

## AN INTRODUCTION TO $\epsilon_0$ -DENSITY AND $\epsilon_0$ -DENSE ACE

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we introduce a concept of the  $\epsilon_0$ -limits of vector and multiple valued sequences in  $R^m$ . Using this concept, we study about the concept of the  $\epsilon_0$ -dense subset and of the points of  $\epsilon_0$ -dense ace in the open subset of  $R^m$ . We also investigate the properties and the characteristics of the  $\epsilon_0$ -dense subsets and of the points of  $\epsilon_0$ -dense ace.

### 1. Introduction

In this section, we introduce a concept of the  $\epsilon_0$ -limits of vector and multiple valued sequences in  $R^m$ . And we study some properties of this  $\epsilon_0$ -limit which we need later.

DEFINITION 1.1. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a vector-valued and multi-valued infinite sequence of elements of  $R^m$ . And let  $\epsilon_0 \geq 0$  be any, but fixed, non-negative real number. For a set  $S$ , if the following condition is satisfied, we call that the  $\epsilon_0$ -limit of  $\{x_n\}$  as  $n$  converges to  $\infty$  is  $S$ , and we denote it by  $\boxed{\epsilon_0 - \lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = S$  :  $S$  is the set of all vectors  $\alpha \in R^m$  such that

$$\forall \epsilon > \epsilon_0, \exists K \in N \text{ s.t. } (\forall n \in N) n \geq K, (\forall x_n) \Rightarrow \|x_n - \alpha\| < \epsilon.$$

DEFINITION 1.2. For a multi-valued infinite sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of vectors in  $R^m$ , we call that  $\{x_n\}$  is ultimately bounded if and only if there exist two real numbers  $K$  and  $M$  such that  $(\forall n \in N) n \geq K, \forall x_n \Rightarrow \|x_n\| \leq M$ .

For the  $\epsilon_0$ -limit, we have the following representation lemma.

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LEMMA 1.3. (*Representation*) Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a vector-valued and multi-valued infinite sequence of elements of  $R^m$ . And let  $\epsilon_0 \geq 0$  be any, but fixed, non-negative real number. Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  is ultimately bounded. If  $\overline{\epsilon_0 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n} = S \neq \emptyset$  then  $S$  is a compact and convex subset of  $R^m$  such that  $S = \bigcap_{\alpha \in SSL} \overline{B}(\alpha, \epsilon_0)$ . Here  $\overline{B}(\alpha, \epsilon_0)$  denotes the closed ball  $\overline{B}(\alpha, \epsilon_0) = \{x \in R^m \mid \|x - \alpha\| \leq \epsilon_0\}$  and

$$SSL = \{\alpha \in R^m \mid \exists \{x_{n_k}\} \leq \{x_n\} \text{ s.t. } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k} = \alpha\}$$

and  $\{x_{n_k}\} \leq \{x_n\}$  means that  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  is a single-valued subsequence of  $\{x_n\}$ .

*Proof.* ( $\subseteq$ ) Let any element  $\beta \in S$  and any member  $\alpha \in SSL$  be given. Then we have

$$\forall \epsilon > \epsilon_0, \exists K_1 \in N \text{ s.t. } (\forall n \in N) n \geq K_1, (\forall x_n) \Rightarrow \|x_n - \beta\| < \epsilon_0 + \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{2}.$$

Since  $\alpha \in SSL$ , there is a single-valued and convergent subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  such that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k} = \alpha$ . Hence we have

$$\forall \epsilon > \epsilon_0, \exists K_2 \in N \text{ s.t. } (\forall k \in N) k \geq K_2 \Rightarrow \|x_{n_k} - \alpha\| < \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{2}.$$

If we choose a natural number  $K = \max(K_1, K_2)$  then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\beta - \alpha\| &= \|\beta - x_{n_K} + x_{n_K} - \alpha\| \\ &\leq \|\beta - x_{n_K}\| + \|x_{n_K} - \alpha\| \\ &< \epsilon_0 + \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{2} + \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{2} = \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\epsilon > \epsilon_0$  was arbitrary, we have  $\|\beta - \alpha\| \leq \epsilon_0$ . That is,  $\beta \in \overline{B}(\alpha, \epsilon_0)$ . Since  $\alpha \in SSL$  was arbitrary, we have  $\beta \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in SSL} \overline{B}(\alpha, \epsilon_0)$ . Since  $\beta \in S$  was also arbitrary,  $S$  is a subset of  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in SSL} \overline{B}(\alpha, \epsilon_0)$ . ( $\supseteq$ ) In order to show the opposite inclusion, let  $\beta \notin S$  be any element of  $R^m - S$ . Then we have

$$\exists \epsilon_1 > \epsilon_0 \text{ s.t. } (\forall k \in N, \exists n_k \in N, \exists x_{n_k} \text{ s.t. } \|x_{n_k} - \beta\| \geq \epsilon_1).$$

Since  $\{x_n\}$  is ultimately bounded,  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  is a bounded sequence in  $R^m$ . Thus there exists a convergent subsequence  $\{x_{n_{k_p}}\}$  of  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  by the Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem. Hence we may assume that  $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_{k_p}} = \alpha$

for some vector  $\alpha \in R^m$ . Then we have, for such an  $\epsilon_1 > \epsilon_0$ ,

$$\exists K \in N \text{ s.t. } p \geq K \Rightarrow \|x_{n_{kp}} - \alpha\| < \frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_0}{2}.$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\beta - \alpha\| &= \|\beta - x_{n_{kK}} + x_{n_{kK}} - \alpha\| \\ &\geq \|\beta - x_{n_{kK}}\| - \|x_{n_{kK}} - \alpha\| \\ &> \epsilon_1 - \frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_0}{2} = \frac{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_0}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\frac{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_0}{2} > \epsilon_0$ , this implies that  $\beta \notin \overline{B}(\alpha, \epsilon_0)$ . Since  $\alpha \in SSL$ , this implies that  $\beta \notin \bigcap_{\alpha \in SSL} \overline{B}(\alpha, \epsilon_0)$ . Consequently, we have  $S = \bigcap_{\alpha \in SSL} \overline{B}(\alpha, \epsilon_0)$ .

On the other hand, since  $S$  is the intersection of the closed balls  $\overline{B}(\alpha, \epsilon_0)$  which are bounded, closed and convex,  $S$  is compact and convex in  $R^m$ .  $\square$

Note that if  $m = 1$  in the above lemma then we have

$$\boxed{\epsilon_0 - \lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = [A - B, A + B]$$

for some  $A$  and  $0 \leq B \leq \epsilon_0$ , since the compact and convex subset of  $R$  is just a closed and bounded interval.

Moreover, we have the following corollary.

**COROLLARY 1.4.** *Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a single-valued sequence of vectors in  $R^m$  which converges to some vector  $a \in R^m$ . Then we have*

$$\boxed{\epsilon_0 - \lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \overline{B}(a, \epsilon_0).$$

for all  $\epsilon_0 \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* Since the subsequential limit  $a$  of  $\{x_n\}$  is unique, this corollary follows from the above lemma 1.3.  $\square$

## 2. Epsilon zero density in $R^m$

In this section, we investigate about the concept of the  $\epsilon_0$ -dense subset in  $R^m$  and research the shape of this set. Throughout this section,  $\epsilon_0 \geq 0$  denotes any, but fixed, non-negative real number. We denote the open and closed balls in  $R^m$  by  $B(\alpha, \epsilon) = \{x \in R^m \mid \|x - \alpha\| < \epsilon\}$  and  $\overline{B}(\alpha, \epsilon) = \{x \in R^m \mid \|x - \alpha\| \leq \epsilon\}$ .

