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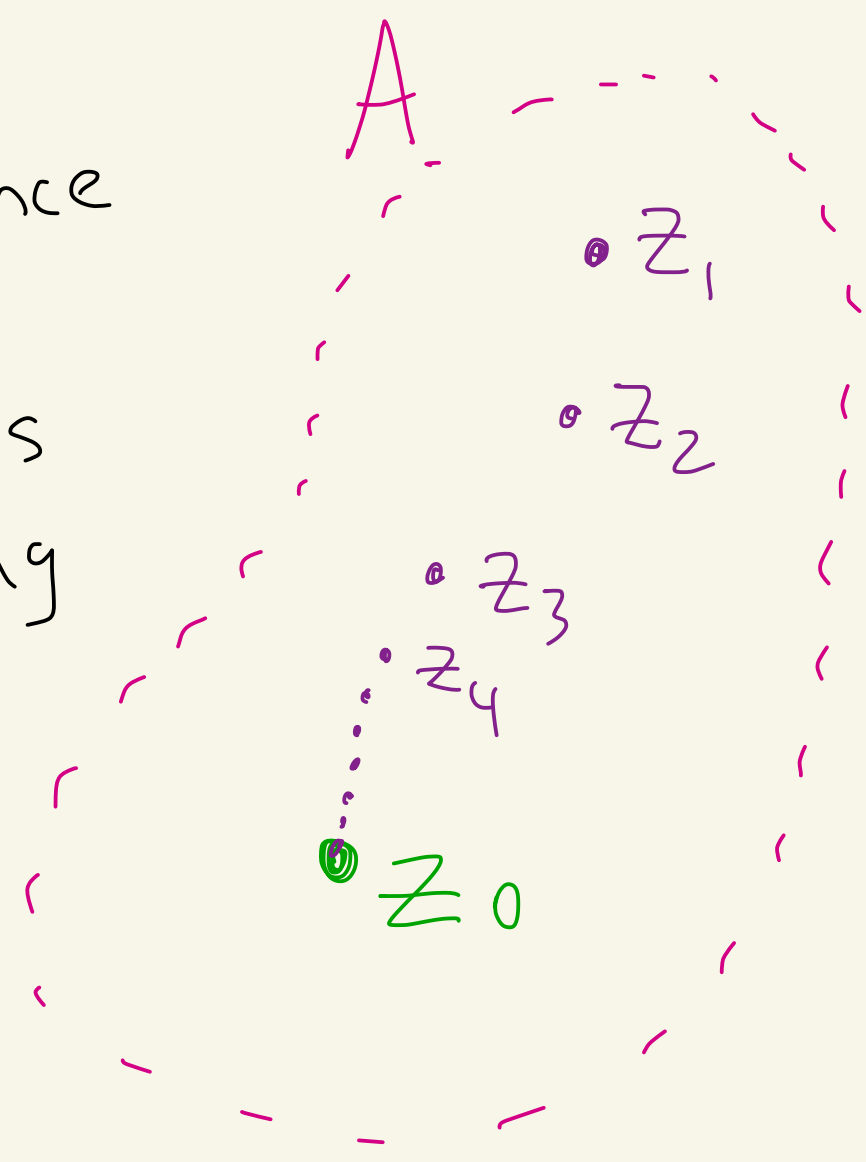
Identity Theorem: Let

$f$  and  $g$  be analytic in  
a region  $A$ . [region means open  
and path-connected]

Suppose there  
exists a sequence

$z_1, z_2, z_3, \dots$   
of distinct points  
in  $A$  converging  
to  $z_0$  in  $A$ ,

such that  
 $f(z_n) = g(z_n)$   
for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$



Then

$f(z) = g(z)$  for all  $z \in A$

[We will prove later]

Corollary: Let  $f$  and  $g$  be analytic in a region  $A$ .

Suppose  $f(z) = g(z)$  for all  $z$  in some open disc inside of  $A$ , then  $f(z) = g(z)$  for all  $z$  in  $A$ .

