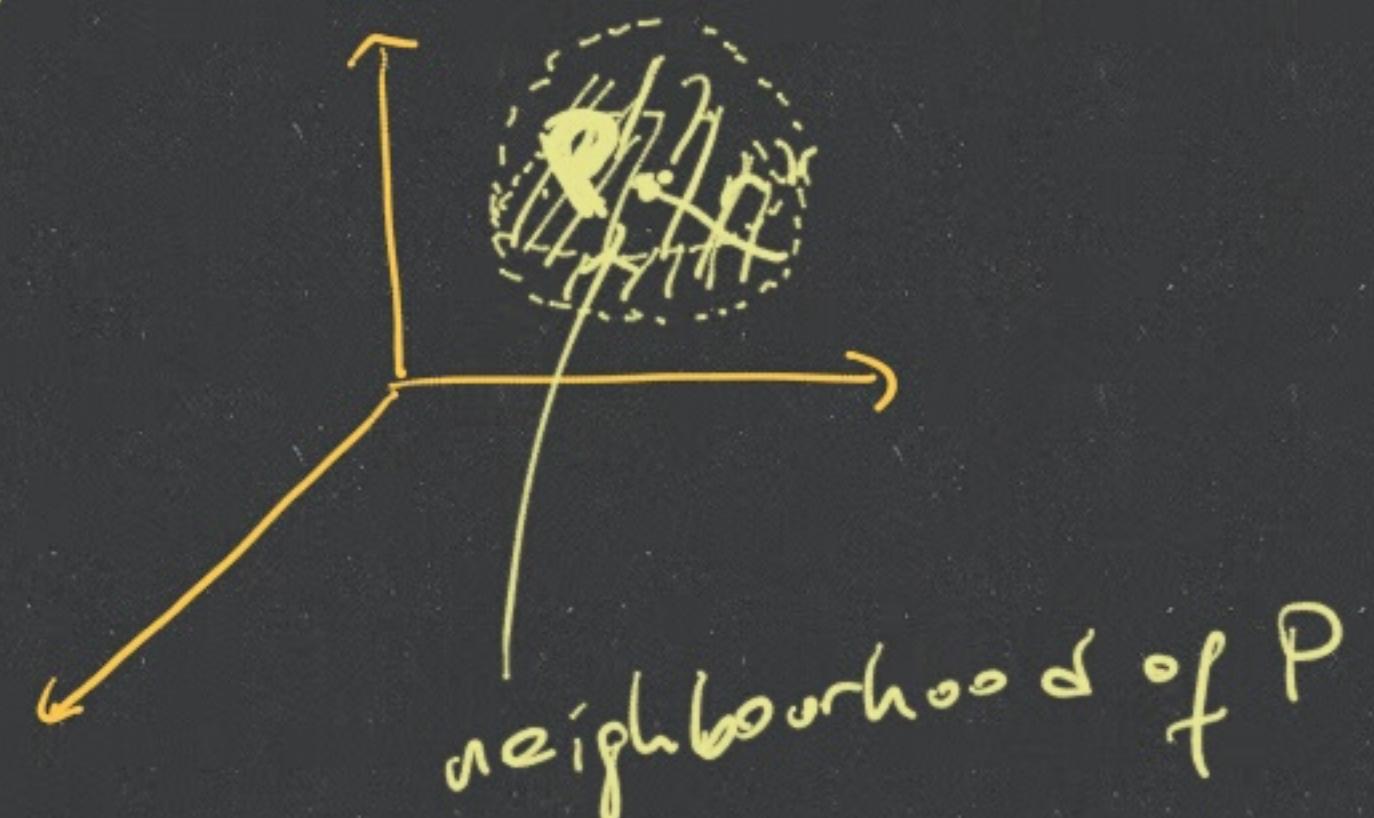


a neighbourhood of $(1, 2)$



$r > 1$

$r < 2$



neighbourhood of P

A set $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is open if every point of S has a neighbourhood contained in S .