DEFINITION 2.1. For a given subset  $S$  of  $R^m$ , a point  $a \in R^m$  is an  $\epsilon_0$ -accumulation point of  $S$  if and only if  $B(a, \epsilon) \cap (S - \{a\}) \neq \emptyset$  for any positive real number  $\epsilon > \epsilon_0$ . And a point  $a \in S$  is an  $\epsilon_0$ -isolated point of  $S$  if and only if  $B(a, \epsilon_1) \cap (S - \{a\}) = \emptyset$  for some positive real number  $\epsilon_1 > \epsilon_0$ .

Note that 0-accumulation point of  $S$  is the usual accumulation point of  $S$ .

DEFINITION 2.2. If  $S$  is a subset of  $R^m$ , then we define the  $\epsilon_0$ -derived set as the set of all the  $\epsilon_0$ -accumulation points of  $S$  and denote it by  $S'_{(\epsilon_0)}$ .

Note that 0-derived set is the derived set in the usual sense.

DEFINITION 2.3. Let  $E$  be any non-empty and open subset of  $R^m$  and  $\epsilon_0 > 0$ . We define that a subset  $D$  of  $E$  is an  $\epsilon_0$ -dense subset of  $E$  in  $E$  if and only if  $E \subseteq D'_{(\epsilon_0)} \cup D$ . In this case, we say that  $D$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$ .

Note that  $E$  can be a proper subset of  $D'_{(\epsilon_0)} \cup D$  in the above definition.

LEMMA 2.4. Let  $D$  be any non-empty subset of  $R^m$ . Then  $a \in D'_{(\epsilon_0)}$  if and only if there exists a single-valued sequence  $\{b_n\}$  in  $D - \{a\}$  such that  $a \in \boxed{\epsilon_0 - \lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$ .

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) If  $a \in D'_{(\epsilon_0)}$  then we have  $\forall \epsilon > \epsilon_0, B(a, \epsilon) \cap (D - \{a\}) \neq \emptyset$ . Choosing  $\epsilon = \epsilon_0 + \frac{1}{n}$  for each natural number  $n \in N$ , we have

$$B(a, \epsilon_0 + \frac{1}{n}) \cap (D - \{a\}) \neq \emptyset.$$

Thus there is a single-valued vector sequence  $\{b_n\}$  in  $D - \{a\}$  such that  $b_n \in B(a, \epsilon_0 + \frac{1}{n})$  for each  $n \in N$ . For any given positive real number  $\epsilon > \epsilon_0$ , choosing a natural number  $K \in N$  so large that  $\epsilon_0 + \frac{1}{K} < \epsilon$ , we have a statement

$$\forall \epsilon > \epsilon_0, \exists K \in N \text{ s.t. } n \geq K \Rightarrow \|b_n - a\| < \epsilon_0 + \frac{1}{n} \leq \epsilon_0 + \frac{1}{K} < \epsilon$$

which implies that  $a \in \boxed{\epsilon_0 - \lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$ . ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose that there exists a

single-valued sequence  $\{b_n\}$  in  $D - \{a\}$  such that  $a \in \boxed{\epsilon_0 - \lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$ . And

let any positive real number  $\epsilon > \epsilon_0$  be given. Then we have

$$\forall \epsilon > \epsilon_0, \exists K \in N \text{ s.t. } n \geq K \Rightarrow \|b_n - a\| < \epsilon.$$

Since  $b_K \neq a$ , this implies that  $b_K \in B(a, \epsilon) \cap (D - \{a\}) \neq \emptyset$  which completes the proof.  $\square$

LEMMA 2.5. *Let  $E$  be any non-empty and open subset of  $R^m$ . Let  $D$  be a subset of  $E$  and  $\epsilon_0 \geq 0$  be any, but fixed, non-negative real number. Then  $D$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$  if and only if for each element  $a \in E$ , there exists a sequence  $\{b_n\}$  in  $D$  such that  $a \in \overline{\epsilon_0 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n}$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let any element  $a \in E$  be given. If  $a \in D$  then we need only to choose a sequence  $\{b_n\}$  so that  $b_n = a$  for each natural number  $n \in N$ . On the other hand, if  $a \in E - D$  then  $a \in D'_{(\epsilon_0)}$ . Thus, by lemma 2.4, there exists a single-valued sequence  $\{b_n\}$  in  $D - \{a\}$  such that  $a \in \overline{\epsilon_0 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n}$ . ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let any element  $a \in E$  be given. If  $a \in D$  then we are done. Suppose that  $a \in E - D$ . Since  $a \in \overline{\epsilon_0 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n}$  for the sequence  $\{b_n\}$  of the assumption in this lemma, we have

$$\forall \epsilon > \epsilon_0, \exists K \in N \text{ s.t. } n \geq K \Rightarrow \|b_n - a\| < \epsilon.$$

But  $b_K \neq a$  since  $a \in E - D$  and  $b_K \in D$ . Hence we have  $b_K \in B(a, \epsilon) \cap (D - \{a\}) \neq \emptyset$  which implies that  $a \in D'_{(\epsilon_0)}$ . Therefore,  $D$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$ .  $\square$

THEOREM 2.6. *Let  $D$  be a bounded, non-empty subset of  $R^m$  and  $\epsilon_0 \geq 0$  be any, but fixed, non-negative real number. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be the multi-valued sequence in  $R^m$  such that  $x_n = D$  for each natural number  $n \in N$ . Then  $SSL(\{x_n\}) \subseteq D'_{(\epsilon_0)} \cup D$ . Here  $SSL(\{x_n\})$  is the set of all the single-valued subsequential limits of  $\{x_n\}$  which was introduced in lemma 1.3.*

*Proof.* Let any element  $a \in SSL(\{x_n\})$  be given. Then there exists a single-valued subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k} = a$ . Hence

$$a \in \overline{\epsilon_0 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k}} = \overline{B}(a, \epsilon_0)$$

by the corollary 1.4. If  $a \in D$  then we are done. On the other hand, if  $a \notin D$  then  $x_{n_k} \neq a$  for each natural numbers  $k \in N$ . Hence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  is a single-valued sequence in  $D - \{a\}$ . Then  $a \in D'_{(\epsilon_0)}$  by lemma 2.4.  $\square$

It can be easily proved that, for any subsets  $C$  and  $D$  of an open subset  $E$ ,

$$C \subseteq D \Rightarrow C'_{(\epsilon_0)} \subseteq D'_{(\epsilon_0)} \text{ and } \epsilon_1 < \epsilon_2 \Rightarrow D'_{(\epsilon_1)} \subseteq D'_{(\epsilon_2)}.$$

Moreover, we have

**THEOREM 2.7.**  $C'_{(\epsilon_0)} \cup D'_{(\epsilon_0)} = (C \cup D)'_{(\epsilon_0)}$  for any subsets  $C$  and  $D$  of  $E$ .

