

**Closure and boundary.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Let  $S \subset X$ ; its *closure*  $\text{cl}_\tau(S) = \overline{S}$  is the smallest closed set containing  $S$ . The set  $S$  is *dense* in  $X$  if  $\overline{S} = X$ . The *boundary* of  $S$  is  $\partial_\tau S = \partial S := \overline{S} \cap \overline{X \setminus S}$ .

**Exercise.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Let  $S, S_1, S_2 \subset X$ . Show that

- $\overline{\emptyset} = \emptyset$ ,
- $S \subset \overline{S}$ ,
- $\overline{\overline{S}} = \overline{S}$ ,
- $\overline{S_1 \cup S_2} = \overline{S_1} \cup \overline{S_2}$ .

**Exercise.** Let  $X$  be a set,  $S, S_1, S_2 \subset X$ . Let  $c : \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  satisfy Kuratowski's closure axioms (a-d):

- $c(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ ,
- $S \subset c(S)$ ,
- $c(c(S)) = c(S)$ ,
- $c(S_1 \cup S_2) = c(S_1) \cup c(S_2)$ .

Show that  $\tau := \{U \subset X \mid c(X \setminus U) = X \setminus U\}$  is a topology of  $X$ , and that  $\text{cl}_\tau(S) = c(S)$  for every  $S \subset X$ .

**Exercise.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Prove that

- $x \in \overline{S} \Leftrightarrow \forall U \in \mathcal{V}(x) : U \cap S \neq \emptyset$ .
- $\overline{S} = S \cup \partial S$ .