

### 3 Normal Spaces

1. Closed subspaces of a normal space are normal

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a normal space. Since  $X$  is normal,  $X$  is Hausdorff. If  $Y \subset X$  is a closed set, then  $Y$  is also Hausdorff; since Hausdorffness is hereditary. Since  $Y$  is Hausdorff, we can choose two disjoint closed subsets in  $Y$ . In particular, choose  $\overline{U_x^{(1)}}$  and  $\overline{U_y^{(2)}}$ , where  $U_x^{(1)}$  and  $U_y^{(2)}$  are disjoint neighborhoods of  $x$  and  $y$  respectively for  $x, y \in Y$ .

Since,  $X$  is normal, we can choose open subsets  $V^{(1)}, V^{(2)} \subset X$  such that  $\overline{U_x^{(1)}} \subset V^{(1)}$  and  $\overline{U_x^{(2)}} \subset V^{(2)}$ . It follows that  $\overline{U_x^{(1)}} \subset V^{(1)} \cap Y$  and  $\overline{U_x^{(2)}} \subset V^{(2)} \cap Y$  where  $\subset V^{(1)} \cap Y$  and  $\subset V^{(2)} \cap Y$  are disjoint open sets in  $Y$ .  $\square$