Examples of open sets:

1) $B_r(P)$

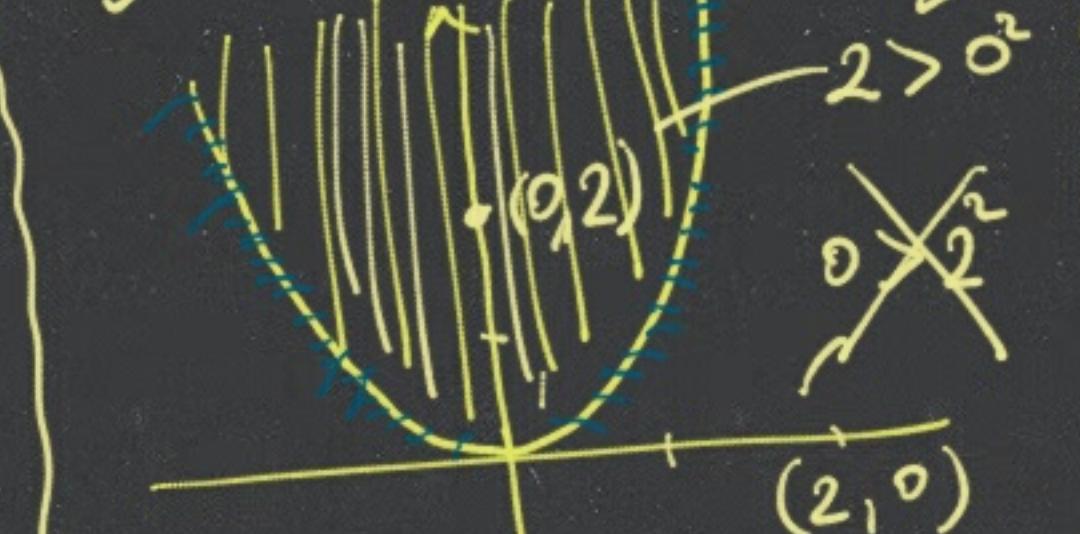
2) \mathbb{R}^n

3) \emptyset

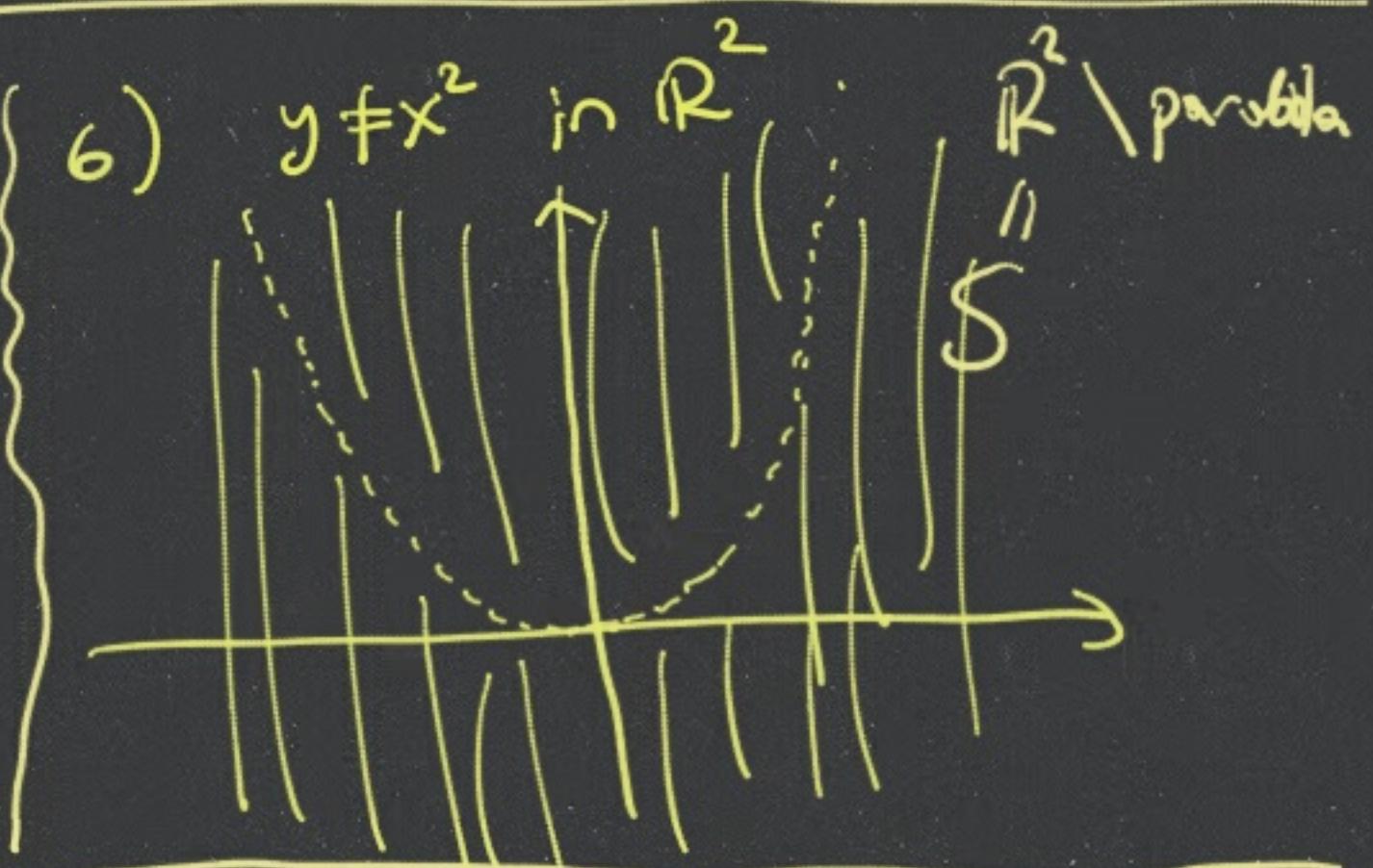
4) $x > 0, y > 0$ in \mathbb{R}^2



5) $y > x^2$ in \mathbb{R}^2



6) $y < x^2$ in \mathbb{R}^2



The COMPLEMENT, S^c , of a set S in \mathbb{R}^n is $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus S$. (Eg: $(\mathbb{R}^n)^c = \emptyset$)

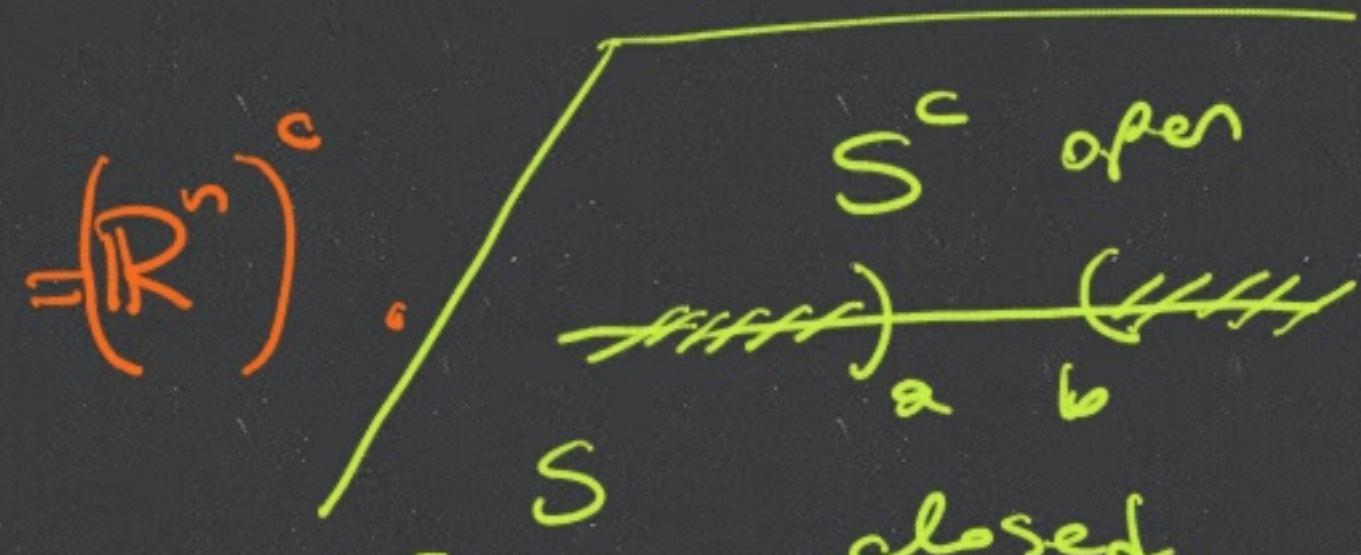
$S^c = \mathbb{R}^n \setminus S \equiv$ points of \mathbb{R}^n which are not in S . (Eg. $\overbrace{a, b}$)

A set is called CLOSED if its complement is open.

