

③ Consider the closed sets $A_n = [0, 1 - \frac{1}{n}]$ in \mathbb{R}^1 .

We claim that $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = [0, 1)$ which is not closed.

To prove that the two sets are equal we must

show $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \subset [0, 1)$ and $[0, 1) \subset \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$.

- To show that $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \subset [0, 1)$ we must show that every $x \in \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$ is in $[0, 1)$.

Let $x \in \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$. Then x must belong to one of the sets A_n . But each A_n is contained in $[0, 1)$ so we have

$$x \in A_n \text{ for some } n \subset [0, 1).$$

- Now we show that $[0, 1) \subset \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$.

Given $x \in [0, 1)$ we must show $x \in A_n$ for some n .

Since $A_n = [0, 1 - \frac{1}{n}]$, this is the same as showing that $x \leq 1 - \frac{1}{n}$ for some n .