

**Theorem 7.** *Every open ball is an open set. Every closed ball is a closed set, where a closed ball is defined to be a set of the form  $\{p : p \text{ is a point and } d(x,p) \leq \varepsilon\}$ .*

**Theorem 8.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be closed sets. Then  $A \cap B$  and  $A \cup B$  are closed sets.*

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**1.5 Notations for some sets.** We will adopt the following notation for this class (most of which are quite standard). The notation  $x \in A$  means that the point  $x$  is a member, or element, of the set  $A$ . The symbol  $\mathbb{Z}$  denotes the set of all integers ( $\mathbb{Z} = \{0, 1, -1, 2, -2, \dots\}$ ),  $\mathbb{N}$  denotes the strictly positive integers ( $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ ) and  $\omega$  denotes the the non-negative integers ( $\omega = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ). Also,  $\mathbb{R}$  denotes the set of all real numbers (we will say more later about what the term “real number” really means),  $\mathbb{Q}$  denotes the set of all rational numbers ( $\mathbb{Q} = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x = n/m \text{ for some } n, m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ ), and  $\mathbb{P}$  denotes the set of all irrational numbers ( $\mathbb{P} = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \notin \mathbb{Q}\}$ ).

**1.6 Definition.** Let  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots$  be an infinite sequence of sets. Then the infinite union and the infinite intersection of this sequence are defined by:

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x : x \in A_n \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}\} \quad \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x : x \in A_n \text{ for every } n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

**1.7 Definition.** A set  $A$  is *bounded* means that there is some point  $x$  and some number  $r > 0$  such that  $A \subset B_r(x)$ .

**Proposition 10.** *Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  be an infinite sequence of closed sets. Then: (a)  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$  is a closed set, and (b)  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$  is a closed set.*

**Proposition 11.** *Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  be an infinite sequence of open sets. Then: (a)  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$  is an open set, and (b)  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$  is an open set.*

**Proposition 12.** *Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  be an infinite sequence of non-empty closed and bounded sets. Then  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \neq \emptyset$ . Furthermore, the condition that the sets are bounded is necessary.*

**Proposition 13** (Bruggink’s proposition). *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets with  $A \subset B$ . Then  $L(A) \subset L(B)$ .*