*Proof.* Clearly,  $C'_{(\epsilon_0)} \subseteq (C \cup D)'_{(\epsilon_0)}$  and  $D'_{(\epsilon_0)} \subseteq (C \cup D)'_{(\epsilon_0)}$ . Hence we have  $C'_{(\epsilon_0)} \cup D'_{(\epsilon_0)} \subseteq (C \cup D)'_{(\epsilon_0)}$ . Conversely, let any element  $a \in (C \cup D)'_{(\epsilon_0)}$  be given. By the above lemma 2.4, there exists a sequence  $\{b_n\}$  in  $(C \cup D) - \{a\}$  such that  $a \in \overline{\epsilon_0 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n}$ . Since  $(C \cup D) - \{a\}$  contains infinitely many terms of  $\{b_n\}$ , either  $C$  or  $D$  contains infinitely many terms of  $\{b_n\}$ . Thus  $a \in \overline{\epsilon_0 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_{n_k}}$  for some subsequence  $\{b_{n_k}\}$  of elements of  $C - \{a\}$  or of elements of  $D - \{a\}$ . Therefore,  $a \in C'_{(\epsilon_0)}$  or  $a \in D'_{(\epsilon_0)}$  by lemma 2.4.  $\square$

Note that if  $D$  is  $\epsilon_1$ -dense in  $E$  then  $D$  is also  $\epsilon_2$ -dense in  $E$  for each positive real number  $\epsilon_2 \geq \epsilon_1$ .

**LEMMA 2.8.** Let a subset  $D$  of  $R^m$  be given. Then  $D$  is 0-dense in  $R^m$  if and only if  $D'_{(0)} = R^m$ .

*Proof.* ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Since  $D \subseteq R^m$ , we have  $D \cup D'_{(0)} = D \cup R^m = R^m$ . ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose that  $D$  is a 0-dense subset of  $R^m$ . Then  $D \cup D'_{(0)} = R^m$ . Hence we need only to show that  $D \subseteq D'_{(0)}$ . Suppose that this is not true. Then there is a point  $a \in D$  such that  $a \notin D'_{(0)}$ . Thus we have

$$\exists \epsilon_1 > 0 \text{ s.t. } B(a, \epsilon_1) \cap (D - \{a\}) = \emptyset.$$

Now set  $b = a + \frac{1}{2}(\epsilon_1, 0, \dots, 0)$ . Then  $b \notin D$  and  $B(b, \frac{\epsilon_1}{4}) \cap (D - \{b\}) = \emptyset$ . Hence  $b$  is not a 0-accumulation point of  $D$ . Thus we have  $b \notin D \cup D'_{(0)} = R^m$ . This is a contradiction which completes the proof.  $\square$

The following example shows that the above lemma 2.8 is not true for a positive real number  $\epsilon_0 > 0$  in general.

**EXAMPLE 2.9.** Let  $D = \{0\} \cup \{R^m - \overline{B}(0, \frac{6}{5})\}$ . Then  $D$  is 1-dense in  $R^m$ , but  $D'_{(1)} \neq R^m$ .

*Proof.* Clearly, we have  $R^m - B(0, \frac{6}{5}) \subseteq D'_{(0)} \subseteq D'_{(1)}$ . And if  $0 < \|a\| \leq 1$  then  $0 \in B(a, \epsilon) \cap (D - \{a\}) \neq \emptyset$  for any positive real number  $\epsilon > 1$ . Hence we have  $\overline{B}(0, 1) - \{0\} \subseteq D'_{(1)}$ . Moreover, if  $1 < \|a\| \leq \frac{6}{5}$

then, choosing an element  $b \in R^m$  such that  $b = \frac{7a}{5\|a\|}$ , we have  $\|b\| = \frac{7}{5}$  and

$$\|b - a\| = \left\| \frac{7a}{5\|a\|} - a \right\| = \left\| \frac{7a - 5\|a\|a}{5\|a\|} \right\| = \frac{7 - 5\|a\|}{5} \leq \frac{2}{5}.$$

Thus we have  $b \in B(a, \epsilon) \cap (D - \{a\}) \neq \emptyset$  for any positive real number  $\epsilon > 1$ . Therefore, we must have  $R^m - \{0\} \subseteq D'_{(1)}$ . But

$$B(0, \frac{11}{10}) \cap (D - \{0\}) = \emptyset \text{ with } \frac{11}{10} > 1.$$

Hence  $D'_{(1)} \neq R^m$ . But  $D$  is 1-dense in  $R^m$  since  $D \cup D'_{(1)} = R^m$ .  $\square$

**LEMMA 2.10.** *Let  $E$  be any non-empty and open subset of  $R^m$ . If a subset  $D$  of  $E$  satisfies the relation  $E \subseteq \bigcup_{b \in D} \overline{B}(b, \epsilon_0)$  then  $D$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$ . But the converse is not true in general.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $E \subseteq \bigcup_{b \in D} \overline{B}(b, \epsilon_0)$  and any vector  $a \in E$  be given. If  $a \in D$  then we are done. Now suppose that  $a \in E - D$ . Then there is an element  $b \in D$  such that  $a \in \overline{B}(b, \epsilon_0)$ . Hence  $\|b - a\| \leq \epsilon_0$ . Now let any positive real number  $\epsilon > \epsilon_0$  be given. Then we have  $\|b - a\| \leq \epsilon_0 < \epsilon$ . Thus  $b \in B(a, \epsilon)$ . Hence we have  $B(a, \epsilon) \cap (D - \{a\}) \neq \emptyset$  since  $b \in D$  and  $a \neq b$ . Thus  $a \in D'_{(\epsilon_0)}$ . Hence  $D$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$ .

Finally, Let  $D = R^m - \overline{B}(0, 1)$ . Then  $\bigcup_{b \in D} \overline{B}(b, 1) \neq R^m$  since  $0 \notin \bigcup_{b \in D} \overline{B}(b, 1)$ . But, for any positive real number  $\epsilon > 1$ , we have  $B(0, \epsilon) \cap (D - \{0\}) \neq \emptyset$  which implies that 0 is a 1-accumulation point of  $D$ . Since we can prove by the similar method that any point of  $\overline{B}(0, 1) - \{0\}$  is 1-accumulation point of  $D$ ,  $D$  is a 1-dense subset of  $R^m$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 2.11.** *Let  $D$  be a nonempty subset of an open subset  $E$  of  $R^m$  and  $\overline{D} = D'_{(0)} \cup D$ . Then  $E \subseteq \bigcup_{b \in \overline{D}} \overline{B}(b, \epsilon_0)$  if and only if  $D$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) By lemma 2.10.  $\overline{D}$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$ . In order to show that  $D$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$ , let any element  $a \in E$  and any positive real number  $\epsilon > \epsilon_0$  be given. Since  $\frac{\epsilon + \epsilon_0}{2} > \epsilon_0$  and  $\overline{D}$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$ , we have  $B(a, \frac{\epsilon + \epsilon_0}{2}) \cap (\overline{D} - \{a\}) \neq \emptyset$ . Hence there is an element  $b \in \overline{D} - \{a\}$  such that  $\|b - a\| < \frac{\epsilon + \epsilon_0}{2}$ . Since  $b \in \overline{D} - \{a\}$ , we have  $b \in D - \{a\}$  or  $b \in D'_{(0)} - \{a\}$ . If  $b \in D - \{a\}$  then we have

$$b \in B(a, \frac{\epsilon + \epsilon_0}{2}) \cap (D - \{a\}) \subseteq B(a, \epsilon) \cap (D - \{a\}) \neq \emptyset$$

which implies that  $a \in D'_{(\epsilon_0)} \cup D$ . On the other hand, if  $b \in D'_{(0)} - \{a\}$  then there exists an element  $c \in D - \{a\}$  such that  $\|c - b\| < \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{2}$ . Hence we have

$$\|c - a\| \leq \|c - b\| + \|b - a\| < \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{2} + \frac{\epsilon + \epsilon_0}{2} = \epsilon.$$