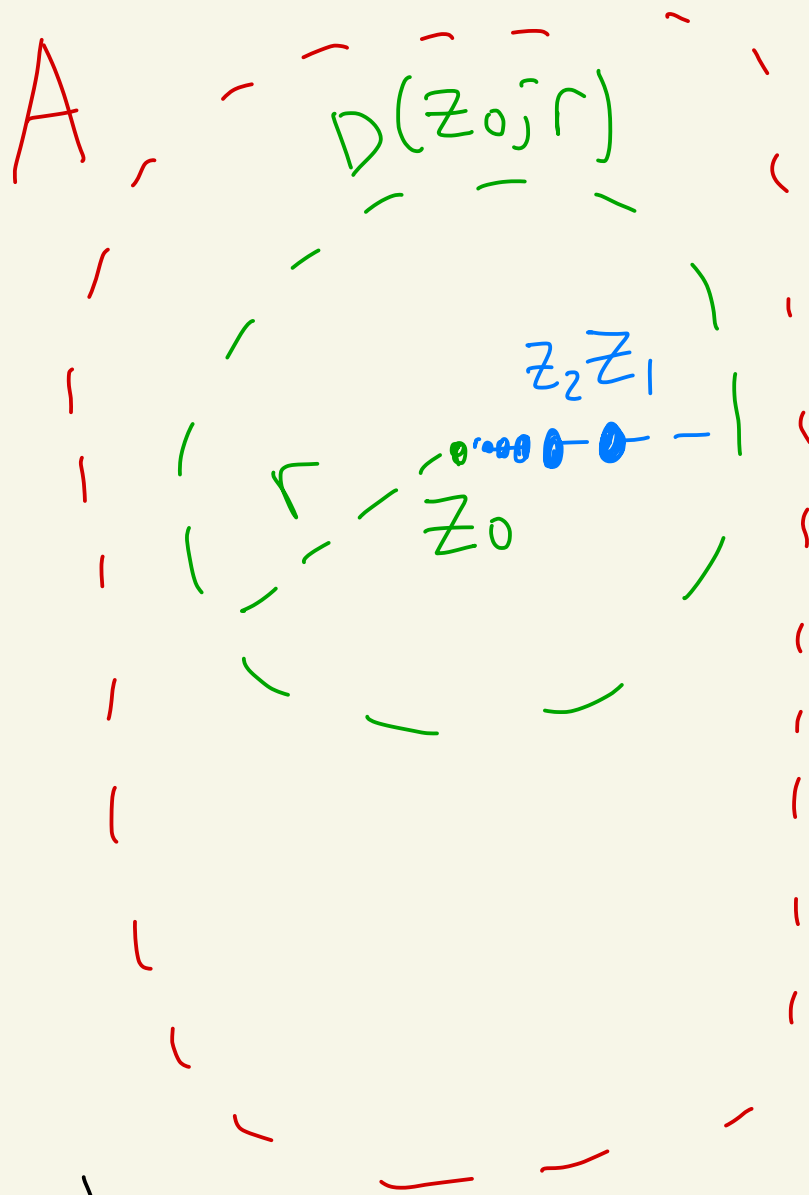
proof:

Suppose  $f(z) = g(z)$  for all  $z$  in  $D(z_0; r) \subseteq A$ .

Let  $z_n = z_0 + \frac{r}{n+1}$

for  $n \geq 1$ .

Then each  $z_n$  is inside of  $D(z_0; r)$  and thus



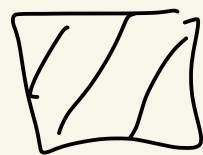
inside of  $A$ .

And  $z_n \rightarrow z_0$  and  $z_0 \in A$ .

And  $f(z_n) = g(z_n)$  for all  $n \geq 1$   
by assumption.

By the identity theorem

$f(z) = g(z)$  for all  $z \in A$ .



Corollary: Let  $f$  and  $g$  be  
analytic in a region  $A$ .

Suppose there is a  
line segment  $L$  contained in  $A$

Suppose  $f(z) = g(z)$  for all  $z$   
on  $L$ .

Then  $f(z) = g(z)$  for all  $z$   
in  $A$ .

proof:

Let  $z_0$  be

at the middle of  $L$ ,

For each  $n \geq 1$  pick a  $z_n$  on  $L$

where  $|z_n - z_0| < \frac{1}{n}$ .

Then,  $z_n \in A$  for

all  $n \geq 0$  and

$f(z_n) = g(z_n)$  for

$n \geq 1$  and so by

the identity thm  $f(z) = g(z)$  for all  
 $z \in A$



Ex: Suppose  $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

is an entire function.

