

#3) Given  $(X, \tau_X)$  and  $A \subset X$ , have to show that  $V \subset A$  is closed in  $A \iff \exists W$  closed in  $X$  s.t.  
 $V = W \cap A$

(Here  $A$  has the subspace topology of  $\tau_X$ .)

(Pf)  $\Rightarrow$  Suppose  $V$  is closed in  $A$ .

Then  $A \setminus V$  is open in  $A$ .

By the definition of subspace topology, this means  $\exists U \in \tau_X$  s.t.  $A \setminus V = U \cap A$ .

Let  $W = X \setminus U$ . Then this is a closed set in  $X$ .

Claim:  ~~$V = W \cap A$~~   $V = W \cap A$ .

We know  $A \setminus V = U \cap A$ , so

$$V = A \setminus (A \setminus V) = A \setminus (U \cap A)$$

By the de Morgan Laws  $A \setminus (U \cap A) = (A \setminus U) \cup (A \setminus A)$

so  $V = A \setminus U$ . But  $A \setminus U = (X \setminus U) \cap A$

since both ~~are~~ contain those elements in  $A$  that are not in  $U$ .

$\Leftarrow$  Suppose  $V = W \cap A$  for some  $W$  closed in  $X$ .

Want to show  $V$  is closed in  $A$ , that is

$A \setminus V$  is open in  $A$ , that is  $\exists U \in \tau_X$  s.t.  $A \setminus V = U \cap A$

Let  $U = X \setminus W$ , We know  $V = W \cap A$ .  
so  $U \in \tau_X$ .

Then  $A \setminus V = A \setminus (W \cap A) = (A \setminus W) \cup (A \setminus A) = A \setminus W$

But  $A \setminus W = (X \setminus W) \cap A$ .

So  $A \setminus V = (X \setminus W) \cap A = U \cap A$  and we are done.