

1. Let X be a metric space in which every infinite subset has a limit point. Then X is compact. To see this, note that by problem 24, X is separable, and by problem 23, X has a countable base B . To prove that X is compact, it is enough to show that every B cover has a finite subcover, by a lemma proved in class. Let C be a B cover. Since B is countable, so is C , so we can choose an enumeration C_1, C_2, \dots , of C . Let $F_i := X \setminus (C_1 \cup \dots \cup C_i)$ for all i . Then F_1, F_2, \dots is a descending chain of closed sets and $\bigcap F_i = \emptyset$. We claim that some F_i is empty, meaning that some finite subset of C covers X . If not, choose some $x_i \in F_i$. If the set S of all x_i is finite, then at least one x_j belongs to infinitely many F_i , hence to all F_i , a contradiction. If the set is infinite, it has a limit point x . Every neighborhood of x contains infinitely many points of S , hence meets infinitely many of the F_i , hence meets every F_i . Thus x is in the closure of each F_i . But F_i is closed, hence x belongs to the intersection of all F_i , again a contradiction.