Thus  $c \in B(a, \epsilon) \cap (D - \{a\}) \neq \emptyset$  which also implies that  $a \in D'_{(\epsilon_0)} \cup D$ . ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let any element  $a \in E$  be given. If  $a \in D$  then we are done since  $a \in \overline{B}(a, \epsilon_0)$ . Now suppose that  $a \notin D$ . Then  $a \in D'_{(\epsilon_0)}$ . Since  $\epsilon_0 + \frac{1}{n} > \epsilon_0$  for each natural number  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$B(a, \epsilon_0 + \frac{1}{n}) \cap (D - \{a\}) \neq \emptyset.$$

Hence there exists a single-valued sequence  $\{b_n\}$  of the elements of  $D$  such that

$$b_n \in B(a, \epsilon_0 + \frac{1}{n}) \cap (D - \{a\}).$$

Since  $\{b_n\}$  is a bounded sequence of elements of  $R^m$ , by applying the Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem, there is a convergent subsequence  $\{b_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{b_n\}$  such that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} b_{n_k} = b_0$  for some vector  $b_0 \in R^m$ . Since  $\overline{D}$  is closed in  $R^m$ , we have  $b_0 \in \overline{D}$ . Moreover, since  $\|b_{n_k} - a\| < \epsilon_0 + \frac{1}{n_k}$ , by taking the limit as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $\|b_0 - a\| \leq \epsilon_0$ . Thus  $a \in B(b_0, \epsilon_0) \subseteq \bigcup_{b \in \overline{D}} \overline{B}(b, \epsilon_0)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

For example, consider the cartesian product  $Z^m$  of the set  $Z$  of all the integers. Since the length of the diagonal line of the unit  $m$ -dimensional cube in  $Z^m$  is  $\sqrt{1^2 + \cdots + 1^2} = \sqrt{m}$ , we have  $R^m = \bigcup_{a \in Z^m} \overline{B}(a, \frac{\sqrt{m}}{2})$ . Hence  $Z^m$  is  $\frac{\sqrt{m}}{2}$ -dense in  $R^m$  since  $Z^m = \overline{Z^m}$ . But the closed set  $Z^m$  is not  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $R^m$  for each  $0 \leq \epsilon_0 < \frac{\sqrt{m}}{2}$  since  $R^m \neq \bigcup_{a \in Z^m} \overline{B}(a, \epsilon_0)$  in this case.

**THEOREM 2.12.** *Let  $D$  be a subset of an open subset  $E$  of  $R^m$  and  $\epsilon_0 \geq 0$  be any, but fixed, non-negative real number. Then  $D$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$  if and only if for each positive real number  $\epsilon > \epsilon_0$ , we have  $E \subseteq \bigcup_{b \in D} \overline{B}(b, \epsilon)$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose that  $D$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$  and let any positive real number  $\epsilon > \epsilon_0$  be given. For a vector  $a \in E$ , if  $a \in D$  then we are done since  $a \in \overline{B}(a, \epsilon)$ . Now suppose that  $a \in E - D$ . Since  $D$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$  and  $\epsilon > \epsilon_0$ , we have  $B(a, \epsilon) \cap (D - \{a\}) \neq \emptyset$ . Thus there exists



an element  $b \in D$  such that  $b \in B(a, \epsilon)$ . Then we also have  $a \in B(b, \epsilon)$ . Hence we have

$$a \in B(b, \epsilon) \subseteq \overline{B}(b, \epsilon) \subseteq \bigcup_{b \in D} \overline{B}(b, \epsilon).$$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let any element  $a \in E$  be given. And let any positive real number  $\epsilon > \epsilon_0$  be given. If  $a \in D$  then we are done since  $a \in D \cup D'_{(\epsilon_0)}$ . Suppose that  $a \in E - D$ . Since  $E \subseteq \bigcup_{b \in D} \overline{B}(b, \epsilon_0 + \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{2})$ , we have  $a \in \overline{B}(b_\epsilon, \epsilon_0 + \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{2})$  for some element  $b_\epsilon \in D$  since  $\epsilon_0 + \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{2} > \epsilon_0$ . Hence we have  $b_\epsilon \in \overline{B}(a, \epsilon_0 + \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{2})$ . Since  $\epsilon_0 + \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_0}{2} < \epsilon_0 + \epsilon - \epsilon_0 = \epsilon$ , we have  $b_\epsilon \in \overline{B}(a, \epsilon)$  which implies that  $B(a, \epsilon) \cap (D - \{a\}) \neq \emptyset$  since this set contains an element  $b_\epsilon \in D$  and  $a \neq b_\epsilon$ . Therefore, we have  $a \in D'_{(\epsilon_0)}$  which completes the proof.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 2.13.** *Let  $D$  be a subset of an open subset  $E$  of  $R^m$  and  $\epsilon_0 \geq 0$  be any, but fixed, non-negative real number. Then  $D$  is not  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$  if and only if we have  $B(a_1, \epsilon_1) \cap D = \emptyset$  for some positive real number  $\epsilon_1 > \epsilon_0$  and some vector  $a_1 \in E$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose that  $D$  is not  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$ . Then  $E$  is not a subset of the union  $\bigcup_{b \in D} \overline{B}(b, \epsilon_1)$  for some positive real number  $\epsilon_1 > \epsilon_0$  by theorem 2.12. Hence there is an element  $a_1 \in E$  such that  $a_1 \notin \overline{B}(a, \epsilon_1)$  for all  $a \in D$ . And  $a_1 \notin D$  since  $a \in \overline{B}(a, \epsilon_1)$  for all  $a \in D$ . Now we have  $B(a_1, \epsilon_1) \cap D = \emptyset$ , for if  $a \in B(a_1, \epsilon_1) \cap D = \emptyset$  for some  $a \in D$  then  $a_1 \in B(a, \epsilon_1) \subseteq \overline{B}(a, \epsilon_1)$  which is a contradiction. ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Conversely, suppose that  $B(a_1, \epsilon_1) \cap D = \emptyset$  for some positive real number  $\epsilon_1 > \epsilon_0$  and some vector  $a_1 \in E$ . Then we have, for each  $a \in D$ ,

$$\|a_1 - a\| \geq \epsilon_1 > \frac{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_0}{2}.$$

Thus we have

$$a_1 \notin \bigcup_{b \in D} \overline{B}(b, \frac{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_0}{2}) \text{ and } E \not\subseteq \bigcup_{b \in D} \overline{B}(b, \frac{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_0}{2}).$$

Since  $\frac{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_0}{2} > \epsilon_0$ ,  $D$  is not  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$  by theorem 2.12.  $\square$

