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**Problem 1:** *Let  $X$  be a topological space,  $A$  be a subspace of  $X$ , and  $x_n \in A$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Suppose that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x \in X$ . Show that  $x \in \overline{A}$ .*

*For partial credit, please give the definition of “ $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$ ” for topological spaces.*

**Solution:** The definition of “ $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$ ” is the following: For every open neighborhood  $U \subset X$  of  $x$ , all but finitely many elements of the set  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  belong to  $U$ .

Now let  $x$  be the limit of a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  with  $x_n \in A$  for all  $n$ . Let  $U$  be an open neighborhood of  $x$ . Since  $x_n$  converges to  $x$ , certainly  $U$  contains at least one element of the sequence  $x_n$ , and therefore an element of  $A$ . It follows that for all  $U$  open containing  $x$ ,  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ , and  $x \in \overline{A}$ .