

On Monday, we will continue working on Lemma 2 in the Ohta/Ono paper – which means working on the Berard paper. Lectures tend to make more sense when you have at least a general idea of the material. Browse the Berard paper. The following are items that may be helpful to think about as you read.

Berard Lemma 1. Why are the sets  $A$  and  $B$  open?

Berard Lemma 2.

Rewrite this lemma in an equivalent form using the phrase “ $z$  is a cut point of  $X$ ”. There are, of course several ways to do this. Can you work the term “midset” in?

Berard Theorem 3.

Recall notation:  $B(z, \epsilon) = \{q \in X : d(z, q) < \epsilon\}$

$\overline{B}(z, \epsilon) = \{q \in X : d(z, q) \leq \epsilon\}$

$c\overline{B}(z, \epsilon) = \{q \in X : d(z, q) > \epsilon\}$

$cB(z, \epsilon) = \{q \in X : d(z, q) \geq \epsilon\}$

$D(z, \epsilon) = \{q \in X : d(z, q) = \epsilon\}$

In the proof of Theorem 3, the set  $M$  is defined:  $M = B(z_2, \epsilon_2) \cap cB(z_3, \epsilon_1)$ . Write down an expression for the set  $Bd(M)$ . If  $y \in Bd(M)$ , what does that say about the distance between  $y$  and  $z_2$  or  $z_3$ ?

Definition of  $<$  and Lemmas 5 and 6.

Recall: A relation  $<$  on a set  $X$  is called a *simple order* if it has the following properties:

- (comparability) For every  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$  for which  $x \neq y$ , either  $x < y$  or  $y < x$ .
- (nonreflexivity) For no  $x \in X$  does the relation  $x < x$  hold.
- (transitivity) If  $x < y$  and  $y < z$ , then  $x < z$ .

The proofs of these lemmas are straight-forward. Give them a try. The “weaker” topology has fewer open sets (that is, is “coarser”).

Berard Lemma 7.

Why, if  $I(a, b)$  is not connected, is it the union of two nonempty, disjoint, CLOSED sets?