

## Lecture 6: Planar Sets

### Functions of 1-variable sets

-  $(a, b)$ : open interval

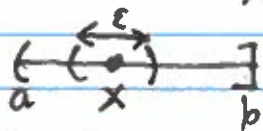


-  $(r_0 - \epsilon/2, r_0 + \epsilon/2)$ : open ball of radius  $\epsilon$  centered at  $r_0$ .

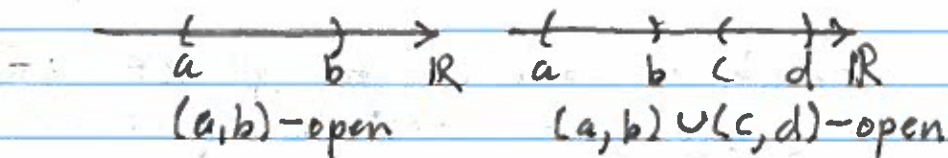


Also called an open disk or circular neighborhood of radius  $\epsilon$  about  $r_0$

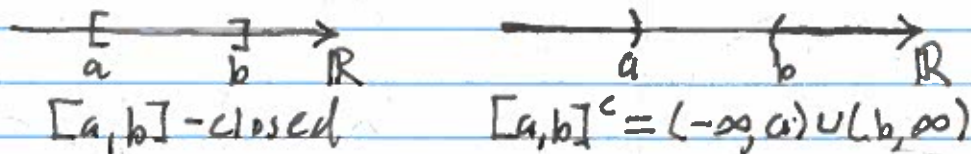
- A point  $x \in I$  is an interior point if there exists  $\epsilon$  such that  $(x - \epsilon/2, x + \epsilon/2) \subset I$



- If for all  $x \in I$ ,  $x$  is an interior point of  $I$  then  $I$  is open.



- If  $I^c$  is open then  $I$  is closed.



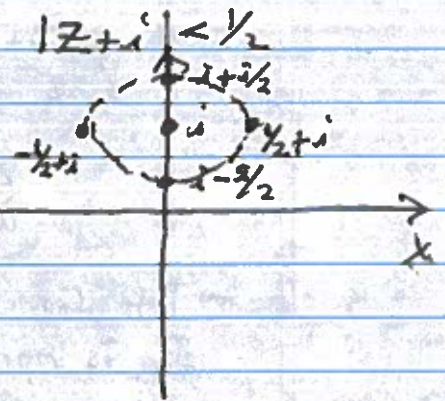
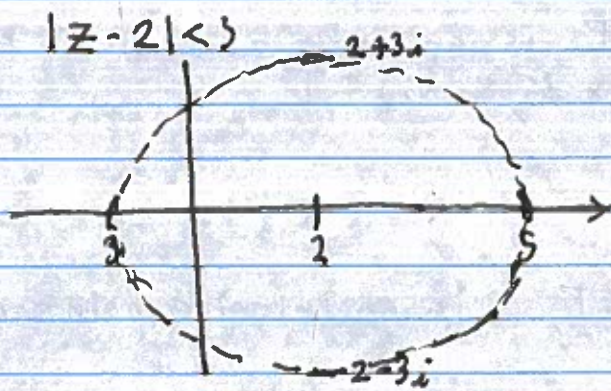
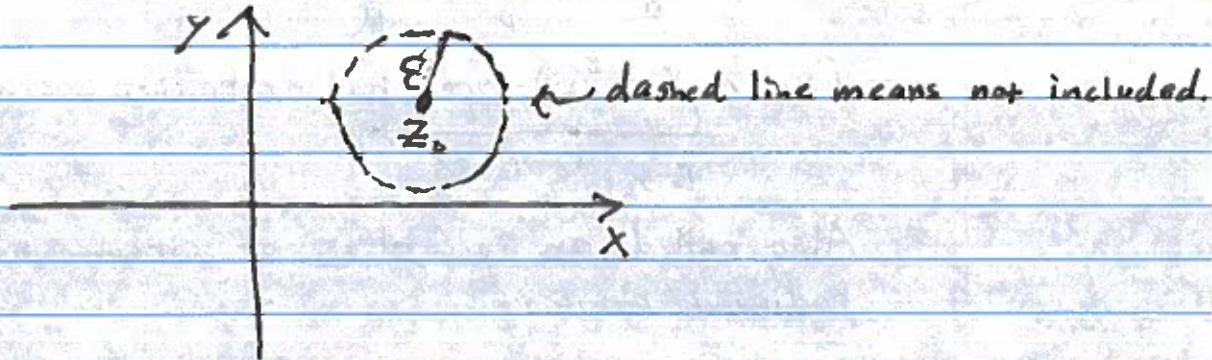
Sets in  $\mathbb{C}$ :

- Open disk of radius  $\rho$  centered at  $z_0$ :