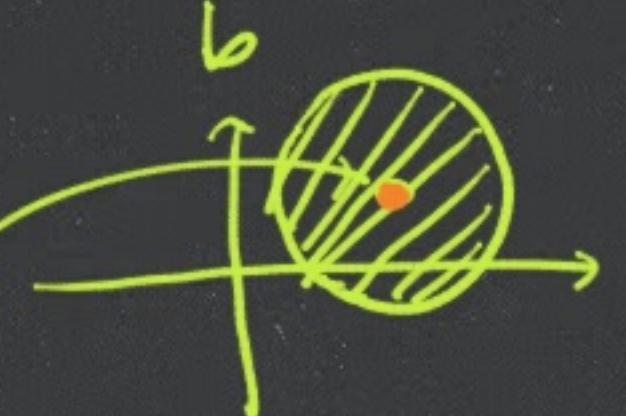
Examples:

1) \mathbb{R}^n is both open and closed $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \mathbb{R}^n = \emptyset = (\mathbb{R}^n)^c$.

2) Closed intervals in \mathbb{R} are closed sets.



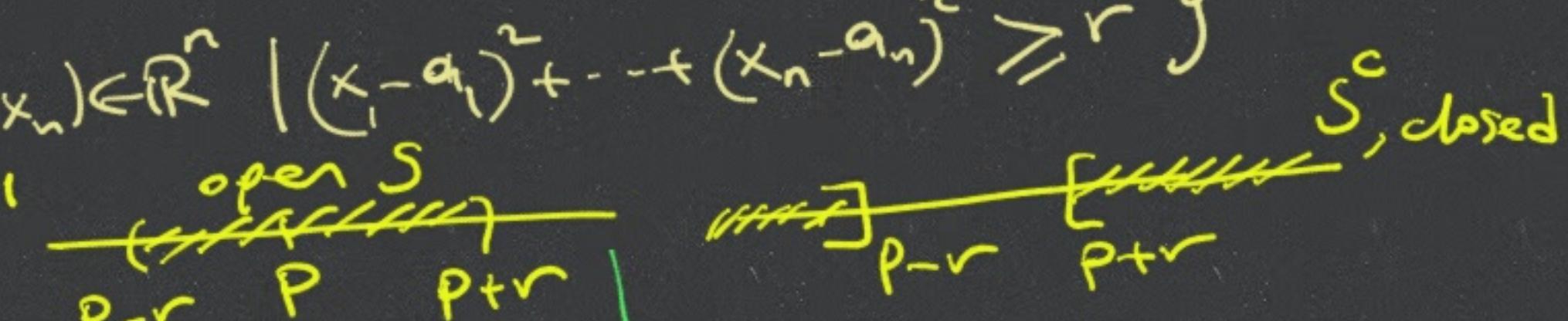
3) A closed disk in $\mathbb{R}^2 \equiv \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid (x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 \leq r^2\}$



4) A closed disk in $\mathbb{R}^n \equiv \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid (x_1 - a_1)^2 + \dots + (x_n - a_n)^2 \leq r^2\}$

5) $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \boxed{B_r(P)} = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid (x_1 - a_1)^2 + \dots + (x_n - a_n)^2 > r^2\}$

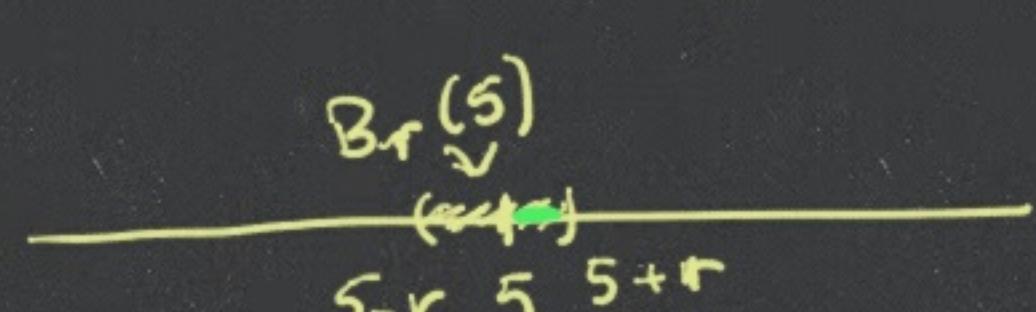
$$P = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$$



