

Thm 2.20. If p is a limit pt. of a set E (in X), then every neighborhood of p contains infinitely many pts of E .

Pf. Suppose there is a neighborhood N_0 of p that contains only a finite number of pts of E .

Let $N_0 = N_{r_0}(p)$ for some $r_0 > 0$

and let ~~$\#$~~ $g_1, \dots, g_k$ be those points in $N_0 \cap E$ which are distinct from p , and put

$r = \min \{ r_0, d(p, g_1), d(p, g_2), \dots, d(p, g_k) \}$.
(Note: r is positive)

We claim that $N' = N_r(p)$ contains no points of E that is distinct from p .

① $N' = N_r(p) \subset N_{r_0}(p) = N_0$ (i.e. N' is a subset of N_0)
so any points of E in N' is ~~necessarily a pt~~ that is distinct from p can only be one of $g_1, \dots, g_k$.

② $g_i \notin N'$ for all $i=1, \dots, k$, as

$$d(g_i, p) \geq r \Rightarrow g_i \notin N_r(p).$$

Here N' is a neighborhood of p that does not contain any points of E distinct from p

i.e. p is not a limit pt. of E , a contradiction!

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