That is,  $f$  is analytic on all of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Suppose also

$$f(x) = f(x + i0) = e^x$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

[  $f$  is the real-valued  $e^x$   
when restricted to the real line ]

Claim:  $f(z) = e^z$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$

Proof: Note that if  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and

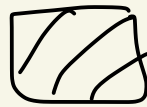
$z = x + 0i = x$ , then

$$e^{x+iy} = e^x (\cos(y) + i \sin(y))$$

$$e^z = e^{x+ib} = e^x \left( \underbrace{\cos(0)}_1 + i \underbrace{\sin(0)}_0 \right) \\ = e^x = f(x) = f(z)$$

So  $f(z)$  and  $e^z$  agree on the real-axis.

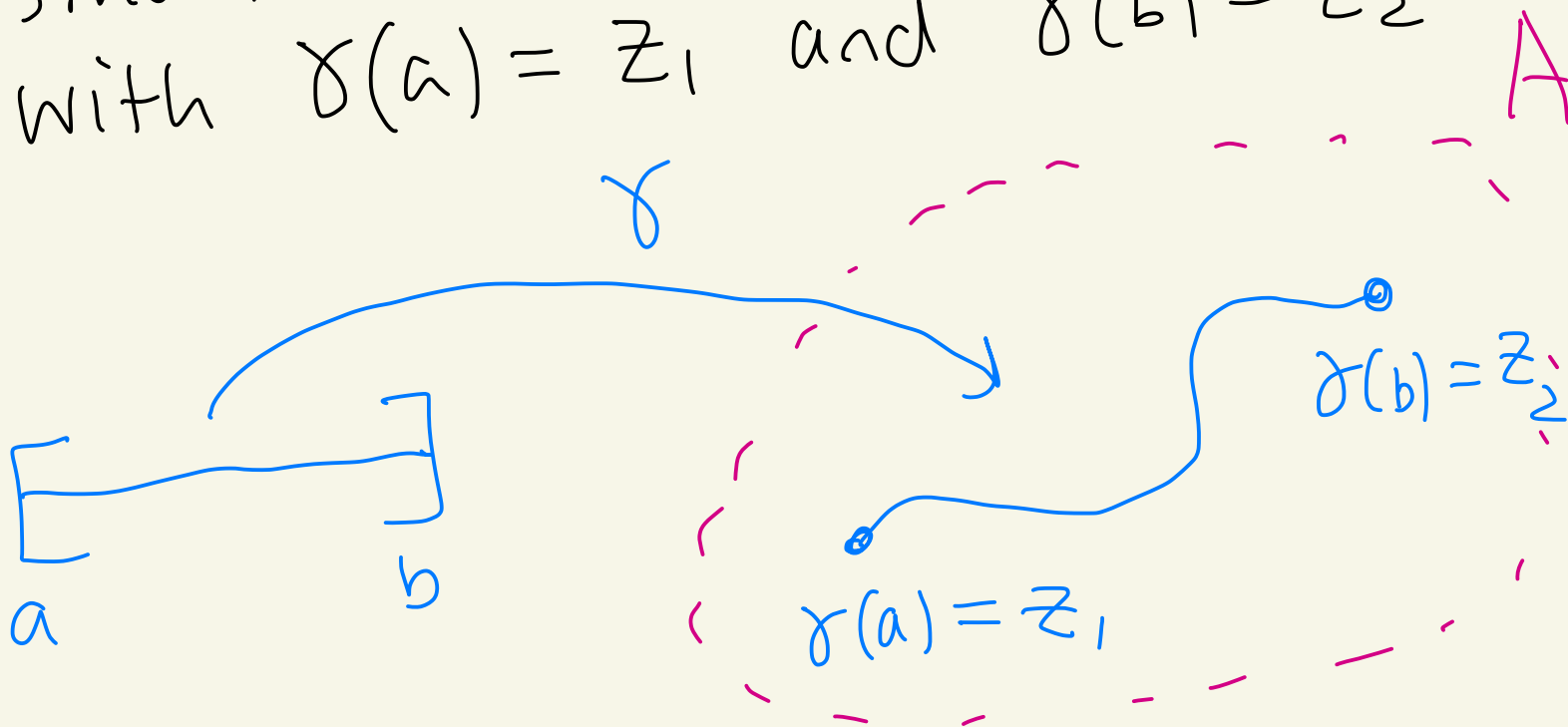
So, they agree on a line segment in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Since  $f$  and  $e^z$  are both entire, by the identity theorem corollary,  $f(z) = e^z$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ . 