**THEOREM 2.14.** *Let  $D$  be a subset of an open subset  $E$  of  $R^m$  and  $\epsilon_0$  be any, but fixed, positive real number. Then  $D$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$  if and only if  $D$  is  $\epsilon_1$ -dense in  $E$  for each positive real number  $\epsilon_1 > \epsilon_0$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) This follows immediately from the fact that  $\epsilon > \epsilon_1 \Rightarrow \epsilon > \epsilon_0$ . ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose that  $D$  is not  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$ . Then, by corollary 2.13, there exists a positive real number  $\epsilon_1 > \epsilon_0$  and a vector  $a_1 \in E$  such

that  $D$  is disjoint from  $B(a_1, \epsilon_1)$ . Now consider the positive real number  $\frac{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_0}{2}$ . Then we have

$$\exists \epsilon_1 > \frac{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_0}{2} \text{ and } \exists a_1 \in E \text{ s.t. } B(a_1, \epsilon_1) \cap D = \emptyset.$$

Thus, by corollary 2.13 again,  $D$  is not  $\frac{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_0}{2}$ -dense in  $E$ . Since  $\frac{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_0}{2} > \epsilon_0$ , this contradicts to the fact that  $D$  is  $\epsilon$ -dense in  $E$  for each positive real number  $\epsilon > \epsilon_0$ . Hence  $D$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$ .  $\square$

**COROLLARY 2.15.** *Let  $D$  be a closed subset of an open subset  $E$  of  $R^m$  and  $\epsilon_0 \geq 0$  be any, but fixed, non-negative real number. Then  $E \subseteq \bigcup_{b \in D} \overline{B}(b, \epsilon)$  for each positive real number  $\epsilon > \epsilon_0$  if and only if  $E \subseteq \bigcup_{b \in D} \overline{B}(b, \epsilon_0)$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) By theorem 2.12,  $D$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$ . Then, since  $D = \overline{D}$  is a closed subset of  $R^m$ , we have  $E \subseteq \bigcup_{b \in D} \overline{B}(b, \epsilon_0)$  by theorem 2.11. ( $\Leftarrow$ )

This follows immediately from the inclusion  $\overline{B}(b, \epsilon_0) \subseteq \overline{B}(b, \epsilon)$  for each positive real number  $\epsilon > \epsilon_0$  and each element  $b \in E$ .  $\square$

Note that if  $E \subseteq \bigcup_{b \in D} \overline{B}(b, \epsilon_2)$  for some positive real number  $\epsilon_2 < \epsilon_0$ , then  $D$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$  since  $D$  is  $\epsilon_2$ -dense in  $E$  and  $\epsilon_2 < \epsilon_0$  by the lemma 2.10.

### 3. Epsilon zero dense ace

In this section, we investigate about the concept of the  $\epsilon_0$ -dense ace of a given  $\epsilon_0$ -dense subset and research the shape of the point of the  $\epsilon_0$ -dense ace. Throughout this section,  $\epsilon_0 \geq 0$  denotes any, but fixed, non-negative real number.

**DEFINITION 3.1.** Let  $D$  be an  $\epsilon_0$ -dense subset of an open subset  $E$  of  $R^m$ . For an element  $a \in D$ , the point  $a$  is called a point of the  $\epsilon_0$ -dense ace of  $D$  in  $E$  if and only if  $D - \{a\}$  is not  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$ .

Note that 0-dense subset of  $E$  has no points of the  $\epsilon_0$ -dense ace.

**LEMMA 3.2.** *Let  $D$  be an  $\epsilon_0$ -dense subset of an open subset  $E$  of  $R^m$  with  $\epsilon_0 > 0$ . For an element  $a \in D$ , if  $a \notin D'_{(\epsilon_0)}$  then  $a$  is a point of the  $\epsilon_0$ -dense ace of  $D$ . And the converse is not true in general.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $a \notin D'_{(\epsilon_0)}$ . Then there is a positive real number  $\epsilon_1$  with  $\epsilon_1 > \epsilon_0$  such that  $B(a, \epsilon_1) \cap (D - \{a\}) = \emptyset$ . By taking the minimum  $\min(\epsilon_1, 2\epsilon_0)$ , we may assume that  $\epsilon_0 < \epsilon_1 \leq 2\epsilon_0$ . Now pick up

a vector  $b \in E$  so close that  $\|b - a\| \leq \frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_0}{3}$ . Indeed, this is possible since  $a \in D \subseteq E$  and  $E$  is an open subset of  $R^m$ . Then we have, for any element  $x \in B(b, \epsilon_0 + \frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_0}{3})$ ,

$$\|x - a\| \leq \|x - b\| + \|b - a\| < \epsilon_0 + \frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_0}{3} + \frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_0}{3} < \epsilon_1$$

which implies that  $x \in B(a, \epsilon_1)$ . Hence  $B(b, \epsilon_0 + \frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_0}{3}) \subseteq B(a, \epsilon_1)$ . Thus

$$B(b, \epsilon_0 + \frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_0}{3}) \cap (D - \{a\}) \subseteq B(a, \epsilon_1) \cap (D - \{a\}) = \emptyset.$$

Since  $\epsilon_0 + \frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_0}{3} > \epsilon_0$ ,  $b \notin D$  and  $b \neq a$ , this implies that

$$b \notin [D - \{a\}]'_{(\epsilon_0)} \cup (D - \{a\}).$$

Thus  $D - \{a\}$  is not  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$ . Hence  $a$  is a point of the  $\epsilon_0$ -dense ace of  $D$  in  $E$ . On the other hand, put

$$D = [R^m - B((1.25, 0, \dots, 0), 1.25)] \cup \{(1, 0, \dots, 0)\}.$$

Then we have

$$\bigcup_{a \in D} \overline{B}(a, 1) = [R^m - B((1.25, 0, \dots, 0), 0.25)] \cup B((1, 0, \dots, 0), 1) = R^m.$$

Since  $D$  is closed,  $D$  is a 1-dense subset of  $R^m$  by theorem 2.11. But we have

$$B((1.25, 0, \dots, 0), 1.25) \cap (D - \{(1, 0, \dots, 0)\} - \{(1.25, 0, \dots, 0)\}) = \emptyset.$$

Thus we have

$$(1.25, 0, \dots, 0) \notin [D - \{(1, 0, \dots, 0)\}]'_{(1)} \cup (D - \{(1, 0, \dots, 0)\})$$

which implies that  $D - \{(1, 0, \dots, 0)\}$  is not 1-dense in  $R^m$ . Thus  $(1, 0, \dots, 0)$  is a point of the 1-dense ace of  $D$  and  $(1, 0, \dots, 0) \in D'_{(1)}$ .  $\square$

Now we have the following theorem.