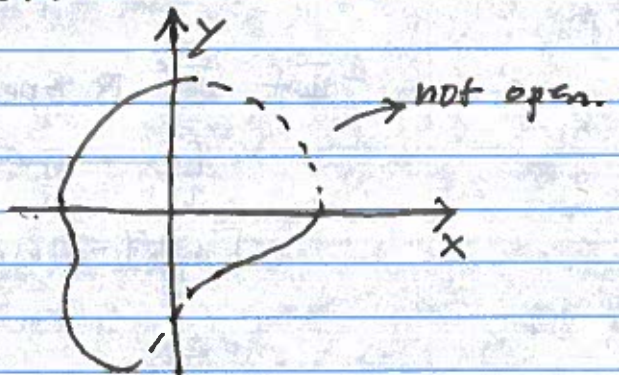
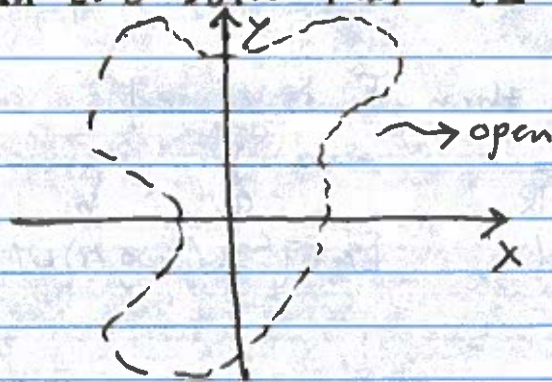
$$|z - z_0| < \rho$$

Short for:

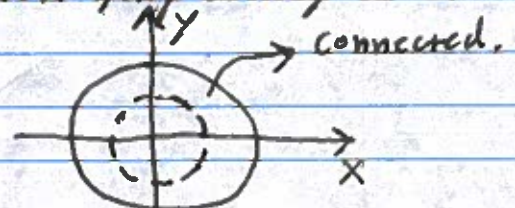
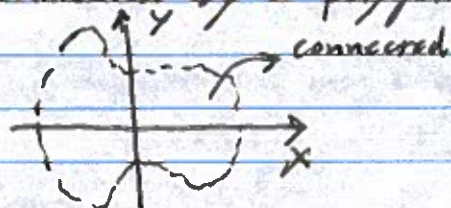
$$\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - z_0| < \rho\}$$



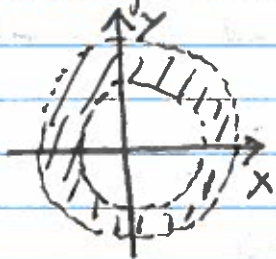
- A set  $S$  is open if for all  $z_0 \in S$  there exists an  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - z_0| < \epsilon\} \subset S$ .



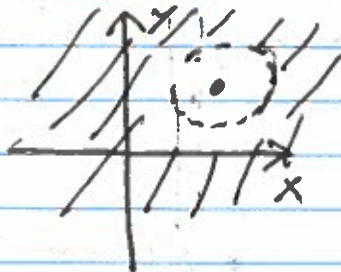
- A set  $S$  is connected if any two points  $z_1, z_2 \in S$  can be connected by a polygonal path lying entirely in  $S$ .



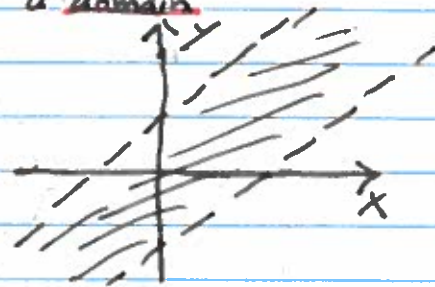
- An open connected set is called a domain.



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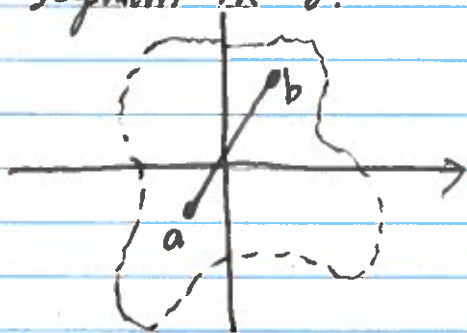
Theorem - Suppose  $u(x,y)$  is a real valued function defined on a domain  $D$ . If the partial derivatives of  $u$  satisfy

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$$

on  $D$ , then  $u = \text{const.}$  on  $D$ .

proof:

Let  $\ell(t) = (x(t), y(t)) = (at+b, ct+d)$  be a line segment in  $D$ .



Define  $F(t)$  by

$$F(t) = u(x(t), y(t))$$

$$\frac{dF}{dt} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

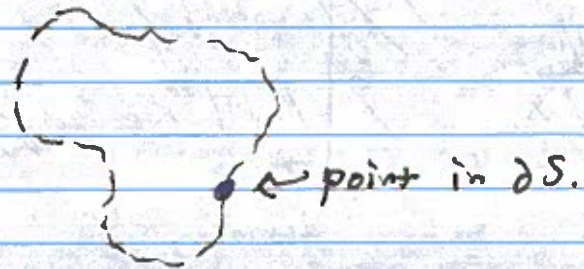
$$= a \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + c \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

$$= 0$$

$\Rightarrow F$  is constant

$\Rightarrow u$  is constant along all lines.

- A point  $x \in S$  is a boundary point if every neighborhood of  $x$  contains a point in  $S$  and one not in  $S$ .



-  $\partial S$  the set of all boundary points is called the boundary of  $S$ .