You could apply the same reasoning to  $\sin(z)$  and  $\cos(z)$  for example.

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$A \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  is path-connected if for every pair of points  $z_1, z_2 \in A$  there exists a piece-wise smooth curve  $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow A$  with  $\gamma(a) = z_1$  and  $\gamma(b) = z_2$





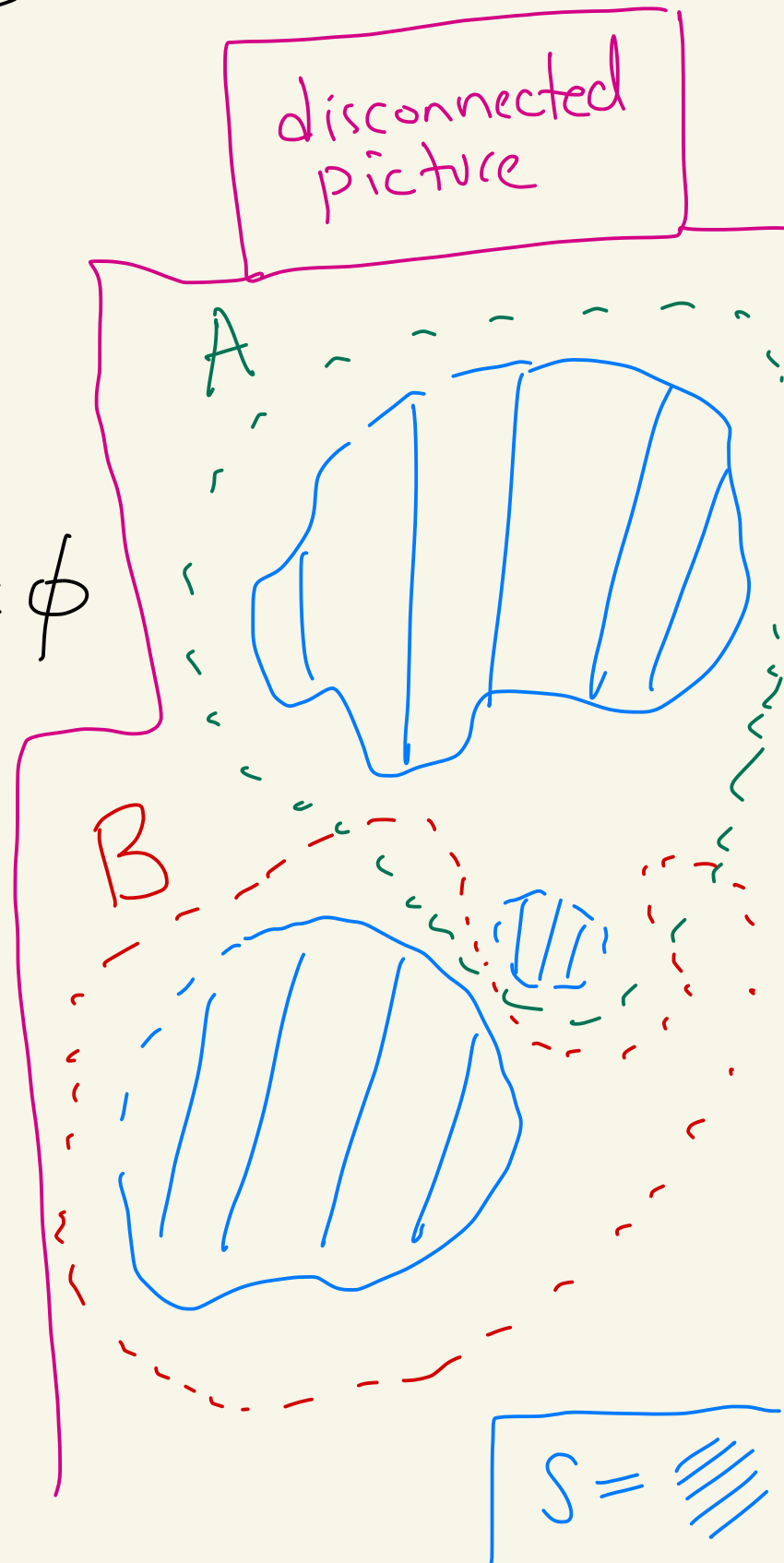
Def: A set  $S \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  is disconnected if there exist open sets  $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  such that:

①  $S \subseteq A \cup B$

②  $(S \cap A) \neq \emptyset$   
 $(S \cap B) \neq \emptyset$

③  $(S \cap A) \cap (S \cap B) = \emptyset$

If  $S$  is not disconnected then it's called connected.