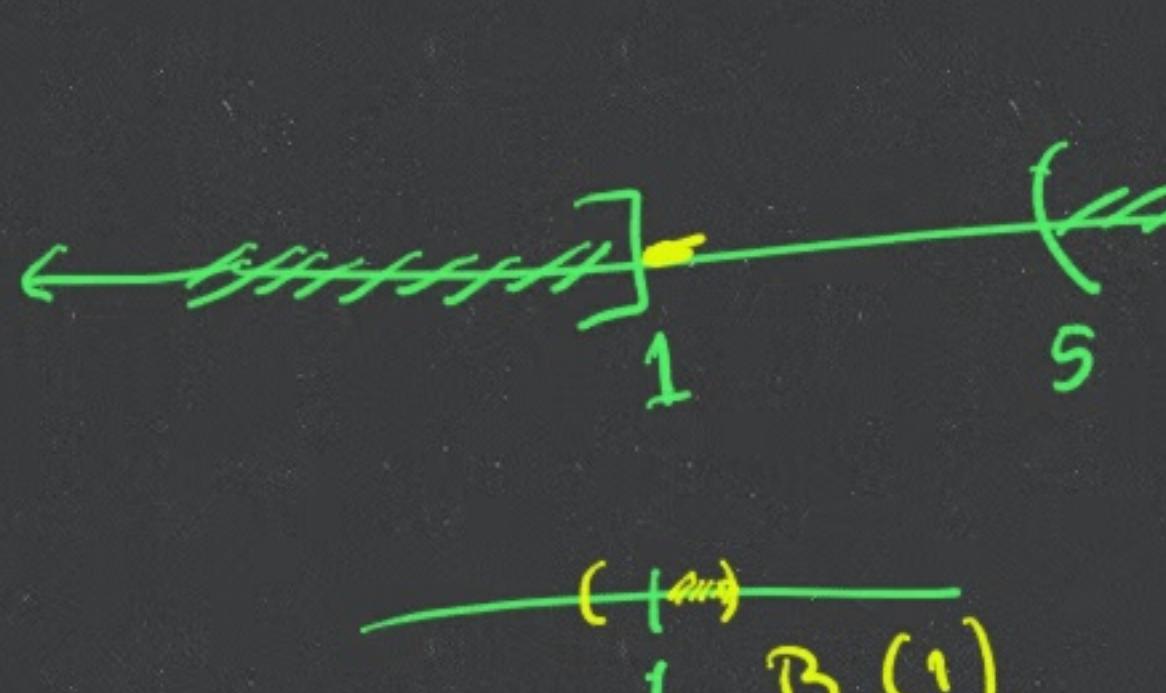
6) A set can be neither open, nor closed.

n=1, $\leftarrow \boxed{1} \rightarrow$

$$S = (1, 5]$$



$B_r(S) \cap S^c \neq \emptyset$ for any $r > 0$.
⇒ S is not open.



S^c is not open
⇒ S cannot be closed

Let S be a set in \mathbb{R}^n .