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $D$  be an  $\epsilon_0$ -dense subset of the non-empty and open subset  $E$  of  $R^m$  with  $\epsilon_0 > 0$ . For an element  $a \in D$ ,  $a$  is a point of the  $\epsilon_0$ -dense ace of  $D$  in  $E$  if and only if there is a real number  $\epsilon_1 > \epsilon_0$  and a point  $b \in E$  such that  $B(b, \epsilon_1) \cap D = \{a\}$ . In this case, the point  $b \in E$  must satisfy the relation  $\|a - b\| \leq \epsilon_0$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Assume that  $B(b, \epsilon_1) \cap D = \{a\}$  for some real number  $\epsilon_1 > \epsilon_0$  and some element  $b \in E$ . Then  $B(b, \epsilon_1) \cap (D - \{a\}) = \emptyset$ . Hence we have  $b \notin (D - \{a\})$  and  $B(b, \epsilon_1) \cap (D - \{a\} - \{b\}) = \emptyset$ . Since  $\epsilon_1 > \epsilon_0$ , this implies that  $b \notin (D - \{a\})'_{(\epsilon_0)}$ . Since  $b \in E$ , this implies that  $D - \{a\}$  is not an  $\epsilon_0$ -dense subset of  $E$ . Thus  $a$  is a point of the  $\epsilon_0$ -dense ace

of  $D$  in  $E$ . ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Conversely, suppose that  $a$  is a point of  $\epsilon_0$ -dense ace of  $D$  in  $E$ . Then  $D - \{a\}$  is not  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$ . Hence there is a point  $b \in E$  such that

$$b \notin [D - \{a\}]'_{(\epsilon_0)} \cup (D - \{a\}).$$

Then we must have

$$b \notin [D - \{a\}]'_{(\epsilon_0)} \text{ and } b \notin (D - \{a\}) = D \cap \{a\}^C.$$

Since  $b \in (D \cap \{a\}^C)^C = D^C \cup \{a\}$ , we have the following two cases.

Case 1. The case where  $b \notin [D - \{a\}]'_{(\epsilon_0)}$  and  $b \in D^C$ .

In this case, since  $b \notin [D - \{a\}]'_{(\epsilon_0)}$ , we have

$$\exists \epsilon_1 > \epsilon_0 \text{ s.t. } B(b, \epsilon_1) \cap \{[D - \{a\}] - \{b\}\} = \emptyset.$$

But we must have  $b \in D'_{(\epsilon_0)}$  since  $b \in D'_{(\epsilon_0)} \cup D$  and  $b \notin D$ . Hence we have

$$\forall \epsilon > \epsilon_0, B(b, \epsilon) \cap \{D - \{b\}\} \neq \emptyset.$$

Since  $\epsilon > \epsilon_0$  was arbitrary, we must have

$$B(b, \epsilon) \cap D = \{a\}$$

for all positive real number  $\epsilon$  such that  $\epsilon_0 < \epsilon \leq \epsilon_1$ . Since  $\epsilon_0 < \epsilon \leq \epsilon_1$  was arbitrary, we have  $\overline{B}(b, \epsilon_0) \cap D = \{a\}$ . In particular, we have

$$\exists \epsilon_1 > \epsilon_0 \text{ s.t. } B(b, \epsilon_1) \cap D = \{a\}$$

for the point  $b \in E$ .

Case 2. The case where  $b \notin [D - \{a\}]'_{(\epsilon_0)}$  and  $b = a$ .

In this case, since  $b = a \notin [D - \{a\}]'_{(\epsilon_0)}$ , we have

$$\exists \epsilon_1 > \epsilon_0 \text{ s.t. } B(a, \epsilon_1) \cap \{[D - \{a\}] - \{a\}\} = \emptyset.$$

Therefore, we have  $\exists \epsilon_1 > \epsilon_0 \text{ s.t. } B(b, \epsilon_1) \cap D = \{a\}$  for the element  $b = a$ . This completes the proof of the sufficient condition in this theorem. Moreover, if the point  $b \in E$  in this theorem satisfies  $\|b - a\| > \epsilon_0$ , then  $b \notin D'_{(\epsilon_0)} \cup D$  since

$$\exists \epsilon_2 = \|b - a\| > \epsilon_0 \text{ s.t. } B(b, \epsilon_2) \cap \{D - \{b\}\} = \emptyset \text{ and } b \notin D.$$

This is a contradiction to the fact that  $D$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$ .  $\square$

Let's denote the set of all the points of  $\epsilon_0$ -dense ace of  $D$  in  $R^m$  by  $dap_{\epsilon_0}(D)$  or  $dap_{\epsilon_0}(D; R^m)$  and in  $E$  by  $dap_{\epsilon_0}(D; E)$ .

**COROLLARY 3.4.**  *$dap_{\epsilon_0}(D; E)$  is countable and closed for any positive real number  $\epsilon_0 > 0$ .*

*Proof.* By the above theorem 3.3,  $a \in \text{dap}_{\epsilon_0}(D; E)$  if and only if there is a positive real number  $\epsilon_a > \epsilon_0$  and a point  $b_a \in E$  such that  $B(b_a, \epsilon_a) \cap D = \{a\}$ . Hence any closed ball with radius  $\epsilon_0$  has at most finite number of the points of  $\epsilon_0$ -dense ace of  $D$  in  $E$ . Therefore,  $\text{dap}_{\epsilon_0}(D; E)$  is countable and closed for any positive real number  $\epsilon_0 > 0$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.5. (Double Capacity)** *Let  $D$  be an  $\epsilon_0$ -dense subset of  $R^m$  and  $\epsilon_0 > 0$  be any, but fixed, positive real number. If  $\text{dap}_{\epsilon_0}(D; R^m) \neq \emptyset$  then  $D$  is not  $\frac{\epsilon_0}{2}$ -dense in  $R^m$ . Equivalently, if  $D$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $R^m$  then  $\text{dap}_{2\epsilon_0}(D; R^m) = \emptyset$ .*

*Proof.* Choose an element  $a \in \text{dap}_{\epsilon_0}(D; R^m) \neq \emptyset$ . By the above theorem 3.3 with  $E = R^m$ , there is a positive real number  $\epsilon_a > \epsilon_0$  and a point  $b_a \in R^m$  such that  $B(b_a, \epsilon_a) \cap D = \{a\}$ . Now choose an element  $c \in R^m$  such that

$$c = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(2b_a + \epsilon_a \frac{b_a - a}{\|b_a - a\|}) & (\text{ if } b_a \neq a) \\ \frac{1}{2}\{2b_a + \epsilon_a(1, 0, \dots, 0)\} & (\text{ if } b_a = a) \end{cases}$$

Note that  $c$  is the center point of the line segment joining the point  $b_a$  and the point  $b_a + \epsilon_a \frac{b_a - a}{\|b_a - a\|}$  when  $b_a \neq a$ . Then we have  $a \notin B(c, \frac{\epsilon_a}{2})$  and

$$\exists \epsilon_1 = \frac{\epsilon_a}{2} > \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}, \text{ s.t. } B(c, \epsilon_1) \cap D = \emptyset.$$

Hence  $D$  is not  $\frac{\epsilon_0}{2}$ -dense in  $R^m$  by corollary 2.13. Finally, if  $D$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $R^m$  then  $D$  is  $2\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $R^m$  and  $\text{dap}_{2\epsilon_0}(D; R^m) = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

Note that the theorem above does not hold for an open subset  $E$  of  $R^m$  in general. For example, if we choose an open subset

$$E = B((0, \dots, 0), 1) \cup B((6, 0, \dots, 0), 1)$$

and a subset  $D = \{(0, \dots, 0), (6, 0, \dots, 0)\}$  then  $D$  is 3-dense subset of  $E$  and  $\text{dap}_2(D; E) = D$ . But  $D$  is also 1.5-dense in  $E$  and  $\text{dap}_6(D; E) = D \neq \emptyset$ .

However, we have the following theorem.