Theorem: Let  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be an open set. Then  $S$  is connected iff  $S$  is path-connected.

proof: We will prove ( $\Rightarrow$ ).

The proof of ( $\Leftarrow$ ) is in Hoffman / Marsden book.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $S$  is open and connected.

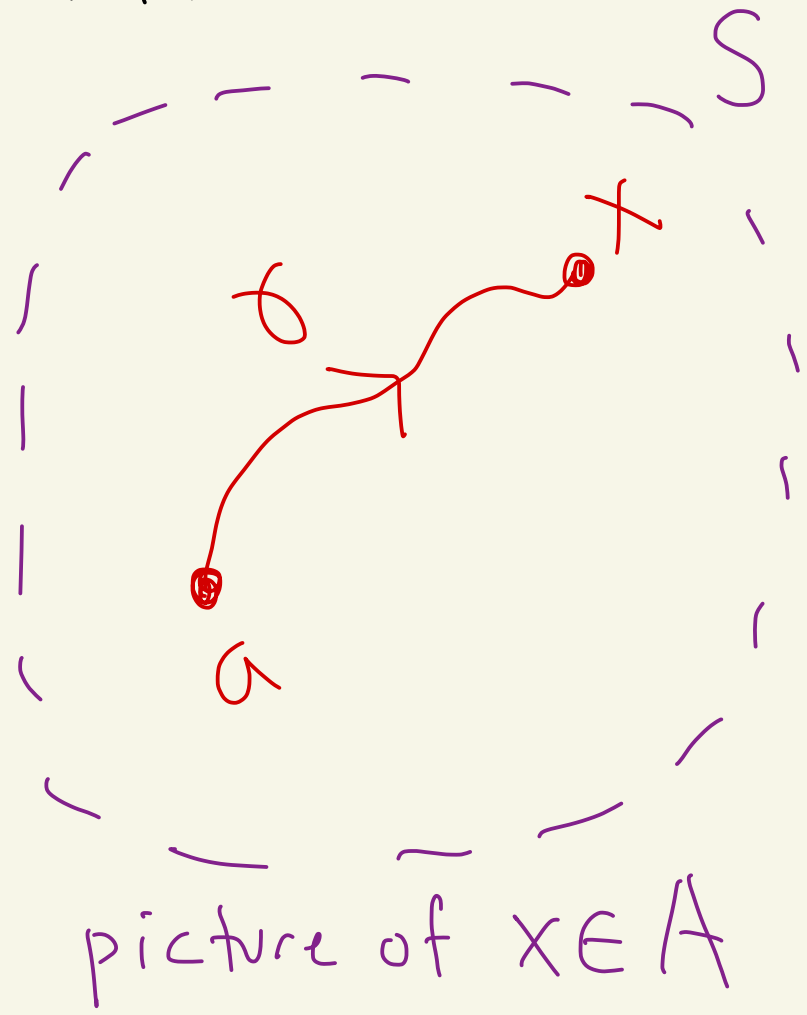
We must show that  $S$  is path-connected.

Fix some arbitrary  $a \in S$

Let  $A = \{x \in S \mid \text{there exists a piecewise smooth curve } \gamma \text{ starting at } a \text{ and ending at } x \text{ and } \gamma \text{ lies in } S\}$

Goal; Show  $A = S$ .

This would show that  $S$  is path-connected since  $a$  is arbitrary.



Suppose to the contrary, that  $A \neq S$ .

Let  $B = S - A = \{x \mid x \in S, x \notin A\}$

We will show this implies  $S$

is disconnected by  $A$  and  $B$   
yielding a contradiction

①  $S = A \cup (S - A) = A \cup B$  ✓

②  $S \cap A \neq \emptyset$  because  $a \in S \cap A$

$S \cap B \neq \emptyset$  because  $B = S - A$   
and we assumed  $A \neq S$ . ✓

③  $(S \cap A) \cap (S \cap B) = A \cap B$  ✓  
 $= A \cap (S - A) = \emptyset$

④ We just need to show  
 $A$  and  $B$  are both open.

A is open: Let  $x$  be in  $A$ .

We need to show that  $x$  is an interior point of  $A$ .