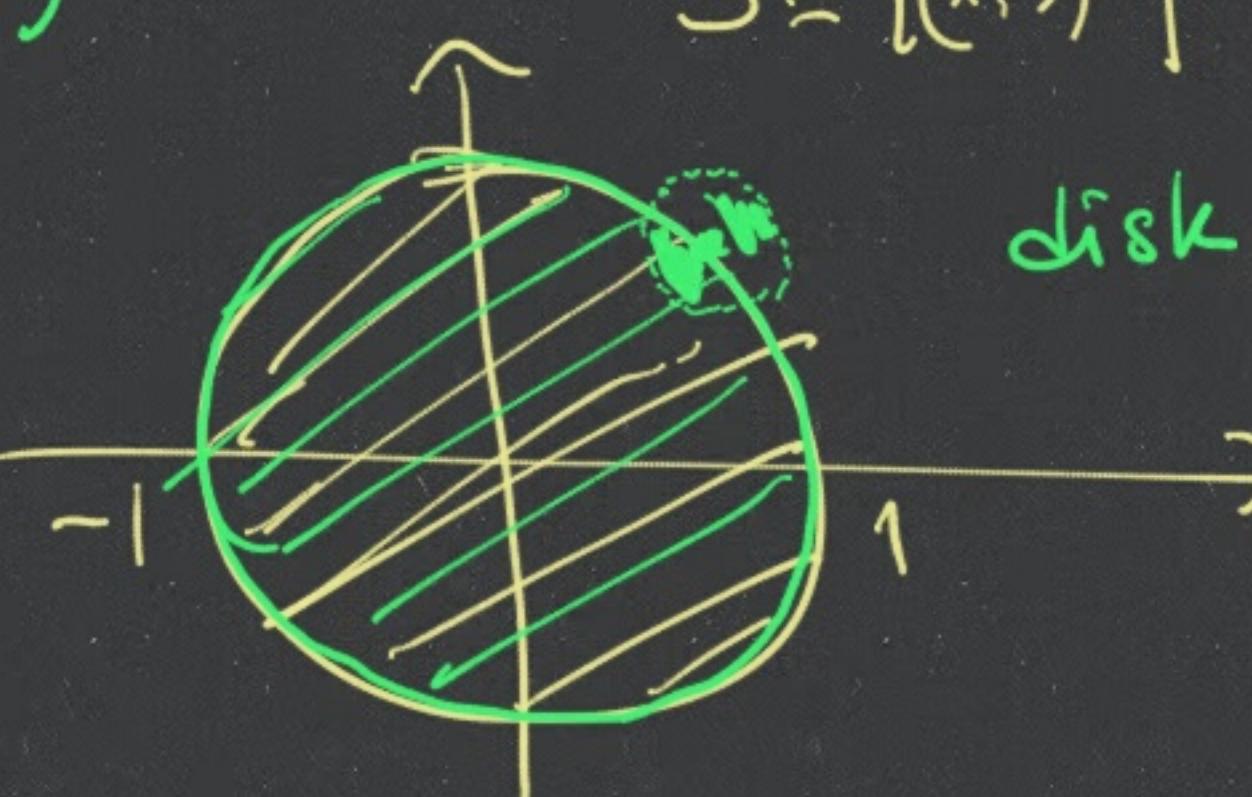
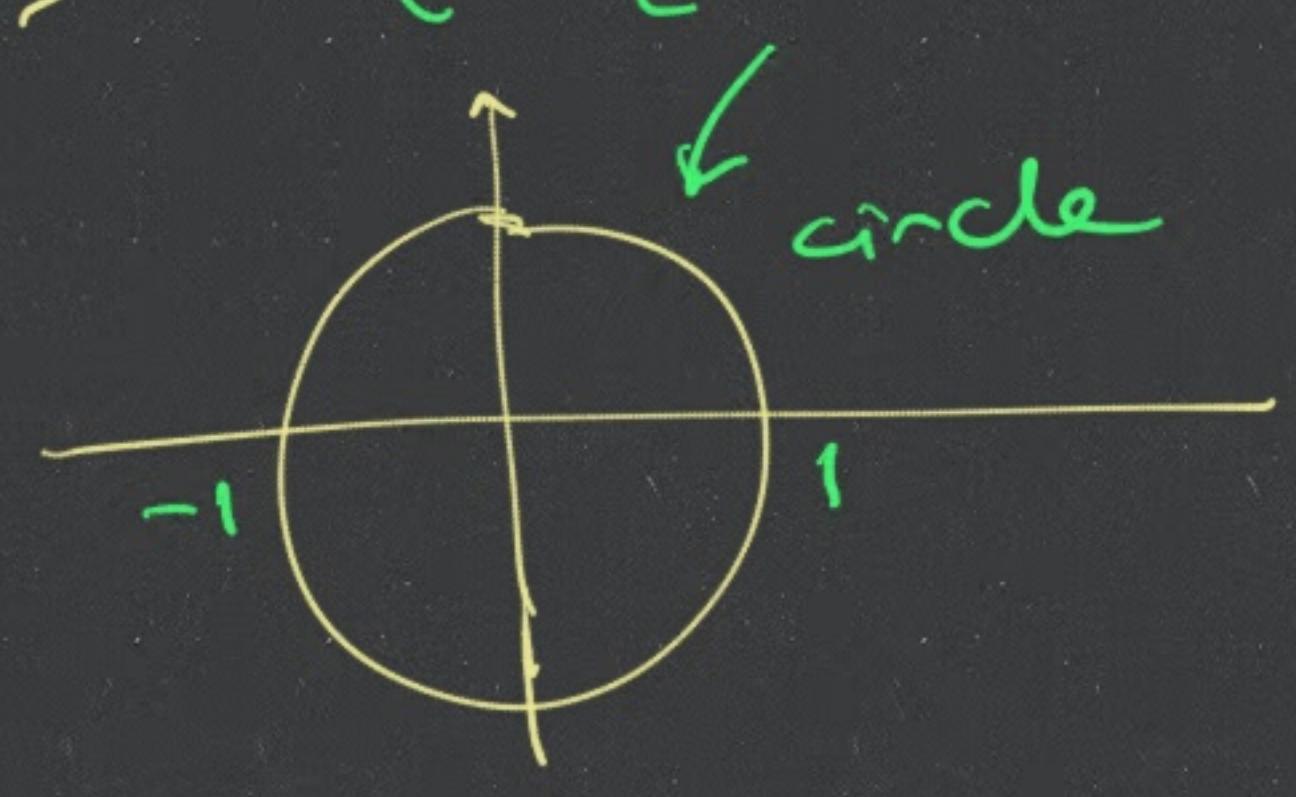
A point $P \in S$ is called a boundary point of S if every neighbourhood of P contains points from S and S^c .