**THEOREM 3.6.** *Let  $D$  be an  $\epsilon_0$ -dense subset of an open subset  $E$  of  $R^m$  and  $\epsilon_0 > 0$  be any, but fixed, positive real number. Suppose that  $\bigcup_{b \in D} B(b, \epsilon_0) \subseteq E$ . If  $\text{dap}_{\epsilon_0}(D; E) \neq \emptyset$  then  $D$  is not  $\frac{\epsilon_0}{2}$ -dense in  $E$ . Equivalently, if  $D$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$  then  $\text{dap}_{2\epsilon_0}(D; E) = \emptyset$ .*

*Proof.* Choose an element  $a \in \text{dap}_{\epsilon_0}(D; E) \neq \emptyset$ . By the above theorem 3.3, there is a positive real number  $\epsilon_a > \epsilon_0$  and a point  $b_a \in E$

such that  $B(b_a, \epsilon_a) \cap D = \{a\}$ . Since the point  $b_a \in E$  satisfies the condition  $\|b_a - a\| \leq \epsilon_0$ , we may assume without the loss of generality that  $\epsilon_a < \frac{3}{2}\epsilon_0$ . Now choose an element  $c \in R^m$  such that

$$c = \begin{cases} b_a & (\text{if } \|b_a - a\| > \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}) \\ \frac{1}{2}(a + b_a + \epsilon_a \frac{b_a - a}{\|b_a - a\|}) & (\text{if } 0 < \|b_a - a\| \leq \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}) \\ a + \frac{\epsilon_0 + \epsilon_a}{4}(1, 0, \dots, 0) & (\text{if } b_a = a) \end{cases}$$

Now the following three cases occur.

Case 1. The case where  $\|b_a - a\| > \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}$ .

In this case, we have  $c = b_a \in E$ . Choose

$$\epsilon_1 = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(\|b_a - a\| - \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}) = \frac{\epsilon_0 + 2\|b_a - a\|}{4}.$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x \in B(c, \epsilon_1) \Rightarrow \|x - b_a\| &= \|x - c\| < \epsilon_1 \\ &= \frac{\epsilon_0 + 2\|b_a - a\|}{4} \leq \frac{3}{4}\epsilon_0 < \epsilon_a. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have  $B(c, \epsilon_1) \subseteq B(b_a, \epsilon_a)$ . And, since  $\|b_a - a\| > \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}$ , we have

$$\exists \epsilon_1 = \frac{\epsilon_0 + 2\|b_a - a\|}{4} > \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}, \exists c = b_a \in E \text{ s.t. } B(c, \epsilon_1) \cap D = \emptyset.$$

Case 2. The case where  $0 < \|b_a - a\| \leq \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}$ .

In this case, let's pick up  $c = \frac{1}{2}(a + b_a + \epsilon_a \frac{b_a - a}{\|b_a - a\|})$ . Then, since  $\epsilon_a < \frac{3}{2}\epsilon_0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|c - a\| &= \left\| \frac{1}{2}(b_a - a + \epsilon_a \frac{b_a - a}{\|b_a - a\|}) \right\| \\ &= \frac{\|b_a - a\|}{2} \left(1 + \frac{\epsilon_a}{\|b_a - a\|}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\|b_a - a\| + \epsilon_a) \\ &< \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\epsilon_0}{2} + \frac{3\epsilon_0}{2}\right) = \epsilon_0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $c \in B(a, \epsilon_0) \subseteq \bigcup_{b \in D} B(b, \epsilon_0) \subseteq E$ . Now if we choose  $\epsilon_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\|b_a - a\| + \epsilon_a)$  then  $a \notin B(c, \epsilon_1)$  and  $\epsilon_a > \epsilon_1 > \frac{\epsilon_a}{2} > \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}$ . And we have

$$\begin{aligned} x \in B(c, \epsilon_1) \Rightarrow \|x - b_a\| &\leq \|x - c\| + \|c - b_a\| \\ &< \epsilon_1 + \left\| \frac{1}{2}(a - b_a + \epsilon_a \frac{b_a - a}{\|b_a - a\|}) \right\| \\ &= \frac{\|b_a - a\| + \epsilon_a}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \|b_a - a\| \cdot | -1 + \frac{\epsilon_a}{\|b_a - a\|} | \\ &= \frac{\|b_a - a\| + \epsilon_a}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(\epsilon_a - \|b_a - a\|) = \epsilon_a. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $B(c, \epsilon_1) \subseteq B(b_a, \epsilon_a)$ . Therefore, we have

$$\exists \epsilon_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\|b_a - a\| + \epsilon_a) > \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}, \exists c \in E \text{ s.t. } B(c, \epsilon_1) \cap D = \emptyset.$$

Case 3. The case where  $b_a = a$ .

In this case, let's pick up  $c = a + \frac{\epsilon_0 + \epsilon_a}{4}(1, 0, \dots, 0)$ . Then we have

$$\|c - a\| = \left\| \frac{\epsilon_0 + \epsilon_a}{4}(1, 0, \dots, 0) \right\| < \frac{\epsilon_0 + \frac{3}{2}\epsilon_0}{4} = \frac{5}{8}\epsilon_0 < \epsilon_0.$$

Hence  $c \in B(a, \epsilon_0) \subseteq \bigcup_{b \in D} B(b, \epsilon_0) \subseteq E$ . Now if we choose  $\epsilon_1 = \frac{\epsilon_0 + \epsilon_a}{4} > \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}$  then we have

$$\begin{aligned} x \in B(c, \epsilon_1) \Rightarrow \|x - b_a\| &= \|x - a\| \\ &\leq \|x - c\| + \|c - a\| \\ &< \epsilon_1 + \left\| \frac{\epsilon_0 + \epsilon_a}{4}(1, 0, \dots, 0) \right\| \\ &= \frac{\epsilon_0 + \epsilon_a}{4} + \frac{\epsilon_0 + \epsilon_a}{4} = \frac{\epsilon_0 + \epsilon_a}{2} < \epsilon_a. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $B(c, \epsilon_1) \subseteq B(b_a, \epsilon_a)$ . Therefore, we have

$$\exists \epsilon_1 = \frac{\epsilon_0 + \epsilon_a}{4} > \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}, \exists c \in E \text{ s.t. } B(c, \epsilon_1) \cap D = \emptyset.$$

Hence  $D$  is not  $\frac{\epsilon_0}{2}$ -dense in  $E$  by corollary 2.13. Finally, if  $D$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$  then  $D$  is  $2\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$  and  $dap_{2\epsilon_0}(D; E) = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

**DEFINITION 3.7.** Let  $D$  be a subset of a non-empty and open subset  $E$  of  $R^m$ . We call the density number of  $D$  in  $E$  the minimum

$$DN(D; E) = \min\{\epsilon_0 \geq 0 | D \text{ is } \epsilon_0\text{-dense in } E\}.$$

And we call the density number of  $a \in D$  in  $E$  the minimum

$$DN(a; E) = \min\{\epsilon_0 \geq 0 | a \in dap_{\epsilon_0}(D; E)\}.$$

Note that, by theorem 2.14,  $D$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -dense in  $E$  if and only if  $D$  is  $\epsilon_1$ -dense in  $E$  for each positive real number  $\epsilon_1 > \epsilon_0$ . Hence the number  $DN(D; E)$  is well-defined.

On the other hand,  $DN(a; E)$  is also well-defined by the following lemma.