Since  $x$  is in  $A$  there exists a piecewise smooth curve  $\gamma$  starting at  $a$  and ending at  $x$  where  $\gamma$  lies in  $S$ .

Since  $S$  is open

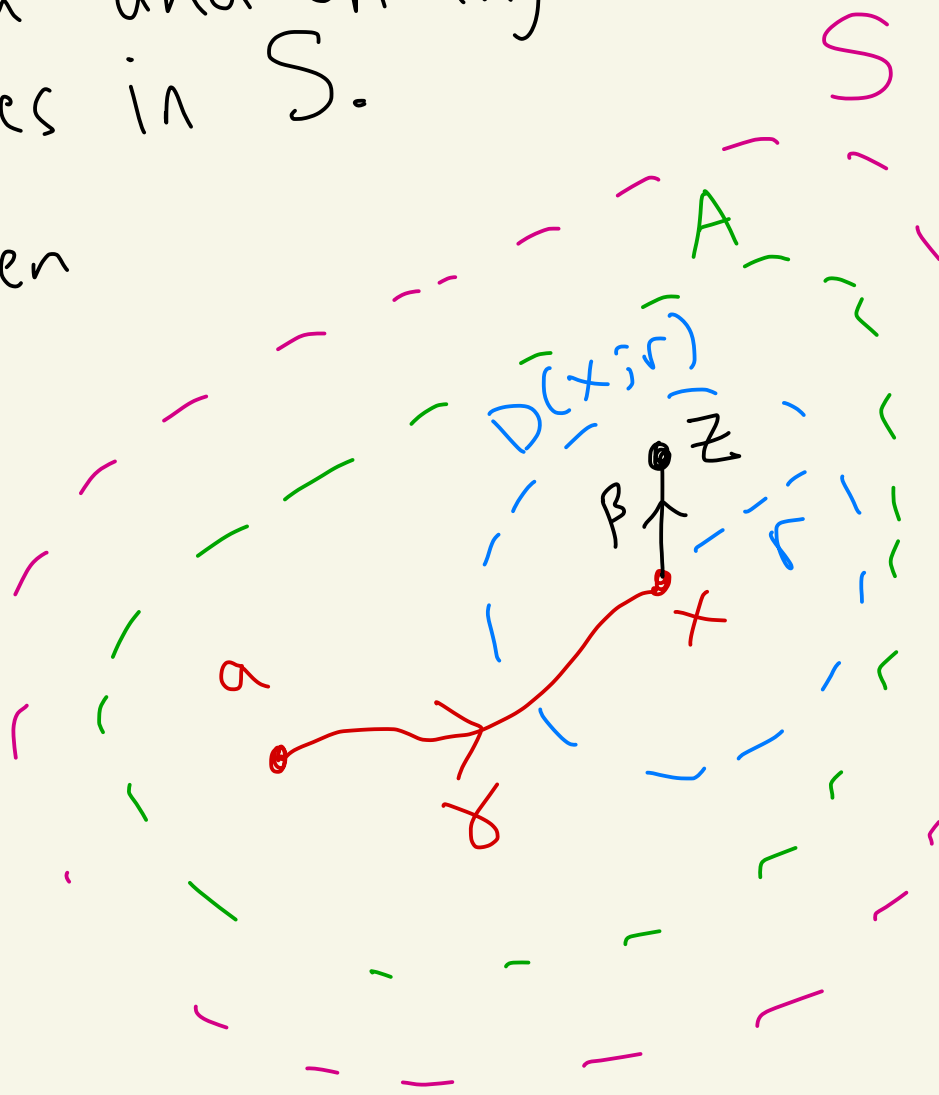
there exists

$$D(x; r) \subseteq S$$

for some  $r > 0$ .

Let's show in fact that

$$D(x; r) \subseteq A \text{ which makes } A \text{ open.}$$



Let  $z \in D(x; r)$ .

Let  $\beta$  be the straightline curve from  $x$  to  $z$

Then  $\beta$  lies in  $D(x; r) \subseteq S$ .

Thus the curve  $\gamma + \beta$   $\leftarrow$   $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \gamma \text{ first, then} \\ \beta \end{array} \right]$

lies in  $S$  and connects  $a$  to  $z$ .

Thus,  $z \in A$ .

So,  $D(x; r) \subseteq A$ .

Thus,  $x$  is an interior point and  $A$  is open.

(next time...  $B$  is also open...)