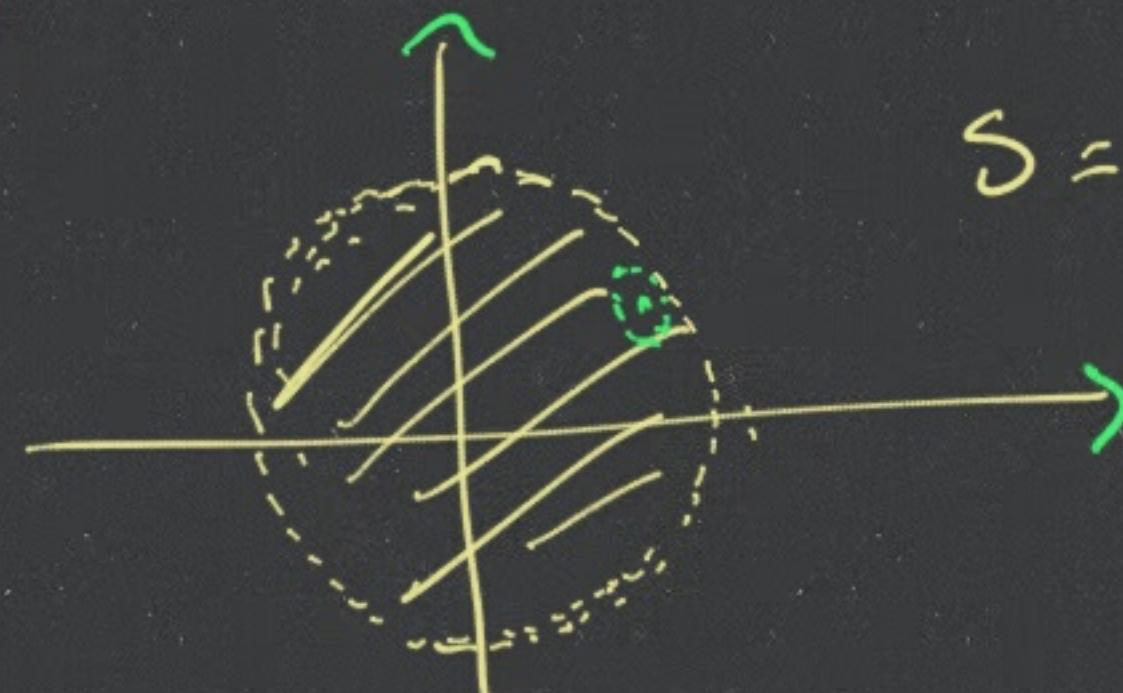
The set of boundary points of S is denoted by $\text{bdry}(S)$ or $\partial(S)$.

$$1) \quad S \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ a \quad b \end{array} \quad \partial(S) = \emptyset$$

$$2) \quad S \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ a \quad b \end{array} \quad \partial(S) = \{a\}$$

$$3) \quad S \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ a \quad b \end{array} \quad \partial(S) = \{a, b\}$$

$$4) \quad S = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\} \Rightarrow \partial(S) = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$$



$$5) \quad S = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 < 1\} \Rightarrow \partial(S) = \emptyset.$$


• A point P is called an interior point of S if $P \in S$ but $P \notin \partial(S)$. The set of such points is denoted by $\text{int}(S)$.
 $\text{int}(S) = S \setminus \partial(S)$.