LEMMA 3.8. *Let  $D$  be a  $\epsilon_0$ -dense subset of the non-empty and open subset  $E$  of  $R^m$  and  $a \in \text{dap}_{\epsilon_0}(D; E)$ . If  $\beta = \text{glb}\{\epsilon \geq 0 | a \in \text{dap}_{\epsilon}(D; E)\}$  then*

$$DN(a; E) = \min\{\epsilon_0 \geq 0 | a \in \text{dap}_{\epsilon_0}(D; E)\} = \beta.$$

*Proof.* Suppose that  $a \in \text{dap}_{\epsilon_0}(D; E)$ . Since the set  $\{\epsilon \geq 0 | a \in \text{dap}_{\epsilon}(D; E)\}$  contains the number  $\epsilon_0$ , this set is non-empty and bounded below. Hence the infimum  $\text{glb}\{\epsilon \geq 0 | a \in \text{dap}_{\epsilon}(D; E)\}$  exists. Now let  $\text{glb}\{\epsilon \geq 0 | a \in \text{dap}_{\epsilon}(D; E)\} = \beta$ . Then, for any positive real number  $\gamma$  such that  $\beta < \gamma$ , there is a positive real number  $\epsilon_2$  such that  $\beta < \epsilon_2 < \gamma$  and  $a \in \text{dap}_{\epsilon_2}(D; E)$ . In particular,  $D$  is  $\gamma$ -dense in  $E$  since  $D$  is  $\epsilon_2$ -dense and  $\epsilon_2 < \gamma$ . Since  $\beta < \gamma$  was arbitrary,  $D$  is  $\beta$ -dense in  $E$  by theorem 2.14. Moreover, since  $a \in \text{dap}_{\epsilon_2}(D; E)$ , there is a real number  $\epsilon_3 > \epsilon_2$  and a point  $b \in E$  such that  $B(b, \epsilon_3) \cap D = \{a\}$  by theorem 3.3. Since  $\beta < \epsilon_3$ , this implies that there is a real number  $\epsilon_3 > \beta$  and a point  $b \in E$  such that  $B(b, \epsilon_3) \cap D = \{a\}$ . Thus  $a \in \text{dap}_{\beta}(D; E)$  by theorem 3.3. Therefore, the infimum  $\beta$  must be the minimum.  $\square$

On the other hand, for the points of  $\epsilon_0$ -dense ace, we have the following lemma.

LEMMA 3.9. *Let  $\{D_j | j \in J\}$  be a set of  $\epsilon_0$ -dense subsets of the non-empty and open subset  $E$  of  $R^m$ . If  $\bigcap_{j \in J} D_j = \emptyset$  then we have  $\text{dap}_{\epsilon_0}(\bigcup_{j \in J} D_j; E) = \emptyset$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $a \in \text{dap}_{\epsilon_0}(\bigcup_{j \in J} D_j; E)$  for some element  $a \in \bigcup_{j \in J} D_j$ . Then the subset  $\bigcup_{j \in J} D_j - \{a\}$  is not an  $\epsilon_0$ -dense subset of  $E$  in  $E$  by the definition of the point of  $\epsilon_0$ -dense ace. But, since  $a \notin \bigcap_{j \in J} D_j = \emptyset$ , we have  $a \notin D_{j_0}$  for some index  $j_0 \in J$ . Then we have  $D_{j_0} \subseteq \bigcup_{j \in J} D_j - \{a\}$ . Since  $D_{j_0}$  is an  $\epsilon_0$ -dense subset of  $E$ , this implies that  $\bigcup_{j \in J} D_j - \{a\}$  must be an  $\epsilon_0$ -dense subset of  $E$  in  $E$ . This is a contradiction. Consequently, we have  $\text{dap}_{\epsilon_0}(\bigcup_{j \in J} D_j; E) = \emptyset$ .  $\square$



**THEOREM 3.10.** *Let  $\{D_j | j \in J\}$  be a set of  $\epsilon_0$ -dense subsets of the non-empty and open subset  $E$  of  $R^m$ . If  $a$  is a point of  $\epsilon_0$ -dense ace of  $\bigcup_{j \in J} D_j$  in  $E$  then  $a \in \bigcap_{j \in J} \text{dap}_{\epsilon_0}(D_j; E)$ . That is,*

$$\text{dap}_{\epsilon_0}(\bigcup_{j \in J} D_j; E) \subseteq \bigcap_{j \in J} \text{dap}_{\epsilon_0}(D_j; E).$$

*The converse is not true in general.*

*Proof.* We first show that  $a \in \bigcap_{j \in J} D_j$ . Assume that  $a \notin \bigcap_{j \in J} D_j$ . Then  $a \notin D_{j_0}$  for some index  $j_0 \in J$ . Then we have  $D_{j_0} \subseteq \bigcup_{j \in J} D_j - \{a\}$ . Since  $D_{j_0}$  is an  $\epsilon_0$ -dense subset of  $E$ , this implies that  $\bigcup_{j \in J} D_j - \{a\}$  is an  $\epsilon_0$ -dense subset of  $E$ . Hence  $a$  is not a point of  $\epsilon_0$ -dense ace of  $\bigcup_{j \in J} D_j$  in  $E$ . This contradiction implies that  $a \in \bigcap_{j \in J} D_j$ . Now, since  $a \in \text{dap}_{\epsilon_0}(\bigcup_{j \in J} D_j; E)$ , we have

$$\exists \epsilon_1 > \epsilon_0, \exists b \in E \text{ s.t. } B(b, \epsilon_1) \cap (\bigcup_{j \in J} D_j) = \{a\}$$

by theorem 3.3. Since  $D_j$  is a subset of  $\bigcup_{j \in J} D_j$  for each index  $j \in J$ , this implies that

$$\exists \epsilon_1 > \epsilon_0, \exists b \in E \text{ s.t. } B(b, \epsilon_1) \cap D_j = \{a\}$$

for each index  $j \in J$ . Thus  $a \in \bigcap_{j \in J} \text{dap}_{\epsilon_0}(D_j; E)$  by theorem 3.3. On the other hand, let  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  be two subsets of  $R$  such that

$$D_1 = (-\infty, -1) \cup \{0\} \cup (\frac{3}{2}, \infty) \quad \text{and} \quad D_2 = (-\infty, -\frac{3}{2}) \cup \{0\} \cup (1, \infty).$$

Then  $0 \in \text{dap}_1(D_1; R) \cap \text{dap}_1(D_2; R)$ . But 0 is not a point of 1-dense ace of  $D_1 \cup D_2$  in  $R$  since  $D_1 \cup D_2 = (-\infty, -1) \cup \{0\} \cup (1, \infty)$ .  $\square$

**EXAMPLE 3.11.** *Assume that the earth is a perfectly elliptical body. Let  $F \subseteq R^3$  be the set of all the points on the surfaces consisting of the Korean land excluding all the islands. And let  $E \supseteq F$  be an open subset of  $R^3$  such that the distance between  $F$  and the boundary of  $E$  is less than or equal to 1 meter. Now let  $D \subseteq E$  be the set of all the points on the surface  $F$  consisting of all the express highways in the Republic of Korea. Then  $D$  is 100-dense subset of  $E$  with respect to the unit of kilometers since any closed ball with center at  $E$  and with radius  $r$  with  $r > 100(km)$  contains at least one point of  $D$  and since  $E \subseteq \bigcup_{a \in D} \bar{B}(a, \epsilon_1)$  for each positive real number  $\epsilon_1 > 100$ .*

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