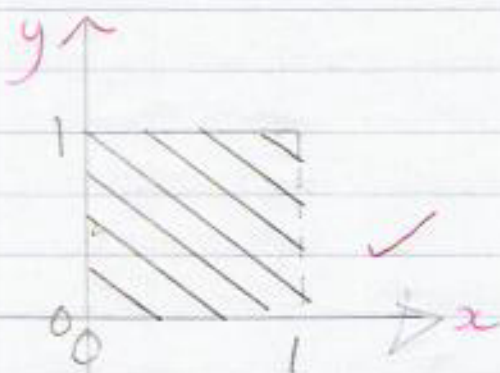


1) a)



it is much more direct to say that A is not open since, for example, $0 \in A$, but there is no ball $B_r(0)$ which is contained in A .

$a \in \partial A$ (1) A is not open since if $x_n = (a, 1 + \frac{1}{n}) \in \mathbb{R}^2 - A$ then the limit point of the sequence is $(a, 1)$. If $(a, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^2 - A$ is closed then A is open. Suppose then that $\mathbb{R}^2 - A$ is closed then every convergent sequence converges to a limit point in $\mathbb{R}^2 - A$ but x_n converges to $(a, 1)$ and $(a, 1) \notin \mathbb{R}^2 - A \therefore \mathbb{R}^2 - A$ not closed $\therefore A$ not open.

Suppose A closed then A includes all its limit points. $y_n = \{1 - \frac{1}{n}, b\}$ is a sequence with $y_n \in A$ for all n , $b \in [0, 1]$ but the limit point of $\{y_n\}$ is $(1, b)$ and $(1, b) \notin A$. A not closed.

Alternatively observe that $\mathbb{R}^2 - A$ not open since $(1, a^+) \in \mathbb{R}^2 - A$ but every open ball $B_\epsilon(1, a)$ will contain the point $(1 - \epsilon/2, a) \in A$. $\mathbb{R}^2 - A$ not open $\Rightarrow A$ not closed.

So A is neither open nor closed. The same argument works to prove that A is not open. ✓ as above indicated above