• A point P is called an exterior point of S if $P \in S^c$ but $P \notin \partial(S)$. The set of such points is denoted by $\text{ext}(S)$.

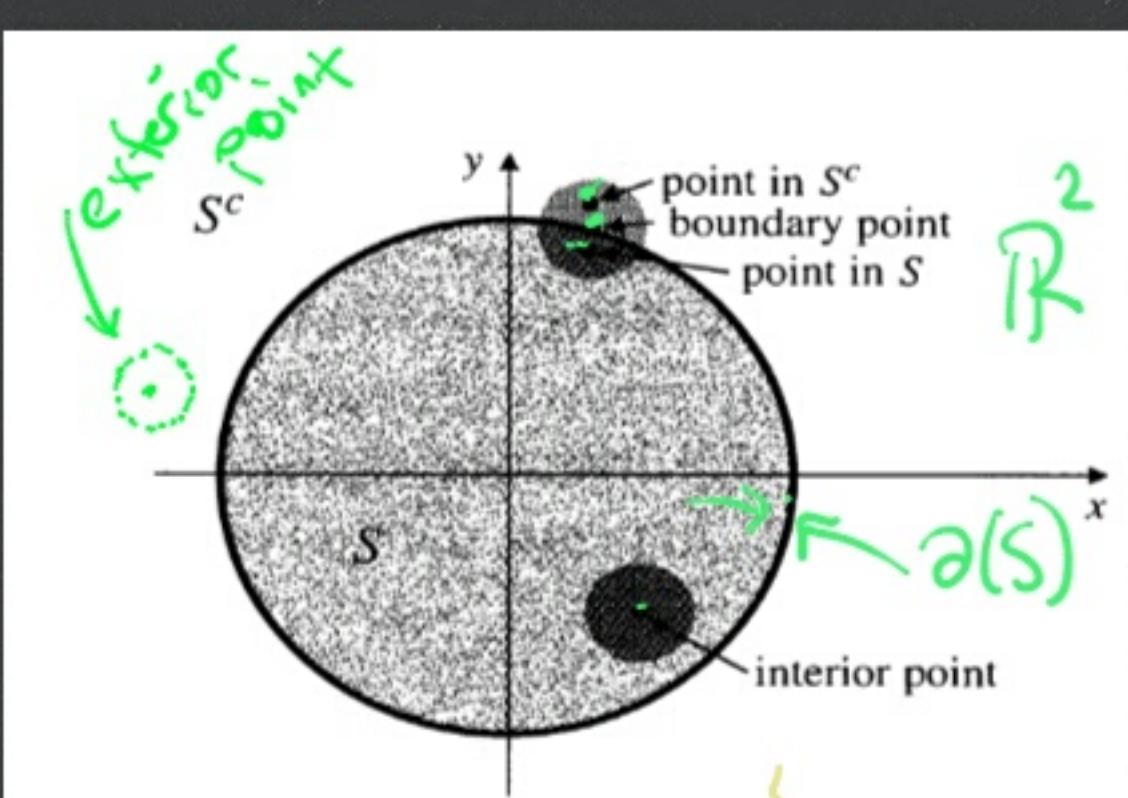


Figure 10.10 The closed disk S consisting of points $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ that satisfy $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$. Note the shaded neighbourhoods of the boundary point and the interior point.

$\text{bdry}(S)$ is the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$
 $\text{int}(S)$ is the open disk $x^2 + y^2 < 1$
 $\text{ext}(S)$ is the open set $x^2 + y^2 > 1$

$$\text{ext}(S) = S^c \setminus \partial(S)$$

• A set S is an open set $\Leftrightarrow S = \text{int}(S)$
 • .. is a closed set $\Leftrightarrow S^c = \text{ext}(S)$

If $\partial(S) = \emptyset$, then $S = \text{int}(S)$
 and $S^c = \text{ext}(S)$

then S is both open and closed.